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MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Arkansas Baptist State Convention,

—HELD AT—

CONWAY, ARK.,

—ON—

NOVEMBER :: 3, :: 4, :: 5, :: 6 :: AND :: 7, :: 1893.

W. P. THROGMORTON, President, Fort Smith, Ark. :: ::
:: :: W. F. BLACKWOOD, Secretary, Little Rock, Ark.

The next Session will be held with Lonoke Baptist Church,
Lonoke County, Ark., commencing on Friday before
the first Sunday in November, 1894.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be styled the 'ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.'

ARTICLE II. 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.

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

ARTICLE IV. 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.

ARTICLE V. 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, Missions and Sunday School Work, and to gather denominational statistics.

ARTICLE VI. The Convention shall elect by ballot annually a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Also appoint one brother from each Association and thirteen other brethren who shall compose the Executive Board, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum; said Board to hold office until their successors shall be appointed.

ARTICLE VII. The Convention shall convene on Friday before the first Sunday in November, each year.

ARTICLE VIII. 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.

CONWAY, ARK.,
Friday, Nov. 3, 1893. }

The Convention was called to order at 10 A. M. by J. M. Hart, President W. E. Penn led in singing, "How Firm a Foundation," and W. P. Throgmorton read a selection from Romans 12, when W. E. Penn led in devotional exercises. The Chair appointed as a

Committee on Credentials—H. Beauchamp, W. Theo. Smith, L. Quinn.

Prof. A. G. Robertson, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was by unanimous consent, allowed to present the wants of the Seminary whilst the Committee on Credentials were preparing its report.

A subscription was taken in aid of Ministerial students at Louisville amounting to \$244.90.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following named persons as entitled to seats in the body.

ASSOCIATIONS

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| Fayetteville.—J. H. Amacker, J. D. Cook. | Saline.—W. A. Clark, C. B. Henderson. |
| Clear Creek.—M. F. Locke, Thos. Hudson, J. W. Harris, D. C. Hardin. | Caroline.—J. P. Eagle, T. S. Potts, G. W. Thomasson, W. F. Blackwood, J. G. Doyle. |
| Mt. Vernon.—H. J. Smith, W. H. Pasley, H. Rhodes Moran, J. B. Pomeroy, W. H. Vernon. | Mt. Zion.—J. H. Peay, J. M. Robertson, J. H. Kitchens. |
| Union.—Jacob King. | Concord.—D. C. Yeargin, P. C. Mays. |
| Greenbrier.—Vines Turner, C. B. Parson. | Rocky Bayou.—Henry F. Vermillion. |
| White River Valley.—A. A. Andrews. | Blue Mountain.—J. M. McCallister |
| Dardanella.—W. D. Moffit. | Red River.—E. B. Miller, J. W. Conger. |
| Russellville.—W. T. Box, J. A. Meyers. | Friendship.—W. H. Cash. |
| Gainesville.—J. M. Lawrence. | Liberty.—W. T. Tardy. |
| White River.—M. N. Dyer. | Grand Prairie.—W. Theo. Smith |
| Judson.—C. M. Myrick, L. J. Hogg, J. S. Mann | Ba tholomew.—N. C. Denson. |
| State Line.—E. T. Lincoln | Carr ll County.—W. E. Penn, Geo. West. |
| Fouche Valley.—J. E. McGovern, M. F. Cate | United.—B. M. Stephens, J. Mayall, T. Moody, Asa Robertson, J. K. Broadway. |
| Pine Bluff.—J. W. Lybrand, S. R. Skeen, R. L. Cole, W. C. C. Dorrrough, U. J. Newell. | Benton County.—I. R. Hall, L. Quinn. |
| Columbia.—T. C. Swafford, J. F. McCling, W. J. Walthall. | Current River.—W. T. Griffith. |
| Osceola.—W. W. Gardner. | Little Red River.—R. G. Lafferty, R. E. Sutton. |

CHURCHES.

