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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

HELD WITH THE
Baptist Church, at Hope, Arkansas.

On October 30th, 31st, and November 1st, 2d, and 3d. Days 1879.

OFFICERS:

Elder J. M. HART, President.
Elders R. J. COLEMAN, and
A. YATES, Vice Presidents.
Elder J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Secretary.
Elder W. A. FORBES, Treasurer.

*Next Meeting of the Convention will be held at Russellville,
Arkansas, commencing on Thursday, before the First
Sabbath in November, 1880.*

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HOPE, ARKANSAS, THURSDAY, October 30, 1879.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention met by appointment at the Baptist Church, at Hope, Arkansas, at 11 o'clock A. M. The President, James M. Hart, of Eldorado, in the chair, and W. F. Mack, Secretary. Reading of the Ninety-first Psalm. Prayer by Elder A. Yates.

The appointee to preach the conventional sermon being absent, the Convention appointed Elder R. J. Coleman, who preached an interesting sermon from Malachi, 3, 16, 17.

The chair appointed Forbes, Lucas and Bourland, a Committee on Credentials. Took recess until 2 P. M. Benediction by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention called to order by the President. Prayer by Elder B. Thomas. The report from the Committee on Credentials was read and adopted as follows, viz.:

Dardanelle Association—J. R. G. W. N. Adams, G. W. Reeves.

Concord Association—R. H. McConnell.

United Association—O. M. Lucas.

Caroline Association—B. W. Harmon, Joshua Hill, B. Thomas.

Union Association—J. J. Byers, B. W. Bourland.

Liberty Association—J. M. Perdue, J. D. Jameson.

Judson Association—E. H. Lindsey, John S. Mann, D. C. Hall, B. N. Hultsman.

Bartholomew Association—C. W. Callahan.

Columbia Association—T. J. Brasher, W. J. Cross.

Dardanelle Church—M. D. Early.

Eighth Street Church, Little Rock—W. A. Forbes, T. B. Espy.

Hope Church—John Aaron, J. B. Powell, W. G. Wood.

College Hill Church—J. E. Askew.

Macedoni Church—J. J. Haynes.

Cabot Church—R. J. Coleman.

Beebe Church—J. M. Battle.

Pleasant Grove Church—Elisha S. Carter.

Searcy Church—B. C. Black.

Helena Church—W. A. Clark.

Arkadelphia Church—A. Yates.

Prescott Church—W. E. Atkinson, O. S. Jones.

General Association of Southeast Arkansas—W. F. Mack.

Red River Association—R. D. Owens, R. S. Wallis, J. R. Giles, Individual Member.

The order of business being the election of officers, Elders J. L. Whittle, of Texas, and S. C. Lee, of Louisiana, were appointed tellers for the election, and reported Elder J. M. Hart, President; Elders A. Yates and R. J. Coleman, Vice Presidents; Elder J. R. G. W. N. Adams, Secretary; and Elder W. A. Forbes, Treasurer. On motion of Elder B. Thomas, Article Sixth be so amended as to read, "Secretary and Assistant."

On motion, proceeded to elect an Assistant Secretary. The Tellers reported T. C. Black elected.

A. Yates, Vice President in the chair. Called for correspondence. Received Elder J. L. Whittle from the General Baptist Association of Texas, and Elder S. C. Lee, of Louisiana Baptist State Convention, as correspondents.

All Baptists in good standing were invited to seats.

Elders W. D. Mayfield, of Nashville, Tennessee, and J. B. Link, of Dallas, Texas, accepted and took seats.

On motion of G. W. Reeves, appointed T. B. Espy and G. W. Reeves, Correspondents to the Baptist State Convention of Tennessee, to be held at Brownsville, on the 14th of November next; appointed J. M. Hart, B. N. Hultsman, C. W. Callahan and W. E. Paxton, Correspondents Baptist State

Convention of Louisiana, to meet at Keechi, on Friday before the second Sabbath in July, 1880; appointed W. A. Forbes, B. Thomas, John Aaron, J. R. Giles, C. P. Sweeney, Correspondents to the General Association of Texas, to meet at Denison, on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1880, and W. A. Forbes, B. Thomas, John Aaron, J. R. Giles, M. D. Early, W. G. Wood, Correspondents to the East Texas Baptist Convention, to meet at Tyler, on Friday before the third Sabbath in July, 1880.

