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MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE  
ARKANSAS  
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

HELD WITH  
THE BAPTIST CHURCH,

LONOKE, ARK.

NOVEMBER, 2, 3, 4 AND 5,  
1882.

*Next Session to be held with the Baptist Church at Fayetteville  
Ark., Nov., 3d, 1883., 10 o'clock, A. M.*

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ELD. J. P. EAGLE,  
ELD. J. B. SEARCY,

President  
Secretary

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RUSSELLEVILLE, ARK :  
ARKANSAS EVANGEL.  
1882.



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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on Order of Business reported through Col. M. F. Locke, which was adopted, after discussion and amendments, as follows:

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 and Domestic Missions.
5. Committee on Foreign Missions.
6. Committee on Resolutions.
7. Committee on Publications.
8. Committee on Nominations.
9. Committee on Finance.

10. A committee to prepare Obituaries on deceased members.

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

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

Eighth—Report of Standing Committees.

Ninth—Miscellaneous business.

Tenth—Farewell address by the President, and extend the parting hand.

Eleventh—Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. LOCKE,  
A. W. FILES,  
R. H. McCONNELL,



## 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 the 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 Secretary and Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; and also appoint three Trustees, who shall hold office until their successors are selected, who shall compose the Executive Board, three 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 its proceedings 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.

## PROCEEDINGS.

The ANNUAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION met 10 o'clock on Nov. 2, 1882 with the Baptist Church at Lonoke, Ark.

The President, J. P. Eagle, called the Convention to order, read the 116th Psalm; the congregation sang "I love Thy Kingdom Lord." Prayer by Brother R. T. Sanders.

On motion J. B. Searcy was chosen Secretary pro tem.

A motion prevailed appointing brethren W. E. Paxton, J. Dunnagin and M. F. Locke a Committee on Credentials.

While this committee were making up their report, the time was devoted to singing and talks by Dr. Marston and Dr. Worrell.

On motion took a recess till 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by R. S. James, D. D.

2 o'clock P. M., met for business; prayer by Elder J. Dunnagin.

The Committee on Credentials read their report, which was adopted. (See List of Delegates.)

Balloting for permanent officers of the Convention resulted in the choice of Elder J. P. Eagle, President; Col. M. F. Locke and Elder J. Dunnagin, Vice-Presidents; Elder J. B. Searcy, Secretary; Elder W. E. Paxton, D. D. Assistant Secretary, and Elder J. M. King, Treasurer.

A Committee on Constitutional Amendments was appointed, consisting of Brethren M. D. Early, R. S. James, J. Dunnagin, M. F. Locke and W. E. Paxton.

The Rules of Business governing last session were adopted for the government of this session.

The following committees were appointed, viz:

On Preaching—Brethren M. D. Early, M. F. Locke, J. M. King, Robert McConnell, John Marshall.

On Education—Brethren W. E. Paxton, R. S. James, A. S. Worrell, J. Dunnagin, Wm. Tucker, W. A. Forbes.

On Sunday-schools—Brethren S. Cornelius, J. S. Thomas, S. M. Lucas, I. M. Wise, P. L. Barker.

On Home Missions—Brethren W. A. Clark, G. A. Grammar, G. W. Reeves, John Mays, L. E. D. Hilliard.

On Foreign Missions—Brethren A. J. Fawcett, J. D. Jameson, M. Green, P. A. Hamon, W. D. Moffet.

On Resolutions—Brethren B. F. Thomas, J. J. Sawyer, T. H. B. McAlister, G. G. Thomas, J. S. Morris.



On Publications—Brethren W. T. Box, P. C. Mays, J. P. Weaver, B. W. Hornon, T. E. Jasper, T. H. Granberry.

On Nominations—Brethren M. F. Locke, G. W. Reeves, J. T. Jenkins, G. A. Grammar, A. J. Marlor.

On Finance—Brethren J. G. Doyle, C. W. Walker, Wm. Swain, W. T. Frith.

On Obituaries—Brethren R. A. Lee, J. W. H. Wharton, Frank White.

On Statistics—Brethren W. A. Forbes, J. D. Fletcher, A. L. Thompson.

Elder I. M. Wise was permitted to read a letter from Camden Church, and on motion a special committee, consisting of Brethren A. J. Fawcett, R. T. Sanders, G. C. Harris, N. C. Denson and T. A. Huckaby, were appointed to whom the letter was referred.

Corresponding and visiting brethren were invited.

Elder R. A. Venable reported from Tennessee Baptist State Convention. He also represented the Home Mission Board of the State Baptist Convention.

Eld. J. W. Harris reported from Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

Bro. J. W. Justice was received as a visitor from Central Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. S. W. Marston reported as District Secretary of the Southwest for the Home Mission Society, St. Louis, Mo.