Salem.—W. M. Thompson.
 Mt. Vernon.—H. Hobbs, W. C. Newell.
 Nashville.—C. W. Strickland, G. W. McCarty.
 Conway.—G. E. Hilliard, H. C. Hovis, G. W. Bruce.
 Mt. Zion, (White county.)—B. C. Aclin, J. W. Haynes.
 Mt. Zion, (Faulkner county.)—J. T. Harper, G. D. Rhodes, S. E. Lamar.
 Brinkley.—J. B. Perminter.
 Bentonville.—M. M. Smith, T. L. Fulbright.
 Eureka Springs.—M. Slaughter, M. R. Reagan, W. E. Moore.
 Stuttgart.—A. B. McClure.
 Judsonia.—W. P. Kime, J. S. Thomas.
 Second Baptist, Little Rock.—H. C. Hinton, A. W. Files, M. B. Hill.
 Magnolia.—T. C. Monroe, D. E. Smith.
 Marianna.—J. T. Stricker, John P. Farrar.
 First Baptist, Little Rock.—A. G. McManaway, W. T. Cate, W. E. Atkinson.
 Liberty.—E. Holman, H. P. Haley.
 Immanuel, Little Rock.—Frank White, J. H. Reynolds, J. G. B. Simms.
 El Dorado.—J. M. Hart, J. C. Wright.
 Mt. Olive.—W. J. Kirkland.
 Mulberry.—M. A. Gunter.
 Fordyce.—J. A. Underwood.
 Lonoke.—W. H. Eagle, B. L. Corn, J. W. Lipsey.
 Ozark.—T. M. Jackson, J. W. Harris, W. S. Webb.
 Cabot.—R. J. Coleman.
 Macedonia.—M. E. Moore.
 Fort Smith.—J. H. Jones, W. P. Throgmorton, Mrs. J. E. Marshall.
 Paragould.—T. B. Kitchen.
 Morrilton—Miss Jennie Box, Mrs. Box, W. A. C. Sayle.
 Arkadelphia—C. E. Neeley, F. D. Baars.
 First Baptist, Hot Springs—G. W. Reeves.
 Promise Land, (Ashley county)—A. D. Cone.
 Greenwood—R. A. Rowe, Mrs. M. A. Neele.
 Brier Creek, (Logan county)—W. E. Weems.
 Dardanelle—E. R. Seibert, S. N. Evens, J. C. Brooks.
 Hope—W. T. Daniel.
 Magazine—Powell and Merritt.
 Plummerville—Riley Parker, W. E. Rambold, A. K. Bradley.
 Second Baptist, Arkadelphia—J. J. Haynes.
 Rogers—Miss Minnie Line.
 Van Buren—H. Beauchamp.
 Beebe—L. F. Taylor, W. Rogers.
 New Bethel—J. A. Pate.
 Monticello—R. Clayton, C. E. Wood, L. E. Wolser.
 Forrest City—J. B. Izard, J. H. Lipsey, Miss Pasley.
 Searcy—B. C. Black.
 Shiloh, (Clay county)—W. T. Griffith.
 Pleasant Valley—J. M. Satler, W. J. Sloan, H. J. Thompson.
 Rison—J. D. Overton.
 Russellville—W. M. Peeler, Mrs. E. A. Davis.
 Palestine—J. B. Ward.
 England—J. M. Britton.
 El Paso—Allen White, W. T. Booth, Susan Booth.
 Sugar Loaf—D. Hewitt.
 Argenta—J. L. Lee, A. M. Russell.
 Cypress Valley—Grandison Apple, Mrs. Grandison Apple.

By unanimous consent the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the sessions of this body be as follows: Meet at 8:30 A. M.; adjourn at 12 M. Meet at 2 P. M.; adjourn at 5 P. M. Meet at 7 P. M.; adjourn at pleasure

Adjourned until 2 P. M. Benediction by L. Quinn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, the body was called to order. Prayer by M. M. Riley.

The election of officers was declared the order of business. W. E. Penn was nominated for President; also W. P. Throgmorton, W. E. Atkinson and A. W. Files. On motion of J. G. B. Simms, it was ordered that the brother receiving the largest number of votes be President, and the one the next highest number First Vice-President and the one the next highest number Second Vice-President. J. C. Wright, J. J. Haynes and W. H. Cash were made tellers. The ballot having been taken was spread and W. P. Throgmorton having received the highest number of votes was declared elected President of the Convention. A. W. Files having received the second highest number was declared First Vice-President, and W. E. Penn receiving the next highest number was declared Second Vice-President of this body.