The President in the chair announced the following Committees, viz.:

Devotional Exercises—O. S. Jones, J. M. Perdue, Joshua Hill, and the Pastor and Deacons of Hope Church.

Committee on Documents—Harmon, Early and McConnell.

Domestic Missions—Espy, Lindsey and Lucas.

Education—Clark, Forbes and Mack.

Sabbath Schools—Callahan, Haynes and Byers.

Finance—Askew, Atkinson and Bourland.

Foreign Missions—Thomas, Coleman and Yates.

Publications—Reeves, Aaron and Jones.

Obituaries—Jameson, Espy and Giles.

Nominations—Reeves, Hultsman and Brasher.

On motion of Elder A. Yates, it was

Resolved, That this body meet at 8:30 A. M., spend one-half hour in devotional exercise; adjourn at 12 M; meet at 2 P. M., spend one-half hour in devotional exercise, and adjourn at 5 P. M. On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. B. Link. 7:30 P. M. Preaching by Elder E. H. Lindsey, from 1st Tim., 2nd Chapter; Theme, "The Truth."

SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FORENOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, October 31, 1879—8:30 A. M.

Convention called to order by the President.

Devotional exercises by the President. Prayer by Elder J. L. Whittle.

Read and adopted minutes of yesterday.

An invitation was given to all Baptists in good standing, to seats, when Elders J. F. Shaw and D. S. Williams accepted and took seats.

Called for reports.

On motion of John Aaron, appointed Aaron, Owen and Wallis, a Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Read a letter from the Church at Camden, which was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

T. B. Espy offered the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, It has come to the knowledge of this Convention, that the brethren of the General Baptist Association of Western Arkansas and the Indian Territory are laboring to establish a school of high order at Salem City, in Sebastian County, Arkansas; and we feel a great interest in all efforts to promote a higher education among our people; therefore,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by this Convention to aid the brethren named, in their work, and that this committee urge those brethren to give us their co-operation in our general work. We recommend that Elders M. D. Early, G. W. Reeves, J. R. G. W. N. Adams, W. A. Forbes and A. Yates, be the committee to visit them at Salem City, Arkansas, on Saturday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1880.

W. F. Mack offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to visit the General Association of Southeast Arkansas, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in July, 1880, at Warren, Arkansas, with instructions to express the sympathy and co-operation of this body, and to request them to make written report of their proceedings at the next session of this Convention, and that Elders W. A. Forbes, T. B. Espy, J. D. Jameson, E. H. Lindsey and J. M. Hart be that committee.

On motion of Elder W. D. Mayfield, the Convention resolved itself into a committee of the whole, to consider the object of its meeting.

On motion the Convention in committee of the whole arose and reported progress.

Adjourned until 2 P. M. Prayer by C. W. Callahan. 11:30 A. M., preaching at the Presbyterian house, by Elder S. C. Lee, from 1 Cor. 3, 11; Theme—Christ, the Foundation.

AFTERNOON SESSION,

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention called to order by the President. Hymn "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer by Elder J. J. Byers. Elder W. A. Clark read the report on education.

During the discussion a collection of \$22.25 was raised for Brother Wise, at Clinton, Mississippi.

The report was adopted as follows "The growth of our educational institutions is an index to the real prosperity of our denomination. Therefore it is necessary to our future success that, all things being equal, Arkansas Baptists should patronize home institutions. We consequently recommend, that our brethren heartily support the schools in our State that are

indorsed by Baptist Associations, general or local. We believe there should be a college within our bounds, fostered and controlled by this Convention; but until one of the existing institutions, shall, by work and attendance, command precedence, we can only urge development of existing high schools, with the hope that we will soon have a University, around which the Baptists of Arkansas can rally. We further recommend that the following named institutions be advertised on the fly-leaf of our minutes as indorsed by the Convention, viz: Buckner College, Judson University, Centennial Institute, Forrest City High School and Arkadelphia High School.

W. A. CLARK,
W. A. FORBES,
W. F. MACK,

Committee.

Received the report from the Special Committee on Devotional Exercises. Saturday, 7:30 o'clock, P. M., mass meeting on Ministerial Education. Sabbath, 11 A. M., mass meeting on Domestic Missions. 2:30 P. M., Sabbath School mass meeting. 7:30 P. M., mass meeting on Foreign Missions.

