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Arkansas  
Baptist Convention.  
1887.



# ORDER OF BUSINESS.

First—At the proper time the President shall take the chair and call the Convention to order. In the absence of the President, one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside, and in the absence of the President and both Vice-presidents, any member may be chosen to preside until the organization is completed.

Second—Opening services.

Third—The appointment of a Committee on Credentials, to whom all evidence of eligibility as Messengers shall be referred, and from whom the same shall be reported back as early as practicable.

Fourth—Election of permanent officers of the Convention.

Fifth—Appointment of the Standing Committees, including the following, to-wit:

1. Committee on Divine Service.
2. Committee on Education.
3. Committee on Sunday-Schools.
4. Committee on State Missions.
5. Committee on Home Missions.
6. Committee on Foreign Missions.
7. Committee on Woman's Work.
8. Committee on Publications.
9. Committee on Nominations.
10. Committee on Finance.
11. Committee to prepare Obituaries on deceased members.

Sixth—Hear the report of the Board of the Convention.

Seventh—Hear the report of the Board of Trustees of the College.

Eighth—The Convention Sermon shall be preached on Thursday night.

Ninth—Report of Standing Committees.

Tenth—Miscellaneous.

Eleventh—Farewell Address by the President, and extend the parting hand.

Twelfth—Benediction.

## PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## ARKANSAS

# BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

### THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD AT

✻MORRILTON,✻

NOVEMBER 3rd to 6th, 1887.

Next Session to be Held at Jonesboro, November 1st, 1888.

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## OFFICERS.

ELD. J. P. EAGLE, President, - - - - - Lonoke.  
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 ELD. A. S. PETTIE, Vice-President, - - - - - Ozark.  
 JOHN G. HOLLAND, Secretary, - - - - - Searcy.  
 ELD. A. J. KINCAID, Assistant Secretary, - - - - - Ft. Smith.  
 A. W. FILES, Treasurer, - - - - - Little Rock.

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ELD. J. B. SEARCY, - - - - - Little Rock.

### SECRETARY OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

ELD. A. S. PETTIE, - - - - - Ozark.

## PROCEEDINGS.

MORRILTON, ARK., November 3, 1887.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention assembled in the meeting house of the Morrilton Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by Eld. J. P. Eagle, President of the last convention.

The President then read the 6th Chapter of Romans, after which prayer was offered by Eld. Frank White.

The President appointed, as a committee on Credentials, Elds. A. J. Kincaid, T. D. Ware and M. D. Early, who retired to attend to their duties, and the Convention took a recess of fifteen minutes.

At the appointed time the Convention was called to order, and the Committee on Credentials appeared and made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report the following Messengers entitled to seats in this body.

#### ASSOCIATIONS.

BARTHOLOMEW—Eld. R. A. Watson, Eld. N. C. Denson.  
 BENTON COUNTY—Eld. J. Dunagin, Eld. I. R. Hall.  
 BLUE MOUNTAIN—Eld. T. L. Thompson, J. W. Aday.  
 CAROLINE—B. C. Black, J. M. Britton, W. F. Blackwood.  
 CLEAR CREEK—M. F. Locke, Eld. A. S. Pettie, Eld. E. Windes.  
 COLUMBIA—F. E. Morgan, Eld. D. E. Gambrell.  
 DARDANELLE—Eld. J. R. G. W. N. Adams.  
 FAYETTEVILLE—Eld. Mac Slaughter, Eld. Martin Ball, J. F. Howell.  
 FRIENDSHIP—Eld. M. A. Gunter.  
 GRAND PRAIRIE—Eld. P. A. Haman.  
 GREENBRIER—Eld. W. J. Kirkland.  
 INDEPENDENCE—T. B. Padgett.  
 JUDSON—L. J. Hogg, J. S. Mann.  
 LIBERTY—Eld. J. R. Hughes.

MT. VERNON—Eld. T. D. Ware, Eld. L. K. Obenchain, Eld. W. H. Paslay.

MT. ZION—W. L. Gage.

PINE BLUFF—Eld. Joshua Halbert, Eld. Wm. Tucker.

RED RIVER—Eld. J. P. Copeland, Eld. J. H. Bennett.

SALINE—Eld. B. N. Hultsman, J. H. Howard.

SOUTHWESTERN—Eld. B. F. Bartles.

UNION No. 2—Eld. G. S. Kennard.

UNITED—Eld. B. M. Stevens, Eld. J. Mayall, Eld. B. H. Bear-  
den, Eld. Henry Melton.

#### CHURCHES.

ARKADELPHIA—Eld. G. W. Reeves, J. W. Conger.

ATKINS—D. J. Warren.

BATESVILLE—Eld. J. J. Taylor.

BETHLEHEM—Eld. J. W. Fish, J. H. Grumbles.

CABOT—Eld. R. J. Coleman.

CEDAR CREEK—J. S. Powell, J. C. Powell.

CLEVELAND—W. G. Taylor.

CONWAY—Eld. O. M. Lucas.

DIXIE | Eld. J. A. Johnson, L. D. Drinkwater, L. G. Vollman.

ENON—J. M. L. Thomasson.

FAYETTEVILLE—Eld. John Mayes.

FIRST, LITTLE ROCK—J. P. Howard, J. L. Blackard, A. J.  
Espy.

FT. SMITH—Eld. A. J. Kincaid.

HARMONY—W. S. Carroll, J. N. Carroll.

HELENA—Eld. T. D. Ware.

HOPE—Eld. W. T. Box.

HOPEWELL—J. W. Reynolds, J. C. Alwine.

JONESBORO—Jacob Sharp, W. A. Maywood.

JUDSONIA—D. L. McLeod, J. W. Edie.

MACEDONIA—Eld. W. H. Armstrong, Eld. J. E. Hammack.

MAGNOLIA—Eld. J. B. Perminter.

MALVERN—J. H. Howard.

MONTICELLO—Eld. Frank White.

MORRILTON—Eld. J. M. Hart, Thos. Moody, W. A. C. Sayle.

MT. PLEASANT—L. Box.

OZARK—W. S. Webb.

PRESCOTT—W. E. Atkinson.

RUSSELLVILLE—Eld. J. B. Wise, W. D. Moffitt, W. L. Puckett.

SALEM—B. B. Hawkins.

SEARCY—Eld. J. W. Harriss, John G. Holland.

SECOND, LITTLE ROCK—Eld. M. D. Early, Eld. A. B. Miller, L.  
L. Boone.

STAR CITY—Eld. L. Quinn, J. G. Atkinson.

STEPHENS—F. E. Morgan.

TOLEDO—Eld. W. H. Cash.

UNION HILL—Asa Robertson.

UNITY—Eld. J. H. Bennett.

#### STATE BOARD.

Eld. J. P. Eagle, Eld. J. B. Searcy.

#### WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. W. A. Forbes, Mrs. M. D. Early.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. KINCAID,

T. D. WARE,

M. D. EARLY.

The Convention then proceeded to a permanent organization, by the election of the following officers—the election being conducted by Elds. A. J. Kincaid, T. D. Ware and M. D. Early—Eld. J. P. Eagle, President; M. F. Locke and Eld. A. S. Pettie, vice-Presidents; John G. Holland, Secretary; Eld. A. J. Kincaid, Assistant Secretary; A. W. Files, Treasurer.

Bro. M. F. Locke offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, that the sessions of this body shall be as follows, to-wit: Meet at 8:30 A. M., adjourn at 12, meet at 2 P. M. and adjourn at 5, meet at 7 P. M., and adjourn at will.

On motion, the order of business of last session was adopted for the present session.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.—Prayer by Eld. J. Dunnagin.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M.:—Prayer by Eld. J. B. Searcy.

The committee on Credentials made further report of Messengers present, and the names were added to the first report.

The President announced the appointment of the following

## STANDING COMMITTEES :

DIVINE SERVICES—A. W. Files, Eld. J. M. Hart, W. A. C. Sayle.