Nominations for Secretary being in order, J. G. B. Simms, T. S. Potts, W. F. Blackwood, W. Theo. Smith, H. Beauchamp and J. H. Amacker were named. T. S. Potts withdrew his name and J. G. B. Simms asked to be relieved from further duty, after having held the position four years. The ballot was called for and W. T. Box, J. G. Doyle and W. P. Kime were appointed tellers. On motion ordered that the candidate receiving the second highest vote shall be declared Assistant Secretary. The ballot was spread and W. F. Blackwood and J. G. B. Simms were declared elected respectively as Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the body.

W. P. Throgmorton then came forward and took the Chair as President-elect of the body, and made suitable remarks upon the occasion, which were supplemented by remarks from J. W. Ford, of St. Louis.

Election for Treasurer being in order, W. A. C. Sayle declined to serve again, but nominated C. W. Walker, of Little Rock.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for C. W. Walker, which was done, and he was declared duly elected.

S. H. Ford, by permission, spoke tenderly of the past, and of departed brethren.

A resolution was then offered by W. T. Box, which was refer-

red to a committee consisting of J. G. B. Simms, W. T. Box and G. W. Reaves.

A motion was carried that visiting brethren be invited to seats in this body.

M. M. Riley, of Georgetown, Ky., was invited to a seat with us, and made a short talk in behalf of Georgetown College.

W. P. Harvey, of the *Western Recorder*, was introduced and addressed the Convention.

S. H. Ford, of the *Christian Repository*, then made a short address.

F. C. McConnell, Assistant Secretary Home Mission Board of Atlanta, Ga., then addressed the Body.

P. M. Johnson, returned Missionary from Telugu Mission, South India, addressed the body.

Corresponding Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, R. J. Willingham, then addressed the body.

T. P. Bell, Secretary Sunday School Board, of Nashville, Tenn., addressed the body.

Committee on Divine Service was then appointed, consisting of J. G. B. Simms, G. W. Bruce and G. E. Hilliard.

The report of the Committee to whom the resolution of W. T. Box was referred is as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution of W. T. Box, arranging an order of business for the session, submit the following as a substitute for said resolution:

The remainder of this afternoon to be given to visiting brethren in the presentation of any matters represented by them or in which they are interested, followed by miscellaneous business. 7 P. M.—Convention Sermon. 8 P. M.—Committee on Ministerial Education. 9 A. M., Saturday—Committee on State Missions and Executive Board, and Committee on Home Missions, to be considered together. 7 P. M.—Sunday School Work. 3 P. M., Sunday—Central Baptist College Chapel, Mass Meeting in the interest of Foreign Missions. Monday at 9 A. M.—Reports from College Trustees and Committee on Education. 10:30 A. M.—Committee on Foreign Missions. 11 A. M.—Woman's Work. 2 P. M.—Committee on Nominations. 3 P. M.—Publications. 3:30 P. M.—Temperance. 4 P. M.—Obituaries. 4:30 P. M.—Finance.

J. G. B. SIMMS, Chm'n.

J. S. Thomas offered the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee to whom the order of business for this session was referred be continued, and prepare and report a permanent order of business for this Convention.

T. S. Potts moved that a committee of seven be appointed on our future work, to be known as the Committee on Plans and Recommendations, to whom all recommendations and plans shall be referred. The motion was adopted.

F. C. McConnell, by consent, then made a talk in favor of the *Home Field*.

W. P. Harvey spoke of newspapers generally.

Adjourned till 7 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Prayer, led by D. C. Yeargin.

The following committees were then announced by the President:

Home Missions—E. B. Miller, D. C. Hardin, W. W. Gardner.

Plans and Recommendations—A. G. McManaway, W. E. Penn, M. A. Gunter, C. W. Strickland, W. T. Box, T. B. Kitchens, T. L. Fulbright.

W. E. Penn, Vice President, called to the Chair. Convention sermon was then preached by W. A. Welcher. Text, Isa. 52: 1.

W. P. Throgmorton resumed the Chair. Words of welcome addressed by D. B. Whiddon, which was responded to by J. H. Amacker.

Committee on Divine Service submitted the following report:

Methodist Church—Saturday night, J. H. Amacker.

Baptist Church—Sunday morning, R. J. Willingham; at night, S. H. Ford.