On motion, adjourned until 7:30 P. M. Prayer by Elder O. M. Lucas.

NIGHT SESSION.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention called to order by the President. Prayer by Elder G. W. Reeves. R. J. Coleman, Vice President in the chair.

G. W. Reeves read the report from the Committee on Publications. After discussion the report was laid on table.

T. B. Espy read the report from the Committee on Domestic Missions.

On motion the report was made the special order for tomorrow 10 o'clock, A. M.

W. A. Forbes read the report from the College Committee. Adopted the report as follows and discharged the committee:

"We, your Committee on College, appointed at Forrest City, 1877, and continued at Monticello, 1878, beg permission to report: That, in the absence of any full meeting of said committee, we are of the opinion that we are not in a position to do anything in this direction. We would ask to be relieved from further duty.

W. A. FORBES,
W. A. CLARK,

Committee.

On motion, adjourned after benediction by the President.

THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FORENOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, November 1st—8:30 A. M.

Convention called to order by R. J. Coleman, Vice President. Reading of 93d Psalm by J. D. Jameson. Prayer by O. S. Jones. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

B. W. Bourland read the report on Finance, which was on motion adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Amount received from messengers representing Associations, Churches and individual Brethren—\$57.95.

J. E. ASKEW,
W. E. ATKINSON.
B. W. BOURLAND,

Committee.

C. W. Callahan read the report on Sabbath Schools, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee, would report, that from the best information that we can obtain, it appears that the Sabbath School cause in this State is not in a very hopeful condition. Outside of the churches in cities and towns, there seems to be but little interest taken in Sabbath Schools. We also learn that there is a growing dissatisfaction with the present system of "International Lessons." We would, therefore, urge upon our Pastors and specially missionaries, the importance of taking a deeper interest in the Sabbath School cause, and to make every effort possible to establish a Sabbath School in every church.

C. W. CALLAHAN,
J. J. BYERS,
J. J. HAYNES,

Committee.

G. W. Reeves read the report on Nominations, which after amendment was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, report:

First—That only two places, Russellville and Helena, have applied for the meeting of this Convention, and after considering the claims of each place, we recommend that it convene with the Church in Russellville, and we further suggest that Elder J. D. Jameson be appointed to preach the Convention Sermon, and C. W. Callahan, alternate.

Second—As a Board of Domestic Missions, we recommend the appointment of T. B. Espy, J. M. Hart, J. R. G. W. N. Adams, J. D. Jameson, M. D. Early, W. A. Forbes, L. W. Davis, B. Thomas, M. M. McGuire, A. Yates, G. W. Reeves and W. A. Clark.

Third—W. A. Forbes, Secretary of Foreign Missions.

Fourth—W. A. Clark, Secretary of Sabbath Schools.

Fifth—W. E. Paxton, Secretary of Ministerial Education.

G. W. REEVES,
B. N. HULTSMAN,
T. J. BRASHER,

Committee.

The hour for the special order (the report on Home Mission) having arrived, the report of the committee was read. Pending the discussion a collection of \$100 was taken for Camden Church.

On motion, adjourned, after benediction by the President.

11:30 O'CLOCK, A. M.

Preaching at the Presbyterian House, by Elder C. W. Callahan, from Col. 3, 11; Theme—Christ is all.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention called to order by the President. Hymn, "Come Thou fount of every blessing." Prayer by Elder A. Yates.

The President announced that the adoption of the report on Domestic Missions was the business in order. After amendment, adopted as follows:

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We, your Committee on Domestic Missions, report: That we are making progress in this work, though not with that rapidity that the importance of the subject demands. The very spirit of the Gospel, is the work of missions, doing good, spreading the influence of Heaven, bringing men to Christ. Many of our district associations have Missionaries, men of faith and prayer, who are laboring with success in their several fields of labor, as their reports at the recent meetings of the associations show. The advancement made, we think, the last few years, is to be attributed largely to the State Missionaries who have been sent by the Boards of this Convention, and whose visits to the various parts of our State have been highly appreciated by the people, and in many instances, much blessed of God.