EDUCATION—J. W. Conger, Eld. G. W. Reeves, Eld. M. S. Kennard.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Eld. Enoch Windes, Eld. T. D. Ware, Eld. I. R. B. Davis.

STATE MISSIONS—W. E. Atkinson, Eld. A. J. Kincaid, Eld. M. Ball.

HOME MISSIONS—Eld. M. D. Early, W. A. Maywood, Eld. B. F. Bartles.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Eld. J. B. Searcy, Eld. W. T. Box and Eld. W. A. Forbes.

WOMAN'S WORK—Eld. A. B. Miller, Eld. Frank White and Eld. P. A. Haman.

PUBLICATIONS—Eld. L. K. Obenchain, Eld. J. R. Hughes, Eld. J. J. Taylor.

NOMINATIONS—M. F. Locke, Eld. A. S. Pettie, Eld. J. B. Permitter.

FINANCE—Eld. J. P. Copeland, Eld. B. N. Hulstman, W. L. Gage.

OBITUARIES—Eld. J. R. G. W. N. Adams, Eld. R. J. Coleman, Jacob Sharp.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren, to seats in the Convention, which was accepted by the following :

Eld. T. P. Bell, Richmond, Va., Assistant Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

Eld. I. Z. Kimbrough, Lexington, Tenn.

Eld. J. B. Moody, Memphis, Tenn., editor of the Baptist.

Eld. T. L. Fullbright, \_\_\_\_\_ Tenn.

On motion adjourned until 7 o'clock p. m.—Prayer by Eld. A. J. Kincaid.

## THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 7 o'clock p. m.

The Convention sermon was then preached by Eld. A. S. Pettie, from John xii, 28 : "Father, glorify thy name."

The sermon was a powerful and impressive one, and listened to by a crowded house of attentive and appreciative people.

Eld. J. M. Hart, in a few well timed words, welcomed the Convention to the hearts, homes and hospitalities of the good people of Morilton and vicinity.

At the request of the President, Eld. Frank White appropriately responded to the words of welcome, expressing a high and grateful appreciation by the whole body, of the courtesies extended the Convention.

The Executive Board made its report, which was referred to a committee of Elds. Reeves, Quinn and Dunagin.

On motion, adjourned—Prayer by Eld. T. P. Bell.

## FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 8:30 o'clock a. m.—Prayer by Eld. R. J. Coleman.

The minutes of Thursday's proceedings were read and approved.

Eld. W. H. Osborne, of Asheville, N. C., accepted a seat, as a visiting brother.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Sunday Schools report :

That the Sunday School has for its object to interest the young in gospel truth and to bring the membership of the churches into a more familiar acquaintance with the Bible, and thus strengthen Christian character by a knowledge of the truth, and spread the gospel by bringing the young early to Christ.

But while our churches and people are careless regarding Sunday Schools, others are shaping to a great degree the Sunday School policy of our country. The result in many instances is aimless work with the youth of the land. They are impressed from the cradle that Baptist principles may do well enough at the family fire-side, and in the church, but that they should be relegated to a dark corner in the Sunday School.

Let our Sunday Schools be orthodox while our Churches disclaim heterodoxy.

Let it be a part of the imperative duty of every Missionary in the employ of this Convention, to labor to establish and maintain Sunday Schools as well as Churches.

Let all our pastors make the Sunday School a thing of interest, second only to their Churches.

Kind Words, Atlanta, Ga., and the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, furnish literature of a high order and capable of great usefulness in our Sunday School work.

ENOCH WINDES,  
T. D. WARE,  
I. R. B. DAVIS.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint a committee on Temperance, which he did, as follows: Eld. R. J. Coleman, Eld. J. B. Wise, M. F. Locke.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported, and the report was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would say that we are glad to know that our people throughout the State are taking a deeper interest in this work than ever before.

The work is becoming better systematized and more of our members feel that it is their duty to take part in it.

Yet we, as Baptists in Arkansas, are just beginning to have some faint idea of the responsibility and extent of the work. We are now asked for \$1500 a year, and we are glad to know that that sum was raised last year. We are asked for a similar sum this year, about half of which has already been raised, which puts us in advance of any previous year.

But when all our people shall give something to Foreign Missions, and our wealthy members shall give in proportion to their wealth and the importance of this work, instead of \$1500 we will give \$15,000. We could give that amount to-day easily if we were organized and consecrated.

We are glad to note that as the interest has increased in Foreign Missions, it has also increased in Home and State Missions. The success of Foreign Missions does not impede other Missions, but on the other hand it stimulates them.

We have no disposition to compare the relative importance of our several Missions. They are all necessary, and the same spirit prompts each. But the most absolutely unselfish work we do is the support we give Foreign Missions. We do this for Christ's sake and the sake of the perishing millions we never saw and will never see till the last great day. What Christian could refuse to engage in this noble work?

Our Missions in China and Africa are to the purely heathen, who have no knowledge of the true God. Our Missions in Italy, Mexico, and Brazil are to the Romanists, who have a form of godliness, but

deny the power thereof. They are in little less deplorable condition than those in Pagan countries.

All these fields are white unto the harvest, and the Master, by his providence, is saying to Southern Baptists: "Go into these fields and work to-day." Will we do it? Will not each member of this Convention be a willing worker for Foreign Missions this year?

We also recommend that the Secretary of Foreign Missions make his report quarterly to the State Board, and that the same become a part of the report of said Board.

J. B. SEARCY,  
W. T. BOX,  
W. A. FORBES.

The special committee, to whom were referred the report of the Executive Board, reported the same back with certain recommendations, pending the consideration of which,

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.—prayer by Eld. A. J. Kincaid.

#### FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock P. M.—Prayer by Eld. John Mayes.

The report of the special committee, under consideration at adjournment, was withdrawn, and the committee returned the report of the Executive Board, without suggestion.

The report of the Board was recommitted, with instructions to consider the suggestions of Eld. L. Quinn, in regard to Missionaries of Friendship Association.

The Board of Trustees of Ouachita College made their report, which was laid on the table subject to call.

The Committee on Education made the following report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would respectfully submit the following:

We rejoice that it is given to us to bear an important part in the Christian educational movements of this age. God and truth should bear sway more than ever over our youth. The tendency of the times, to a great degree, has been to divorce Christianity and secular instruction. Our denomination has always taken a bold stand to counteract

such tendency. Never before has there been such a deep interest in this educational work. Especially do we note with satisfaction the prominence that is being given to elective courses in Bible studies in our American colleges. The time is not far off when the honors of a liberal education can be claimed by none who are ignorant of the word of God. The Bible is closely related to all that is best in history, literature and civilization. An American student should be a Biblical student. God will magnify His word in our colleges.

These reflections impress upon us the importance of not only the education of our youth in general, but the necessity of ministerial education, for both of which purposes we recommend our own college at Arkadelphia. It is a matter of congratulation that Arkansas Baptists now have within their own State an institution worthy of their support and that commends itself to their consideration.

Let us consecrate it with our prayers, our patronage and our money. More commodious buildings, more active co-operation and organization in its behalf are needed.

For our young ministers we also recommend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For further report upon the Ouachita College, we refer you to the report of the Board of Trustees,

J. W. CONGER,  
G. W. REEVES,  
G. S. KENNARD.

The report of the College Board was taken from the table, and made special order for 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Temperance reported, which was amended and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance reports:

That prohibition is one of the important works that comes before this Convention of Christians. We believe it should be the great object of the Christ-loving world to crush out, with unrelenting hand, the demon strong drink, whose history is one of blood, tears and ruin, and which hangs as a black, haggard curse over all our land.

We know that many of the most brilliant minds, happy homes and generous natures have been crushed by it and left buried in woe forever.

It is the woe of all woes, and the curse of all curses, and has done more than all else combined to spread devastation and misery over all of our beautiful home land. Then it behooves us to come boldly to the

front and take a firm stand upon the great temperance movement now agitating the public mind and spreading its benign influence over our Churches and homes.

