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Forty-Fifth Annual Session

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MT. ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Zion Church,

Greene County, Ark., Oct. 6, 1898.

Next session to be held at Cherry Valley, Ark., on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1899.

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OF THE
MOUNT ZION
Missionary Baptist Association.

(FIRST DAY SESSION.)

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH,
THURSDAY, OCT. 6, 1898.

The Mt. Zion Association of Missionary Baptists convened in its forty-fifth annual session with Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Greene County, Ark., Thursday, October 6, 1898.

Pursuant to adjournment last year, the body assembled at 9 o'clock a. m. House called to order by the Moderator, J. H. Kitchens, Jr.

There being but few delegates present, it was agreed, on motion, to adjourn until 10 a. m.

Called together at 10 o'clock, by singing Amazing Grace. Address by the Moderator, relative to the history of Mt. Zion Association, which was organized at this (Mt. Zion) Church about 46 years ago, with 11 messengers, representing five Churches, whose total membership was about 120. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Bearden. The Moderator announced the transaction of business in order.

Address by Eld. J. H. Peay, in which he made a motion that this Association adopt Mell's Parliamentary Practice as its rules of practice governing its deliberations in this and subsequent meetings of this Association. The motion was seconded, and carried.

The Moderator appointed Brethren R. P. Bain, J. H. Peay and A. C. Broadaway, as committee on Credentials; Brethren E. J. A. McKinney and E. P. Minton as Reading Clerks. The clerks so appointed, proceeded with the reading of letters. There were present, by letter and messengers, 21 Churches. Letters were turned over to the Committee on Credentials.

It now being time for the Introductory Sermon, same

was preached by Eld. A. S. Pettie, the regular appointee, using for a text, Acts, 24:15. His subject (the Resurrection) was ably handled. On motion, the body adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. W. Hiatt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called together at 2 o'clock p. m., by singing. Prayer by Eld. H. F. Wright. Devotional exercises, conducted by Eld. E. P. Minton.

Committee on Credentials submitted its report. A motion carried, that members of Philadelphia Church be given a hearing on the discussion of same. The report was spoken to by Eld. J. M. Minton, Bro. Dick Gibson, Eld. A. S. Pettie, Eld. E. P. Minton, Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, Bro. W. L. Gage, Eld. J. H. Peay, Bro. P. C. Barton, Bro. J. D. Lambreth, Eld. J. N. Robertson, Bro. J. T. Elrod, Eld. Oscar Reynold, Bro. A. C. Broadaway; and, after some amendments, was adopted, to read as follows:

We, your committee on Credentials, as per Constitutional provision, and as per the letters from the Churches to the Association, would recommend that this body be composed of the following:

1. All the members of the Executive Board.
2. All ordained ministers in good standing; members of churches in good standing.
3. All members from the following churches:
 1. ANTIOCH ENTITLED TO 5.
F. M. Johnson, Mrs. Millie Johnson, Miss Julia Hay,
Steve Staley, E. F. Johnson.
 2. BETHABARA ENTITLED TO 4.
Alfred Pagan, Jr., Chas. Moser, Alex Tucker.
 3. CHERRY VALLEY ENTITLED TO 3.
A. R. McKinney, G. W. Halk, T. J. Buchanan.
 4. HYDRICK ENTITLED TO 4.
M. Pitts, Miss Maud Pitts, Mattie Hodge, Chas. Pitts.
 5. HERMAN ENTITLED TO 4.
W. L. Watkins, J. A. Montgomery, D. J. Fuller, Mrs.
M. H. Fuller.

6. JONESBORO ENTITLED TO 8.
A. S. Pettie, E. P. Minton, J. W. Hiatt, P. C. Barton,
J. H. Kitchens, A. C. Broadaway, N. P. Jackson, W. L. Gage.
7. UNITY ENTITLED TO 3.
G. W. Pearson, A. J. Pulley. ****
8. MT. ZION ENTITLED TO 6.
L. T. Dennis, E. S. Holmes, G. B. Blackwood, W. B.
Harris, Lum Little, B. F. Bolin.
9. NEW HOPE ENTITLED TO 4.
J. R. Vice. ****
10. NORTH JONESBORO ENTITLED TO 4.
J. L. Fears, J. W. Green, J. A. Hammond, J. M. Markhart.
11. PARAGOULD ENTITLED TO 9
J. H. Peay, W. J. Bearden, J. N. Robertson, Arthur
Bearden, T. B. Kitchens, W. J. McDonald, G. R. Hopkins. ***
12. VINCENT ENTITLED TO 3.
Dr. W. H. Borum. ***
13. WALCOTT ENTITLED TO 4.
J. M. Tyner, T. D. Welsh, T. M. Seay, T. T. Key.
14. WYNNE ENTITLED TO 4.
W. Smith, R. P. Bain, J. Q. Thomas. ***

We further recommend that, inasmuch as the following churches have, by resolution, endorsed Philadelphia Church in her present condition, the same procedure be had as was had in the case of Philadelphia last year.

