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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

HELD WITH THE  
BAPTIST CHURCH AT AUSTIN, ARK.,

On the 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th Days of November, 1872.

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OFFICERS:

ELD. M. Y. MORAN, *President.*  
ELD. J. B. SEARCY, *Secretary.*

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# PROCEEDINGS.

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The Arkansas Baptist State Convention convened, pursuant to adjournment, with the Baptist Church in Austin, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock A. M., November 14th, 1872.

The Introductory Sermon was postponed till Friday, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention was called to order by the President, and after reading the 145th Psalm, singing, and prayer by Eld. W. H. Robert, the credentials from the different Associations and churches were read, and the delegates' names enrolled. (See Appendix A.)

The Convention then proceeded to ballot for officers for the present Conventional year, which resulted in the choice of Eld. M. Y. Moran as President, Elds. W. D. Mayfield and W. M. Lea as Vice-Presidents, and Eld. J. B. Searcy as Secretary and Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention agreed to meet at 8 o'clock A. M. and adjourn at 2 P. M. each day of the session.

On motion, an invitation was extended to all Baptist brethren present to take part in the deliberations of this body. The following brethren reported their names: Eld. J. R. Graves, from the Southern Baptist Publication Society; Eld. G. J. Johnson, from the Bible and Publication Society; Eld. A. D. Philips, from the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and Prof. M. T. Martin, from Mississippi College.

On motion, Eld. G. J. Johnson addressed the Convention on the question of Sunday-school work.

The following committees were appointed:

*On Nominations*—Elds. M. Green, J. M. King and T. B. Espy.

*On Preaching*—Eld. R. J. Coleman, Wm. Blackwood, Wm. Sanders, W. Patton and A. Garlington.

*On Documents*—W. R. Rock, Elds. J. M. Hart and J. Dunagin.

*On Domestic Missions*—Elds. Mayfield, Reid, Putman, Sikes and Searcy.

*On Education*—Elds. T. B. Espy, J. P. Eagle, and Breth. O. Lamar and A. Walker.

*On Publications*—Elds. T. P. Boone, B. C. Hyatt, W. A. Wilson, A. M. Russell and W. M. Lea.

*On Finance*—Elds. W. B. Beaver, J. T. Craig and M. D. Early.

*On Ministers' Names and Postoffices*—Elds. J. Dunagin, J. R. G. W. N. Adams and J. M. Hart.

*On Sunday-schools*—Elds. R. M. Thrasher, W. H. Robert, T. A. Reid and R. J. Coleman.

*On Mississippi College*—Elds. W. D. Mayfield, M. Green, B. Putman, J. S. Morton and J. H. Howard.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Eld. M. Green.

FRIDAY, November 15th, 1872, 7 o'clock A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. T. A. Reid. The minutes of yesterday were read, corrected and adopted.

On motion, a special committee was appointed on Shiloh Institute, consisting of Elds. J. R. G. W. N. Adams, J. Dunagin, W. H. Robert, J. F. Coleman and T. P. Boone.

The State Sunday-school Convention was represented by Elds. R. J. Coleman, T. P. Boone, W. H. Robert and T. B. Espy.

On motion, a Committee on Deceased Ministers was appointed, consisting of W. R. Rock, Elds. W. M. Lea, W. H. Robert, T. B. Espy and W. B. Beaver.

Eld. W. D. Mayfield read his Report, which was made the order of the day for to-morrow, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Eld. W. D. Mayfield tendered his resignation as Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Education, which was accepted.

The Treasurer read his report, which was submitted to an auditing committee, consisting of Eld. J. T. Craig, B. Swain and Eld. J. Dunagin.

On motion, Eld. G. J. Johnson was invited to address the Convention on the subject of Indian Missions.

On motion, the Convention took a recess to hear the Conventional Sermon by Eld. J. M. Hart, which was preached from 1 Tim. ii. 5. The sermon embodied the essence of the gospel.

After the discourse by Eld. Hart, Eld. G. J. Johnson addressed the Convention on the subject of Indian Missions, and a collection for that purpose was taken up, amounting, in cash, to \$33.25, and pledge \$25.00; total, \$58.25.

On motion, a call was extended to corresponding messengers, when Elds. James Nelson, H. H. Finley and W. S. Webb were

received from Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and Eld. J. R. Graves and J. L. Verser from West Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The Report of the Standing Committee on Foreign Missions was read, and after a thrilling speech by Eld. A. D. Philips, the following sums were collected: From Searey Church, \$5.00; from Bentonville Association, \$25.80; individual contributions, \$22.50; total, \$53.30. The Report was adopted. (See Appendix B.)

On motion, Eld. Philips was invited to address the Convention to-morrow at 11 o'clock, A. M., on the subject of Domestic and Foreign Missions.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Eld. W. D. Mayfield.

SATURDAY, November 16th, 1872, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W. M. Lea.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Report on Ministerial Education was taken up, and, after some discussion, adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The Report on Education was read, and after being discussed and amended, it was adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The Auditing Committee on the Treasurer's Report made their Report, which was adopted. (See Appendix E.)

On motion, the Treasurer's Report was adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The Committee on Documents made their Report, which was adopted. (See Appendix G.)

The Report of the Committee on Domestic Missions was read, and after a speech by Eld. A. D. Philips, there were raised for that work, in pledge, \$403.00, and in cash, \$25.40; total, \$428.50. The Report was adopted. (See Appendix H.)

A collection for Indian Missions was taken up by Eld. A. D. Philips, amounting, in cash, to \$16.20.

The Report of the Committee on Mississippi College was read and laid on the table till the Report on Shiloh Institute should be read.

The Report of the Committee on Shiloh Institute was read, and, on motion, laid on the table, but ordered to be printed. (See Appendix I.)

On motion, the Report of the Committee on Mississippi College was taken from the table, and after being discussed and amended, it was adopted. (See Appendix J.)

A resolution respecting Shiloh Institute was adopted. (See Resolutions 1.)

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Eld. James Nelson.

#### SABBATH EXERCISES.

Met at 9 o'clock, A. M., in Sunday-school at the Baptist Church. Opened with prayer by Eld. T. P. Boone. Eld. A. D. Philips addressed the children on the subject of conducting Sunday-schools in Africa, and what he had seen there. At the close he took up a collection for the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, amounting to \$22.15.

