



PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association,

 HELD WITH 

North Jonesboro Church,

Craighead County, Ark., October 11, 12 and 13th, 1900.



FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,



OFFICERS:

J. H. Kitchens, Moderator, Jonesboro.

J. A. Hammond, Clerk, Jonesboro.

H. F. Wright, Treasurer, Nettleton.



Next Session to be Held at Luxora Church, Mississippi County, Ark., at 10 O'clock a. m.,
Thursday before the Second Sunday in October, 1901.

TO MESSENGERS:

Luxora is on the Mississippi River. Go via Nettleton and Deckerville on the K. C. road.
From Deckerville a branch road, with two trains daily, runs to Luxora.

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MINUTES OF

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The house was called to order by the moderator at 10 o'clock a. m. After singing "How Firm a Foundation," Elder J. G. Doyle led in prayer. On motion, permanent organization was deferred until afternoon and the introductory sermon until to-night. Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. J. N. Hartley. The moderator appointed as committee on divine services, Eld. W. J. Bearden, J. N. Markhart and N. S. Moser. After a song the committee on divine services announced that Eld. J. G. Doyle preach today at 11 o'clock a. m. It being that time he delivered a splendid discourse on the subject, "Room for Jesus;" text, Luke 2:7. The body then adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body reassembled, pursuant to adjournment. After song and prayer the moderator appointed R. P. Bain, J. W. Hiatt and J. W. Seay as committee on credentials, and T. B. Kitchens and P. C. Barton, reading clerks. Corresponding letters from the following churches were presented and read, viz., Walcott, Jonesboro 1st ch, Vincint, Mt. Zion, Newhope, (Cross

county), North Jonesboro, Bethel, Unity, Bay, Paragould, Wynne, New Hope (Poinsett county) and Clark's Chapel. After a song the committee on credentials reported as follows:

CREDENTIALS.

We, your committee on credentials, find that all the members present that are named in the letters as read, are in good standing and are entitled to seats in this body, with the members of the executive board, and the ministers in good standing in the churches of the Association as members ex-officio.

J. W. HIETT
R. P. BAIN,
J. W. SEAY.

On motion the report was adopted as read.

The body then proceeded to effect a permanent organization. On motion the rule of electing by ballot was suspended, and the following, being the officers incumbent, were unanimously re-elected, viz. J. H. Kitchens, moderator; J. A. Hammond, clerk; and Eld. H. F. Wright, treasurer. Petitionary letters from Monette and Cottage Home churches were presented and read. The committee on credentials reporting favorably on same, they were, on motion, received into our body and right hand of fellowship extended to their messengers by the moderator. Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us. The following were enrolled: Eld. J. G. Doyle, of the State Sunday School Board; W. W. Gardner, agent for the Arkansas Baptist Orphans Home; W. H. Williams, traveling evangelist of Clinton, Ky.; J. H. Peay, editor of the Baptist Gleaner, and H. H. Street, of Central College. T. C. Mahan was enrolled as corresponding messenger from Spring River Association. The moderator appointed the following committees:

Associational Missions—P. C. Barton, D. B. Nuffer and A. I. Pulley.
Orphans Home—J. W. Hiett, G. W. Prince and J. W. West.
Home Missions—J. N. Hartley, G. W. Phillips and W. J. Witt.
Temperance—J. N. Robertson, J. W. Seay and N. S. Moser.
Obituaries—A. A. Ryan, J. T. Hodges and S. A. Tyer.
State Missions—W. J. Bearden, J. M. Miles and L. N. Saunders.
Literature—T. B. Kitchens, E. A. Peterson and J. T. Butler.
Sunday Schools—Dr. W. H. Borum, D. D. Morse and J. C. Little.
Ministerial Education—F. Bozeman, C. C. Smith and W. A. Butler.
Foreign Missions—E. P. Minton, R. Scott and T. T. Key.
Ministers and Postoffices—L. N. Saunders, G. T. Hay and W. A. Edwards.
Nominations—J. M. Huddleston, J. W. Seay, D. R. Nuffer and J. McLain.
Womans Work—R. P. Bain, Sisters W. H. Borum, Effie S. Kuykendall, S. M. Key, W. A. Maywood, Ella Moser and R. P. Bain.

Interesting devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. J. H. Peay

The committee on Orphans Home reported as follows:

ORPHANS HOME.

We presume that there is no other one line of work that the Baptists of Arkansas have on foot than the caring for the orphans of our people that opens up greater avenues of usefulness and permanent good. Through the generous gift of Sister Hannah Gardner (nee Hyatt) the Baptists of this State were aroused to a sense of their duty and responsibility, and a small building was erected at Monticello, Ark., and a few children were taken in. It was seen at once that more room must be provided, so other buildings were begun which are yet unfinished. One thousand two hundred dollars is needed. We urge that this body raise by public collection at least \$75.00, the amount required to complete a room.

J. W. HIETT,
G. W. PRINCE,
J. W. WEST.

Spoken to by J. W. Hiett, and further consideration suspended until after services to-night.

The following report was read:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg to submit the following report:

The Bible says, train up a child in the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it. Now the Sunday School is the place to train our children, and the Sunday School does the primary training for the church. Christ says, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not" Now, if we, as older children, stay away from the Sunday School, we are hindering the little ones from attending the Sunday School. We would urge that the parents of our Sunday School children not only send their children, but go with them to Sunday School every Sunday. We would further recommend that all of our churches make special effort in the organization and maintenance of Sunday School work, and that each pastor take an active part in the Sunday School by co-operating with the superintendent. We would recommend that the Sunday School of Mt. Zion Association use S. B. C. literature, published at Nashville, Tenn.