We further recommend that the same course be followed with Rock Hill Church, since (while not endorsing by resolution) she has instructed her delegation to vote for the restoration of the said Philadelphia Church in her present condition.

We further recommend that, if any of these churches whose delegation is believed not to be entitled to a seat in this body, desire further time to consider the withdrawal of their endorsement of the Philadelphia Church, this body grant said time, requiring a definite position one year hence, or at their pleasure.

J. H. PEAY,
R. P. BAIN,
A. C. BROADAWAY.

Bro. Dick Gibson asked, in behalf of the churches whose delegates were believed not to be entitled to a seat in this body, that their delegates be granted a few minutes leave of absence in which to consult together about whether they ask for further time to consider the withdrawal of their endorsement of the Philadelphia Church. The request was granted.

The body then proceeded to effect a permanent organization, which resulted in the re-election of the officers incumbent, viz: Bro. J. H. Kitchens, Moderator; Bro. J. A. Hammond, Clerk; Eld. H. F. Wright, Treasurer.

A motion carried, that Eld. W. A. Clark, of the Arkansas Baptist, preach for us to-night. On motion, the body adjourned till 8:30 a. m. tomorrow.

At night Eld. W. A. Clark preached a good sermon, from a lesson found in the 17th chapter of 1st Samuel. The Moderator announced the appointment of committees, which are as follows:

DIVINE SERVICES:—Brethren L. T. Dennis, G. B. Blackwood and A. Pagan, Sr.

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.—Bros. A. S. Pettie, E. L. Holmes and W. L. Gage.

TEMPERANCE:—Bros. A. C. Broadaway, A. Pagan, Jr., and Stephen Staly.

OBITUARIES:—Eld. J. N. Robertson, Bros. J. W. Green and A. I. Pulley.

MINUTES AND POSTOFFICES:—Bros. M. Pitts, J. A. Montgomery and T. T. Key.

RESOLUTIONS AND NOMINATIONS:—E. P. Minton, Bros. A. J. Moser and T. J. Buchanan.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION:—E. J. A. McKinney, B. F. Bolin, J. M. Tyner.

FOREIGN MISSIONS:—Dr. Borum, T. M. Seay, J. B. Vice.

WOMAN'S WORK:—Eld. R. P. Bain, F. M. Johnson, J. M. Huddleston, Sister Pettie, Sister Julia Hay, Sister Cora Anderson, Sister Maud Pitts, Sister Mollie Johnson, Sister Ollie Jackson.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:—W. Smith, H. F. Wright, W. L. Watkins.

LITERATURE:—A. R. McKinney, J. W. Hiett, G. W. Pierson.

STATE MISSIONS:—J. H. Peay, J. C. Little, J. Q. Thomas.

HOME MISSIONS:—D. J. Fuller, J. N. Markhard, W. J. Bearden.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Met at 8:30. Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. The following responded, and were enrolled:

Eld. J. N. Hartley,	-	-	Ouachita College.
Eld. W. A. Clark,	-	-	Arkansas Baptist.
Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner,	-	-	Gainesville Association.
Eld. G. H. Faulkner,	-	-	“ “
E. D. Cooper,	-	-	“ “
W. H. Merideth,	-	-	“ “
J. T. Edwards,	-	-	“ “
E. J. and Sister Teague,	-	-	“ “
Eld. G. C. Taylor,	-	-	Central College, Conway.

Petitionary letters were called for. New Hope, Poinsett County, presented a letter, petitioning membership in our Association. Motion carried, that said Church be received. The Moderator extended right hand of fellowship to her messengers.

Corresponding letters were called for. Mt. Pleasant and Weiner Churches presented letters, which were read. On motion, their delegates were seated in this body.

The committee on divine services reported that Eld. J. N. Hartley, of Ouachita, preach today at 11 a. m.

Eld. Giles C. Taylor was granted time in which he addressed the body in behalf of Central Baptist College, Conway, Ark.

Committee on resolutions and nominations made a partial report, (contained in complete report hereinafter) which was, on motion, adopted.

Committee on Home Missions submitted its report, as follows:

Committee on Home Missions report: The territory is large, including the destitute portion of our entire South-land, besides Cuba and Porto Rico. In the city of New Orleans alone, thousands of dollars might be profitably spent. In Texas, Louisiana and other states the need is great. In the newly acquired territory of Porto Rico, and in Cuba, much work must be done, and much money must be used.

We recommend that one Sunday in March be set apart by the Churches of this Association for the discussion of Home Missions and a collection for this great work.

D. J. FULLER,
J. N. MARKHART, } Committee.
W. J. BEARDEN, }

Spoken to by Elds. A. S. Pettie, W. A. Clark and W. J. Bearden, and adopted.