The following order of meeting and adjourning was adopted, viz: Meet each day at 9 o'clock A. M., adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 2 o'clock P. M., adjourn at 4:30 P. M.; meet at 7 o'clock P. M., and adjourn at will.

Eld. W. E. Paxton presented a paper from the General Association of Southeast Arkansas, which was, on motion, referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

On motion Eld. W. A. Clark was permitted to read his report as State Evangelist, which report was referred to the Executive Board, with instructions to insert it in their report.

The hour of 10 o'clock to-morrow was fixed for hearing the report of the Executive Board.

The Treasurer read his report, which was, on motion, adopted. (See A.)

Adjourned. Prayer by Eld. G. A. Grammar.

SEVEN O'CLOCK P. M.

Met for business. Prayer by Eld. R. A. Venable.

In the absence of the appointed, Eld. B. R. Womack, D. D., the

Convention sermon was preached by Eld. W. E. Paxton, D. D. Text, 1st Cor. 9: 26—"So fight I, not as one that beateth the air." He showed that aimless effort ends in nothing, while he who has something to do, and does it, is the man that benefits the world. He insisted that as Baptists we have something to do, and we should do it.

At the close of the sermon the President called the Convention to order. The special committee to whom was referred the letter from Camden church reported. The report was discussed, and finally rejected.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow at 9 o'clock A. M. Prayer by Eld. O. M. Lucas.

FRIDAY, NINE O'CLOCK A. M.

Met. Spent half an hour in devotion. Prayer by Elder J. D. Jameson and J. T. Jenkins.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted; also the roll was read and corrected.

A resolution was adopted requesting the Convention sermon preached by Bro. Paxton to be published in The Evangel.

The special order was taken up, and Eld. W. A. Clark read the report of the State Mission Board. There was a motion to adopt the report, which was discussed by Brethren M. D. Early, F. White, G. W. Reeves and J. D. Jameson.

Eld. R. A. Venable, representing the Home Mission Board of the S. B. Convention, and Dr. S. W. Marston, representing the Home Mission Society, N. Y., were present, and at the request of the Convention, each of them made statements of the work of his Board, and expressed the opinion that they wanted to co-operate with us in our Mission work in this State.

A letter of correspondence from the colored Baptist Convention of Arkansas was read, and the names of Elds. J. H. Hoke, E. Neely, J. T. White and E. C. Morris were enrolled as messengers, and their letter ordered to be published.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Eld. R. J. Coleman.

TWO O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Forbes.

The consideration of the report of the State Board was resumed. The report was amended, and referred to a special committee, consisting of Brethren M. F. Locke, J. S. Thomas, P. C. Mays, J. T. Jenkins and G. A. Grammar, to report to-morrow at 10 o'clock A. M.



The Committee on Education read their report, which was discussed, amend and adopted. (See B.)

A motion prevailed that the regular order of business be suspended to-morrow at 11 o'clock to hear Eld. R. A. Venable preach.

Bro. Lucas, from the Committee to visit Jackson University, read a report, which was adopted. (See C.)

A committee consisting of Brethren Cornelius, McConnell, Locke, Dunnagin, King, Weaver, and Eagle was appointed to confer with Dr. James respecting the financial condition of Judson University.

Adjourned; prayer by Elder W. D. Mayfield, D. D.

7 o'clock P. M. met for business; prayer by Elder W. T. Box.

The Committee on Publications read their report, which was on motion recommitted after some discussion. Adjourned; prayer by Elder B. R. Womack, D. D.

Saturday 9 o'clock A. M. met for business; prayer by Elder G. C. Harris.

Brother J. M. Farrington, of Central Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., was enrolled as a visitor.

The Committee on Obituaries read their report, which was adopted. (See D.)

The Secretary read the minutes of Friday, which were adopted.

A special committee on Ministerial Education was raised consisting of Elders W. D. Moffett, R. J. Coleman, and M. D. Early.

A motion prevailed appointing the President, Elder J. P. Eagle, a delegate to the Bible Convention, to be held at Saratoga, N. Y., together with any other brother from our State who may be present.

The special order of the day was taken up, the special committee to whom the report of the State Board was referred reported the report back without alteration, which was adopted. (See E.)

Brother M. F. Locke offered the following resolution on co-operation which was adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, That our State Convention Board be authorized to accept aid in the prosecution of our State Mission Work from either the American Baptist Home Mission Society or the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention on the following plan:

The church or Missionary desiring aid may select the Board to whom they desire to apply for aid, and with their application state the amount of salary pledged on the field as the basis of the appropriation to be made.

This application shall be forwarded to the State Board, and if approved, endorsed, and sent to the Board addressed. If the Missionary or Pastor be appointed he shall report all his work and the money raised on the field to the Board which appoints him, and duplicate the same to the State Board.