DR. W. H. BORUM,
D. D. MORSE,
J. C. LITTLE.

Addresses on the above report were made by Dr. W. H. Borum, P. C. Barton, J. H. Peay, J. W. Hiett, J. N. Markhart, W. J. Bearden, J. G. Doyle, T. C. Mahan and J. N. Hartley. On motion further consideration of the report was deferred until to-morrow.

Eld. W. J. Bearden offered the following resolution which

was adopted: "Resolved, That this body meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at 4:30 p. m., meet at 7 p. m. and adjourn at will."

The body then adjourned after prayer by Eld. B. T. Stokes.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 7 p. m. the body reassembled. Eld. W. J. Bearden, in behalf of the church, delivered an address of welcome, to which, in behalf of the association, Eld. E. P. Minton responded. "Greeting Glee," a song of welcome, was sung by the choir.

By invitation the following named brethren accepted seats with us: Eld. M. C. Hodges, of Spring River Association; Eld. A. J. Barton, corresponding secretary of the State Mission Board; J. H. Milbourne, of the Arkansas Baptist. It being time for the introductory sermon Eld. J. N. Hartley ably delivered same, his subject being "The New Commandment," text, John 13:14. The report of committee on Orphan's Home was again taken up. After addresses by W. W. Gardner and J. W. Hiatt the following contributions were made for the Orphan's Home: Cash, \$29.12; pledges, \$49.00; total, \$78.12. It was stated that as the above amount would finish one room in Orphan's Home said room would be named "Mount Zion." On motion the report was adopted and the body adjourned.

FRIDAY.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association met pursuant to adjournment. Song. Prayer by Eld. H. H. Street. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved, after some correction. Corresponding letters from Cherry Valley, Brookland and Harrisburg churches were read and messengers seated. Petitionary letters were called for. None presented. Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner was enrolled as a visitor from Gainesville Association.

The report of committee on Sunday Schools was again taken up. An amendment offered to include the recommendation of literature published by the American Publication Society, was warmly discussed, after which the report was recommitted. The following report was read:

We, your committee on State Missions, would submit the following report: We believe in State Missions, and there is a great deal of destitu-

tion that remains to be occupied by the Baptists of Arkansas. The State Board has in its employ our brother, A. J. Barton, as financial secretary, two evangelists, and is assisting nineteen pastors and seven associational missionaries, and their work has been very satisfactory. We recommend continued hearty co-operation with our State Board.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. BEARDEN,
J. M. MILES,
L. N. SANDERS.

The report was spoken to by H. H. Street, A. J. Barton and T. C. Mahan, when the following amounts were contributed to State Missions: Cash, \$41 00; pledges, to be paid in thirty days, \$69.50; total, \$100 50. The report was adopted, and the body adjourned in prayer by Eld. E. P. Minton.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2 p. m. Prayer by Eld. J. D. J. Faulkner. Corresponding letters from Cache Valley, Bethabara and Antioch churches were presented, read and their messengers enrolled. The following churches petitioned membership with us by petitionary letters: Bonnaville and Clear Lake; by request promising letters forthcoming, Luxora and Cottonwood Grove. On motion they were received, and at the request of the moderator the right hand of fellowship extended to their messengers by the body. It was announced that Eld. W. H. Williams preach to-night; also that the ladies would meet at the M. E. Church to-morrow at 2:30 p. m.

The committee on Foreign Missions submitted its report which was discussed by J. H. Kitchens, J. W. Hiatt, W. J. Bearden and F. Bozeman, and amended to read as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions submit the following: The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was first appointed in 1845, in Augusta, Ga. Since that time they have been faithful to the arduous work assigned them. China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil, Japan, have, under God, been their fields of labor. There has gone out to the foreign fields more than twelve thousand missionaries. Men and women, who have left home, friends and native land, to break the bread of life to the lost of Adam's race. The responsibility is still resting upon us—the opportunity is ours. It is a great work. It is God's work, and he has made it our work. Come, says God to the unsaved. Go, says God to the saved. Go preach the gospel to every creature. "The field is the world." God loves the world—every creature in it—and would have every creature come to Him. How can they believe on Him of whom they have not heard? How can they learn without a preacher? How can he preach except he be sent? Not let him go of his

own free will, but send him to the foreign fields. Your committee would recommend that each church take collections for this work during the year.

We further recommend the Foreign Mission Journal as an important source of information on our foreign work.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. MINTON,
T. T. KEY,
R. SCOTT.

Adopted.

The committee on temperance was submitted, warmly discussed, and recommitted with P. C. Barton added to the committee.

The committee on literature submitted its report, which was discussed by J. H. Peay, H. H. Street, J. W. Hiatt, T. C. Mahan, J. H. Kitchens, E. P. Minton, A. R. McKinney and W. J. Bear-den and adopted as follows:

LITERATURE.

The literary tendencies of the age may be taken as an index to the growth and development of the people, spiritually and mentally. That upon which the mind feeds will determine as to whether it is growing for good or for evil, hence the importance of bringing an ample supply of good religious literature before the minds of our people. We should be especially careful as to the reading of our young people. To become efficient workers in our Master's cause we should read constantly His word to know His will we should study the Bible prayerfully that our zeal may be according to knowledge, hence your committee would recommend

First, Some regular system for reading of the Bible; that our pastors and Sunday School superintendents do what they can to accomplish this.