Committee on Obituaries reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: That, amid afflictions and death in the bounds of Mt. Zion Association, God has wonderfully blessed the Baptist people with health and prosperity, for which we are thankful. The Lord has called to their reward, 25 Baptists from this Association; 25 homes have been made sad because of death; 25 souls have been made glad in the home of the soul. Among the deceased of this year, are Eld. C. B. Hunton, of the first Church, Jonesboro, and Eld. R. D. Thomas, of Wynne, who are gone to their rewards; but their work, the fruit of their labor, is and will follow them.

J. N. ROBERTSON, } Committee
J. M. GREEN, }
A. I. PULLEY, }

Adopted.

Committee on Sunday Schools (and Bro. W. Smith, secretary of Sunday School Board) submitted their report jointly, as follows:

BRO. MODERATOR AND BRETHREN:—We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, will submit our report, as follows:

We desire to impress upon the minds of the brethren the importance of the Sunday School in our Churches, and that no child of God who does not take this step in God's work is discharging his duty, and is as a light under a bushel, and is a stumbling block to the unsaved; for, how true is it, that our children follow in our footsteps. Our Blessed Savior commands us to suffer the children to come unto Him; and how can they come unto Him unless they are lead? So many of our people claim they are not adapted to this work. Are they God's people? Are they saved by an everlasting salvation? If they are, they are adapted to do ANY work. God don't save men and women for ornaments, but for workers for Him.

We recommend that our brethren of the ministry take a more active part in the Sunday School work—not in the line of superintendents, but along the line of encouragement, and insisting upon their members entering more fully into the Sunday School work. We cannot take too strong steps or use too strong language to the members of our denomination, along this line. Brethren, arouse yourselves to the importance of this work. We recommend the Southern Baptist Convention and American Baptist Publication Societies' literature.

W. SMITH, A. R. MCKINNEY, W. L. WATKINS, H. F. WRIGHT,	} Committee.
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SECRETARY'S REPORT.

BRETHREN:—For the benefit of those who were not present at the organization of this body. The 5th Sunday meeting, held in Wynne in May, elected or appointed by the meeting—the body elected J. H. Peay, E. P. Minton and W. Smith as a Sunday School Board. The board met and elected J. H. Peay chairman, W. Smith, secretary and treasurer.

As secretary of the board, I have organized schools with an average attendance of 40, or a total of 280 members. We

have collected for the prosecution of this work, \$4.75.

The following is a partial list of the Sunday Schools in this Association, with total number of officers, and scholars enrolled:

Bethabara —	58	— S. B. C. S.	Literature.
Gilkerson—	78	“	“
Harrisburg—	229	“	“
Paragould—	110	“	“
Lake City—	36	American Baptist	“
Unity—	49	“	“
Mt. Zion—	44	“	“
Vincent—	21	“	“
Walcott	50	“	“
Harrel S. H.	60	“	“
Wynne	40	S. B. C. S.	“
Hydrick	150	“	“
N. Jonesboro	100	“	“
Oak Grove	55	“	“

Macedonia, none; they don't think can organize.

Rock Hill, Craigh'd Co. will organize, 50 sch'l'rs.

Antioch, “ none; will organize, 138 mem.

New Hope, Poinsett Co., will org. Tyronza p. o.

Cedar Hill; 130 members; no school.

Mt. Pisgah; 38 members; no school.

Enterprise; 20 members; no school.

Gilkerson; no school.

Buffalo Lick; 64 members; no school.

Herman; 70 members; no school.

Weiner; no school.

Total number scholars, - - - 1,004.

Total No. Baptists in Mt. Zion Ass'n, 1,577.

W. SMITH, Sec'y.

Spoken to by Bro. W. Smith, Eld. W. J. Bearden, Bro. A. R. McKinney, Elds. E. P. Minton, E. J. A. McKinney, A. S. Pettie, Bro. R. D. Covington.—Adopted.

After a few minutes recess, the body was called together by singing, when Eld. J. N. Hartley, of Ouachita College,

preached an able sermon, using for a text: John, 21:15. After the sermon, he made a short talk in behalf of Ouachita College, asking for help for said institution. A collection was taken for same, amounting to \$161, pledges, and \$4.41, cash. Adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Teague. Eld. Oscar Reynold requested that contribution be made for Bro. Cyrus Vincent, who is suffering with paralysis, caused by a fall. Collection was taken for said brother, amounting to \$7.29.