We recommend to Churches of this Convention that they discountenance dram-drinking in all of its forms, and aid in the agitation of the temperance wave until it tops every mountain high and fills every valley low with the songs of sweet deliverance from the crushing coils of the venom of the still.

WISE,  
COLEMAN,  
LOCKE.

On motion, adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.—Prayer by Eld. W. H. Paslay.

#### FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 7 o'clock P. M.—Prayer by Eld. J. P. Copeland.

The Committee on Woman's Work made their report, which was made special order for 3:30 o'clock Saturday evening.

The Secretary of Ministerial Education made his report, which was considered.

Pending discussion, the special order, the report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College, was taken up. Pending discussion, a subscription was taken up from the Messengers and congregation present, and \$1365 cash and in pledges, realized thereby.

The report was then adopted, as follows:

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

We, the Board of Trustees of the Ouachita College, submit the following as our report:

Soon after the last annual meeting of our body, Bro. Bartles was called from his work to attend his family in protracted sickness and resigned his work as Financial Agent of your Board. After a continuous service of prayer and anxious deliberation we secured the services of Bro. J. B. Searcy in this work, and he has applied himself with great energy and perseverance in its prosecution. A charter has been obtained for the institution, with fifteen trustees, and a deed to the land containing the school buildings and site for the college has been obtained.

The Board of Trustees have organized, with Eld. J. M. Hart, Pres-



ident, W. E. Atkinson, Secretary, and A. W. Files, Treasurer. (A copy of the charter is published in the present issue of the Arkansas Baptist.) The assets and financial condition of the said institution are about as follows: There was a subscription by the people of Arkadelphia to procure the location of the college, consisting of the building now occupied by the college and the site of six acres on which it is located, valued at \$5000; of cash promised by individuals, \$6510; of lots in Arkadelphia and adjacent land, valued by them at \$1970; of lumber, \$750; of labor, \$50; of which about \$900 has been collected and expended under the direction of this Board in repairing the old house and making it subserve the interest and demands of the school. There was subscribed at the last session of this body \$3100 in money, to be paid in five annual installments, and there was donated to the college a tract of land by Bro. W. A. Forbes, valued at \$500; there has been given in cash and pledges, since our last meeting, something over \$6000. In recapitulation, we have property worth, at its estimated value, over \$8000; in pledges for about \$15,000 in money, \$50 in work, and \$750 in lumber.

We further submit the following comparative statistics, viz:

One year ago Bro. J. W. Conger was assisted by five teachers. Now he is assisted by seven and must have another.

One year ago we reported 166 pupils enrolled; we now have matriculated 218.

One year ago we had fifty-three boarders; now there are ninety.

One year ago there were three young ministers attending; there are now nine.

We have found our present buildings altogether inadequate to the present pressing and urgent demands of the school. Bro. Conger has been compelled to add another room to them at his own expense. The religious influences there are good. About thirty of the pupils were happily converted since the last session.

After prayerful consideration of these facts your Board has adopted a plan for a permanent college building, which is estimated will cost twenty-five thousand dollars, and a building committee has been appointed, who are instructed to contract for the building of the same. They have let a contract for the burning and delivery of 300,000 brick, 100,000 of which are to be delivered on Dec. 1, 1887, the remaining 200,000 to be delivered on or before March 1, 1887. We have not the means for this, but we have taken this step, trusting God and our brethren to enable us to carry it through. We have too much at stake

and invested for us to falter. An uncertain and hesitating policy at this juncture will entail disaster and ruin. We have trusted you for your approval and the means to consummate our plans.

On motion adjourned—Prayer by Eld. J. W. Harriss.

#### SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 8:30 o'clock A. M.—Prayer by Eld. W. A. Forbes.

The minutes of Friday's proceedings were read and approved.

Unfinished business—the report of Secretary of Ministerial Education was taken up. Pending its consideration, a subscription was taken up, and \$55.50 cash, \$172.50 pledges—total, \$228, raised. The report was then adopted, as follows:

Your Secretary of Ministerial Education would report that this department of our work is assuming grand proportions. We had in school last year at Jackson, Tenn., Brothers Wells and the two Bartons; at Ozark, Bro. Lawrence; at our own college, Bros. Bennett, Watson, Myric, and Powell. This session Bro. Wells and the Barton Bros. have returned to Jackson, Tenn; Bro. Lawrence will be in the school at Ozark; Bros. Bennett, Watson, Myric, Calhoun, Nunn, Brewer, Dickerson, Cate and Milan are now in our college. Bro. Allen, of Bartholomew Association, and Bros. Stringfellow and Wilson, of Clear Creek Association, are expected to enter soon, so that we have at present sixteen young preachers either in school or preparing to enter soon. We have also heard of a number of others that expect to enter as they may be able.

The means to aid our young preachers last session were very scarce indeed. Most of the work of your Secretary has been constructive work. He has sought to stimulate an interest in the subject generally over the State. There has passed through his hands directly only about \$200 during the year. He has now on hand \$19.50. Some of the pledges of last year have not yet been paid. Brethren and Churches in different portions of the State have aided our young preachers some, but they have had mainly to depend on their own exertions and management, for a support. They have endured much privation with as little complaint as any set of young men we ever knew. These young men spent their vacation in teaching, selling books and preaching all they could. Some of them succeeded so well that they are now able to support themselves and continue their studies. All of them did well

during their vacation so far as I know. The Lord seems to be giving us many promising young men of deep piety and much promise, but they desire to be educated, and this will require greatly increased contributions to this work. Your Secretary hopes the day is not far distant when Ministerial Education will receive a share of our systematic beneficence, as Missions do.

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY,  
Secretary of Ministerial Education.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Atlanta, Ga., Cor. Sect'y. Home Mission Board, and Eld. W. T. Lowrey, President Blue Mountain College, Miss., were invited to and accepted seats as visitors.

The Executive Board made its report, which was approved, as follows:

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

The State Executive Board, soon after its appointment, met and organized by re-electing Eld. J. P. Eagle, President; John G. Holland, Secretary; A. W. Files, Treasurer. The Board has held a number of meetings during the year, mostly in Little Rock.

#### RECORDING SECRETARY.

The approval by the Convention of the action of the Board for the preceding year, in the work of putting a Corresponding Secretary in the field, to organize, induce co-operation, etc., and the plan being, in the judgment of the Board, the most feasible and best that could be devised, led the Board, without hesitation to continue work on the same line during this year, and it re-elected Eld. M. D. Early to the position, for the year.

As to the general scope of his services, we take the following from his report to this Board:

"The year has been spent in active operations, such as visiting nearly every part of the state, many churches, and attending every associational meeting possible, introducing the general plan of work of the Board, the Mission Book, etc., and inducing sympathy and co-operation with the State work. In two or three important fields holding meetings, from which much and lasting good has resulted."

#### APPOINTMENTS.

From appointments made last year, there were in the entire state the following missionary pastors: Eld. A. B. Miller, Second Church,

Little Rock; Eld. J. D. Rasberry, Conway and Perryville; Eld. J. B. Perminter, Camden; Eld. D. E. Gambrell, Clarksville; Eld. W. H. Barksdale, Marianna; Eld. J. B. Lumbley, Kingsland—expiring on the 31st of December, 1886.

Taking the pledges made at the convention, the promised help from Associations, and the aid assured by Dr. Tichenor of the Southern Board, the Board made the following appointments:

Eld. M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary, one year from Nov. 7, 1886. Salary, \$1200.00.

Eld. A. B. Miller, Second Church, Little Rock, one year from Jan'y 1st 1887. Salary, \$500.00.

Eld. P. A. Haman, Hazen and Carlisle churches, one year from Jan'y 1st, 1887. Salary, \$100.00.

Eld. W. H. Paslay, Brinkley church, one year from Jan'y 1st, 1887. Salary, \$50.00.

Eld. L. O. Miers, Fordyce church, one year from Jan'y 1st, 1887. Salary, \$50.00.