Second, We recommend the dissemination of good Baptist literature and religious tracts as done in colportage work or otherwise.

Third, We recommend the Arkansas Baptist and The Gleaner to our people, that in the reading of the same they will be kept in touch with our State work.

Fourth, We recommend the Home and Foreign Mission journals and the Sunday School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

T. B. KITCHENS,
E. A. PETERSON,
J. T. BUTLER.

The committee on temperance again submitted its report, which was discussed by P. C. Barton, A. J. Barton, J. H. Peay, T. C. Mahan and W. H. Williams and adopted as follows:

TEMPERANCE.

The question of temperance is a great question. Yea, of vast magnitude and importance. Prohibition is the greatest moral question of this age. The drunkard needs prohibition. The drunkard's wife and children cry for pro-

hibition. Insane asylums, jails and State prisons cry aloud for prohibition. When we think of over seventy-five thousand souls annually going down to endless night on account of strong drink we are constrained to appeal to our brethren and demand that we rise up in the strength of our might and totally destroy the whisky traffic. To this end we would recommend that our churches exclude every member who votes for license. We would further recommend the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That we, the Mt Zion Association, request our honorable Senator elect to introduce and get passed, if possible, a bill providing for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants within this State.

Respectfully submitted.

J. N. ROBINSON,
J. W. SEAY,
N. S. MOSER,
P. C. BARTON.

The report of committee on Obituaries was received as follows:

OBITUARIES.

We your committee find that while the Lord has been very gracious in sparing so many of us, the death angel has claimed thirty-one of our members during the past year, some of whom have been among the most prominent members of their churches and most zealous workers in our association. As such we feel constrained to mention T. M. Seay, of Walcott church, who was always a faithful worker. Sisters Mattie Bowlin and Alta Bowlin, Cora Dacus and Lula Nutt, all of Mt. Zion church, who were the very essence of Christian womanhood and workers that needeth not to be ashamed, and we would entreat the members of this association to emulate their example for Christ to that extent that when death comes they may say, "Come, welcome death, I will gladly go with thee."

A. A. RYAN,
J. T. HODGES,
S. A. TYER.

The committee on Sunday Schools again submitted its report which was adopted as first read.

The report of committee on Home Missions was read and adopted as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions among Southern Baptists means the work conducted by them through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Rev. F. H. Kerfoot, D. D., Corresponding Secretary, Atlanta, Ga. The territory embraced is the Southern States, District of Columbia, Oklahoma and Indian Territory and Cuba. The work consists of that among our own people in the thinly settled country districts and in the crowded and neglected quarters of our great cities, that among the foreigners who come annually to our shores, that among the negroes, that among the Indians and that in Cuba. Last year the Board had, as indicated by its annual report at Hot Springs,

671 missionaries. These missionaries supplied 2,168 churches and stations, delivered 64,462 sermons and addresses, baptised 5,696 persons and organized 195 churches. It ought to be said that the Home Board works in the closest possible co-operation with the State Board, and that in those States where it appropriates money to the work it does not appoint the missionaries, leaving their appointment and the conduct of the work to the State Board. Of the 671 missionaries above mentioned only 32 were supported exclusively by the Home Board, while all of the others were supported jointly by the Home Board and the various State Boards. The Board receives for the support of its missionaries two kinds of contributions, money and merchandise, in the form of boxes of clothing. The receipts from the churches last year amounted to \$99,531.54, of which \$72,441.90 was money, and \$27,089.64 merchandise. The Board had an income from other sources sufficient to make its total income \$107,378.88. Of this amount Arkansas gave in cash \$1,346.51 and in merchandise \$371.85. The work should appeal to us with peculiar force because our State is so largely beneficiary of the fund. We are now receiving \$1,500 a year in money from this fund. At the last convention the Board was instructed to enlarge its work this year, laying it on the basis of \$150,000.00. We recommend that each church in our bounds be most earnestly and affectionately urged to contribute regularly to the work and by all means to enlarge its contributions.

J. W. HARTLEY,
W. J. WITT,
W. T. PHILLIPS.

The body adjourned after prayer by Eld. M. C. Hodges.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Reassembled at 7 p. m. Prayer by Eld. H. F. Wright. Eld. H. H. Street addressed the body in behalf of Central College. It being reported that Sister Erma Huxtable was dangerously ill at Central College, by request, a special prayer was offered in her behalf, led by Eld. J. W. Hiatt. Dr. W. H. Borum was granted leave of absence to attend her bedside. Eld. W. H. Williams preached a good sermon; Text, "We then as workers together with Him," 2 Cor. 6:1. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," the report of the committee on Ministerial Education was read as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Fortunately the day is past when the necessity for an educated ministry is an open question. Everywhere men have come or are speedily coming to see that God places no premium on ignorance anywhere. In every department of life he can accomplish most and accomplish best whose mind is best capacitated and trained for the work in hand. In pursuits involving dollars instead of souls men have not been slow to recognize the fact. The calculating business man prefers trained operators, even at higher wages. No man would employ a physician in whose medical education he has no confidence.