Call for letters—none presented. Committee on Ministerial Education reported, as follows:

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, report as follows:—Morality and spirituality are essential requirements for a gospel preacher; but they are not all. Aptness to teach is another essential element in a preacher; and to natural aptness, needs to be added correct knowledge of things to teach, as a basis upon which to apply his natural aptness. God demands of His servants the acquirement of this knowledge. The unlearned are called, but they must learn. Jesus called fishermen from Galilee's shores, but for three years they were His pupils, His learners, His disciples. When God called for Israel a leader, "he was a man learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians." When He wanted a Paul for the Gentiles, He took him from Gamaliel's feet. To-day He wants preparation, and the best preparation possible, to every one of His called servants. He does not require of us more than our ability; but He DOES require that much. There was a time when it was beyond our ministers to get more than a common school education, if even that; and God blessed, and is still blessing those faithful old soldiers in preaching the gospel. But will His blessings be showered so copiously upon young preachers of equal ability if they do not take advantage of their enlarged opportunities? We believe not; because, neglect on their part to improve would be unfaithfulness to Jesus. For some, we, as an Association, have made

opportunities, which have been improved. Now, others of great promise are needing our support. Shall we give help, and enhance their opportunities to increase their abilities—and, hence, their obligations? We especially recommend Eld. J. N. Lawless, a brother of great promise—and now in Ouachita College—to become the beneficiary of this body during the continuation of his studies in Ouachita College.

E. J. A. MCKINNEY, }
 B. F. BOWLIN, } Committee.
 J. M. TYNER, }

Treasurer of Board of Ministerial Education reported as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Association, at Harrisburg, one year ago, adopted Eld. C. D. Owen as a beneficiary in Ouachita and Bro. W. R. McEwen as a beneficiary in Mt. Home Colleges. To this end, we have collected and paid out the following:

AMOUNTS COLLECTED.

Cash collection at Harrisburg	-	-	\$23 00	
Bethel Church,	-	-	1 10	\$24 10
North Jonesboro Church—by A. Pagan—	-	-	6 00	
“ “ by J. A. Hammond,	-	-	4 50	
“ “ by W. J. Bearden,	-	-	4 00	
“ “ “ ****	-	-	5 00	19 50
Jonesboro Church—by J. H. Kitchens	-	-	13 80	
“ by A. S. Pettie	-	-	1 00	
“ by P. C. Barton	-	-	10 00	
“ by L. A. Society	-	-	17 47	
“ by ****	-	-	22 87	65 14
Unity Church,	-	-	-	1 75
Mt. Zion “	-	-	-	1 00
Parag'uld “ by T. B. Kitchens,	-	-	10 00	
“ “ by Mrs. W. J. Bearden,	-	-	2 50	12 50
Harrisburg Church,	-	-	-	4 00
Bethabara “	-	-	-	3 00
Antioch “ (Craighead County)	-	-	-	5 00
Walcott “	-	-	-	1 00

Hydrick	" (Pitts)	- - -	5 00
Cherry Valley	" (E. J. A. McKinney)	- - -	10 00
Oct. 6th, Cash Collection	- - -	- - -	21 53
Total,	- - -	- - -	<u>173 52</u>

PAID OUT.

By sundry amounts to C. D. Owen	-	\$ 64 27
" " " " W. R. McEwen,		100 00
" am't to John Lawless,	- - -	2 50
" " for interest,	- - -	6 75
		<u>173 52</u>

Discussed by Elds. W. J. Bearden, E. P. Minton, J. N. Rabertson, E. J. A. McKinney, J. H. Peay and Bro. P. C. Barton. A collection, amounting to \$25.53, cash and pledges, was taken, to pay the amount behind on ministerial education for the year past.

The following pledges were made for ministerial education:

Jonesboro church,	- - -	\$50 00
Cherry Valley "	- - -	10 00
Harrisburg "	- - -	2 50
Hydrick "	- - -	2 50
Mount Zion "	- - -	5 00
Herman "	- - -	5 00
North Jonesboro "	- - -	10 00
" " aid society	- - -	5 00
Paragould church	- - -	30 00
Pleasant Grove "	- - -	2 50
Vincent "	- - -	5 00
Bethabara "	- - -	2 50
Walcott "	- - -	2 50
Wm. R. McEwen,	- - -	5 00
Total,	- - -	<u>\$137 50</u>

On motion, the report was adopted.

Eld. J. B. Allen submitted the following statement:

We, the members of the following Churches, to-wit: Rock Hill, Cedar Hill, Enterprise and Mt. Pisgah, submit the following:—We are unalterably of the opinion that the Association erred in expelling Philadelphia Church, and ask no

further time to consider our action; and we believe that the Association has departed from its Constitution, and that we have been debarred from fellowship illegally.

10-7-1898.

J. M. MINTON, Chairman.

Eld. E. J. A. McKinney offered the following resolution: Whereas, Enterprise, Mt. Pisgah, Macedonia and Cedar Hill Churches have persisted in their course in endorsing Philadelphia Church, therefore, be it

RESOLVED:—That we do advise the minorities in those Churches opposed to such action on the part of said Churches, (if such minorities exist) to call a meeting, repudiate the action of said Church, and continue the Lord's work under their present names.