*Resolved*, further, That if either of the Boards decline to help us except upon condition that we refuse aid from the other, then we decline to co-operate with the Board so refusing.

10 o'clock A. M. took a recess till 2 o'clock P. M. to hear Elder R. A. Venable preach. Our Brother preached a very instructive and deeply spiritual sermon from the text—"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world."

2 o'clock P. M. met; prayer by Elder R. A. Lee.

The Committee on Sunday Schools read their report, which was made the special order for to-night, 8 o'clock. Adjourned; prayer by Elder J. P. Weaver.

7 o'clock P. M. met; prayer by Elder T. E. Jasper.

The Committee on Foreign Missions read their report, which was forcibly discussed by Elder A. J. Fawcett, and afterwards adopted. (See F.)

The Committee on Publications again read their report, which was unanimously adopted. (See G.)

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was taken up, discussed and adopted. (See H.)

The special committee on Ministerial Education read their report, which was adopted, and a collection taken up for Brethren Yates and Smith (students at the Seminary) amounting to \$24 00 in cash.

The Committee on Nominations read their report, which was amended and adopted. (See I.)

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments read their report, which was adopted. The report simply changed the 6th article of the Constitution. (See Constitution.)

The Committee on Statistics read their report, which was simply a correction of our list of Minister's names and post-offices. Report adopted.

The report of the Committee on State Missions was made the special order for to-morrow, 3 o'clock P. M.

A committee consisting of Elder J. B. Searcy, W. E. Paxton and R. S. James was appointed to provide for a Minister's Institute, to be held in connection with our State Convention, as was our practice years ago.



The Foreign Mission Secretary read his report, which was adopted. (See J.)

A Board of Ministerial Education consisting of Elders R. S. James, W. D. Mayfield and W. E. Paxton was appointed. (See K.) Elder M. D. Early was elected Foreign Mission Secretary.

On motion the Convention decided that the collections taken to-morrow morning be devoted to Conventional purposes.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder A. J. Fawcett.

## SABBATH.

At 11 o'clock A. M. Elder B. R. Womack, D.D., preached at the Baptist church. Text, Matt. 28:20: "Lo, I am with you always; even unto the end of the world." Theme, "Divine companionship with Christian workers." The grand success of the Christian religion was forcibly demonstrated. At the close of the sermon collection was taken up amounting to \$60 in cash.

Elder J. P. Weaver preached at the same hour at the Methodist church. His sermon was highly commended by those who heard it.

At 3 o'clock P. M. met. Prayer by Elder Thomas Watts.

The report on Home Missions was called up, read and adopted, and a collection for that work taken up amounting in pledges to \$262 and in cash to \$12.90. Total cash and pledges \$274.90. The Secretary has the subscription list to whom those amounts may be forwarded at Annover, Arkansas.

A resolution was adopted requesting Elder B. R. Womack, D.D., to print his sermon, which he preached at 11 o'clock, in the *Arkansas Evangel*.

The collection taken at the Methodist church amounted to \$2.40.

The Finance Committee made their report, which was adopted. (See L.)

On motion all the funds of the Convention was left subject to the order of the State Board.

Resolutions were adopted returning thanks to the President for kind services in presiding over the Convention, to the church and citizens of Lonoke and vicinity for their hospitable entertainment of the members of the Convention, to the Methodist and Presbyterian brethren for the use of their houses of worship, to the railroads for reduced fare; also instructing the Secretary to have the minutes of this Convention printed, etc.

Adjourned. Prayer by Elder O. M. Lucas.

At 7 o'clock P. M., Elder A. J. Fawcett preached at the Baptist church and Elder J. B. Searcy at the Methodist church.

At the close of Bro. Fawcett's sermon the Convention resumed its unfinished business. Appointed the following correspondents:

To Tennessee Convention—Elders A. J. Fawcett, W. A. Forbes, T. E. Jasper and J. B. Searcy.

To Mississippi Baptist State Convention—Elders G. A. Grammar, J. P. Weaver, B. F. Thomas, R. S. James and J. B. Searcy.

To Louisiana State Convention—Elders W. E. Paxton, T. M. Wise, J. U. H. Wharton, A. J. Fawcett and J. B. Searcy.

To General Association of Texas—Elders G. W. Reeves, M. D. Early, C. W. Walker, Frank White and J. B. Searcy.

To Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. Searcy, M. F. Locke, G. W. Reeves, B. F. Thomas, M. D. Early, T. M. Wise, J. T. Jenkins, R. S. James, A. J. Fawcett, J. P. Eagle, W. E. Paxton, G. A. Grammar, W. A. Clark.