At 11 o'clock, A. M., Eld. J. R. Graves preached at the Baptist Church. Text: "And behold, the vail of the temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom." (Matt. xxvii. 51.) The sermon was one of Bro. Graves' most powerful efforts. After preaching, Bro. Graves addressed the brethren a short time in the interest of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, whereupon thirty-four shares of stock were subscribed to the Society.

Eld. James Nelson, of Mississippi Convention, preached at the same hour at the Methodist house of worship. Text: 2 Cor. i. 5. This was a delightful sermon.

At 7 o'clock, P. M., Eld. W. S. Webb, of Mississippi College, preached at the Baptist Church. Text: Rom. i. 16. This was a very able sermon, and well calculated to make some Baptists, as well as Pedoes, blush for shame. After the sermon, Prof. M. T. Martin raised for the endowment fund of Mississippi College \$2500.

Thus closed the Lord's day, spent in his service, and oh, may God sanctify the labors and offerings of the day to our good and his eternal glory, for the Redeemer's sake!

MONDAY, November 18th, 1872, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W. M. Lea.

The minutes of Saturday and Sabbath were read and adopted.

A resolution was adopted allowing no brother to speak more than five minutes on any one subject during the remainder of this session.

The Report of the Committee on nominations was read, discussed, amended and adopted. (See Appendix K.)

The Report of the Board of Domestic Missions for the State was read and adopted. (See Appendix L.)

The Report of the Committee on Publications was read, discussed, amended and adopted. (See Appendix N.)

The Financial Report of the Board of Ministerial Education was read and adopted. (See Appendix O.)

The Report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was read and adopted. (See Appendix P.)

The Report of the Committee on Ministers' Names and Post-offices was presented, and on motion referred to the Secretary of the Convention for completion. (See list of names and postoffices in Appendix.)

The Report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted. (See Appendix Q.)

On motion, a resolution respecting the future actions of the Board of Ministerial Education was adopted. (See Resolution 2.)

On motion, Eld. J. F. Griffin was added to the Board of Domestic Missions.

The Report of the Committee on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted. (See Appendix R.)

A resolution respecting printing the Minutes and Secretary's salary was adopted. (See Resolution 3.)

A series of resolutions were offered by Eld. Mayfield, which were adopted. (See Resolutions in the order of their number.)

On motion, Messengers were appointed to the different bodies with which we correspond, as follows:

*To the Southern Baptist Convention*—Elds. Mayfield, Espy, Searcy, Hyatt, Hart, Robert, Thrasher, Griffin, Moran, Green, Owen, Scaife, Everett, Lea, Johnson, Boone and Sikes.

*To the Louisiana Baptist State Convention*—Elds. M. D. Early, W. Harrison, R. M. Thrasher and J. B. Searcy.

*To the Mississippi Baptist State Convention*—Elds. T. B. Espy, W. D. Mayfield, J. B. Searcy, T. P. Boone, W. H. Robert and W. M. Lea.

*To the West Tennessee Baptist Convention*—Elds. M. Y. Moran, M. Green, W. B. Beaver, R. J. Coleman, W. M. Lea and J. B. Searcy.

On motion, the Secretary was allowed to withhold the printing of the Minutes till he could get such minutes of the various Associations in the State as would enable him to make up a good statistical table of the Baptists and their work in the State.

On motion, the Secretary was allowed to print such advertisements in the Minutes as he thinks proper.

On motion, adjourned to meet with the Union Baptist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Thursday, 10 o'clock, A. M., before the first Sunday in November, A. D. 1873.

A parting song was sung, and the hand of fraternal separation extended, while the eyes of the delegates were suffused with tears and their lips trembled with benedictions upon each other, and those who beheld the scene could exclaim: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Thus closed the 25th anniversary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

M. Y. MORAN, *President.*

J. B. SEARCY, *Secretary.*

## APPENDIX.

[A.]

### ROLL OF DELEGATES.

#### ASSOCIATIONS.

- LIBERTY—J. M. Ward, O. Lamar, J. M. Perdue.  
 BARTHOLOMEW—B. C. Hyatt, M. Green, J. S. Wood, J. D. Rasberry, J. V. McColloch, Hogan Allen.  
 MT. VERNON—W. D. Mayfield, W. M. Lea, W. H. Robert.  
 RED RIVER—H. H. Coleman, M. D. Early, T. A. Head, Wm. Borum, J. O. Browning.  
 JUDSON—J. T. Craig, A. Yates, S. Gardner, R. C. Land.  
 SALINE—J. C. Henderson, E. L. Manard, J. H. Howard, A. J. Nowland, R. M. Thrasher, R. M. Linsey, J. Lankford, W. H. Rowin, Wm. Daniel, C. F. Moore.  
 PINE BLUFF—J. S. Morton, B. Thomas, T. A. Reid, L. Quinn, T. W. Quinn, W. R. Rock, W. A. Wilson.  
 CAROLINE—J. P. Eagle, A. M. Russell, T. P. Boone, R. J. Coleman, T. B. Espy, B. D. Turner.  
 SPRINGFIELD—B. H. Bearden, J. W. McClure.  
 DARDANELLE—J. R. G. W. N. Adams, W. W. Crawford, M. M. McGuyre.  
 BENTONVILLE—J. Dunagin, J. W. Sikes, B. Putman.  
 MT. ZION—W. T. Smith, R. Paramo.

#### CHURCHES.

- BETHLEHEM—M. Y. Moran.  
 OAK RIDGE—B. C. Hyatt.  
 FRIENDSHIP—Wm. Case, Wm. Barnes, Lee Webb, R. J. Preston, J. R. Reed.  
 MONTICELLO—M. Green, H. W. Lewis, P. R. Smith.  
 ELDORADO—J. M. Hart, O. Lamar, J. M. Perdue.  
 CORNERSVILLE—Dr. T. J. Julean.  
 NEW HOPE—J. U. Wharton.  
 MACEDONIA—J. B. Searcy, E. H. Owen.  
 FOREST CHAPEL—R. A. Lea.  
 AUSTIN—R. J. Coleman, A. J. Patton, W. F. Blackwood.  
 ANTIOCH—M. Y. Harston, J. T. Harston, W. F. Freeman, J. W. Morton.  
 PLEASANT HILL—T. Carroll.  
 HICKORY GROVE—J. F. Griffin, E. H. Owen.  
 GREENWOOD—W. B. Beaver, C. A. Barton, W. B. Duncin.  
 HARMONY—W. A. Wilson, N. Humphreys.  
 BIG CREEK—U. J. Newell, T. Thompson, M. N. Shepherd.