Spoken to by Elds. E. J. A. McKinney, J. B. Allen, J. N. Robertson, Bro. P. C. Barton, and adopted.

On motion, the report of Committee on State Missions was made a special order of business for tomorrow at 9 a. m.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Associational Missions was made a special order of business for tomorrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

Committee on Foreign Missions reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report as follows:—Foreign Missions includes the work of supplying the gospel to foreign lands. The Southern Baptist Convention supports missionaries in China, Japan, Brazil, Italy, Mexico and Africa. The obligation to give these people the gospel, comes to us in the command, "Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations." Shall we obey this command in helping to support those who have put themselves on the sacrificial altar of foreign missions? The letters to this Association show but little contributed to foreign missions for last year. Let us do more the coming year than formerly. Our pastors should be zealous in discussing this subject.

1st. Because of the need of the work.

2d. Because our people need information on the subject.

3d. Because of the widespread ignorance among the masses on the subject and the false impressions abroad re-

garding the cost of said work.

4. Because the Lord is especially now opening wide doors and breaking down barriers to the work, as in the opening of the Philippines and other Islands to us; through the Spanish-American war. We would recommend that every Church take at least one collection for foreign missions during the month of December.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. BORUM, }
J. R. VICE, } Committee.
T. M. SEAY, }

Spoken to by Eld. E. J. A. McKinney. A collection was taken for foreign missions amounting to \$5.40 cash. The report was then adopted.

Committee on Literature submitted its report, which, after some amendment, reads as follows:

We, your Committee on Literature, beg leave to report as follows:—We recommend, first of all, the careful and prayerful study of the Holy Bible, which is “the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth;” and, realizing that the press is a great power for good or evil, we further recommend that Baptists everywhere supply themselves with good and wholesome Baptist literature. To this end, we recommend that this Association recommend the Ex. B. to carry on such colporteur work throughout the bounds of Mount Zion Association, to give away and sell Baptist literature.

We further recommend The Baptist Gleaner, Paragould, Ark.; the Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock, Ark., and the Foreign Missionary Journal, Richmond, Va.

A. R. MCKINNEY, }
J. W. HIETT, } Committee.
G. W. PIERSON, }

Spoken to by Elds. J. W. Hiett, J. H. Peay, Bro. P. C. Barton, and adopted.

It was announced that Eld. J. W. Hiett preach tonight. Adjourned till 8:30.

At night Eld. J. W. Hiett preached a good sermon, from Mat., 2:47. What do ye more than others?

The following resolution was offered :

RESOLUTION.

In order to inform the five churches dropped from the fellowship of this Association as to the feelings of this body toward them ; therefore, be it

RESOLVED :—That, if these Churches will, and do, re-scind, as Churches, the resolutions in question, and will support the Association in her plans, policy and work, they are not only eligible to membership, but will be cordially received into our fellowship on application so to do.

J. H. PEAY.

Adopted unanimously by a standing vote.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

Called together at 8:30 a. m. by singing. Prayer by Eld. W. H. Merideth. Minutes of the two preceding days read, corrected and approved. Call for corresponding letters. Harrisburg Church presented her letter, which was read and received.

On motion, Elds. E. P. Minton, A. S. Pettie, E. J. A. McKinney and R. P. Bain were appointed a special committee to draft resolutions in memory of our beloved brethren, Elds. C. B. Hunton and R. G. Thomas, deceased. Committee on State Missions was granted further time, and its report made a special order of business for 2:30 this afternoon.

The Committee on Temperance reported as follows :

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to report : That, in view of the fact that the use of intoxicants is the cause of nine-tenths of the crime with which the land is cursed, and is the direct cause of a very large percentage of the poverty and distress of our people today. It brings about most of the burdens of taxation which our people have to bear ; besides, it is a well-known fact that the use of intoxicants transmits criminal tendencies and disease to the offspring of the users. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED :—That all our Churches do ALL IN THEIR POWER to discourage the use and traffic in alcoholic drinks, and that all Churches who encourage the traffic or fail to discipline its

members who use the stuff, be considered to be unsound in Baptist doctrine and practice.

A. C. BROADAWAY, }
A. T. PAGAN, } Committee.
STEPHEN STALEY, }

Spoken to by Eld. J. N. Robertson, Bro. A. C. Broadaway, Eld. E. J. A. McKinney, Eld. W. J. Bearden, Bro. A. R. McKinney, Elds. A. S. Pettie, E. P. Minton. Adopted.

Committee on Divine Services reported that Eld. R. P. Bain preach today at 11.

Committee on Associational Missions submitted its report, which, coupled with the report of Bro. P. C. Barton, secretary and treasurer of Executive Board, is as follows:

[For some reason, said report failed to reach this office.—PRINTER.]