We recommend—

First—That enlarged effort and sacrifice be made to continue the work which is yielding so much to Christ and the State, and that one or more efficient missionaries be appointed in the Arkansas field.

Second—That in reference to the letter from the Church in Camden, asking aid for the Church in that important town,

which letter was referred to us, we recommend that a special collection be taken up for that church.

Third—And further that the State Missionaries be expected to give attention to well-known localities of much importance of which there are many, and that our Home Mission Board be instructed to aid as many of them by donation of its funds as may be found to be practicable.

Fourth—That our brother, Rev. J. F. Shaw, who has recently resigned the position assigned him by the Home Mission Board, and Rev. O. M. Lucas, who is still hard at work for the Board, both have a warm place in the confidence of the brethren for the efficient manner in which they have represented the work committed to them.

T. B. ESPY,
E. H. LINDSAY,
O. M. LUCAS,

Committee.

J. D. Jameson read the report on Obituaries. On motion the report was recommitted.

John Aaron read the report on Constitutional Amendments. On motion, adjourned until Monday, 8:30 A. M. Sung the doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by W. A. Forbes.

NIGHT SESSION.

7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mass meeting on Ministerial Education at the Baptist House. Addresses by B. Thomas, O. M. Lucas and W. D. Mayfield. Collection in cash and pledges, \$219.50.

Preaching at the Presbyterian House, by B. W. Harmon, from Song of Solomon, 5th, 16th; Theme, "Friendship of Christ."

Preaching at the Methodist House, by J. B. Link, from 2nd Cor., 5th, 19th.

FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FORENOON SESSION.

SABBATH, November 2nd—11 O'CLOCK A. M.

Preaching at the Baptist House by J. B. Link, from Matthew 16, 19 and Matthew 28th, 19th and 20th. Collection \$16.00.

Preaching at the Presbyterian House by W. D. Mayfield, from Job 14th, 14th. Theme, "The Immortality of the Soul." Collection \$17.90.

Preaching at the Methodist House by B. Thomas, from John 12th, 32nd. Theme, "Influence of the Sufferings of Christ."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Sabbath School mass meeting at the Baptist House. Addresses by W. A. Clark and W. D. Mayfield.

NIGHT SESSION.

7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Mass meeting on Foreign Missions at the Baptist House. Address by J. M. Hart. Collection in cash and subscription, \$206.70

Preaching at Presbyterian House by G. W. Reeves, from Acts 13th, 31st. Theme, "Witnessing for Christ."

Preaching at the Methodist House by R. J. Coleman, from Heb. 12th, 1st, 2nd. Theme, "The Christian Race."

Preaching at the Colored Baptist House by M. D. Early.

FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

FORENOON SESSION.

MONDAY, November 3rd—8:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Convention called to order by the President. Reading Psalm 23rd. Hymn, "Blest be the Tie that Binds." Prayer by M. D. Early.

The President announced the motion to adopt the report on Constitutional Amendments was the business before the body.

Called for the previous question.

The Chair decided that the motion was lost.

John Aaron moved a reconsideration.

On motion the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

We your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, recommend that Article 2nd be so changed as to read: 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.

JOHN AARON,
R. D. OWENS,
R. S. WALLIS,

Committee.

B. Thomas read the report on Foreign Missions, after amendments were adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report that we would heartily recommend this work to the Baptists of the State, as one placed in their hands by the Master. He made them executors of His last will and testament, and as faithful executors, they must do all they can to preach the Gospel to every creature.

The command is still in force and binding on every follower of Christ. The cry comes up from many lands, "Come over and help us." Cries come from Africa, China, Italy and many other places, and while the denomination to which we belong, has Missionaries in three nations named; and our Board whose duty is to look at the wants of all, and supply each want as they may have the means to do so. This they cannot do, unless the Churches furnish the means. We, therefore, urge all our Churches to take up collections for missionary purposes, and if not oftener, at least once a year. As each member of the Church has the commission binding on him, he might as well violate any other command as to preach the Gospel to every creature. The Churches ought, we believe, to see that each member contributes something to this great work. All collected should be sent to W. A. Forbes, at Little Rock. We also recommend that collections be taken on next Sabbath for the cause of Foreign Mission.

BENJ. THOMAS,
R. J. COLEMAN,
A. YATES,

Committee.