Eld. Frank White, Benton church, one year from Jan'y 1st, 1887. Salary, \$100.00. At the end of the 1st Quarter, Mch. 31st, Eld. White resigned, to accept the pastorate of Monticello church.

Elds. T. W. Wright and Wm. Denton, Missionaries of White River Association, services at Yellville, one year from Jan'y 1st, 1887. Salary, \$50.00.

Elds. J. B. Lumbley, Kingsland church; T. R. Vick, Mt. Moriah church; T. J. Varnell, Rison church; L. Quinn, Star City church, missionaries of Friendship Association, one year from Jan'y 1st, 1887. Aggregate salary \$91.60. (In addition to this amount, the Executive Board of the Association pays said Missionaries an aggregate salary, for the year of \$183.40—making in all \$275.00 as a supplement to the amounts paid them by the churches.)

Eld. O. M. Lucas, Conway church, from May 20th to Dec. 31st, 1887. Salary, \$45.80.

Eld. B. F. Bartles, Center Point church, May 20th to Dec. 31st, 1887. Salary, \$45.80.

Eld. A. S. Hall, Paragould Church, May 20th to Dec. 31st, 1887. Salary, \$45.80.

Eld. Mack Slaughter, Fayetteville Association, May 20th to Dec. 31st, 1887. Salary, \$45.80.

Eld. J. M. Haycraft, Second Church, Hot Springs, May 20th to Dec. 31st, 1887. Salary, \$29.15.

Eld. Enoch Windes, Van Buren Church, July 1st to Dec. 31st, 1887. Salary, \$100.

All of said salaries to be paid by the two Boards—two-thirds by this Board, and one-third by the H. M. B. of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Several other places made applications for help, but the Board were unable to do more, and as it could not assist all, made selections deemed best for the Master's cause.

THE WORK DONE.

The Board is very much gratified at the reports made from the different points aided by it. While some are only moderately encouraging, others are greatly so, evidencing that God is blessing His people in Arkansas, and the efforts of the State Board in the advancement of His Kingdom.

The following items, taken from the reports, will give a little idea of the work done by the Missionaries:

No. of Missionaries	- - - - -	21
Aggregate months of service	- - - - -	138
Churches supplied	- - - - -	22
Other stations	- - - - -	11
Sermons delivered	- - - - -	821
Addresses delivered	- - - - -	274
Religious meetings attended	- - - - -	264
Baptisms	- - - - -	244
Received otherwise	- - - - -	133
No. of Sunday-Schools	- - - - -	27
Miles traveled	- - - - -	8500

THE FIELD.

While the work done by the Board has been gratifying, and the prospect before it is promising and encouraging, yet the needs are great. Many towns in the state are in a condition, not only needing the assistance of the Board, but with even a little help would soon become self sustaining, and important as centres from which would radiate yet greater benefit in the work of taking the State for Christ. And there is much that might be done in the way of general field missionaries in co-operation with associations. The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers and money are few.

MISSION BOOK.

Last Spring the Board set on foot a plan of systematic beneficence,

that gives promise of much success. To aid this, a Mission book was adopted, which contains 96 pages, properly ruled and printed, and which may be had from Eld. Early, at the nominal price of 35 cents each. We urge the churches to procure the book, and adopt the plan, which provides for the enrollment of each member upon the same, with the sum he or she may designate to be paid weekly or monthly for Missions. The funds thus collected to go into the treasury of the church, and be paid out as directed by the church for missionary purposes.

The work being done by the Board, the present year, is at an expense of about \$650.00 per quarter—one-third of which is furnished by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. From the pledges of individuals and associations and the collections made by the Recording Secretary, and the remittances from the Southern Board, this Board has on hand about funds enough to settle all claims to the end of the 3rd quarter—Sept. 30th—so that we can begin the new conventional year free from debt. That this result is due in a great degree to the efforts of the Corresponding Secretary, no one acquainted with the work can deny. For a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Board, the report of the Treasurer is hereto appended, showing \$1556.46 received, and \$1130.40 expended.

We recommend a continuance of the plan of the past year, not only because changes are of doubtful propriety, but also because the plan is working admirably and proving to be all that its most earnest advocates hoped in its inauguration.

The messenger, death, has laid hold on one of the members of the Board, and he has gone to his reward. Deacon Blakeley D. Turner, a member of the Second Church, Little Rock, and for several years one of the most efficient members of this Board, was on the 6th day of October last, called up higher by the Master. While the Board feels to rejoice in the hope of Bro. Turner's salvation, we can but deeply regret his loss to the Board, to the church at Little Rock and the Baptists of Arkansas.

CONCLUSION.

The Board asks a prayerful consideration of its work from its brethren, with the assurance that what has been done has been "with an eye single to the glory of God, and the advancement of His cause."

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. EAGLE, President.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Secretary.

A. W. FILES. TREASURER,  
IN ACCOUNT WITH BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1886-7.	DR.	AMOUNT.
Nov.	Bal. on hand as per account current - - - -	\$ 230 91
Nov. 10	To Columbia Association, Ministerial Education - - - -	10 20
Nov. 11	" Fayetteville Church, Missions - - - -	3 50
Nov. 11	" Fayetteville Sunday-School, Missions - - - -	1 40
Nov. 25	" Wolf Creek Church, (J. P. C.) - - - -	4 00
Dec. 1	" Columbia Association, (J. B. P.) - - - -	25 00
Dec. 16	" I. R. Hall, paid to J. Dumagin - - - -	10 00
Jan'y 1	" M. D. Early - - - -	50 00
	" M. D. Early, (J. P. E.) - - - -	75 00
Jan'y 24	" Columbia Association, (J. B. P.) - - - -	25 00
Jan'y 30	" Mrs. Atkinson - - - -	1 00
	" Mrs. Atkinson, Foreign Missions - - - -	1 00
Feb'y 7	" M. D. Early - - - -	100 00
Feb'y 22	" Woman's Mis. Aid Soc., Ozark, Mrs. Crudup - - - -	5 00
M'ch 2	" M. D. Early - - - -	125 00
M'ch 21	" Sec. Bapt. Church Sunday-School, Little Rock - - - -	5 00
M'ch 26	" M. D. Early - - - -	100 00
April 16	" Magnolia Sunday-School - - - -	3 65
April 27	" Judson Association (J. Files) - - - -	4 25
May 23	" Friendship Association (A. J. F.) - - - -	22 90
May 25	" M. D. Early - - - -	50 00
June 19	" Second Baptist Church, Little Rock - - - -	16 35
July 6	" Pine Bluff Church, by Sunday-School - - - -	5 00
July 22	" J. P. Eagle (sub. self and wife) - - - -	100 00
July 22	" J. P. Eagle (loan) - - - -	75 00
July 23	" M. D. Early - - - -	89 00
Aug. 15	" Second Baptist Sunday-School, Little Rock - - - -	7 50
Aug. 26	" Friendship Association (A. J. F.) - - - -	15 25
Sept. 3	" Friendship Association (A. J. F.) - - - -	7 65
Oct. 3	" Second Baptist Sunday-School, Little Rock - - - -	12 50
Oct. 6	" Russellville Association - - - -	12 65
Oct. 11	" M. D. Early - - - -	100 00
Oct. 12	" M. D. Early - - - -	100 00
Oct. 15	" Bartholomew Association (J. B. S.) - - - -	12 65
Oct. 29	" Mrs. J. B. Searcy - - - -	5 00
Nov. 5	" M. D. Early - - - -	140 00
		\$ 1556 46