Spoken to by Elds. A. S. Pettie, E. J. A. McKinney, J. H. Peay, Bros. G. W. Halk, P. C. Barton. Pending discussion on above report, body adjourned till 2 p. m.

Elder J. W. Weathersbee, of New Zion Church, Jackson Co., was invited to a seat with us. At 11 o'clock Eld R. P. Bain preached an able sermon, from Zeph. 3:17.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Miles

The report of Committee on Associational Missions being under consideration and unfinished before noon, was again taken up. Spoken to by Elds. E. P. Minton, J. N. Robertson, H. F. Wright, Bro. P. C. Barton, Eld. J. M. Minton, Dr. Borum, A. Pagan, A. R. McKinney, J. H. Kitchens. Adopted.

Committee on Divine Services announced that Eld J. H. Peay preach tonight, and Eld. A. S. Pettie tomorrow at 11.

The Committee on Woman's Werk reported as follows:

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, submit the following report:—We recommend that this Association assist, encourage and co-operate with the noble Christian ladies of this Association in the grand work they are doing for the cause of Christ. Woman was last at the cross; they were

first at the sepulchre; she has ever been more ready and willing to assist in upholding, promulgating and sending the gospel to enlighten the nations of the earth. To give you a feint idea of what they are doing, we give the financial report of their order for the year 1898:

Jonesboro, \$370 80.	Harrisburg, \$ 17 25.
Paragould, 139 75.	Wynne, 169 33.
N. Jonesboro, 39 99.	Cherry Valley 20 00.
Total, - - - - -	<u>\$757 12.</u>

NO. OF MEMBERSHIP OF SAID SOCIETIES.

N. Jonesboro, 14.	Harrisburg, 15.
Wynne, 15.	Jonesboro, 25.
Paragould, 44.	Vincent, 6.
Total, - - - - -	<u>119.</u>

The ladies of other Churches have done a big work that has not been reported. Contrast this with the work of the entire Association, and you will see what energy women possess, compared with men. We recommend that this Association recognize Sister E. J. A. McKinney as Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Work in this Association.

Respectfully submitted.

- R. P. BAIN.
 F. M. JOHNSON.
 J. M. HUDDLESTON.
 SISTER A. S. PETTIE.
 " JULIA HAY.
 " CORA ANDERSON.
 " MAUD PITTS.
 " MOLLIE JOHNSON.
 " OLLIE JACKSON.

Discussed by Eld. J. M. Huddleston, P. C. Barton, Eld. E. J. A. McKinney. Adopted.

Committee on Nominations and Resolutions reported as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS, ETC.

1st. The body to convene with Cherry Valley Church at its next session. Eld. J. W. Hiett to preach the introductory

sermon—Eld. W. J. Bearden, alternate.

2. Mission Board:—J. H. Kitchens, A. Pagan, T. B. Kitchens, Elds. A. S. Pettie, J. H. Peay and P. C. Barton.

3. To the S. B. C.:—Eld. J. H. Peay—Eld. A. S. Pettie, alternate.

4. To the State Convention:—Elds. E. P. Minton, J. M. Hiatt, H. F. Wright, J. H. Kitchens, T. B. Kitchens.

5. To Sister Associations:—Gainesville—Elds. J. H. Peay and W. J. Bearden.

Spring River Association:—J. H. Kitchens, Eld. J. N. Robertson.

Mt. Vernon Association:—Elds. A. S. Pettie, J. W. Hiatt.

Member of State Board:—P. C. Barton.

6. S. S. Board:—Elds. J. H. Peay, E. P. Minton, W. Smith.

7. Transportation Board:—J. H. Peay, E. P. Minton, W. Smith.

RESOLVED—That we tender our thanks to the Mt. Zion Church and community for their kind hospitality during our stay among them. Also, thank the railroads for their liberality in giving one and one-half fare for round trip.

E. P. MINTON,
T. J. BUCHANAN, } Committee.
J. H. MOSER, }

Amended and adopted.

Treasurer H. F. Wright reported as follows:

Received from the Church on minute fund, as seen in the financial exhibit, - - - - - \$31 87.
Turned over to the clerk, - - - - - 31 87.

H. F. WRIGHT, Treas.

Adopted.

Committee on State Missions report as follows:

The State Board has done an efficient work so far this conventional year. A number of Associations and Churches have been assisted. A number of meetings have been held, with good results, by the volunteers called for by the State Board. Eld. C. F. J. Tate has been in the employment of the State Board for the most part of the year. Bro. Tate has

done work in a part of the state hitherto uncultivated—the north central part of the state. A good work has been done at Mammoth Spring, Hardy, Imboden, Black Rock, Walnut Ridge, Wynne.

We recommend that our Associational Board continue to co-operate with the State Board; and that all the Churches in this Association make a special effort to raise a fund for state missions, and forward the same through their church clerk to secretary and treasurer of State Board, at Little Rock.