The Committee on Resolutions reported that the question of providing a fund for the support of indigent ministers whose lives have been worn out in preaching the gospel be duly considered; and in order to this end it was recommended that the President of this Convention appoint one brother from each Association in the State whose business it shall be to draft a plan, do all they can toward its execution and report at the next meeting of this Body. Elder John Mays, of Fayetteville, claimed the privilege of giving the first dollars toward this noble work, which he paid to the Secretary. The resolution was adopted.

The President delivered a very earnest and important address to the Convention.

The brethren united in singing "Sweet By-and-By," while they extended to each other the parting hand.

Elder John Mays led in prayer and the Convention adjourned to meet with the Baptist church in Fayetteville, Ark., Thursday 10 o'clock A. M., before the first Sabbath in November, 1883.

J. B. SEARCY, Sec'y.

J. P. EAGLE, President.



# APPENDIX.

(A.)

J. M. King, Treasurer, in account with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

1881-2		DEBIT.	
Nov. 7, to cash received at Convention	-----		\$ 205 11
CREDIT.			
By Voucher No. 1	-----		\$ 25 00
By Voucher No. 2	-----		28 00
By Voucher No. 3	-----		90 95
By Voucher No. 4	-----		60 70
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			\$204,65
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Balance in Treasury	-----		\$ 46

Respectfully,  
J. M. KING, Treasurer.

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## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

It is a part of the work of this Convention to promote the interests of education. The Baptists of Arkansas cannot afford to stand idly by, and permit others to control this important element in material progress. If we leave to others the education of our sons and daughters, we may reasonably expect them to be drawn away from us, and our influence, as a denomination, to be weakened. It is gratifying to know that our people, to some extent, realize this; and that efforts are being made to establish schools in different parts of the State. Our first need is good academies distributed in various parts of the State. These will foster an educational spirit among the people—afford facilities for young men and women who are too poor to go abroad for these advantages; and incite in the minds of young persons a thirst for higher education, and thus become important feeders of our colleges and higher schools. Your committee realizes the importance of supplying the wants of those in whom a desire for a more thorough education than can be afforded by the local academies, has been aroused, and the necessity for improved facilities. The advantages of concentration are incalculable. If our means and energies were united in building up one or more institutions, they would possess many advantages, and would be amply sufficient to accommodate those in our State who aspire to a collegiate education, and the best we can do is to foster the institutions now in existence. These schools we commend to the patronage of the denomination.

Buckner College, located at Wicherville, Sebastian county, about twenty miles south of Ft. Smith, was opened in September for the reception of students. The number and character of the students now in attendance encourages the hope that this institution will supply a felt want on our Western borders. A course of study of our Colleges is here imparted. The surroundings of the College are flattering, both as respects healthfulness of the locality, and the moral tone of the

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community. Centennial Institute, at Warren, Bradley county, has opened its Fall session under favorable auspices, and affords facilities for a first-class Academic education. Arkadelphia Baptist High School is located in a beautiful and rich section of country. It is now on its seventh year of work. The school is in a prosperous condition. This school has good property, free from debt, and has before it a hopeful and encouraging future. In reference to Judson University, we submit the following extract from the report of the Committee on Education, at the recent session of the Caroline Association, and unanimously adopted by that body:

"Your committee are pleased to say that on inquiry they learn that Judson University, situated within our associational limits, is still doing its beneficial work. Already its work is felt for good in our pulpits and pews. Graduates and former students are filling with credit important positions in our public schools, while more than one brother now laboring in the ministry of Arkansas, finds those labors brighter and more efficient from the training a few terms at the Judson gave him. This institution has not yet been able to overcome all the obstacles to its permanent success. It should have the sympathy and support of the Baptists of the Association, and, indeed of the whole State. To secure this desirable result, your committee are of the opinion that a change in the manner of electing the Trustees is desirable. Although, by the Charter, a majority of that board must be Baptists, yet the denomination throughout the State has no voice in the appointment. Under the Charter, six Trustees—one-third of the entire Board—retire each year; and the President of the University must nominate, and the Board elect, to fill vacancies. Why may not an agreement be made by which the State Convention shall suggest names for this purpose? At the meeting of the State Board, preceding the Annual Meeting of the University Board, let twelve names be presented, from which the President of the University shall elect the required six. Such a course, we are sure, would tend to fasten the institution in the hearts of Baptists throughout the State, and commend it to their active support."

Your committee are informed by a committee from the Baptist State Convention of our colored brethren, that they are laboring to establish a College for the education of colored ministers, and we earnestly recommend this movement to the sympathies of our brethren, and recommend them to do all they can to encourage them in this laudable enterprise.

Respectfully Submitted,  
W. E. PAXTON, Chm.

*Resolved*, That the Report on Education be so amended as to earnestly recommend the establishment of a Baptist College in the State for colored people; and as a Convention, we will do all we can to encourage our colored breteren in this noble enterprise.