1886-7.	CR.	AMOUNT.
Nov. 9	Paid J. G. Holland, voucher 1 - - - -	\$ 27 00
Nov. 26	" J. D. Rasberry, voucher 2 - - - -	7 55
	" J. A. Bowers, voucher 3 - - - -	44 00
Dec. 1	" M. D. Early, voucher 4 - - - -	25 00
	" J. B. Perminter, voucher 5 - - - -	25 00
Dec. 16	" Jasper Dumagin, voucher 6 - - - -	10 00
Jan'y 1	" M. D. Early, voucher 7 - - - -	55 00
Jan'y 24	" J. B. Perminter, voucher 8 - - - -	25 00
Jan'y 28	" J. G. Holland, voucher 9 - - - -	48 25
Jan'y 31	" A. B. Miller, voucher 10 - - - -	50 00
Feb'y 7	" M. D. Early, voucher 11 - - - -	50 00
M'ch 2	" M. D. Early, voucher 12 - - - -	100 00
M'ch 10	" A. B. Miller, voucher 13 - - - -	50 00
M'ch 26	" M. D. Early, voucher 14 - - - -	100 00
April 18	" W. H. Barksdale, voucher 15 - - - -	16 65
April 18	" D. E. Gambrell, voucher 16 - - - -	25 00
	" Jasper Dumagin, voucher 17 - - - -	15 00
May 23	" J. D. Rasberry, voucher 18 - - - -	33 35
	" A. J. Fawcett, voucher 19 - - - -	15 25
May 26	" A. B. Miller, voucher 21 - - - -	83 35
June 15	" Frank Smith, voucher 22 - - - -	16 65
June 16	" P. A. Haman, voucher 23 - - - -	16 65
June 17	" W. H. Paslay, voucher 24 - - - -	8 35
June 30	" L. O. Miers, voucher 25 - - - -	8 35
July 7	" T. W. Wright and Wm. Denton, voucher 26 - - - -	8 35
Aug. 1	" A. B. Miller, voucher 27 - - - -	83 35
Aug. 26	" A. J. Fawcett, voucher 28 - - - -	15 25
Aug. 27	" A. S. Hall, voucher 29 - - - -	5 55
Sept. 1	" O. M. Lucas, voucher 30 - - - -	5 55
Sept. 5	" J. M. Haycraft, voucher 32 - - - -	2 75
Sept. 11	" W. H. Paslay, voucher 33 - - - -	8 35
Sept. 16	" L. O. Miers, voucher 34 - - - -	8 35
Sept. 20	" P. A. Haman, voucher 35 - - - -	16 65
Sept. 24	" Mark Slaughter, voucher 36 - - - -	5 55
Sept. 24	" B. F. Bartles, voucher 37 - - - -	5 55
Oct. 1	" T. W. Wright and Wm. Denton, voucher 38 - - - -	8 35
Oct. 28	" A. B. Miller, voucher 39 - - - -	83 35
Nov. 2	" B. F. Bartles, voucher 40 - - - -	12 50
Nov. 5	" W. H. Paslay, voucher 41 - - - -	8 35
Nov. 5	" O. M. Lucas, voucher 42 - - - -	12 50
	Balance cash on hand - - - -	426 06
		\$ 1556 46

The Committee on Home Missions reported, which was considered. Pending discussion, the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Eld. O. M. Lucas.

#### SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock P. M.—Prayer by Eld. W. T. Lowrey.

Eld. Joseph A. Booker, corresponding messenger from Arkansas Baptist Convention, (colored,) was received and invited to a seat in the Convention.

The report of the committee on Home Missions was adopted, as follows :

Your committee on Home Missions submit the following :

The work of the Home Mission Board during the conventional year ending in May last shows Missionaries employed 251. Baptisms 3923. Churches constituted 119. Houses of worship built 62. Its expenditures were \$122,097.20 of which \$37,270.15 were for houses of worship.

The work in Cuba, which has been assigned to this Board by the S. B. Convention shows most gratifying results. Six men native Cubans are now engaged in preaching the gospel as Missionaries of the Board, and as many more are as teachers working for the Master.

During the quarter ending Oct. 1st, 150 Baptisms were reported. There are now about 500 baptized believers, constituted into four churches in that Island. At more than a dozen different places the gospel is regularly preached to large and increasing congregations. In no field occupied by our Missionaries has the divine blessing fallen in such gracious showers as upon the Isle of Cuba.

May the Lord of the harvest multiply these tokens of this favor until the whole Island shall be fruitful with the praises of God.

But much as we rejoice in the success of this department of the work of the Board, your Committee cannot resist the conclusion, that the most important part of the work of this Board is to be found in the destitute portions of our own land. The evangelizing of the growing millions of our country must affect most profoundly not only the destinies of our own, but of Foreign lands. The rapid increase of our population, the marvelous development of our material resources the forming and multiplication of new industries, the building up of our towns and cities, and the new centers of trade and influence, demand greatly

increased efforts upon the part of our people in the evangelization of the millions on our home field.

In this work, the Baptists must take the lead. The truth of this proposition will be seen, first, by virtue of the principles held by Baptists ; secondly, by virtue of the position we hold in this Southern land as a denomination. Fully one-half of the people of the South are today looking to the Baptist people for religious instruction, and God will hold us responsible for any failure upon our part in furnishing them with the bread of life.

In conclusion, permit your committee to say, to evangelize America is to evangelize the World!

M. D. EARLY,  
B. F. BARTLES,  
W. A. MAYWOOD.

The Committee on State Missions made their report, which was adopted, as follows :

We, your Committee on State Missions, beg leave to report as follows :

We are much gratified with the work done by the State Board. We heartily recommend the continuation of the agencies and measures which are employed by them. We think the convention should be careful to place upon our Board men of God, in whose wisdom, integrity and piety they have implicit confidence, and that their actions and judgments as a Board should be respected, and criticised, if at all, in a Christian spirit. We further recommend the continuation of the policy of the Board heretofore pursued in adopting places of importance, where the cause is weak, and rendering them self-sustaining, which in time become tributary to the Board and central points around which new systems are formed, as is illustrated in many places in the State. We approve the work of the Board, in its co-operation with associations in their work, and in the adoption of the Mission book, and recommend the continuance and extension of this policy.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. KINCAID,  
MARTIN BALL,  
W. E. ATKINSON,  
Committee.

The Special Order, report on Woman's Work, was taken up, and adopted, as follows :

Your committee on Woman's Work would respectfully report the following:

We rejoice to find a growing and commendable interest in this department of Christian endeavor; and we are happy to know that the sisters of the Woman's Central committee of the Convention have been able, as their report shows, to do much good and permanent work in the way of organizing mission societies, and a most healthy interest is being developed.

When we consider the position assigned woman in the Scriptures as a companion and helper, and realizing that it is not good for man that he should be alone, we would most earnestly commend the purpose of our sisters to help to the full extent of their ability and opportunity in the efforts being made to preach the gospel in all the world and to every creature.

We discourage all ideas of separate work and we are most happy to know that our sisters have no thought of separate and distinct effort, only desiring to help in their own way, the work being done by forming societies in the churches and to encourage one another to do what they can in every good word and work. Now we would recommend that our sisters be encouraged and assisted in their efforts to better organize and more fully carry into effect the blessed purpose to let the gospel shine in every dark place on earth. And we would further suggest and recommend, that our Executive Board be authorized to take such steps as in their judgement may be deemed wise and expedient for the more successful organization and effectual prosecution of Woman's Work in our State.

A. B. MILLER,  
FRANK WHITE,  
P. A. HAMAN.

Eld. J. B. Searcy, Secretary of Foreign Missions, reported, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions would report that there has been contributed since last meeting of this Convention, to December, \$135.50; January, \$59.85; February, \$99.60; March, \$487.18; April, \$199.20; May, \$36.23; June, \$33.20; July, \$7.00; August, \$38.82; September, \$443.80; to this time \$151.00. Total for the year, \$1,697.68. This shows an increase over last year of \$597.29, or 52 per cent gain. We therefore thank God and take courage.

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Foreign Mission Secretary.

The Committee on nominations reported, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

BRO. PRESIDENT.