The same thing is true of law and music and art. In spiritual things a like emphasis should long ago been placed upon education. God works through mind and trained mind can accomplish larger and better results than untrained. In olden times He required bodily integrity in the ministering priest, and He will not now content himself with mental lameness and blindness in the ministers of a better covenant. A call to the ministry is as certainly a call to bring to that highest work the highest possible intellectual and moral equipment. We hail with delight an ever growing recognition of this fact on the part of the young men who are giving their lives to God's service. We are no less rejoiced at the manifest similar conviction the part of our denomination which has resulted in such splendid facilities for literary and theological training. We urge young men who feel drawn to the ministry to take a course in Ouachita College and, if possible, in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

We recommend the continuance of Bro. Lawless as the beneficiary of this association. We also plead for enlarged contributions from the churches of the association to ministerial education, and for a greatly quickened interest in the great work of preparing men to effectively preach the Saving Christ.

FRANCIS BOZEMAN,
C. C. SMITH,
W. A. BUTLER.

The report was spoken to by F. Bozeman and J. W. Hiatt, after which the following pledges were made for Ministerial Education:

Jonesboro, 1st ch.....	\$ 50 00	Bonnerville	\$ 2 50
Paragould.....	25 00	Luxora.....	5 00
North Jonesboro.....	10 00	Cotton Wood Grove	2 50
Antioch	5 00	Monette.....	1 00
Clear Lake.....	5 00	New Hope (Poinsett Co).....	5 00
Brookland	2 50	Ladies North Jonesboro.....	5 00
Cache Valley.....	2 50	W. L. Gage.....	5 00
A. R. McKinney.....	2 50	J. N. Markhart.....	2 50
Harrisburg.....	5 00	A. W. Morris.....	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	10 00	T. H. Anthony	2 50
Vincint	5 00	Mrs. J. W. Hiatt	2 50
Walcott.....	10 00	Cash collection.....	3 50
TOTAL		\$ 174 50	

The report was adopted and the body adjourned.

SATURDAY.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The association reassembled at 9 a. m., and was led in prayer by Eld. R. P. Bain. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved. The roll of churches, their messengers and clerks, was called and corrected. Eld. J. N. Robinson read a petition-

ary letter from Fellowship church. On motion the Church was received, and, none of its messengers being present, the hand of fellowship was extended to Eld. J. N. Robinson, their pastor, with love and Christian greetings to the Church.

P. C. Barton, Secretary of Executive Board, submitted his report on Ministerial Education, which was adopted, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JONESBORO, ARK., 10, 17, 1900.

As Treasurer of your Executive Board, I beg to report as follows on Ministerial Education:

To cash collection at Cherry Valley.....	\$ 8 00
“ “ “ North Jonesboro (L. A. Soc).....	5 15
“ “ “ J. A. Hammonds.....	2 50
“ “ “ Jonesboro Ch.....	46 40
“ “ “ Antioch Ch.....	5 00
“ “ “ Harrisburg Ch.....	1 00
“ “ “ Ky. Chapel.....	2 50
“ “ “ Cache Valley Ch.....	2 50
“ “ “ Vincint Ch.....	9 50
“ “ “ Walcott Ch.....	2 50
“ “ “ Mt. Zion Ch.....	3 50
“ “ “ J. W. Hiatt.....	3 50
“ “ “ P. C. Carton.....	10 00
TOTAL	\$101 05

CREDITS.

By J. N. Lawless	\$ 55 00
By J. K. Pace, for J. N. Lawless.....	46 00
TOTAL	\$101 05

I would call attention to the fact that at our last association there was \$193 00 pledged for this work, and you will note that only about one half of this amount has been paid. Our Board of Ministerial Education, and Bro. Lawless at Onachita, are sore in need of the balance due on our pledges in order to settle balance due on last year's board for Bro. Lawless, therefore I urge that the churches and brethren pay this money in at once.

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. BARTON, Treas.

The report of committee on Nominations was read and amended to read as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

(1.) We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to report that this body convene with the church worshipping at Luxora, Mississippi county, Eld. W. J. Bearden to preach the introductory sermon; Eld. J. W. Hiatt, alternate. (2.) We nominate for the Executive Board, J. H. Kitchens, P. C. Barton, T. B. Kitchens, J. N. Markhart, W. A. Edwards, N. S. Moser, J. W. Seay. (3.) To the Southern Baptist Convention, Eld. F. Bozeman; R. P. Bain, alternate. (4.) To State Convention, E. P. Minton, J. N. Hartley, J. N. Robinson, P. C. Bar-

ton and J. W. Seay, or in their absence any of our members present. (5) To Sister Associations, Gainesville, J. W. Seay and W. J. Bearden; Mt. Vernon, D. B. Nuffer and Wm. Smith; Spring River, E. P. Minton and A. A. Ryan; Current River, W. J. Bearden and H. F. Wright. (6) For State Board, P. C. Barton. (7) Transportation Committee, Wm. Smith, E. P. Minton and T. B. Kitchens. (8) Resolved, that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the good people of North Jonesboro church and community for their generous hospitality and very kind invitations.

Respectfully submitted,

J M HUDDLESTON,
J. W. SEAY.

After being discussed at length, and amended, the report was adopted as above.

The committee on Woman's Work submitted its report, which was discussed at length, amended and adopted as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on Woman's Work submits the following: Since the work of faithful woman was commended and heartily indorsed in the beginning of the gospel we feel that this association should not do less, seeing they do not ask that the work be committed to them but that they may be fellow helpers to the truth. We do not want to be separate nor do we want to work separate from the church, but that we may be laborers together with God. We want, by our effort, to glorify God, and by the same effort we grow in grace and are lifted up to a higher plain of living in the Divine life. We contribute what money we can make but compared with the spiritual and educational feature of our work among the young, the money is the least feature of the work. The work has been somewhat disorganized this year and we cannot give a statistical report, but something like \$800.00 has been raised. Your committee would recommend that more interest be taken in this work and that full reports be given each year. We further recommend that a central committee be appointed who shall give attention to the organization of the work and gather statistics. Respectfully,

R P BAIN; Chr'm.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S MEETING OCTOBER 13, 1900.