Methodist Church—Sunday morning, W. P. Throgmorton; at night, E. B. Miller.

Presbyterian Church—Sunday morning, J. M. Robertson; at night, A. G. McManaway.

First Church, Little Rock—Morning, T. P. Bell; at night, F. C. McConnell.

Second Church, Little Rock—Morning, F. C. McConnell; at night, T. P. Bell.

Immanuel Church, Little Rock—Morning, W. P. Harvey; at night, J. D. Cook. J. G. B. SIMMS, Chm'n.

The Board on Ministerial Education submitted the following:

Your Board desire to make the following report: The past year has been one of great anxiety to your Board in the collection of sufficient funds to meet necessary expenses. We realized the financial condition of the country, which was shown last year, in the meagre pledges at the Convention for this work. We have not been able to pay the expenses of as many young men as we desired. There are a number of promising young men who feel called to the ministry and who are without means to defray their expenses while at college. Your Board has been very careful in the expenditure of every dollar, and we feel that the young ministers who have received aid give promise of earnest, self-denying and willing service in the future.

The entire expense of a young minister at Ouachita for the scholastic year is \$100.00. There are several Churches in Arkansas who are amply able to select a young minister and support him; and your Board earnestly beg that these Churches take this matter under consideration. There are some brethren in the State, of ample means, who might support a young minister during the year. There can be no other more effective way of preaching the gospel. There are young ministers now ready to enter college if sufficient funds can be given. Shall we refuse them aid? Let the Convention answer. All money is deposited in bank and checked out to the young men, as requested, and all means should be sent through the Board with instruction, if preferred, for whom sent.

The great need of the State today is talented, consecrated, zealous leadership—young men full of missionary zeal, self-sacrificing and humble. We have the native talent and God has laid His hands upon many. Will our Baptist brotherhood not in a tangible way answer the call for the coming year?

Total pledges made at the last Convention.....	\$304 00
Total collection on pledges.....	126 50
Total unpaid on pledges.....	177 50
Total amount received from all sources.....	500 00
Amount of tuition given by Ouachita College.....	400 00
Total expenditure for ministerial education at Ouachita.....	900 00

The Society of Religious Enquiry have begun their library.

Any donations will be gratefully received. Thanks are due J. P. Eagle for \$25.00 lately contributed.

In order to meet the obligations upon us during the scholastic year, we have incurred a debt of \$70 00. We are still looking to parties who pledged themselves last year to pay this amount. We urge this Convention to give us \$500 00 in good pledges. This will enable us to support more young ministers than ever before in the college. "Truly the harvest is great, but the laborers are few."

Respectfully submitted,

B. J. DUNN, Chm'n of Board.

Addressed by J. W. Conger, on motion to adopt, and subscription taken for Ministerial Education, resulted in raising \$560.

Adjourned. Prayer by J. W. Lipsey.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Singing, led by W. E. Penn. Prayer, led by E. B. Miller. Minutes read and approved.

Communication was read from A. I. Marlar Secretary ordered to answer in an appropriate manner.

The Committee on Credentials made the following additional report. [This report was mislaid by the Chairman, H. Beauchamp, and could not be supplied —*Sec'y*]

The President then submitted the following committees:

Foreign Missions —T. S. Potts, D. C. Yeargin, T. C. Swofford, L. Quinn, H. Rhodes Moran.

Woman's Work —H. Beachamp, E. C. Faulkner, J. H. Black

Publications.—G. W. Reaves, N. C. Denison and W. E. Moore.

Nominations —J. B. Permitter, I. R. Hall, J. J. Hayes, W. P. Kime, T. M. Jackson.

Finance.—E. T. Powell, J. C. Wright, H. C. Hinton.

Obituaries.—J. M. Lawrence, W. A. C. Sayle.

Temperance.—W. Theo. Smith, R. A. Rowe, R. J. Coleman.

Motion carried that the Committee on Ministerial Education be stricken from the list of committees.

Education.—J. W. Conger, J. W. Harris, S. E. Thompson, N. M. Dyer, W. A. Clark.