Your Committee on Nominations Respectfully nominates for the positions, purposes and places, as follows, to-wit:

1. As Executive Board, in addition to those who are ex-officio members, J. K. Brantly, Eld. W. A. Forbes, W. E. Atkinson and Eld. J. B. Searcy.
2. Place of holding the next convention, Jonesboro.
3. To preach the Convention sermon, Eld. Enoch Windes.
4. Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, J. P. Eaglo, J. B. Searcy, A. S. Pettie, J. M. Hart, A. W. Files, M. D. Early, W. E. Atkinson, M. F. Locke, Martin Ball, John Mayes, R. J. Coleman, A. B. Miller, J. R. Hughes, G. W. Reeves, J. W. Conger, J. W. Harriss, W. A. Forbes, J. B. Perminter, Frank White, A. J. Kincaid, J. B. Wise, W. S. Webb, Enoch Windes, T. W. Wright, O. M. Lucas, L. K. Obenchain, W. H. Pasley, D. E. Gambrell, G. S. Kennard, B. N. Hultsman, and any other member present endorsed by the messengers named who attend.
5. Secretary of Foreign Missions, Eld. J. B. Searcy.
6. Secretary of Ministerial education, Eld. A. S. Pettie.
7. Woman's Central Committee, Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. W. H. Tharp, Mrs. M. D. Early, Mrs. W. A. Forbes, Mrs. A. B. Miller, Mrs. J. C. Crudup.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. LOCKE,  
J. B. PERMINTER,  
A. S. PETTIE.

Adjourned—Prayer by Eld J. J. Taylor.

#### SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 7 o'clock p.m.—Prayer by T. L. Fullbright.

The Committee on Publications made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

We your committee on Publications beg leave to submit the following:

Your committee can recommend nothing more worthy the constant and prayerful perusal of Christian people than the Bible. For by an

acquaintance with its precious truths we become thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work. Our efficiency as laborers in the cause of the Master is in proportion to our knowledge. It is lamentably true that Christians do not read the Word of God as much as they should, and as a consequence the cause of truth suffers in the hands of its friends.

We would therefore urge that the Baptists of the State become a Bible reading people. But as this is eminently an age of reading, when all kinds of literature is scattered broadcast over our land, much of which does harm instead of good, it has been and is now necessary that periodicals of a moral and religious character be published to counteract evil influences. For this purpose, and to furnish the people with suitable reading matter, many good Baptist papers are being issued by men of God, and furnished at rates that make it possible for all to supply themselves with wholesome religious reading matter. Many of them are worthy the patronage and support of Baptists everywhere.

But we recommend especially the Arkansas Baptist as not only worthy of, but claiming our hearty and constant support. We do this because it is sound in faith, and because it is an indispensable medium in advancing the great and now growing enterprises of the State.

No pastor should feel that he has done his duty until he shall have made an effort at least to place it in every Baptist family.

And that we may be better acquainted with fields, facts and figures, we would recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board of the S. B. C., at Richmond, Va., at the nominal price of 35 cents per annum.

Respectfully Submitted,

L. K. OBENCHAIN,  
J. R. HUGHES,  
J. J. TAYLOR.

The following Resolution was adopted:

Resolved that the speeches in this convention during the remainder of the session be limited to five minutes each, except by permission of the convention.

The Committee on Obituaries made their report, which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was committed the subject of obituaries, report upon the following: Elders W. M. Lea, Isham R. Hall, Jef. Neighbors, B. C. Hyatt, S. Cornelius, D. D., James Reed, Jacob Hudspeth, J. S. Capps, B. W. Milwee and W. C. Newell, and Deacons

D. C. Hall, Blakeley D. Turner, R. T. Sanders, B. F. Howard and Orville Conlee.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS,  
R. J. COLEMAN,  
JACOB SHARP,  
Committee.

ELD. W. M. LEA.

This brother was born in North Carolina, was reared and educated in West Tennessee,—one of the students of old Union University—entered the ministry in 1843; came to Arkansas in 1852, and did mission work in the eastern part of the State. In 1855 he located at Pine Bluff. In 1861 he went to Mississippi, where he remained until 1866, when he returned to Arkansas and located in Little Rock. Afterwards he made his home at Conway, where he died last Spring. His ministerial career up to 1861 was of great efficiency and success; no one exceeded him in usefulness and popularity. After that time misfortune and afflictions crushed him and somewhat crippled his influence.

ELD. ISHAM R. HALL

Was born in North Carolina, February 2, 1804, after which he removed with his father to South Carolina, where he made a profession of religion, and joined the Baptist Church. Subsequently he removed to Georgia, where, in 1838 or 1840, he was ordained to the Gospel Ministry. He married his first wife in South Carolina, by whom he had ten children, one of whom still survives. Eld. Hall came to Arkansas in 1851, and settled in Conway county, where he spent the balance of his days. He was a very efficient minister of the Gospel, the first Baptist preacher in this section of country—hence may be denominated the pioneer preacher in this end of the earth. He broke brush and built up many Churches. Was at the organization of the Caroline Association, and its first Moderator, and continued Moderator for several years, with universal satisfaction to the Association. He continued faithfully in the work up to his death, which took place in August, 1886. He was a stern, positive, yet kind hearted man, and his work still lives on.

## ELD. JEF. NEIGHBORS.

This brother was born in Tennessee, and came to Arkansas when a boy. He settled in the part of Saline, now in Garland county. He entered the ministry about 1862. His education was quite limited, yet he was a very useful and influential minister in his sphere. Several now large churches were built up under his ministry. He departed this life, peacefully, in March, 1887.

## ELD. B. C. HYATT.

This brother was born and reared in Chester district, S. C.; came to Arkansas in an early day. He professed the Christian religion in early life; entered the ministry about 1856 or 1857; was a very acceptable minister of the Gospel of Christ. He preached extensively through Southeast Arkansas, and built up many churches. He was not so brilliant as some others, yet none exceeded him in point of goodness and usefulness. He left three worthy daughters, and two sons, as well as a large circle of brethren and friends, to mourn his death. He died, July, 1887, at his home in Monticello, where he had lived for many years, in his 73d year. Thus has another good and useful man gone to the Glory Land.

## ELD. S. CORNELIUS, D. D.

This brother died, Dec. 29, 1886, in Little Rock, where he had resided for several years, and was pastor of the First Church. He came to Arkansas in 1880, and his first work was Sunday-School Missionary, under the direction of the Executive Board. The following is a paper furnished us, as written by himself prior to his death:

“LITTLE ROCK, Jan. 1, 1886.

“I commenced preaching Jan. 1, 1844. I was licensed by the church at Mt. Holly, N. J., and was ordained at Tecumseh, Mich., Oct., 1848. I have been in the ministry 39 years, have preached 5436 sermons, made 23,400 religious visits, attended 4450 prayer meetings, and have been instrumental in the conversion of 500 persons; have taken a leading part in the erection of six houses of worship; have collected considerable sums of money for the objects of Christian benevolence, and have been a frequent contributor of evangelical articles for the religious press. Blessed be God.”

## ELDER JAMES REED

Died during the past year. He was an ordained minister and a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist church, Conway county, Ark. He was a faithful, but an uneducated minister in the United Association.

## ELDER JACOB HUDSPETH

Died during the present year. He entered the ministry in early life. He spent several years of his life in the employ of the General Association of Missouri. He came to Arkansas during the Civil war. He spent one year as Missionary for the Dardanelle Association, doing very efficient work. He was a close Bible student and a man of deep piety, and an impressive minister. He was more than four-score years old, and died in the triumph of a living faith.

## ELDER J. S. CAPPS

Died during the present year. He was a very efficient minister, a close Bible student, a man of deep piety, and a kind husband and father. He was a member of the Russellville Association.

## ELDER B. W. MILLWEE.

This young brother died at Ozan, in Hempstead county.

We have not been able to learn anything of his birth place, or of his history, up to a few years ago. We have learned enough to know, that he was a young preacher of great promise, and was the pastor of several churches at the time of his decease; also a teacher in a high school.

## ELDER WM. C. NEWELL

Died, at his home near Mt. Vernon, on July 28, 1887, aged 73 years, 9 months and 13 days. Bro. Newell was born Oct. 15, 1813, in Green county, Tenn., and at the age of 20 years he made a profession of faith in Christ and united with Concord church in that county, from which



time he became a faithful, earnest laborer in his Master's vineyard, and for a long time he was actively engaged in making historical inquiries in behalf of the Baptists of East Tennessee.