LIBERTY—J. O. Hurt, H. T. Curry, B. T. Jones.  
 BETHLEHEM—M. D. Early.  
 LONOKE—J. P. Eagle, A. M. Russell.  
 WALNUT PLAIN—J. T. Richard.  
 UNION—W. R. Rock.  
 EDINBURG—J. T. Craig.  
 MT. OLIVE—W. S. Allen.  
 PROMISE LAND—J. B. Franklin.  
 FELLOWSHIP—Wm. Mears.  
 FIRST CHURCH, Little Rock—M. C. Johnson, L. L. Boone.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS.

E. J. Hogan, R. Hood, J. M. King, N. J. Davis, A. Walker.

[B.]

REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Standing Committee on Foreign Missions respectfully offer the following report:

We have cause to regret that so little has been done through this committee, but are very thankful that so much has been done as we are able to report. We think the Baptists of the State are awakening to the importance of mission work, both at home and abroad, and we have observed with great pleasure that instead of receiving less for home missions, on account of our receipts for foreign missions, the opposite is true, as the Report of the Domestic Mission Board shows. The entire amount of money collected and reported through this committee for foreign missions during the year is \$150.00, and for Indians, \$56.15; total, \$206.15.

The following will show how said money was collected, and how disbursed:

HOW COLLECTED.	
At last Convention.....	\$ 65 00
At Bartholomew Association.....	8 30
At Bentonville Association.....	25 80
At Red Bluff Church.....	12 00
By Eld. L. Quinn.....	5 00
By Eld. A. Wilson.....	2 50
By Dr. Castleberry.....	1 00
By G. Bright.....	50
By Big Creek Church.....	1 00
By Searcy Church.....	5 00
By individual contribution at present session.....	22 90
Total.....	\$150 00
FOR INDIAN MISSIONS.	
Collected by Eld. B. C. Hyatt.....	\$ 22 90
Collected at present session.....	33 25
Total.....	\$ 56 15
	150 00

Aggregate.....	\$206 15
HOW DISBURSED.	
Sent to Dr. Taylor, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.....	\$ 65 00
Sent to Dr. Tupper, Secretary Foreign Mission Board, by Eld. W. A. Wilson.....	7 50
Sent by Eld. A. D. Phillips to Foreign Mission Board.....	77 50
Total.....	\$159 00
FOR INDIAN MISSIONS.	
Sent by Eld. B. C. Hyatt, through Eld. J. R. Graves, to Dr. Sumner, Secretary Indian Mission Board.....	\$ 22 90
Sent, through Eld. G. J. Johnson, to Eld. H. F. Buckner.....	33 25
Total.....	\$ 56 15
	150 00

Aggregate.....\$206 15  
 Your committee would respectfully recommend that each church in the State take up one collection during the year for foreign missions.  
 Respectfully submitted.  
 J. B. SEARCY, Chairman.

[C.]

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Board of Ministerial Education desire to report that during the Conventional year it has done what it could in the interest of the great work with which it has been charged. The Board was reorganized immediately after the last meeting of this body, by the election of Dr. J. M. Jacks as President. An effort was at once made to secure a General Agent, but we failed in this, and during the whole year we have not been able to find any one who would take the work. This laid us under the necessity of raising the funds required to carry on the work by our own efforts, which was mainly through the labors of the Secretary. We have thus far been able to do the work, notwithstanding these difficulties; but the Board is compelled to say that the work already done is as nothing compared with what should be done. The work is truly stupendous. An agent to collect funds, to seek out young ministers, and to stir up general interest among the people, is a recognized necessity. We still hope and believe that a suitable man can be found to take this work, and we beg the Convention to prayerfully consider the question of a General Agent, and, if possible, to appoint a suitable man for this work. The Board of Trustees of Mississippi College will probably send a man into the State to labor in the interest of said institution, and the Convention might secure the services of such man to labor at the same time in the interest of ministerial education. We have been enabled, by the liberality of the people, to keep in school Breth J. D. Fletcher, R. A. Venable, E. H. Owen, Levi W. Coleman and J. D. Jameson; the last named brother has been entirely supported by his own Association. Breth. Coleman, Owen and Jameson have, on account of feeble health, been compelled to leave school for a season, but on reaching their homes they have gone actively into the Master's service, and, as we have learned, they are

doing a great and blessed work. Thus the cause is beginning to bear fruit. At this time we have but two students in college. Others, however, will soon go on, and there is a prospect that the work will grow and that the number of students will increase largely during the year now before us. Such, brethren, is a plain statement of the work we have tried to perform during the year. With the prayer that God may greatly prosper this work during the conventional year, we are, very fraternally,

W. D. MAYFIELD, Secretary.

J. M. JACKS, President.

[D.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would report that this subject may well claim the attention and enlist the support of a body like ours, the prime mission of which is the enlightenment of the masses on every subject that concerns their well being here and hereafter. It is necessary, in this new and growing State, that new life should be infused into this work. We recommend that unanimity and increased activity characterize our action in this direction. Let some plan be adopted that will enlist the churches, thus bringing the subject of MINISTERIAL EDUCATION especially to our homes and hearts.

T. B. ESPY, Chairman.

[E.]

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your Auditing Committee would respectfully report that after examining the Treasurer's Report, we find it correct.

J. T. CRAIG, Chairman.

[F.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEBIT—1872.

Received of Finance Committee.....	\$145 00
“ for advertising Mississippi Female Institute.....	5 00
“ “ “ for Goodwyn & Co.....	4 00
“ “ “ Eld. G. J. Johnson two libraries.....	16 00
“ “ “ Eld. G. J. Johnson 4000 pages tracts.....	4 00
Total.....	\$174 00

CREDIT.

Paid for printing Minutes.....	\$ 74 00
“ stationery.....	3 00
“ stamps.....	4 45
“ balance due Treasurer.....	5 51
“ freight on libraries.....	1 40
Tracts distributed.....	4 00
One library on hand.....	8 00
Secretary's salary.....	30 00

Total.....	\$133 86
Balance in treasury.....	\$ 40 14
Respectfully submitted,	J. B. SEARCY, Treasurer.