The Baptist Missionary Society of Mt. Zion Association opened by singing "I Love to Tell the Story." Bible reading and prayer by the President, Mrs. Maywood. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

First Church, Jonesboro, Buelah Hunton, Florence Petty, Mrs. Beason, K. E. Klapp, Annie Clark, Ella Means and Onie Kitchens. North Jonesboro, Ella Moser, S. E. Stotts, M. A. Toy and M. S. Fears. Luxora, J. M. Landrum. Monette, F. M. Kuykendall. Antioch, Millie Johnson. Vincint, W. H. Borum. Wynne, M. M. Bain.

Song, "Nearer My God to Thee." Welcome address. Miss Ella Moser; response, Mrs. Kuykendall; reading, concerning our Mission Work, by Miss Kora Klapp. The following report was read: The L. A. S. of the 1st church Jonesboro, have paid out during the past year to State Missions, \$25; Ministerial Education, \$25; Home Missions, \$15; Associational Missions, \$15; Or-

phan's Home, \$5; Foreign Missions, \$30; total, \$115. The L. A. S. of Monette church have paid \$61 on church at that place. The L. A. S. of North Jonesboro have paid for church furniture, \$26; pastor's salary, \$17; Associational Missions, \$5; Ministerial Education, \$5; Mammoth Spring church, \$5; Orphan's Home, \$4; Missions, \$2 80; total, \$65.80.

A motion to elect a Corresponding Secretary was lost. A collection amounting to \$1.40 was taken to help defray the expenses of our Corresponding Secretary at Little Rock. Closing song, "God be With You"

MRS. W. A. MAYWOOD, Pres

MRS. ALTA MOSER, Sec'y

The committee on Divine Services announced the following for preaching services Sunday:

First Baptist church—11:00 a. m., J. H. Peay; 7:00 p. m., Francis Bozeman.

Second Baptist church—11:00 a. m., Francis Bozeman; 7:00 p. m., J. H. Peay.

First M. E. Church—7:00 p. m., M. C. Hodges.

Second M. E. Church—11:00 a. m., J. W. Hiett; 7:00 p. m., H. F. Wright.

First Colored Baptist church—11:00 a. m., H. F. Wright.

The report of committee on Associational Missions, coupled with report of P. C. Barton, Treasurer of Executive Board, was submitted as follows:

ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

At the beginning of the year our Executive Board placed the work on a basis of \$400, but the smallpox epidemic came in the early part of the year, therefore our work was greatly curtailed and for a time almost suspended and our receipts, both from the field and the churches, was so diminished that our Board has been compelled to report a deficit to this meeting, but notwithstanding all of this our God has blessed us abundantly, spiritually, and perhaps this is one of the best years in our history, from a spiritual standard, the only true standard of missions. At Monette we had four conversions; at Nettleton—; at Mosher four; at Bay, twenty-seven; at Brookland, eight; at Bono, one; making a total of forty-four. Monette has built a good house but owe something near \$400 on it. Nettleton has a house near completion with a debt of about \$180. Brookland can worship in their house in pleasant weather, but very much is needed to complete and seat it. Bono has her house very nearly as far along as Brookland and only owe a very small amount on it. Bro. Wright says in his report that there is good prospects for building during the coming year at both Mosher and Weiner. So we feel that our work has not been an entire failure, but when we look at the great destitution and hear our Master say, "The field is white with harvest," we would hide our faces in the very depths of humiliation and cry unto our God for a consecration that will go up and possess the land. Our Board was compelled to drop a number of places aided heretofore notwithstanding their

cry to "Come over and help us," and now since acquiring such a large territory on our east by the uniting of the churches of the Osceola Association with us we do not feel able to suggest a future policy, yet the Lord says "Go," and Paul says "Send." Therefore, we would recommend that the incoming Executive Board be instructed to put a general missionary in the field for all his time.

P. C. BARTON,
D. R. NUFFER,
A. I. PULLEY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

As Treasurer of your Executive Board I beg to report as follows on Associational Missions:

To cash of Mt. Zion church.....	\$ 12 50
" " Walcott church	10 00
" " Fifth Sunday collection	15 00
" " J. A. Hammond.....	2 50
" " Vincint church	5 00
" " Unity church (S T Banks).....	5 00
" " North Jonesboro church.....	17 50
" " Jonesboro church	40 00
" " Wynne church.....	2 50
" " Sister J. N. Robertson	10
" " Fifth Sunday collection	18 70
" " Harrisburg church.....	6 15
" " Cache Valley church.....	5 00
" " Cottage Home	1 00
" " Cherry Valley church.....	6 00
" " Antioch church.....	5 00
" " Brooklyn church.....	5 00
" " Fifth Sunday collection.....	11 66
TOTAL.....	\$168 61

CREDITS.