Specially, do we commend the untiring efforts of Hon. W. E. Atkinson, President of State Board, in striving to enlarge the state work. Inasmuch as larger and larger fields of destitution are throwing open their doors and inviting Mt. Zion to enter and to possess the land, we, therefore, recommend that this Association ask the State Board for \$100 to aid in the cultivation of this large territory.

J. H. PEAY.
J. C. LILES.
J. Q. THOMAS.

Adopted.

Committee on Ministers and Postoffices report as follows:

We, the Committee on Ministers and Postoffices, submit the following report:—E. P. Minton, A. S, Pettie, J. W. Hyatt, W. R. McEwen, Jonesboro. W. L. Hughes, J. W. Settlemoire, Harrisburg. G. M. Settlemoire, E. J. A. McKinney, Cherry Valley. D. H. Hall, U. D. Osment, Stotts-ville. J. H. Stokes, R. P. Bain, Wynne. W. T. Wright, Tyronza. H. F. Wright Nettleton. J. W. Parnell, Stotts-ville. J. G. Henson, Brookland. J. H. Peay, W. J. Bear- den, J. M. Huddleston, Paragould. J. N. Robertson, Jones- boro. P. Bozeman, Vanndale. Thomas Williams, Lorado. J. N. Waters, Hancock. M. C. Clark, Lake City. J. M. Miles, Herndon.

LICENTIATES.

J. N. Adams, Lorado. A. C. Reaves, Harrisburg. A. W. Curtner, Bay. W. H. Pruitt, Nettleton.

M. PITTS,
T. T. KEY,
J. A. MONTGOMERY, } Committee.

The report was adopted, subject to correction.
Eld. J. H. Peay offered the following resolution:

Whereas, we hail with gladness the fact that Dr. W. H. Whitsitt has tendered to the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary his resignation as president of said Seminary; therefore, be it

RESOLVED—By this body, that, until his resignation be made a fact and his connection entirely severed, neither moral nor financial support be given by this body or any part of it to said seminary.

RESOLVED, FURTHER—That a copy of this resolution be sent to Hon. Joshua Levering, president of the Board of Trustees of the S. B. T. Seminary, Baltimore, Md., petitioning the acceptance of the said Dr. Whitsitt's resignation.

J. H. PEAY.

Adopted.

Eld. E. J. A. McKinney offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED—That a committee of five be appointed by the Moderator to consider the advisability of establishing a Baptist High School in Mt. Zion Association—said committee to report to the next session of this body.

RESOLVED, FURTHER—That, if an opening should occur to establish such a High School before the next sitting of this body, this committee be authorized to act for this body.

E. J. A. MCKINNEY.

J. H. PEAY.

J. W. HIETT.

Spoken to by Elds. E. J. A. McKinney, J. W. Hiett and J. H. Peay. Adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on High School:—E. J. A. McKinney, J. H. Peay, A. S. Pettie, P. C. Barton, J. W. Hiett.

CLERK'S REPORT, 1897.

RECEIVED:—Balance on hand from 1896, \$ 1 01.
Minute fund, - - - - - 50 10. \$51.11.
PAID:—For minutes, - - - - - \$39 76.
For express, postage, etc., - - - - - 1 99.
Clerk's services, - - - - - 9 36. \$51.11.

On motion, the Clerk be allowed \$10.00 for his services, and the remainder of minute fund be expended in printing as many minutes as it will buy.

Minutes of today read and approved.

On motion, the body adjourned, to meet at Cherry Valley Church, Cross Co., Ark., on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Thus ended one of the most interesting Associations in the history of Mt. Zion.