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Your committee appointed by last Convention to visit Judson University, would state that the institution was visited by one of our members during the year, and while we cannot report the school all that we could wish, we are happy to say that we believe it to be the germ of an institution of which every lover of education among us should feel proud. We would state first, then, that Baptist parents having children to educate, would do well to consider the claims of this school, under the efficient management of Dr. James and his assistants. The school is growing in importance and usefulness each year. Though this is a mixed school, yet such is the disciplinary measures, and the vigilance of the lady principal, that this feature is rather an advantage, than a disadvantage.

Very Respectfully,

J. B. SEARCY,  
J. P. WEAVER,  
O. M. LUCAS,  
Committee.



## MISSIONARY REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING NOV. 7, 1882.—W. A. CLARK.

Churches visited.....	52
Miles traveled.....	5,770
Sermons preached.....	410
Religious visits.....	527
Conversions.....	480
Baptized.....	225
Baptized by others.....	63
Received by letter.....	86
Received by restoration.....	44
Total additions.....	418

## COLLECTIONS.

First Quarter—No Co-operation, and no other Salary than my Collections.....	\$232 62
Second Quarter—Collected and Applied to Salary.....	224 35
Third Quarter—\$150 retained on Salary—Collection.....	193 26
Fourth Quarter—\$150 retained on Salary—Collection.....	222 50

Total Collection.....	\$872 73
Applied my Salary.....	756 97

Disbursed by order of Board.....\$115 76

The collections from Feb. 1 to June 1 were to receive an addition of 66 $\frac{2}{3}$  cts. from the A. B. H. M. Society.

Collections for said time.....	\$289 70
Pro rata of H. M. Society.....	173 82
Collections for last five months.....	350 41
From June 1st to close of year the H. M. Society gave dollar for dollar.....	350 41

Earned to the State Board by co-operation.....	\$1164 34
My Salary for these nine months.....	900 00

Net surplus.....\$264 34

Respectfully submitted,  
W. A. CLARK.

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We your committee to whom was referred the matter of Foreign Missions report the following: We regard it as true that Foreign Missions is one feature of missions as taught in the New Testament. It is as much a part of the system of missions and grows as legitimately out of the Savior's last command as does Home Missions. We, therefore, cannot neglect the one with any more impunity than the other. To wilfully neglect either is rash disobedience to the Savior's command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our people need to be well instructed in the spirit of missions; they need to know and to feel that the Master has entrusted to them the important matter of planting the leaven of divine truth in every nation and tongue of earth. As to how this planting may or may not result, is a matter over which God alone presides. Under the directions of the divine Word and the guidance of the Holy Spirit we are to do the Master's work and evince faith enough to leave the result with God. Our fathers before us prayed earnestly that the nations in darkness might be opened to the reception of the Gospel. God certainly has heard their prayers; therefore, the walls of China have given way, all Italy, Mexico and South America are now open and calling for the Gospel. The Foreign Mission Board

of the Southern Baptist Convention is now attempting to cultivate all these fields with encouraging prospects before it. We would earnestly urge Arkansas Baptists to contribute to this important work. As to plan of operation, we would suggest the same policy as last year, that is for the Secretary of Foreign Missions to address each pastor in the State and urge that at least one sermon on Foreign Missions be preached during the year, and that a collection be taken up and the same be forwarded to H. A. Tupper at Richmond, Va., and a statement of the amount be sent to M. D. Early, Lonoke, Ark.

All of which we respectfully submit.

A. J. FAWCETT,  
J. D. JAMESON,  
P. A. HAMAN,  
M. GREEN,  
MOFFATT.

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## PUBLICATIONS.

Your committee to whom was submitted the subject of Publications would offer the following report: First of all we recommend the Bible as the standard of all faith and practice. As a religious journal we recommend the *Arkansas Evangel* as our State organ, believing, as we do, that it is an indispensable necessity to the growth and prosperity of our denomination in the State. In so far as is known to your committee the several Associations of the State have given it their unqualified endorsement. This we accept as a guarantee that it is deemed entirely sound and faithful as an exponent of our peculiar principles as a people and that it may and of right should receive a like endorsement from this Convention. But your committee feels that it is not enough to endorse the *Evangel* as our State organ. If it succeeds it must have the hearty support of our people not only in word, but in deed. We anticipate no opposition in the remark that the *Evangel* will be financially or otherwise—just what our people make it—a dishonorable failure or a grand and glorious success. We cannot omit, nor yet dwell upon the noble efforts and sacrifices made by its editors to give our people a first-class paper. These have been all and more than we had any right to expect. And while they have been blessed with a limited measure of success, yet they have not as yet placed the paper beyond contingency. This can only be done by the earnest and united support of our people throughout the State.