[G.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents beg leave to report that we find one letter, viz., the one from Springfield Association, that seems to demand our attention. The invitation of that Association to co-operate with them in building up a High School at Springfield, Conway county, we think should be referred to the Committee on Education, that they, if practicable, may suggest a plan of co-operation. Pine Bluff and Dardanelle Associations ask for the next session of this Convention to be held in their bounds, respectively at Little Rock and Dardanelle. This committee would respectfully request the different Associations in the State to report the names and addresses of their Moderators, Clerks, and ordained and unordained ministers in their letters to the next meeting of this body.

W. R. ROCK, Chairman.

[H.]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Domestic Missions would respectfully report that our people well know there is wide extended destitution in the State. We think that the field should be occupied to the extent of our ability. The Board at Marion, Ala., has pledged itself to assist in cultivating our field. With the help of this Board, we think that a good man can be put into the work, and we very earnestly recommend that a missionary be appointed at once. We learn that a man of strength can be found. We think that he should be paid for his services not less than one hundred dollars per month, with all the expenses incurred in travel. This missionary should take the work of the Domestic Mission Board and the Ministerial Education Board, and give his whole time to the cause, and great good will be accomplished.

W. D. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

[I.]

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SHILOH INSTITUTE.

The Special Committee on Shiloh Institute would report that this Institute is the first denominational school established in the State. It is situated in Washington county, in the northwest portion of the State, in one of the most healthy portions of the country, surrounded by a large Baptist community exerting a good moral influence, with cheaper board than can be obtained elsewhere. In view of these and many other advantages, we submit to the Convention of taking hold of this school and making it a State institution of the first class. This school has already been indorsed by the Dardanelle, Fayetteville and State Corner Associations, in this State, and Shoal Creek Association, in Missouri. Respectfully submitted,

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Chairman.



[J.]

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Mississippi College beg leave to report that throughout the whole State there seems to be more than an ordinary interest on the subject of education. We are rejoiced to know this, and think that the interest felt on this subject should be made tributary to our own college. We think it can be done. We are satisfied, in fact, that the interest now felt may be deepened and intensified by proper agencies until there is a universal awakening on the subject of mental culture. If our people can only be made to feel that the hope and prosperity of the denomination depend very largely on popular education, they will not be slow to do their part. They will put forth all possible effort to sweep away every vestige of ignorance. Only press home to their hearts the fact that ignorance is the curse of individuals; that it is the ruin of nations; that it cripples our civilization and overturns the bulwarks of morals and religion. Only make them feel the truth, and they will rise up at once to do their duty. Let some man be sent among us by the Board of Trustees who can make our people feel that knowledge is the friend of humanity; that it widens the field of our usefulness; that it opens the way to a higher civilization, and contributes very much to the happiness of our race. Let this be done, and our people will do what they can to endow our institution of learning. We speak confidently. We have faith in Baptist brethren. The college is out of debt. Some thirty thousand dollars have already been raised for the endowment fund. The Trustees desire to increase this amount very largely, and since this is *our college* by the action of this Convention, they expect that its members and Baptists generally in the State will help to endow it. This, we think, is a solemn duty. We do not expect to enjoy, from year to year, all the advantages and privileges of our college, and then throw upon the shoulders of others the responsibility of its support. We, as Baptists, love our own honor too well for this. In view of all these facts, we heartily recommend that the Board of Trustees send an agent into the State to secure our quota of the endowment fund, and that our people contribute what they can for this noble object. Respectfully submitted.

W. D. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

[K.]

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations report that the Board of Ministerial Education be continued, with Eld. W. D. Mayfield for its Secretary, with the addition of the brethren who constitute our quota of the Board of Trustees of Mississippi College; also that the other Boards be continued as they are, and that Eld. B. M. Thrasher preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session of this Convention, and that Eld. J. R. G. W. N. Adams be his alternate.

M. GREEN, Chairman.

Respectfully submitted.

[L.]

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Through the mercies of a kind Providence your Board

is permitted to make another annual report. In accordance with the expressed wishes of the Convention to employ Eld. G. B. Eager as General Missionary Agent for the State, to look after the wants of destitute places and see what means could be obtained, the Secretary of this Board, immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, addressed each of the churches of which Bro. Eager was pastor, stating to them the desire of the Convention, and asking them to release Bro. Eager from his pastoral obligations, that he might enter upon the work of General Missionary Agent, but said churches all answered negatively, and hence this much desired feature in our work failed. Inasmuch as the Bartholomew Association had agreed to do her missionary work in concert with this Board, early last spring, we, in concert with the Board of said Association, employed Eld. H. E. Hempstead to travel as missionary in the northern part of Bartholomew Association, and Eld. H. Simms in the southern part. Eld. Simms continued in the employ of the Board only two and a half months. Eld. Hempstead is an able and a zealous missionary, and has done a great work in a country almost entirely destitute prior to his appointment. Eld. E. H. Owen was appointed missionary about the first of May, to travel in a destitute country on the northwest border of the Bartholomew Association and the southeast border of the Pine Bluff Association. Bro. Owen was in delicate health, and the Board employed him by the day, only allowing him pay for the actual days employed in the mission field. He was in our employ only sixty days. On the 24th of May, your Board thought they had met your wishes for a General Missionary Agent in the person of Eld. J. H. Spann, who came well recommended, and seemed to be in every way the man for the place. He entered upon his work on the above mentioned date, but on the 19th of September he tendered to the Secretary his resignation, stating that circumstances over which he had no control compelled his action. Your Board, through its Secretary, succeeded in procuring the same co-operation with Pine Bluff Association that it has with Bartholomew. Eld. L. Quinn has traveled as missionary a part of the year in the bounds of the Pine Bluff Association. He did a good work, as his report will show. He was employed sixty-seven days. Finally, on the 27th of October, in conjunction with the Executive Board of the Pine Bluff Association, we appointed Eld. T. A. Reid as missionary at the station of Pine Bluff City. Our hopes are very sanguine for our cause at Pine Bluff. We hope we have the right man in the right place. We greatly appreciate our connection with the Pine Bluff Association, and would be glad that all the Associations in the State would co-operate with us. It is no part of our desire to supplant any Association in its missionary work, but to foster it.