In March, 1848, Bro. Newell was ordained to the complete work of the gospel ministry at the church he first joined, and soon after was appointed missionary by the General Association to labor in the destitute portions of Green and Hawkins counties.

About 1857 he moved to Washington county, Tenn., and united with Buffalo church, of which he was a consistent member for fifteen years, twelve of which were spent in the pastoral care of the church.

In 1862 he moved to Mt. Vernon, Ark., and joined the church there, of which he was an esteemed and honored member at the time of his death. Thus is gone to rest one of the Lord's most faithful, earnest and devoted servants.

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DEACON D. C. HALL

Was born in Alabama; came to Arkansas, with his father, when a boy, and settled in Dallas county, where he lived a life of usefulness as a Baptist and a Deacon until last Summer, when he died, at the age of about 65. Bro. Hall was one of the constituent members of the Arkansas Baptist Convention in 1847.

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DEACON BLAKELEY D. TURNER.

This brother was brought up in Haywood county, Tenn., professed religion in 1840, and was baptized into the fellowship of old Russell Springs church (now Brownsville). He came to Arkansas, before the war, and settled in Searcy, where he remained until a few years ago, when he removed to Little Rock, where he breathed his last in October of this year. He was one of the leading lawyers of the State—was filling an important office, (Supreme Court Reporter) at the time of his death. He was filling next to the highest office in the Church of Christ, which is the highest organization in the world. He filled that office. Thus another good and useful brother has left the walks of men, and gone to his reward. The writer knew him from his boyhood. He was in his 64th year.

DEACON R. T. SANDERS.

This brother was born in North Carolina, about 1807; graduated in the State University; became a member of the Baptist Church in early life. He married, at the age of 22, a daughter of the late General Boone, and raised thirteen children, all of whom, except two, and also his wife, preceded him to the Glory Land. He died at Hazen, last Spring. He was a Baptist, in the true sense of the word. He was one of the founders of Wake Forrest College and of the State Convention of North Carolina. He removed to Mississippi years ago, and settled in De Soto county, where he lived and worked until about 1871, when he came to Arkansas, and settled in Prairie county, and remained there until his death. He was rich and lived in affluence, up to the late war; after that he was in straightened circumstances, but remained the same liberal hearted, godly man as when he was in prosperity. Bro. Sanders was a Deacon indeed. He delighted to aid in fostering all of our educational and missionary enterprises. In short, he was one of our best men. He aided in the education of Dr. M. T. Yates, missionary to China, of which he was proud to the day of his death.

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DEACON B. F. HOWARD

Lived and died in Independence county, a member of Batesville Church for many years and a Deacon of same for last ten years.

In his death, which came after a lingering illness of two years, the cause in general and his Church in particular sustained a serious loss. We only wish that all Christians would exemplify as he did, the power of a living faith, both in health and trying sickness.

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DEACON ORVILLE CONLEE

Was born in Gibson county, Tenn., Dec. 10, 1811. In early life he united with the Baptist Church, in Mississippi. He removed to Arkansas in 1859, and settled near Dardanelle, and joined the Church there. About 1868 he settled at Lewisburg, where he organized a Sunday-School, and was its Supt. for three years in succession. About this time, the old Galla Creek Church extended an arm to Lewisburg, and soon thereafter a Church was organized, and Bro. Conlee was made its

first Deacon. In this capacity he faithfully served his Master up to the time of his death, which occurred April 11, 1886. His faithful companion soon thereafter followed him to the home of the blest.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Report of the Secretary of missionary work for the conventional year ending Nov. 3, 1887.

In our fourth annual report to this Convention, we are pleased to note a steady, healthy growth in the interest taken in woman's work, both by brethren and sisters.

Twenty-three new societies have been organized: and in several instances—as at El Paso,—they have revived dead churches, called pastors and gone to work in earnest.

Thirteen societies on last year's list have failed to report, still we have an increased number in this year's catalogue, showing the existance of more than fifty active societies.

This failure is accounted for in two ways. The lack of co-operation on the part of some pastors and the fact that we have no established means of communication, except by correspondence, which is entirely too burdensome to prove efficient.

The amount contributed for missions is very meager compared with that appropriated to church aid, but we trust that in the near future, as our churches are freed from debt and become self supporting, that a corresponding increase will be found in our missionary funds.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Alma, \$43.00; Altus, \$146.35; Batesville, \$154.00; Brinkley, \$65.00; Cabot, \$90.00; Camden, \$8.75; Carlisle, \$50.00; Conway, 48.85; Dardanelle, \$200.00; El Paso, \$24.00; Eureka Springs, \$143.59; Fayetteville, \$185.00; First, Little Rock, \$424.55; Friendship, \$1.10; Harmony, \$2.20; Heber, 3.05; Jonesboro, \$252.00; Lake Village, \$10.00; Lonoke, \$147.85; Marvell, \$5.00; Monticello, 145.00; Morrilton, 141.00; Mountain Home, \$91.00; Ozan, \$12.00; Ozark, 347.60; Philadelphia, \$100.00; Pine Bluff, \$20.40; Prairie Grove, \$16.80; Rehoboth, \$260.00; Rogers, \$26.45; Russellville, \$125.00; Salem, 9 45; Searcy, \$180.00; Second, Little Rock, \$503.27; Spring Valley, \$1.00; Star City, \$5.00; Van Buren, 95.75; which was appropriated as follows:

Associational Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$43.15
State Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	126.40

Home Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	94.15
Foreign Missions,	-	-	-	-	-	-	177.80
Ministerial Education,	-	-	-	-	-	-	39.55
Church Aid,	-	-	-	-	-	-	3717.70
Unappropriated,	-	-	-	-	-	-	79.95
Total,	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$4278.80

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. EARLY, Secretary.

Elder W. A. Forbes offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College is hereby requested to appoint a committee of three or more, conveniently located, who shall examine into the worthiness and needs of the young men who may apply for aid.

2. That this committee shall not aid any young man who does not present good commendations from his Church.

3. That all moneys coming into the hands of the Financial Secretary of Ministerial Education be turned over from time to time to the committee, unless where otherwise directed by the donor. And that said committee make report of the funds received and expended by them, to this convention.

The Committee on Finance reported, which was adopted:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to make this our report:

There has been received during the meeting of this Convention, cash and pledges as follows:

College building, cash and pledges	-	\$1385 00
Foreign Missions, cash	-	166 15
Ministerial Education, cash	-	55 50
Pledges	-	172 50
Total	-	\$ 228 00

J. P. COPELAND,  
W. L. GAGE.

Eld. J. W. Harriss offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Executive Board be and is hereby authorized to fill any vacancies in said board, and also all vacancies in any of the appointments of this Convention that occur before the next meeting of this Convention.

2. That the last page of the cover of the minutes of the Convention be used as an advertising medium for the College, and the third page of the cover for the use of the Arkansas Baptist.

3. That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to this Church and community for the kind hospitality with which they have entertained this session of the Convention.

4. That the thanks of this Convention be tendered our very efficient officers for their faithfulness in discharging their duties.

5. That the Secretary have one thousand copies of the minutes of the present session published and distributed, and that he be allowed thirty dollars for his services.

6. That the thanks of the Convention are hereby tendered to the other denominations for the use of their houses of worship on Sunday.

J. W. HARRISS.

On motion, ordered that collections be taken at close of morning services on Sunday, at different Churches, for aid to Carlisle Church to rebuild its house of worship, and that collections be taken Sunday night, for like purposes for Center Point Church.

Corresponding Messengers were selected as follows :

ARKANSAS BAPTIST CONVENTION, cold.—Eld. J. P. Eagle, Eld. W. A. Forbes, Eld. M. D. Early, John G. Holland, Eld. T. D. Ware, L. L. Boone, J. M. Britton.

TENNESSEE CONVENTION.—Eld. T. D. Ware, Eld. A. S. Pettie.

MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION.—Eld. J. B. Searcy, Eld. D. E. Gambrell, J. M. Britton, Eld. J. P. Eagle, Eld. N. C. Denson, Eld. T. D. Ware, Eld. M. Ball, Eld. M. D. Early, M. F. Locke.

LOUISIANA CONVENTION.—Eld. Frank White, Eld. D. E. Gambrell, Eld. W. A. Forbes, Eld. J. R. Hughes, Eld. J. M. Hart, Eld. J. B. Searcy, Eld. J. B. Wise.

TEXAS CONVENTION.—M. F. Locke, Eld. G. W. Reeves, Eld. L. Quinn, L. L. Boone, F. E. Morgan, W. A. C. Sayle, W. L. Puckett.

A handsome quilt, donated by the ladies of New Edinburgh Church, was presented to the Convention, and the brethren present raised and paid \$10 for it, to go to State Missions; and the quilt was then donated to Sister Frank White.

On motion, adjourned until after evening services on Sunday.—Prayer by Eld. M. Ball.

#### SUNDAY.

After morning services collections were taken for the benefit of Car-

lisle church, and \$27.10 raised and paid over to Elder P. A. Haman.

#### SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES.

The Convention assembled after preaching.

The following was adopted :

Resolved, That the President appoint some brother who shall be Historian, to report at the next session.

Elder W. A. Forbes was appointed to the position.

A collection for Center Point church was taken up by Elder B. F. Bartles, and \$16.10 raised.

On motion the report on obituaries was amended, by adding other memorial sketches.

The President then made an address. The congregation sang, "Sweet By and By." The parting hand was extended, and the Convention adjourned.—Prayer by Elder J. R. G. W. N. Adams.

J. P. EAGLE, President.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Secretary.



# CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Body shall be styled the "BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION."

ART. 2. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of messengers from Baptist Associations and Baptist Churches, on presentation of proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

ART. 3. Associations shall be entitled to five messengers and Churches to three, and the State Central Committee of the Ladies Aid Society shall be ex-officio members of the Convention.

ART. 4. It is distinctly understood that this Convention shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction, nor in any way interfere with the Constitution of any Church or Association.

ART. 5. The object of this Convention shall be to supply the destitute regions within its bounds with the unadulterated Word of Life, and a living ministry, and to aid by appropriate and Scriptural means all destitute and feeble Churches, and also supply communities with such books as may be approved by this body, and as may be thought best calculated to communicate information as to the distinctive doctrines and ordinances of the Gospel of Christ as received by our denomination, and to aid and encourage ministerial and Gospel and general education, Mission and Sunday-School work, and to gather denominational statistics.

ART. 6. The Convention shall elect by ballot, annually, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; and that the President, Secretary and Treasurer, together with four other brethren, elected by the body, shall compose the Executive Board, four of whom shall constitute a quorum. Said Board to hold office till their successors are elected.

ART. 7. The Convention shall convene on Thursday before the first Sabbath in November, each year.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Convention, two-thirds of the members present concurring in the measure, except the fourth article, which shall forever remain unaltered.

8. Every motion made and seconded, after time is given for debate, shall be put to the Association, unless previously withdrawn, and the Moderator shall announce the decision of the Association.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

10. No appellation but that of Brother shall be used by members in addressing each other during the session of the Association.

11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speech as any other member; provided, the chair be filled during the time, and vote in case of a tie, and as any other member.

12. The roll shall be called as often as the Association may deem necessary, and no member shall withdraw himself from the Association without leave.

13. These rules shall be read at the opening of each session, and oftener if necessary.

14. All questions shall be decided by I and no, unless the yeas and nays are called for by a motion and seconded, in which case the decision shall be thus taken.

15. These rules may be amended at any session of this body, by a majority of the members present.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## ABSTRACT OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe there is only one true and living God, revealed to us under the personal and relative distinctions of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testaments, are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, as founded in the fore-knowledge of God, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and belief of the truth.

ART. 4. We believe that man was created upright, but, by voluntary transgression, fell from that holy estate; consequently he and all his posterity became dead in trespasses and in sins.

ART. 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ through faith in His name.

ART. 6. We believe in the final perseverance of the saints in grace.

ART. 7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and general judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous, and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ART. 8. We believe that a Christian Church is a congregation of baptized believers, who meet statedly, and have covenanted together to maintain the ordinances, discharge the duties, and enjoy the privileges set forth in the New Testament, as appertaining to the Church of Christ.

ART. 9. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, unless he has been regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of a properly authorized presbytery.

ART. 10. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are both positive institutions, and the only ordinances of the Church of Christ; and that believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. 11. We believe that regularly baptized believers only have the right to commune at the Lord's table.

ART. 12. We believe that the Lord's Day, the Christian Sabbath, should be observed as a day of rest and religious devotion.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Total Members.	Deacons.	Licentates.	Ordnained Ministers.	Contributions.	Meetings.	PASTORS.	POSTOFFICE.
Alabama	A. A. Duan, J. S. Page	2	1	3	4	1	40	1	1	1	1	\$1 00	1	F. W. Earle	Fairview
Antioch	T. L. Pirtle, J. H. Pirtle, T. L. Brown	2	1	1	1	1	30	1	1	1	1	1 00	2	T. L. Pirtle	Gravel Ridge
Anchor	E. H. Lindsey, G. B. Talbot, Jesse Files	8	3	5	1	2	30	2	2	2	2	3 00	2	L. O. Miers	Chambersville
Bethesda	W. T. Duncan, W. C. Barnes, J. F. Rowland	3	3	1	1	1	88	2	2	2	2	1 75	3	T. L. Pirtle	Summerville
Canaan	Henry Riggs	2	2	1	1	1	44	2	2	2	2	1 75	3	L. O. Miers	Locust Bayou
Coldwater	T. D. Tipton, W. I. Carter, W. D. Burrough	2	2	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1 25	2	D. Tipton	Orlando
Emmaus	Thos Rowland, W. Mayfield, G. H. Thompson	3	2	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1 00	2	E. H. Lindsey	Hampton
Friends	W. M. Hopson, J. E. Hopson	3	2	1	1	1	41	2	2	2	2	2 75	2	E. H. Lindsey	Kingsland
Gravel Ridge	S. Adams, S. C. Porterfield	3	2	1	1	1	29	2	2	2	2	2 75	2	J. O. Browning	Fairview
Grum Springs	F. Brown, G. B. Suggs, Joe Spraggin	9	2	2	4	1	70	2	2	2	2	2 50	3	F. W. Earle	Princeton
Madonia	L. O. Miers, D. G. Jones	4	2	2	1	1	24	1	1	1	1	2 75	4	L. O. Miers	Thornton
Mt. Pleasant	J. S. Mann, W. L. Daniel	4	2	2	1	2	43	3	3	3	3	3 00	1	J. O. Browning	Pine Grove
New Hope	J. B. Douthett, J. J. Moseley, P. H. Files	11	1	8	2	2	52	3	3	3	3	3 00	2	M. P. Calaway	Nampan
New Edinburgh	J. W. Earle, S. J. Dickinson	11	1	6	5	1	47	3	3	3	3	2 00	1	J. B. Lumby	Edinburgh
New Harmony	F. W. Earle, S. J. Dickinson	11	1	6	5	1	47	3	3	3	3	2 00	1	J. B. Lumby	Holly Springs
Onachita	M. P. Benson, J. T. Brooks	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	2 00	2	J. O. Browning	Pine Grove
Princeton	M. W. McEntendon, W. James	2	8	3	1	1	30	3	3	3	3	1 50	3	J. O. Browning	Princeton
Salem	W. J. Smith, W. F. Henry	2	8	3	1	1	45	3	3	3	3	2 00	4	J. A. Bowers	Bearden
Shady Grove		41	22	17	7	7	944	8	8	8	8	1 00	4	J. A. Bowers	Fordyce
Totals		41	22	17	7	7	944	8	8	8	8	\$1 65	14		