We would, therefore, most earnestly recommend that not only this Convention but our people throughout the State give the *Evangel* their hearty and liberal support, that it may be freed from every embarrassment and made all that our people could wish in the way of a paper. As Sunday School literature we recommend *Kind Words* and the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society.  
W. T. Box Chairman.

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## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report as follows:

From all the information we can obtain, we are satisfied that the Sunday School cause is making steady progress among our churches. Not less than fourteen Sunday School Conventions have now been organized, or about to be organized. These Conventions have proved very efficacious in other states in consolidating and increasing the Sunday School forces, and the like is true of some of them in our own state. We deem it of the highest importance that such Conventions be multiplied until there shall be one within the bounds of each of our Associations, under the leadership of the best workers that can be obtained.

So little effort has been made by our Associations to secure Sunday School statistics, that we are unable to give the number of Arkansas Baptist Sunday Schools. Heretofore it has been thought that not more than one-fourth of our churches have had such schools; we believe the number may now be stated as



one-third, in other words 300 or more of our churches now keep up Baptist Sunday Schools during the whole, or part of the year. Then we consider that the establishment of a Sunday School means an increase of Bible study, and of Christian activity; the development of the Missionary spirit, and of devotional habits and tendencies; and, in the case of country churches, a change, so far at least as the attendants of the Sunday School are concerned, from monthly to weekly assemblies, and, of consequences, a demand for more preaching and more pastoral labor, and more steady and persistent church work; the establishment of Sunday Schools will appear to be a matter, whose importance is difficult of exaggeration. The circulation of the Scriptures on the part of our State Sunday School Missionary by sale or by gift, and the introduction into our families and Sunday Schools of religious literature adds to the importance of this work.

All experience has shown that that Sunday School succeeds best, as a rule, for which some one religious denomination is responsible. There is real unity about it, and more real energy. Our peculiar principles, as Baptists, should be associated with the a peculiar zeal in propagating those principles. Being allowed, like the great apostle, "to be put in trust with the gospel," we should speak accordingly, "not as pleasing men, but God, who trieth our hearts." Fidelity to our most sacred convictions demands that we have, not only Baptist churches, but Baptist Sunday Schools, wherever there are enough Baptists and sympathizing friends of the Baptists to sustain them. If Baptist principles are worthy to be believed they are worthy to be taught; and who will teach Baptist principles but Baptist people? If our children are to be taught in the Methodist and Presbyterian Sunday Schools, they will be likely to become Methodists and Presbyterians and not Baptists. Then let the Baptist leaders in Arkansas, if they would show themselves worthy to be such; see to it that Baptist Sunday Schools are established everywhere that they can be established, and supplied with Baptist literature. Thus our cherished principles will be propagated, and our numerical and spiritual strength will be rapidly and vastly re-inforced.

Baptists have ever been heedful of the inspired injunction to "contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints." In the defence of this priceless inheritance may of our ecclesiastical ancestors have "resisted unto blood, striving against sin." Other champions of these oft-imperilled principles have also ever been found in our ranks, knights of the cross "set for the defence of the gospel;" and then, forfeited as they have been with all the artillery of truth, have won for us many a hard-fought field. But heroes and myrtrs, and theological and polemical giants, not to detract from their well-deserved honors, are not the only, or the chief "defenders of the faith" that we need. We need soldiers more than captains, and progress more than proclamations. Why boast of our banners unless we carry them in the ban? Why rest supinely on our arms while others, whose superiors we claim to be, are winning the honors of the day? Let us be mindful of our denominational history, and jealous for our denominational honor. Rather let us be "very jealous," like Elijah, for the Lord God of hosts," and for the honor of his name and truth. Truth is a trust, we are the stewards of Christ, and he is coming to take account of his servants. The Baptists of Arkansas are a mighty host. In many a State of the Union, where our principles have to be advanced against great odds, our brethren might well envy us the advantage-ground we occupy. Let us be true, then, to ourselves, and to our children, true to our generation, and true, above all, to our Master.

For the Baptists of Arkansas to neglect proper provision for the religious training of the youth under our control can only be to prepare for ourselves sure and speedy, but unavailing regrets. Our state is fast filling up with emigrants from every quarter, and soon the great tide of emigration, so long settling into the great northwest, will begin to overflow into our borders. The time is not far distant when Arkansas will be covered with a great gridiron of rails. These will bring a vast population, and with this population will come intelligence and enterprise and piety; but other elements will mingle with these not so desirable. Popery and infidelity and intemperance will obtain new recruits; all the evils now in our midst will receive a fresh impulse. Now, then, now while our population is so largely agricultural, now while our youth are so generally uncon-

taminated with the vices and errors elsewhere prevalent, now is the time to pre-occupy their minds with purity and truth. Fill the soil well with good seed, and so lessen the chances for the weeds to grow. It is matter for congratulation that in the prosecution of this work we have so potent an auxiliary as the American Baptist Publication Society, a society so large in its resources of denominational literature, and denominational support and patronage, with its corps of a hundred and fifty missionaries scattered through the various states and territories of the Union, and its usefulness extending from our own to other lands. Your committee believe that the continuance of the relationship between our Convention and the Publication Society can but be productive of increasing benefits to our cause in Arkansas. We also recommend to our churches the Sunday School literature published by the Suthern Baptist Convention.