J. A. HAMMOND,
CLERK.

J. H. KITCHENS,
MODERATOR.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	MESSENGERS.	MEMBERSHIP.						Present Membership.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	CONTRIBUTIONS.										Total Contributions.	Val Church Property.		
			Increase.				Decrease.						To Missions, Etc.					To Church Work.								
			By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Relation.	Restored.	Died.	Dismissed.					Excluded.	Association.	State.	Home.	Foreign.	Min. Education.	S. S. Work.	Pastor's Salary.	Incidental.	Minute Fund.			Repairs.	
Antioch	Craighead	F. M. Johnson, Millie Johnson, Julia Hay, Steve Staley, R. F. Johnson	3				3	1	2	138	J. G. Henson	F. M. Johnson	Gubertown	\$ 5 00		1 15	5 00				70 25		2 00		83 40	000
Bethabara	Craighead	Alford Pagan, Charlie Moser Alex Tucker	21	8	4	3	2	1		96	W. J. Bearden	J. F. Crocker	Cane Island	7 15		2 10	3 25	4 47			118 90	1 65	1 25	19 40	158 17	225
Cherry Valley	Cross	A. R. McKinney, G. W. Halk, T. J. Buchanan	5	19				3		42	E. J. A. McKinney	Hiram Owen	Cherry Valley	5 00			95	10 00	7 83		88 30	92 74	1 50	8 60	214 92	800
Harrisburg	Poinsett	Ludie Davis, Florence Hughes, E. L. Jacobs	6							48	E. P. Minton	E. L. Stancell	Harrisburg	14 24	30			2 00			110 00	8 00	1 00		185 64	800
Hermion	Craighead	W. L. Watkins, J. A. Montgomery, D. J. Fuller, M. H. Fuller	12			1	1	1	1	70	Oscar Reynold	S. A. Neill	Bono	2 38							60 55		1 75		64 68	800
Hydrick	Poinsett	M. Pitts, Maud Pitts, Mattie Hodge, Charlie Pitts, W. L. Gage	13					6		71	E. J. A. McKinney	M. Pitts	Hydrick	5 00		45	5 00	2 50			29 75	14 25	1 00	51 55	109 50	800
Jonesboro	Craighead	A. S. Pettie, E. P. Minton, J. W. Hiatt, P. C. Barton, J. H. Kitchens, A. C. Broad	8	10			1	7		285	A. S. Pettie	J. V. Bell	Jonesboro	120 00		41 62	65 84	110 00			1000 70	40 00	5 00		1889 16	14000
Mt. Pligah	Cross	John Cook, W. C. Dunn, Robert Duncan	5	11			2	7		38	J. M. Settlemoir	J. T. Dement	Vanndale									1 00		1 00		
Mt. Pleasant	Craighead	R. M. Covington, R. D. Covington	2	3			2	2	5	15	Lewis Young	R. M. Covington	Gilkerson								7 00		50		7 50	800
Mt. Zion	Greene	L. T. Dennis, E. S. Holmes, G. B. Blackwood, W. B. Harris, L. Little, B. F. Bowlin	4	5		1	2	1		157	G. H. Faulkner	B. F. Bowlin	Walcott	10 00	5 00			5 00	4 05		55 00	17 20	2 00	50	98 75	800
New Hope	Craighead	J. R. Vice	3	1		1	2			87	E. Walraven	J. R. Vice	Jonesboro									1 00		1 00		
New Hope	Poinsett	W. L. Wright, L. N. Saunders, R. N. Chandler	5	4	10	1	1	6		17	W. L. Wright	L. N. Saunders	Tyronza									1 00		1 00		
New Hope	Craighead	J. I. Fears, J. W. Green, J. A. Hammond, J. M. Markhart, Donald, G. R. Hopkins	3	4			4	6	2	92	W. J. Bearden	J. A. Hammond	Jonesboro	11 00			6 50	25 00			150 00	120 49	2 00	7 07	322 00	1100
Paragould	Greene	J. H. Peay, W. J. Bearden, J. N. Robertson, A. Bearden, T. B. Kitchens, W. J. Mc	2	6			4	6	2	340	J. H. Peay	T. B. Kitchens	Paragould	32 41	10 00	7 50	7 50	10 00	57 54		850 00	293 39	5 00		1273 84	
Pleasant Grove	Poinsett	J. H. Peay, W. J. Bearden, J. N. Robertson, A. Bearden, T. B. Kitchens, W. J. Mc	17	2	2		7	5		64	H. F. Wright	T. H. Ripley	Buffalo Lick								44 00		1 00		45 00	250
Unity	Craighead	G. W. Pierson, Charlie Eaves, A. J. Pulley		3	1		1	2		49	J. N. Robertson	G. W. Pearson	Mangrum								75 00		1 50		76 50	250
Vincent	Crittenden	Dr. W. H. Borum	5	2			1	1		19	E. J. A. McKinney	W. H. Borum	Vincent	7 00	2 00		75	3 00			165 70	74 72	1 00	44 00	288 17	700
Walcott	Greene	J. M. Tyner, T. D. Welsh, T. M. Seay, T. T. Key					1	1		75	J. D. J. Faulkner	W. P. Bowlin	Walcott	5 50				2 50	7 00		50 00	2 00	1 00		68 00	
Weiner	Poinsett	J. M. Tyner, T. D. Welsh, T. M. Seay, T. T. Key	1	11			3	9	1	3	R. M. Ford	C. Wilson	Weiner	2 50							22 50		12		35 12	
Wynne	Cross	W. Smith, R. P. Bain, J. Q. Thomas								77	R. P. Bain	C. M. Crain	Wynne	16 42	25 31				12 00		496 00	64 07	*1 25	20 00	644 05	1000
Totals			114	85	17	8	27	60	16	1773				243.60	42.61	7.50	54.52	115.09	233.39	3393.65	728.51	31.87	158.72	5011.46	20225	

All contributions reported by churches and not having a special column in this table are included in the incidental.