## SYNOPSIS OF REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Eld. J. H. Spann traveled 275 miles; preached 30 sermons; offered 40 public prayers; delivered 1 exhortation; delivered 1 Sunday-school lecture; made 5 addresses to penitents; visited 22 families; preached at 10 Baptist churches; and among several destitutions have found two important ones, viz., Pine Bluff and Tulip. Before the war there was a flourishing church at Pine Bluff; it had regular pastoral labors by Elds. Lea and Pumroy. Since the war this church has had no regular pastor. Eld. W. H. Robert preached here six times—once a month—in 1869, and Eld. T. B. Espy visited this church six times in as many

months last year (1871), and preached at a salary of twenty dollars per visit. The church is weak, having but four male and a few female members. It is in a disorganized, cold and faithless state, and can raise only three hundred dollars toward a pastor's salary. It will take a strong minister, willing to work and endure hardships; to suit this place.

Tulip, and the region of country east of it, is a destitution. There is a good Baptist church-house at Tulip, and was once a strong church, but it has gone down. A man of ability is needed here; no other would be likely to succeed. There can be raised at this place about three hundred dollars; collected for services, in cash and in its equivalent, \$62.50.

Eld. E. H. Owen labored on missionary field 60 days; traveled 573 miles; made 113 religious visits; preached 52 sermons; delivered 14 exhortations; distributed 50 tracts; raised in subscription, \$14.40, and in cash \$3.50. Received for services from Secretary of Board, \$60.

Eld. L. Quinn labored on mission field 67 days; preached 58 sermons; traveled 632 miles; baptized 14 persons; collected in cash, \$120; in subscription, \$40.50. Received for services, \$134.00.

Eld. H. E. Hempstead labored as missionary five and a half months; preached 76 sermons; delivered 18 exhortations; made 60 family visits; baptized 12 persons; organized 2 churches; collected \$57. Received for his services, \$275.

Eld. H. Simms traveled 448 miles; visited 27 families; preached 48 sermons; labored as missionary two and a half months. Received for his services, \$125.

Eld. T. A. Reid has just entered upon his work. In the short time he has been at Pine Bluff he has organized a Sunday-school and weekly prayer-meeting. He has received for his services \$100.

Though we are in great want of means, we have reason to thank God and take courage. The following will show the receipts and expenditures, through the agencies with which this Board has labored:

DEBIT.	
Through the Bartholomew Association, in cash.....	\$ 400 00
Through the Pine Bluff Association, in cash.....	291 90
Through our own agency.....	142 00
Through our own agency at Pine Bluff Association.....	51 55
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 885 45</b>
CREDIT.	
Paid to missionaries, through Bartholomew Association, in cash.....	\$ 400 00
Paid to missionaries, through Pine Bluff Association, in cash.....	259 50
Paid to missionaries by our Board.....	122 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer of this Board.....	19 50
Balance in hand of Treasurer of Board of Pine Bluff Association.....	83 95
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$ 885 45</b>
Pledges raised by Pine Bluff Association.....	137 00
Pledges raised by Secretary of this Board at Pine Bluff Association....	298 05
<b>Total cash and pledges.....</b>	<b>\$1,320 50</b>
The above figures may be contrasted with \$48.75 in cash and \$15.50 in pledges	

in our report for last year. This showing is hopeful. But, alas! how little has been done! If the great Baptist heart of the State was warmed with love to God, and filled with the life-blood of true missionary zeal, as it should be, we would be able next year to compare our *thousands* with our *hundreds* of this year. What brother here will not pray and labor for it? That an impetus worthy of the cause it represents may be given this Board at the present session of this Convention, is the sincere prayer of your Board.

M. Y. MORAN, President.

J. B. SEARCY, Sec'y. D. M. B.

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#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications submit the following: The press is exerting a powerful influence for good or evil in the land, therefore we can only recommend those publications which we deem the most thoroughly Baptist; and first of all, we recommend *The Baptist* as our State organ and *Kind Words* as our Sunday-school paper. We also recommend the *Home and Foreign Journal*.

T. P. BOONE, Chairman.

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#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

W. D. MAYFIELD, in account with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

DEBIT.	
Balance due Convention, as per last Report.....	\$ 570 90
By cash from H. P. Slaughter.....	10 00
“ “ J. N. Thompson.....	25 00
“ “ J. A. Gibson.....	30 00
“ “ Mt. Vernon Association.....	64 50
“ “ Levi W. Coleman.....	2 50
“ “ W. D. Mayfield.....	50 00
“ “ J. M. Hart.....	50 00
“ “ Robert Hyatt.....	10 00
“ “ M. Y. Moran.....	50 00
“ “ W. C. Kimbro.....	25 00
“ “ W. M. Lea.....	50 00
“ “ L. J. Owen.....	10 00
“ “ J. F. Griffin.....	25 00
Stock in S. B. P. Society, from H. Allen.....	50 00
Due Convention in cash and stock.....	\$1,022 90
CREDIT.	
Cash sent students.....	\$ 90 00
“ Levi W. Coleman.....	30 00
“ students.....	90 00
“ Levi W. Coleman.....	30 00
“ students.....	90 00
“ J. D. Fletcher.....	30 00

" R. H. Venable.....	\$ 38 00
" J. D. Fletcher.....	30 00
Secretary's salary.....	200 00
Total credits.....	\$ 628 00
Balance due Convention in cash and stock.....	394 90
Total.....	\$1,022 90

Respectfully submitted. W. D. MAYFIED, Secretary and Treasurer.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee to collect statistics of Sunday-schools in Arkansas are sorry to say that after a year's effort we are unable to report any definite statistics of the Sunday-school work among the Baptists of the entire State. Our failure grows out of the fact that we have not been able to communicate with the brethren in some parts of the State. Many brethren, to whom appeals have been made for information, through private letters and public appeals in *The Baptist* and the *Central Baptist*, have passed them by with indifference, or, at least, have made no response. We have, however, done what we could, but owing to the absence of Eld. A. Yates, the chairman of the committee to whom correspondence was directed, we are unable to report all that has been done. We have found, upon faithful inquiry, that many churches have Sunday-schools in successful operation, but these schools, in the main, have been isolated hitherto, doing what they could in a private way, neither sending out any influence to, nor receiving any encouragement from, adjacent schools; hence their working has been irregular and in many respects deficient. The great want has been competent superintendents and teachers, who were willing to take hold of the work and persevere. Here is a large field, white unto the harvest; but, alas! how few are the laborers! We want *teachers*, not *ministers of the word*, for this important department of Christian effort. There are those in the churches who have the *gift of teaching*, but, alas! *that gift* lies there undeveloped and unconsecrated. Let earnest effort, armed with fervent prayer, bring it forth, and lay it upon the altar of the Lord.