S. CORNELIUS, Chairman.

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REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations recommend to preach the next Conventional Sermon Rev. W. D. Mayfield, D. D., with Rev. J. P. Weaver as alternate.

We recommend as the place of holding the next meeting of this body Fayetteville, Ark.

We recommend for the State Board the present officers of the Convention with, Elder W. D. Mayfield, D. D., J. P. Weaver and Hon. M. F. Locke (by action of the Body).  
M. F. LOCKE, chm'n.

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The Secretary of Foreign Missions announced the following amounts as reported by him:

Unknown	\$5 00
Fayetteville Church	5 00
Conway Church	4 00
H. and Eddie Lucas	7 50
Ozark Church	5 00
Rev. A. J. Fawcett	36 00
Ladie's Aid Society, Russellville	10 00
Rev. J. P. Eagle	5 00
Young Ladies Mission Band, Lonoke	82 50
Total	\$82 50

The following list is what is reported on the Roll books for Foreign Missions during the past year, as reported by J. B. Searcy:

Judson Association	\$11 15
New Edinburg Church	2 00
Chambersville and Friendship Churches	11 00
New Hope, Dallas County	4 25
Total	\$28 40
Union Association—Total	\$44 30
Liberty Association—Camden Church, total	\$4 00
Caroline Association—Beebe Church	5 00
Searcy Church	4 50
Little Rock Baptist Sunday-school	10 00
Sundry Churches	6 00
Total	\$25 50



<i>Friendship Association</i> .....	\$26 17
Enon Church.....	2 30
Total.....	\$28 47
<i>Bartholomew Association</i> —Holly Springs Church.....	\$ 1 10
Union Hill Church.....	1 80
Concord Church.....	80
New Prospect Church.....	35
Warren Sunday school.....	1 50
Total.....	\$4 55
<i>United Associations</i> —Total.....	\$ 5 00
<i>Bethlehem Association</i> —Total.....	\$30 00
<i>Red River Association</i> —Arkadelphia Church, total.....	\$20 00
<i>Grand Prairie Association</i> —Total.....	\$ 3 55
Friendship Church, Green Co., total.....	\$ 2 65
Amount paid at last Convention through Bro. Early.....	\$90 40
Total.....	\$286 82
Add amount by Secretary.....	82 50
Total for the year.....	\$379 32

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Your Committee to whom was referred the letters from Brethren Yates and Smith, students in the S. B. Theological Seminary, beg leave to report:

1. We recommend that a collection be taken in this body and equally divided between these brethren, in order to relieve their immediate necessities.

2. We further recommend that the agents, officers and members of this body call attention of the churches to the wants of these brethren, and that the churches be requested to make a contribution for this object and forward same to the Board.

W. D. MAYFIELD,  
R. J. COLEMAN,  
M. D. EARLY.

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## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The success of the past, the Macedonian cry of the present, and the responsibility of the future, demand at our hands heroic efforts to occupy the land. To accomplish this, three things are necessary:

First—Pauline Evangelism.

Second—Missionary pastors.

Third—Systematic giving.

To accomplish this, your committee would recommend:

First—The election of a General Missionary, who shall both evangelize and instruct in Christian giving.

Second—The earnest co-operation of our State Boards, with the District Association Boards, in supporting either a Missionary pastor at some important point in each Association or an Associational in the same.

Third—Systematic giving taught in the Arkansas Evangel, preached by pastors, exhorted by deacons, and practiced by all. We also recommend the continuance of the Mission work among our colored people, by a colored missionary, on the plan so ably carried on by our Bro. O. M. Lucas.

And further, that our pastors be urged to preach to the colored people on every convenient occasion, and instruct them in theology and church fidelity.