By expense of P. C. Barton to Little Rock.....	\$ 7 95
By balance paid E. P. Minton on 1898 and '99.....	59 60
By amount paid J. G. Henson.....	10 00
By amount paid Hogan	10 00
By amount paid Merideth.....	15 00
By amount paid E. J. McKinney.....	66 06
TOTAL.....	\$168 61
This leaves us owing E. J. McKinney the balance on his work at Nettle- and Monette of.....	\$ 33 94
We also owe H. F. Wright for his year's work.....	74 40
Total amount of deficit.	\$108 34

Respectfully submitted,

P. C. BARTON, Treas.

The reports were spoken to by several of the brethren, and pending further consideration, an adjournment was had, after prayer by Eld. J. H. Peay.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body met pursuant to adjournment: Song. Prayer, led by J. N. Markhart. On motion further consideration of reports of committee on Associational Missions and Treasurer of Executive Board was postponed indefinitely.

The committee on Ministers and Postoffices submitted its report, which was amended and received as follows:

MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES.

F. Bozeman	Jonesboro	J. N. Settlemoire	Harrisburg
E. P. Minton	Jonesboro	P. M. Huddleston	Harrisburg
J. W. Hiatt	Jonesboro	A. C. Reeves	Harrisburg
J. N. Robinson	Jonesboro	G. M. Settlemoire	Cherry Valley
Lewis F. Yancy	Jonesboro	H. F. Wright	Nettleton
J. N. Hartley	Paragould	W. H. Pruitt	Nettleton
J. M. Huddleston	Paragould	J. H. Stokes	Wynne
W. J. Bearden	Paragould	R. P. Bain	Wynne
D. C. Norvell	Paragould	H. M. Duke	Greenfield
J. M. Miles	Bono	D. H. Hall	Dwight
M. D. Osment	Monette	G. W. Johnson	Luxora
J. G. Henson	Claunch	W. L. Wright	Tyronza
J. N. Waters	Hancock	P. Bozeman	Vanndale
J. N. Lawless	Paragould	M. C. Clark	Lake City

Respectfully submitted,

L. N. SANDERS,
W. A. EDWARDS,
G. T. HAY.

L. N. Sanders addressed the body in regard to the work of his church (New Hope, Poinsett Co.) Responses encouraging him and his church were made by P. C. Barton and J. N. Markhart. A petitionary letter from Ingram's Chapel was presented, and on motion the church received. So many of our delegates going home before the association was over caused the resolution to be offered, "That we change the time of beginning the Association from Thursday until Saturday." The resolution was lost and the following offered and adopted instead:

RESOLVED, That the churches be urged to appoint as messengers to this body brethren and sisters who CAN and WILL REMAIN until the closing session

F. BOZEMAN.

Treasurer H. F. Wright submitted his report on Minute Fund, which see in tabular statement. On motion the Clerk was instructed to retain the usual fee for his services and superintend the printing of as many minutes as money will permit and distribute them among the churches, according to membership.

The standing committee on High School reported as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL.

Since we have been unable to see any way by which we might put on foot and recommend to this body a Baptist High School, and since Prof. A. R. McKinney, who is a staunch Baptist, has already under headway a High School at Cherry Valley, Ark., we feel that we cannot do better than to ask the endorsement of this school by this body, with the understanding that we assume no financial obligations whatever.

J. W. HIETT,
ROBT. P. BAIN,
P. C. BARTON,
J. N. HARTLEY.

The report was discussed and adopted, and the committee continued with F. Bozeman added to take the place of E. J. McKinney, who had moved away.

After prayer by Eld. J. M. Huddleston, the body adjourned.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 7:00 p. m. Eld. J. H. Peay delivered a splendid discourse on the subject, "Seeking Lost Souls;" Luke 15:9. The reports of committee on Associational Missions and Treasurer of Executive Board were again taken up, discussed and adopted, after the following contributions having been made for Associational Missions:

Harrisburg (J. H. Peay)	\$15 00	Brookland	\$ 10 00
Cherry Valley (B. R. Mc).....	2 50	North Jonesboro.....	50 00
Vincint	17 50	W. E. Stotts	2 50
Monette (cash by audience)....	4 00	M. L. Hammond	1 00
Bay (H. F. W.).....	5 00	North Jonesboro Ladies.....	7 50
A. I. Pulley	1 00	Cache Valley	7 50
New Hope	2 50	J. W. West.....	2 50
Antioch	5 00	Clear Lake	5 00
Bethabara.....	12 00	Luxora	10 00
Jonesboro	100 00	Paragould.....	50 00
Walcott.....	15 00	Mt Zion	15 00
Ingram's Chapel	5 00	Mrs J. N. Robinson.....	2 00
Walcott (L. A. S.)	2 50	P. C. Barton	10 00
Nettleton	25 00	Monette	5 00
H. F. Wright.....	5 00	H. C. Hogan	5 00
R. P. Bain.....	5 00	A. C. Broadway.....	10 00
W. A. Edwards.....	2 00	Mrs. Beason.....	2 50
J. W. Seay.....	2 50	Miss Dollie Hunton	5 00

TOTAL.....	\$427 00
On Sunday, Jonesboro church paid cash.....	\$ 20 00
" " North Jonesboro church paid cash.....	12 73
" " First Baptist church (Col.) paid cash.....	5 35
" " " " " pledged.....	5 00
	43 08

Grand total for Associational Missions....

\$470 08

W. A Maywood addressed the body in behalf of Monette church, after which \$30.00 (including \$25.00 cash and \$5.00 pledged), were contributed to help pay the Monette church debt. (On Sunday and Sunday night the several pulpits were filled as announced by the committee on Divine Services).

On motion the Association adjourned to meet at Luxora next session.