Sunday-school workers, seeing the disadvantages of the isolated system, began, two or three years ago, to organize Sunday-school Conventions. The only successful organization of this kind that has come to the knowledge of your committee was the Central Baptist Sunday-school Convention, which, in June last, was resolved into the Arkansas Baptist Sunday-school Convention. The first annual meeting of this State Sunday-school Convention will be held with the Pleasant Hill Church, in Pulaski county, commencing on the Friday next preceding the 4th Sunday in July, A. D. 1873. The object of this State organization is to bring together, from year to year, the Sunday-school workers of the State, in order to regulate, unify and invigorate a system of co-operation in the great work of bringing the children of Arkansas to Christ; and for this purpose all Baptist churches having Sunday-schools, and all district or associational Sunday-school conventions, are cordially invited and earnestly solicited

to send messengers to the next meeting, aforesaid, of the Arkansas Baptist Sunday-school Convention, with letters containing statistics and other information of interest pertaining to the Sunday-school work in the State.

This State Sunday-school Convention has an Executive Committee, located at Searcy, White county, Ark., of which Bro. B. D. Turner is President, and has resolved to act in concert with the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in its Sunday-school work. The Executive Committee of the State Sunday-school Convention and the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention have already put a Sunday-school evangelist into the field, who is industriously prosecuting his mission.

Your committee would also call your attention to the fact that the Bible and Publication Society, located at Philadelphia, at the solicitation of Baptists in different parts of the State, put a Sunday-school missionary into this field, over two years and a half ago, who has organized over fifty Baptist Sunday-schools in the Southern part of the State, and furnished each of them with a library, Testaments, Hymn-books, Question-books, etc. He has also organized three Sunday-school Conventions, distributed many Baptist books and tracts, aided in the constitution of several churches, and baptized forty-five persons upon a profession of their faith in Christ.

The Bible and Publication Society, having thus done a good work in our State, taking hold of the work in the time of greatest need, and having endeared itself to many brethren by this labor of love, and provoked some to good works, at a cost of more than three thousand dollars, now proposes, if the State, aided by the Southern Baptist Convention, will do the Sunday-school work needed here, to direct its efforts to other fields more destitute. This announcement was made to your body on Thursday, the 14th inst., by Eld. G. J. Johnson, the District Secretary of the Bible and Publication Society.

Through the efforts of Eld. R. M. Thrasher, Sunday-school Missionary and Colporteur of the Bible and Publication Society, and Eld. W. H. Robert, the Sunday-school Evangelist of the Arkansas Baptist Sunday-school Convention, the following Associational Sunday-school Conventions have been organized:

MT. VERNON—Eld. W. H. Robert, President; Trenton.

CAROLINE—Eld. R. J. Coleman, President; Austin.

PINE BLUFF—Bro. W. T. Poe, President; Prattsville.

RED RIVER—Bro. M. Bozeman, President; Arkadelphia.

COLUMBIA—Bro. Alex. Byrne, President; Dorcheat.

We have learned also of the existence of two other District Sunday-school Conventions, viz.:

BENTONVILLE—Eld. J. Dunagin, President; Bentonville.

CLARK COUNTY—Eld. G. W. Wells, President, Arkadelphia.

Most of these Sunday-school Conventions, having been but recently organized, have as yet collected no statistics. The Caroline, formerly the Central Baptist Sunday-school Convention, at its last meeting, reported 12 Sunday-schools, with 681 scholars. The Clark County Sunday-school Convention, at its meeting in July last, numbered 4 schools, with 222 scholars. These, added to the 50 schools with 1815 scholars, organized by the Missionary of the Bible and Publication Society, make 66 schools and 2718 scholars, which is perhaps

Eld. E. H. Owen.....	\$ 10 00
" B. C. Hyatt (paid).....	2 00
" R. J. Coleman.....	2 00
" S. W. Coleman.....	5 00
" J. F. Griffin.....	5 00
" W. T. Smith.....	10 00
" M. D. Early.....	1 acre of cotten
" J. T. Craig.....	5 00
" Dr. McClure.....	5 00
" B. F. Jones.....	10 00

## BOARDS.

### TRUSTEES OF ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, DOMICILED AT PRINCETON.

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B. C. Hyatt,	J. K. Murphy,	M. Green.

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## RULES FOR THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

1. That no young man be received under the patronage of this Board until licensed and recommended to the same by the church of which he is a member.
2. That he shall submit to an examination by this Board upon his Christian experience and call to the ministry.
3. That, upon examination, being found worthy, he shall receive pecuniary

aid to the extent of his absolute necessities, provided the amount of such necessities do not exceed \$150 per year.

4. That, upon being received under the patronage of the Board, said beneficiaries shall enter into the following obligations:

1st. That they will continue their course of study so long as thought advisable by the Board.

2d. That during their course they will not enter into any matrimonial alliance.

3d. That persons receiving aid from this Board shall enter into a moral and legal obligation to refund to said Board the amount of money, with interest from date of reception, received by them, provided they turn aside from the ministry, either from the sense that they have not been called, or for the purpose of worldly pleasure or pecuniary gain.

These rules are now so amended that the Board may examine candidates for patronage through means of others, if they choose.—SEC.