On motion, suspended the requiring adjournment at 12 M.

T. B. Espy, Secretary of Ministerial Education, read the report on Ministerial Education, and after amendment by B. Thomas was adopted as follows:

As Secretary of Ministerial Education, I beg leave to submit the following report:

That there appeared to be no plan by which anything could be done during the last year, as there were no means on hand, and your Secretary did not have time to work up the State on that subject. The outlook now, however, is more favorable, and your Secretary hopes, that he reflects the sentiments of the Convention when he suggests that it will not do to abandon this important work. Many examples might be cited of the great good which has resulted from efforts in this direction, but this is deemed unnecessary. It is the conviction of Baptists, so far as I know, that Ministers ought not *only* to be educated, but, where it is practicable, even *highly* educated. In addition to what has been done for Brethren Yates and Wise, since the meeting of this Convention, your Secretary recommends:

First—That some one be put in school by this Convention, and that we pledge ourselves to his support in such payments as may be necessary,

Second—That our Brother M. D. Early, of Dardanelle, be encouraged to go to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

at Louisville, Kentucky, and that he be accepted as the beneficiary of this Convention.

Resolved, That a committee of three, consisting of W. E. Paxton, J. D. Jameson and G. W. Reeves are hereby appointed to see that the purpose of this Convention be carried out, and raise funds to support Brother M. D. Early.

While the report was pending, T. B. Espy was added to the committee.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M. Sung the Doxology, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Benediction by the President.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention called to order by the President.

The following resolution as offered by A. Yates was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother N. J. Davis, Pastor of De Gray Church, Clark County, be added to the committee raised by this body to carry into effect the resolution of this body for the education of Brother M. D. Early.

J. D. Jameson read the report on Obituaries, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries submit the following report: That five of our Ministers have passed away during the conventional year, viz.: Elders G. M. Prime, E. J. G. Carter, Wm. Borum, W. B. Beaver and J. L. Erwin. Some of these were men of age and experience, and a blessed influence follows them in the field of labor, which they occupied. Some of them were young men of promise and influence.

J. D. JAMESON,
T. B. ESPY,
J. R. GILES,

Committee.

The following resolutions offered by R. J. Coleman, were adopted:

Resolved, That we request each Association of this State to become auxiliaries to this Convention, and report the amount of money expended in the missionary work, either home or foreign.

Resolved, That each Church be requested to represent itself in this body, either by letter or messengers, and also to send funds, especially for the printing of minutes, that all may see what we are doing,

On motion of W. A. Clark, proceeded to elect messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention at Lexington, Kentucky,

May 6th, 1880. W. A. Clark, M. D. Early, G. W. Reeves, W. A. Forbes, B. W. Harmon, C. W. Callahan, A. J. Fawcett, T. B. Espy, R. J. Coleman, J. P. Eagle, W. E. Paxton, J. M. Hart, were chosen.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to incorporate the constitution on the minutes.

The following resolution offered by T. B. Espy, was adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention has learned with pain of the death of our dear sister, Mrs. Mary J. Early, wife of our brother, M. D. Early, now of Dardanelle. She was a sister of lovely character, deep piety, and much affection as a wife and mother. She was ready when the summons came, and had expressed the conviction to those she loved that "the time of her departure was at hand."

Resolved, That we extend to our dear brother, our most hearty sympathy in the sad affliction he has suffered in the loss of his wife; our sister filled her station in this life as a Christian wife and mother, with honor to the cause, and the Master whom she loved.

The following resolution offered by W. F. Mack was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention appoint a Standing Committee of four on Statistics, whose business shall be to procure and preserve in proper form, and make at the next session of this body, a complete Statistical Report of the Baptists of Arkansas, and that T. B. Espy, W. A. Forbes, Joshua Hill, and W. A. Clark, be that Committee.

The following resolution offered by T. B. Espy was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and are hereby returned to the brethren and citizens of Hope, for the large hearted and generous manner in which they have cared for the members and visitors during our present sitting, and also to the officers and managers of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern, and Memphis and Little Rock, and Little Rock and Fort Smith Railways, for favors shown the members of the Convention who came over these lines of travel.