Thus closed a very pleasant and profitable meeting of the body, the members taking the parting hand while singing "God be With You Till We Meet Again," and "When the Roll is Called up Yonder I'll be There."

J. A. HAMMOND,
Clerk.

J. H. KITCHENS,
Moderator.



Articles of Faith.

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1 We believe only in one true, living God—Father, Word and Holy Ghost and these three are one

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe that by one man sin entered into the world and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned

4. We believe that Jesus Christ, by the grace of God, tasted death for every man; through His meritorious death the way of salvation is made possible, for God to have mercy on all that come unto Him, upon gospel terms.

5. We believe that being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ

6 That such only are true believers as endure unto the end; that their persevering attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special Providence watches over their welfare, and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation

7. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general and universal judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal

8 We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, who have obtained with each other, and given themselves to the Lord, and each other, having agreed to keep up the Godly discipline, according to the rules of the Gospel.

9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church, and the government thereof is with the body.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the Gospel and to be continued until His second coming

11 We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

12. We believe that none but regular baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table

13. We believe that the Lord's day ought to be observed and set apart for the worship of God, and that no work or worldly business ought to be transacted thereon, works of piety, mercy and necessity excepted.

14. We do not design to impose these Articles of Faith on any church as a rule, but have given them as our views of our Scripture doctrine.

Constitution.

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ART. I. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, the members of the Executive Board and all ordained ministers who are members in good standing, of said churches. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, and one for every fifty members or fractional parts thereof above the first fifty

ART. II. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known as the Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Association, the officers of which shall be three in number, viz: A Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting by the suffrages of the members present. Said Association to have the privilege to enact and carry out missionary purposes in all their meanings, yet so as that the churches and individual members are left free and the giving or withholding shall not be a bar to fellowship

ART. III. The Association shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall merely be considered an advisory council in all matters relative to their external concerns; nevertheless, it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have a uniform rule of procedure namely: If one church commit an offense against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction. If she fails of success, she shall call the aid of two more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion thus called, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits.

If a serious difference should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation can be not affected, the help so called, or the church, may bring the case before the Association to be acted upon according to its merits; but the Association will take no cognizance of any case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have been previously pursued according to the economy of the church discipline found in the 18th chapter of the Gospel by Matthew and other parts of the Scripture, which define the nature of offenses, and the manner of bringing offenders to trial.

ART. IV. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications specifying the names of their delegates, their number of fellowship, baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, deceased since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. V. That churches making application for membership in this body shall be admitted by a unanimous vote

ART. VI. That churches which this body may deem unworthy of membership may be dropped from the list by a majority vote of this body

ART. VII. Any article of this constitution may be changed or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

Rules of Decorum.

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1. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present

2. The Moderator shall take the chair at the hour to which the Association shall be adjourned, and shall proceed to business. It shall be his duty to keep order, and shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as other members, provided he appoint one of the members to fill the chair during the exercise of that privilege, and in no case shall give a vote unless the Association be equally divided.

3. Only one member shall be allowed to speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator by the appellation of "Bro. Moderator," and while speaking shall confine himself strictly to the subject in question, and shall not be disturbed unless he digress from the subject, and shall in no wise reflect on any other speaker so as to make remarks on his slips, failings or imperfections, but shall fairly give his own views of the case without sophistry or criticism.

4. No person shall speak more than three times on one subject, without leave from the Association.

5. No person shall absent himself from the Association without obtaining leave therefrom.

6. No member of the Association shall address another by any other term or appellation than that of brother.

7. The Moderator shall not interrupt a member, or prohibit him from speaking, until his speech is finished, unless he breaks the rules of decorum.