## LIST OF MINISTERS' NAMES AND POSTOFFICES.

The following list is given by Associations, so far as known to the compiler. Unordained ministers are marked by italics:

### BARTHOLOMEW ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Allen, H.	Hamburg.	Creed, M.	Gravel Ridge.
Everett, Wm.	Cut Off.	Searcy, J. B.	Creswell.
Edwards, J. B.	Selma.	Rasberry, J. D.	Long View.
Griffin, J. F.	Cornerville.	Wood, J. S.	Hamburg.
Hyatt, B. C.	Monticello.	<i>Wood, W. W.</i>	Hamburg.
Kimbrow, W. C.	Hamburg.	Watson, A. U.	Hamburg.
Moran, M. Y.	Star City.	Waldroup, J. V. B.	Hamburg.
Owen, E. H.	Star City.	Vick, J. R.	Star City.
O'Neal, T. B.	Star City.	Smith, P. B.	Monticello.
Overton, J. H. W.	Mt. Elba.	<i>Couts, Wm.</i>	St. John's.
Hale, James	Fountain Hill.	Simms, H.	Hamburg.
Parker, U. H.	Gravel Ridge.	Ketchen, W. P.	Cut Off.

### PINE BLUFF ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES	POSTOFFICES.
Barnett, D. G.	Belfast.	Gartman, C. A.	Darysaw.
Thomas, B.	Little Rock.	Wilkerson, H. V.	Cherry Grove.
Stephenson, S.	Little Rock.	Recoes, J.	Cherry Grove.
Walls, James	Little Rock.	Taylor, J. S.	Lehi.
Soesbee, E.	Red Bluff.	Rushing, J.	Sheridan.
Morton, J. S.	Belfast.	<i>Durett, James</i>	Belfast.
Newell, U. J.	Sheridan.	<i>McCool, V. B.</i>	Turin.

Wilson, W. A.	Prattsville.	<i>Kelley, James</i>	Little Rock.
Quinn, L.	Pine Bluff.	<i>Cockman, W. S.</i>	Little Rock.
Reid, F. A.	Pine Bluff.	<i>Price, G. W.</i>	Bird Springs.
Patterson, L. U.	Bird Springs.	<i>Halbert, J.</i>	Prattsville.
Taylor, J. G.	Darysaw.	Staten, J. W.	Prattsville.
Gregory, H. A.	Darysaw.	<i>Lee, T. J.</i>	Cherry Grove.
Taylor, E. D.	Darysaw.	Mulcahy, N.	Little Rock.

## COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Swinney, C. P.	Atlanta.	Thomas, L.	Magnolia.
Willis, J. R.	Falcon.	Bryant, R. B.	Magnolia.
Byers, J. J.	Falcon.	Davis, T. J.	Seminary.
McGraw, D. R.	Randolph.	Griffin, J. T.	Magnolia.
Downs, J. T.	Falcon.	Neal, B. R.	Edon.
Ridlin, R. T.	Rondo.	Bishop J.	Mt. Holly.
Baker, L. W.	Calhoun.	Griffin, J. G. R.	Dorcheat.
Edwards, L. C.	Falcon.	Wise, G. G.	State Line.
Luck, J. O.	Cany.	Jameson, J. D.	Mt. Holly.

## STATE CORNER ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Givins, J.	Givinsville.	Mitchell, J.	Springtown.
McCraw, J. M.	Marysville.	Eustus, J.	Hico.
Seely, C.	Bentonville.	Holly, J.	Mossville.
Tate, M.	Osage Mills.	Mingos, E. A.	Double Springs.
Willingham, A. T.	Osage Mills.	Ross, J.	Jupiter.
		Slaughter, O. D.	Fayetteville.

## BENTONVILLE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Dunagin, J.	Avaca.	Vaughan, A. J.	Little Spring.
Barnes, R. L.	Springdale.	Jones, L.	Avaca.
Blackeby, W. N.	Springdale.	Foster, M.	Avaca.
Bryant, G.	Springdale.	Rogers, G. P.	Sugar Creek.
Putman, B.	Springdale.	Brown, A.	Elm Spring.
Sykes, J. W.	Bentonville.	Cunningham, J.	Elm Spring.
Read, Isaac	Springdale.	Webb, J. J.	Elm Spring.
		Renfro, J. C.	Springdale.

## FAYETTEVILLE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Mays, J.	Fayetteville.	Heath, L.	Avaca.
Hives, J. S.	Fayetteville.	Campbell, J.	Fayetteville.
Kimbro, J. C.	Springfield.	Dobbs, J. F.	Boonsboro.

Eaton, F. T.	Winesville.	Williams, C.	Boonsboro.
Ritter, J. F.	St. Paul.	Slirker, W.	West Fork.
Coleman, D. C.	St. Paul.	Peters, A.	West Fork.
Lester, C. J.	St. Paul.	Barker, J. S.	Fayetteville.

## CONCORD ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Compeer, E. L.	Charleston.	Tupper, —	Charleston.
Greenlee, W. M.	Charleston.	Rippy, —	Charleston.
Fuller, S. J.	Boonville.	Kregel, F. E.	Fort Smith.

## DARDANELLE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Adams, J. R. G. W. N.	Dardanelle.	Hudspeth, —	Boonville.
Crawford, W. W.	Dardanelle.	Gray, J. S.	Shoal Creek.
Young, W. S.	Dardanelle.	Convel, B.	Shoal Creek.
Pendergrass, J. W.	Dardanelle.	Young, John	Magazine.
Sloom, Wm.	Dardanelle.	Martin, E. C.	Petitjeau.
Hanley, N.	Dardanelle.	Chetwood, —	Shoal Creek.
Ellis, F.	Dardanelle.	Armstrong, —	Shoal Creek.
Allen, —	Clarksville.	Gray, F.	Shoal Creek.
Hogan, E. G.	Russellville.	Hogan, C. C.	Shoal Creek.
Perry, D.	Russellville.	Miller, J. W.	Batesville.

## RED RIVER ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Coleman, H. H.	Arkadelphia.	Aaron, John	Moscow.
Gunter, James	Arkadelphia.	Copelin, J. P.	Hudleston.
Browning, J. O.	Arkadelphia.	Borum, Wm.	Rocksburg.
Langley, J. P.	Arkadelphia.	Box, S.	Beach Creek.
Langley, M. L.	Arkadelphia.	Early, M. D.	Hollywood.
Wells, G. W.	Arkadelphia.	Cochran, D. M.	Paraclifta.
Wells, J. M.	Arkadelphia.	Merrill, E.	Washington.
		Forbes, W. B.	Washington.