W. A. CLARK, Ch'm.

## LIST OF DELEGATES.

CALVARY CHURCH, Little Rock—S. Cornelius, D. D., Mrs. Langley, and W. D. Mayfield, D. D.  
 JUDSONIA—R. S. James, D. D., P. L. Barker and F. G. Briggs.  
 HOPE—Eld. G. W. Reeves.  
 JACKSONVILLE—Elds. T. H. Granberry and G. G. Thomas.  
 CHARLESTON—R. M. Barnes and J. F. Burt.  
 LAFAYETE STREET CHURCH, Fort Smith—Eld. P. C. Mays.  
 CONWAY—G. E. Hilliard.  
 PLEASANT GROVE—Eld. W. D. Moffitt.  
 PLEASANT HILL, Benton county—Eld. G. C. Harris.  
 LONOKE—W. A. Verser, L. H. Hall and Eld. J. M. King.  
 WARREN—Elds. R. A. Lee, N. C. Denson, and W. E. Paxton, D. D.  
 CAMDEN—Eld. I. M. Wise.  
 GUM WOODS—Eld. J. D. Fletcher, D. W. S. Morris and W. H. Nelson.  
 PLEASANT HILL, Lonoke county—Wm. Swaim, Thos. Carroll and J. L. Easley.  
 RUSSELLVILLE—Eld. J. P. Weaver and B. R. Womack, D. D.  
 LIBERTY, White county—Eld. J. G. Doyle.  
 GREENWOOD—Eld. J. J. Sawyers,  
 BEEBE—Grant Taylor and Rev. M. Green.  
 CARLSILE—John Marshall.  
 DES ARC—W. G. Frith.  
 GREENWOOD, Lonoke county—Wm. Short.  
 OAK GROVE—Thos. and G. W. Belcher.  
 ARKADELPHIA—Eld. J. T. Jenkins.  
 CONWAY—Mrs. M. C. Witt.  
 CABOT AND CENTER HILL—Elder R. J. Coleman.

## ASSOCIATIONS.

PINE BLUFF—Eld. Wm. Tucker.  
 JUDSON—Eld. B. N. Hultsman.  
 FRIENDSHIP—Eld. J. B. Searcy.  
 CONCORD—R. H. McConnell and Elds. Frank White and T. H. B. McAlister.  
 LIBERTY—Elds. J. U. H. Wharton and Ivan M. Wise.  
 UNITED—Elds. A. I. Marlar and B. W. Harmon.  
 CAROLINE—Elds. R. J. Coleman, M. Green, J. S. Thomas, M. D. Earley and J. P. Eagle.  
 SALINE—Eld. J. D. Jameson.  
 MT. VERNON—Elds. T. E. Jasper, B. J. Thomas, G. A. Grammar and L. K. Obenchain.  
 CLEAR CREEK—M. F. Locke.  
 GRAND PRAIRIE—R. T. Sanders, and Elds. J. S. Morris, P. A. Harman, and R. J. Routh.  
 BENTONVILLE—Eld. J. Dunnagin.  
 BARTHOLOMEW—Elds. A. J. Fawcett, W. E. Paxton, D. D., and N. C. Denson.  
 DARDANELLE—I. A. Huckaby.  
 FAYETTEVILLE—Eld. John Mayes and C. W. Walker.  
 General Association of Southeast Arkansas—Elds. R. A. Lee, J. B. Searcy, N. C. Denson and W. E. Paxton, D. D.  
 RUSSELLVILLE—Elds. W. T. Box and B. R. Womack, D. D.  
 RED RIVER—Eld. W. A. Forbes.

## INDIVIDUALS.

W. A. Clark, D. D.

A. S. Worrell, D. D.



## LETTER FROM COLORED CONVENTION.

MARIANNA, LEE CO., ARK., Aug. 26, 1882.

*The Regular Missionary State Baptist Convention (colored), of Arkansas, To the Missionary Buptist State Convention (white), of Arkansas, sendeth Christian greeting.*

The Lord has blessed his cause among the colored Baptists of this State with an increase that make glad our hearts. Our statistics are as follows:

Number of churches represented in the Convention, 230; number of communicants, 32,000. There are in our judgment about 12,00 Baptist communicants in this State who are not connected with the Convention, making in all about 44,000 colored Baptists in Arkansas.

We are glad to say that the leading brethren of this denomination are united, and we feel safe in saying that much good has been accomplished during the past year.

We have arranged to commence the publication of a paper for the benefit of our denomination, also we have done much towards educating our young ministers by supporting them in the Nashville Institute, and towards erecting a University at Helena for the benefit of the colored youths.

We are unable at this writing to give a correct statement of how many churches have been built by the colored Baptists during the past year, but much has been done in that direction.

It is the earnest desire of our brethren to start a school for our denomination, but find ourselves unable at present to put the school in operation and pay teachers, and we would most respectfully ask the assistance of our more able white brethren in this very important matter of educating our ministers.

We send as Corresponding Messengers, to sit with you in your deliberations, our beloved brethren: Rev. J. H. Hoke, of Augusta; Rev. E. Neely, of Searcy; Rev. J. T. White, of Helena; Rev. E. C. Morris, of Helena. Trusting that they may be received by you, we are yours in the cause of religion, The Regular (colored) Baptist State Convention, of Arkansas. E. C. MORRIS, President.

WILLIS A. HOLMES, Cor. Sec'y.