8. The names of all the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association may require.

9. Any member who shall willingly violate any of the foregoing rules shall be reproved by the Association in any way they may think proper.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY	PASTORS.	CLERK	POSTOFFICE	MESSENGERS
Antioch	Craighead..	J N Robertson..	F M Johnson....	Gubertown....	Jas Fowler Lulu Hay G T Hay F M Johnson, Mrs F M Johnson
Bay.....	"	J F McLain.....	J W Rains.....	Bay.....	J F McLain, S S Smith, Richard Scott.
Bethabara	"	W J Bearden	J F Crocker.....	Cane Island....	Julia R Crocker, Mrs T K Blankenship,
Bethel	Poinsett....	E. P. Minton.....	J E Moore	Harrisburg....	Letter. [Allen Blankenship.
Bonnerville	Craighead..	W. H. Meredith..	G. W. Roach.....	Bono.....	G W Cook
Brookland	"	H E Hogan	N. W. Callaway..	Brookland ...	W H Page, N W Callaway.
Cache Valley.....	Greene.....	W. H. Meredith..	J W. West.....	Light	J W West.
Cherry Valley....	Cross	R P. Bain	A R McKinney..	Cherry Valley..	A R McKinney, C Pitts.
Clark's Chapel	"	"	Ira Fattrell.....	Vaundale	Z T Rooks, Ira Fattrell,
Clear Lake	Mississippi	W. R. Sanderson..	W. W. Norman ..	Clear Lake....	G L Bohanning.
Cottage Home....	Craighead..	W. H. Pruitt.....	G. W. Philips....	Nettleton.....	Clarence Smith, G W Pruitt.
Cottonwood Grove	Mississippi	J W. Kyle.....	J W Bardemeyer..	Bird	J W Kyle.
Fellowship	"	J. N. Robertson..	Calvin Greer....	Evadale.....	Letter.
Harrisburg	Poinsett....	E. P. Minton.....	L E Stancill....	Harrisburg....	J R Williams
Hydrick	Cross	"	M. Pitts.....	Hydrick	S A Tyer, Geo W Prince
Ingram's Chapel..	Poinsett....	H. F. Wright	J W. Mead.....	Mosher	"
Jonesboro	Craighead..	F. Bozeman.....	E. A. Peterson ..	Jonesboro	W J Witt, J V Bell, G W Puryear, D D Morse, Jacob Sharp, E A Peterson.
Luxora	Mississippi	E. P. Minton.....	J. H. Landrum....	Luxora	W A Edwards, J V Smoot, Sister J V Smoot, Sister J M Landrum.
Monette.....	Craighead..	"	I M. Hammock....	Monette.....	Effie Kuykendall [Little.
Mount Zion	Greene.....	G. H. Faulkner..	B. F. Bolin.....	Walcott	J M Miles, E S Holmes, A A Ryan, J C
New Hope	Cross	"	J. M. Milton.....	Wynne.....	A I Palley.
New Hope	Poinsett....	J. F. Clark	L N. Sanders....	Tyroneza.....	L N Sanders. [J H Moser.
North Jonesboro..	Craighead..	W. J. Bearden ..	J. A. Hammond....	Jonesboro	W F Beck, J P Ishmael, Wm Hollingsworth, Mollie Hawthorne, Ella Moser.
Paragould.....	Greene.....	J. N. Hartley....	T B Kitchens ..	Paragould....	J M Huddleston, J N Hartley, Arthur Bearden, Sis Ethel Newsom, W J Bearden, T B Kitchens.
Unity	Craighead..	J. N. Robertson..	Mary Thomas....	Mangrum	W A Butler, J T Butler [Borum
Vincint	Crittenden..	R. P. Bain.....	Dr. W H Borum...	Vincint.....	Dr W H Borum, D R Nuffer, Mrs W H
Walcott	Greene.....	J. D J. Faulkner.	W P. Bowlin....	Walcott	Fred Key, G Adams, T T Key, E Key,
Wynne	Cross	"	Wm. Smith.....	Wynne.....	Sis KP Bain, Eld RP Bain [TAKennedy

STATISTICAL REPORT.--Continued.

CHURCHES.	MEMBERSHIP.							Present Membership	No in Sunday School.	CONTRIBUTIONS.										Total	Value of Church Property.
	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY					Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education	B. S. Work.	Pastor's Sal- ary and Help.	Repairs and Incidental.	Minutes.			
	Baptism....	Letter.....	Relation....	Restoration	Death.....	Letter.....	Exclusion..														
Antioch.....	1				2	1		122		\$ 5 00	35	25	25	5 00				1 20	12 05	500 00	
Bay.....	21	11	2	2	3	1		64										1 00	1 00		
Belhabara.....	10	4	4	3	7	3	6	112		1 25			10 00			161 00		1 50	173 75	200 00	
Bethel.....	4			1	3			34								15 50	15 00	1 15	31 65		
Bonnerville.....	1	3			1			9												300 00	
Brookland.....	5	4	3					22		5 00							41 75	1 00	47 75		
Cacho Valley.....	5				4		1	67	35	5 00				2 50	5 49	23 40	2 00	1 00	39 39	200 00	
Cherry Valley.....	7	5			3	3	1	53										1 50	1 50		
Clark's Chapel.....		2			1	1		35								20 00		30	20 30	225 00	
Clear Lake.....	1					3		26								60 00		1 25	61 25	500 00	
Cottage Home.....	6			2		1		21			1 00							25	1 25		
Cottonwood Grove.....								31			5 00					45 00		75	50 75		
Fellowship.....																		1 00	1 00		
Harriaburg.....	11	1	1		1	5	2	79	80	6 15				1 00	8 20	131 50	55 00	1 10	202 95		
Hydrick.....					1		5	52					25	2 25	75			75	4 00		
Ingram's Chapel.....	11		3					17		1 50								50	2 00		
Jonesboro.....	2	10			3	12	30	228	184	66 50	68 80	68 00	124 25	63 50	192 24	767 00	1129 55	5 00	2484 84		
Luxora.....	8	14		1			1	65	56		33 00				10 00	180 00	75 00	1 50	299 50	250 00	
Manette.....	5	6						21								12 50		50	13 00	1016 00	
Mount Zion.....	7	3			3	2	1	132		10 00			5 00	2 50	2 30	100 00	3 60	1 50	124 90	500 00	
New Hope.....	3	1		2												2 75		70	3 45	200 00	
New Hope.....		10						20										1 00	1 00		
North Jonesboro.....	31	12	2		2	5		160	89	12 50				2 50	27 00	192 25	40 50	3 00	277 75	1100 00	
Paragould.....	14	28		3	2	17		360	80		60 00			40 00		700 00	5660 85	4 00	6464 85	5405 25	
Unity.....	7				3	4	3	50										50	50	250 00	
Vincent.....							1	15	18	5 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	9 50	13 00	230 75	43 90	1 00	307 15		
Walcott.....	14	6	1		3		1	100	72	10 00			2 50		7 50	97 95	5 00	1 25	124 20		
Wynne.....	2	6			2	25	1	70		2 50	2 50				21 66	332 25	317 06	1 10	677 07	1350 00	
TOTALS.....	176	126	16	14	44	83	53	1968	614	130 40	171 65	70 25	143 25	128 75	288 14	3071 85	7389 21	35 30	11428 80	11996 25	

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