## CAROLINE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Boone, T. P.	Searcy.	Coleman, R. J.	Austin.
Brundrige, J.	Searcy.	Beaver, W. B.	Butlerville.
Jones, —	Searcy.	Espy, T. B.	Lonoke.
Owen, H. E.	Searcy.	Love, E.	Center Hill.
Eagle, J. P.	Lonoke.	Hart, J. O.	West Point.
King, J. M.	Lonoke.	Newell, W. C.	Center Hill.
Russell, A. M.	Lonoke.	Beavers, H. H.	Austin.
		Coleman, L. J.	Cotton Plant.

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Everett, J. P.	Union X Roads,	La. Lagrone, J. H.	Mt. Holly.
Norsworthy, G.	New London.	Mullins, D. N.	Lisbon.
McCane, J. G.	Champagnole.	Smith, Wm.	Lisbon.
Hart, J. M.	Eldorado.	Venable, R.	Clinton, Miss.
Sawyers, G.	Three Creeks.	Bishop, J. R.	Atlanta.
Britt, H. T.	Three Creeks.	Hale, —	Camden.

## MT. VERNON ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Thomas, B. F.	Forest City.	Scaff, C.	Trenton.
Lea, W. M.	Forest City.	Holland, E.	Trenton.
Murphy, J. R.	Lagrange.	Obenshain, J. R.	Philips Bayou.
Mayfield, W. D.	Helena.	Aikins, —	Philips Bayou.
Robert, W. H.	Trenton.	Marshall, J. T.	DeWitt.
	Chaney, W.	DeWitt.	

## JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Yates, A.	Princeton.	Calaway, N. P.	Chambersville.
Linsey, E. H.	Freeo.	Hussman, —	Chambersville.
Yeager, J. C.	Freeo.	Craig, J. T.	Eagle Creek.
Talbot, G. B.	Hampton.	Files, A.	Eagle Creek.
Gardner, S.	Warren.	Rice, B. C.	Tulip.
Dunn, W. E.	Fairview.	Rice, R.	Lanark.
Myres, L. O.	Chambersville.	Morgan, G. W.	Lanark.

## SPRINGFIELD ASSOCIATION.

Bearden, B. H. Lewisburg.

## SALINE ASSOCIATION.

NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.	NAMES.	POSTOFFICES.
Adams, J. J.	Harold.	Thrasher, R. M.	Rock Post.
Amerson, J. M.	Hot Springs.	Howard, J. H.	Rock Post.
Neighbors, W. J.	Hot Springs.	Thornton, J. T.	Rock Post.
Row, Stephen	Hot Springs.	Philips, B. M.	Rock Post.
Elliott, C. J.	North Point.	Green, G. H.	Rock Post.
Henderson, J. C.	Benton.	Easley, J. A.	Midway.
Spurlin, John	Hot Springs.	Baker, J. A.	Mt. Ida.
Davis, W. H.	Tulip.	Straner, P.	Owensville.
Young, Wm.	Tulip.	Graham, Wm.	Rockport.
Moore, C. F.	Benton.	Smith, W. D.	Harold.
White, David	Akir's Store.	McGoveran, J. E.	Rockport.
Hutchingson, A. J.	North Point.	Langford, J.	Little Rock.

Sandford, F. M.	North Point.	Funk, S. F.	Tulip.
Mainard, E. L.	North Point.	Ellis, J. E.	Little Rock.
Clem, John	Rock Post.	Meeks, J. E.	Rockport.
Lindsey, R. M.	Rock Post.	Tomlinson, H. C.	Harold.
		Yates, L.	Fitzhugh's Mill.

## CONVENTION MEETINGS.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION meets with the St. Francis Street Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., on Thursday before the second Sunday in May, 1873, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION meets with the Union Baptist Church, Little Rock, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1873.

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION meets with the Baptist Church at Aberdeen, on Thursday before the second Sunday in June, 1873.

## CIRCULAR LETTER.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Twenty-five years have passed away since the organization of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Most of the leading spirits in its organization have gone to their reward. Some of their most cherished objects perished with the war and its results. A few untiring brethren still clung to the old ship. It was soon manned with a new crew, and with the same old chart and compass we set sail. Our first work was that of *educating young ministers* and cultivating the *home mission field*. We aimed to make the former a *specialty*, as it would necessarily involve the latter. We commenced without a dollar in the treasury, and only four or five Associations co-operating with us. Our work has slowly but steadily increased. We have been able to put seven or eight young men in school at Clinton, Miss., the seat of the college jointly owned by the Baptists of Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana. Three or four of these young men have returned, not graduated, but greatly benefited,—all of whom have gone actively into the ministry—and by means of these young men a dozen or more churches in important places are sustained, while we have four other young men still in school who bid fair to be very useful. Now, brethren, these young preachers will have three months in July, August and September. They can do most of our domestic mission work during their vacation, and a pittance from the brethren would purchase their clothes and incidental expenses while at school. What Association wants one or more of these brethren to preach in its bounds next summer? Write me at Creswell, Ark. Brethren, let the whole State be represented next session at Little Rock. Let the Clerks of each Association write a letter, stating the name and postoffice of every minister in its bounds, number baptized, received and dismissed, and contributions for missions and ministerial education. Let Arkansas Baptists be one in effort, as they have "one Lord, one faith, one baptism."

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary of Convention.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF ASSOCIATIONS.

NAMES OF ASSOCIATIONS.	TIME OF MEETING OF ASSOCIATIONS.									
	Rec'd by Bap'tism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Included.	Died.	No. of Members.	Contributions for Missions.	Contributions for Min. Edu'tion.	
*Bartholomew.....	214	134	8	104	48	33	2122	8400	\$263	100
Bentonville.....	184	118	4	116	49	18	1683	220		
Fayetteville.....	112	86	1	63	28	98	1572	371		
Columbia.....	209	128	23	194	96	19	952	340	5	
Liberty.....	109	57	1	106	22	16	1052	366		
Pine Bluff.....	64	70	5	95	11	12	865	86		
Judson.....	38	36	6	54	25	13	1266	104		
Saline.....	101									
Mt. Vernon.....										

RECAPITULATION.—Received by baptism, 1031; received by letter, 701; restored, 63; dismissed, 695; excluded, 274; died, 141; total in fellowship, 10,057; contributions for missions, \$1586; contributions for ministerial education, \$618.

\*In some instances I had to refer to the Minutes of 1870. I am very sorry I failed to get the Minutes of the other Associations in the State, but I could not delay the publication of the Minutes longer.—Sec.

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