W. A. Forbes, Secretary of the Home Mission Board read the following report which was adopted:

W. A. Forbes to the State Convention.....Dr.
 August, 1878, from W. A. Clark, Missionary, \$75.00
 September, 1878, from W. A. Clark, Missionary, 46.39
 October, 1878, from W. A. Clark, Missionary, 48.85
 November 1878, from W. A. Clark, Missionary, 75.00
 From O. M. Lucas, as Missionary.....232.16
 From J. F. Shaw, as Missionary..... 78.60

From Columbia Association.....	50.00
From Convention at Monticello, 1878.....	31.00
From Judson Association, per D. C. Hall.....	7.75
From Mrs. Hill, Eighth Street Church, Little Rock.....	1.50
From T. P. Boone, former Treasurer.....	58.00
From Conway Church, per T. B. Espy.....	4.80
From Jacksonville Church, per check.....	3.10
From Caroline Association, 1879, per W. F. Blackwood.....	20.00
From O. M. Lucas.....	39.40
From J. F. Shaw.....	34.66
From W. A. Clark.....	80.42

\$986.62

W. Forbes to the State Convention.....	Cr.
By Amount paid W. A. Clark for four months work.....	\$245.18
By Amount paid B. W. Harmon for one week's work.....	3.00
By Amount paid O. M. Lucas, Missionary....	232.16
By Amount paid J. F. Shaw, Missionary....	78.60
By amount paid Columbia Association.....	50.00
By Amount paid T. B. Boone.....	58.00
By Amount paid O. M. Lucas for Voucher No. 1.....	25.00
By Amount paid O. M. Lucas for Voucher No. 2.....	3.00
By Amount paid J. F. Shaw, per Voucher No. 1.....	25.00
By Amount paid for Stationary.....	1.00
By Amount paid for Blank Book for Secretary	1.50
By Amount paid for balance on hand.....	27.90
By Amount paid O. M. Lucas,.....	39.40
By Amount paid J. F. Shaw,.....	34.66
By amount paid O. M. Lucas.....	79.70
By Amount paid W. A. Clark.....	80.42

\$986.62

REPORT OF MISSIONARY LABOR.

MISSIONARY.	Places Visited.	Sermons.	Sabbath Schools Visited.	Families Visited.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Miles Traveled.	Money Collected.	Weeks of Labor.	Deacons Ordained.	Ministers Ordained.	Prayer Meetings Attended.	Sunday Schools Organized.
W. A. Clark.....	20	187	10	100	75	20	2000	325.70	20	2
O. M. Lucas.....	58	230	20	467	19	2	2310	311.86	44	1	1
J. F. Shaw.....	11	115	8	47	12	9	1332	113.26	18	89	8

W. A. Forbes, Treasurer, read the following report, which was adopted :

REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE CONVENTION.

	Dr.
Amount for Ministerial Education.....	\$ 45 65
Collection on Sabbath, Domestic Missions...	33 95
Amount on Sabbath, Foreign Missions.....	1 70
Amount Minutes (D. C. Hall).....	1 50
Amount Camden Church.....	43 50
Amount J. D. Jameson.....	48 40
Amount Messengers.....	61 65
Amount Minutes, Center Hill.....	1 00
Amount Minutes, J. D. Jameson.....	1 00

Total.....\$234 35

Cr.

Paid J. D. Jameson.....	\$ 48 40
Paid Camden Church.....	43 50
Paid W. F. Mack for Treasurer.....	13 60
A. Yates for R. Yates.....	5 00
By balance.....	123 85

Total.....\$234 35

W. A. FORBES, Treasurer.

On motion, allowed the Secretary \$25 for his services, and the balance of the funds to be expended in printing minutes. Singing hymn beginning, "Shall we gather at the river." Prayer by A. Yates. Adjourned.

The next meeting of the Convention will be held in Russellville, on Thursday before the first Sabbath in November, 1880.

J. M. HART, President.

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, 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 Baptists not delegated shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in Convention on payment of \$2.50 into the Treasury.

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 Recording and Assistant Secretary, a Treasurer, and ten or more Trustees, who shall hold office until their successors are elected, who shall compose the Executive Board, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

The Executive Board shall transact all business during the recess of the Convention and disburse the funds, fill all vacancies in its own body and submit a report of their proceeding to the Convention. Each member of the Board shall be ex-officio a member of the Convention.

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.

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