M. P. Moody then addressed the Convention on the American Baptist Publication Society.

The Committee on Home Missions submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The continued benedictions of Almighty God upon the work of our Home Mission Board, call forth the profoundest gratitude of all our hearts. The baptisms administered by the Missionaries of this Board last year reached the unusual number of 5,274, and the total additions to the Churches under their charge were 11,247. Among the agencies of this Board our *Home Field* occupies a necessary place, bringing facts and encouraging information about the work in all departments. F. C. McConnell has been chosen to the office of Assistant Secretary, and already his work among Associations and Conventions is hailed with enthusiastic favor and good will.

Missionary operations are fostered under the auspices of the Home Board in Cuba and among the Germans, colored people, Indians on our own native land; also special efforts are being made in destitute portions of some of our large cities, notably New Orleans, Kansas City, Jacksonville and Knoxville.

This Board employed twenty-four Missionaries in the bounds of the Arkansas Baptist Convention last year. As a further reason why we should extend hearty sympathy and earnest co-operation towards this work is the fact that this Board gives dollar for dollar for all we donate toward our State work.

The Havana house of worship has been freed from all indebtedness. The financial condition of the work was never better. \$105,481.18 were expended on this work last year. The outlook is most encouraging. The blessings of God are resting on our Missionary work in all lands. We "begin" at Jerusalem, we "go" to the uttermost parts of the earth, according to the commands of our Lord. We cannot unduly press our work at home, for if proper instructions from God's word be given our strength at home will be strength abroad.

E. B. MILLER, Chm'n.

The State Mission Board made the following report, and it was adopted:

To the President of the Arkansas State Convention:

The State Missionary Board is compelled to report as much of failure as of success during the past Conventional year, and although a statement of our ill-success in the early part of the year, is calculated to cast a gloom over our prospects and to produce pessimistic forebodings of the future, we feel that the Lord has been with us and the last half of the year has been, notwithstanding the unfavorable environments, a success. From causes not well understood your Board failed in the beginning of the Conventional year to raise the means necessary to discharge its obligations to the Missionaries in the field.

To refer to the various methods to which the Board has resorted in order to keep the State work before the denomination, and to raise the needful means to maintain all of our Missionaries actively at work, would be scarcely necessary in this report.

Suffice it to say that of the Missionaries who were in the field and earnestly at work when your Board held its first meeting after its organization, eleven were continued for this year and an additional number was subsequently added equal to two. The names of those who were carried forward from last year are as follows: H. Beauchamp, J. G. Doyle, W. W. Gardner, W. B. Herndon, H. Rhodes Moran, A. I. Minton, L. Quinn, Giles C. Taylor, T. J. Woodard, D. C. Yeargin and C. W. Strickland. And the names added subsequently were: J. A. Edmondson and A. W. King.

The State Convention which met at Fort Smith last year, while it made it the duty of this Board to elect a State Missionary, at the same time released the Board from the responsibility of raising or providing for his salary and at the first meeting subsequent to the adjournment of the Convention, a Missionary or Evangelist was elected, but who after mature reflection, declined to accept and on four subsequent occasions the Board elected an evangelist for the State work, but neither one of whom were induced to accept the work and from that time forward, or from April 4th last, finding no suitable man in the opinion of your Board who would engage in the work they ceased to make further effort in this direction.

MISSIONARIES AND THEIR WORK FOR THE YEAR.

H. Beauchamp held 325 services, paid 730 visits, had 37 additions and collected \$588.50.

J. G. Doyle held 226 services, paid 346 visits, had 25 additions and collected \$350.

D. C. Yeargin held 75 services, paid 360 visits, had 24 additions and collected \$105.

T. J. Woodard held 53 services, paid 122 visits, had 13 additions and collected \$41.40.

L. Quinn held 174 services, paid 307 visits, had 15 additions and collected \$275.

W. W. Gardner held 95 services, paid 176 visits, had 3 additions and collected \$283.

C. W. Strickland held 49 services, paid 106 visits, had 3 additions and collected \$49.

H. Rhodes Moran held 220 services, paid 164 visits, had 21 additions and collected \$219.50.

FOR ELEVEN MONTHS

W. B. Herndon held 196 services, paid 280 visits, had 55 additions and collected \$256.

FOR TEN MONTHS.

J. A. Edmondson held 90 services, had 28 additions and collected \$126.

FOR NINE MONTHS.

A. W. King held 63 services, paid 39 visits, had 14 additions and collected \$73.75.

FOR EIGHT MONTHS.

John West held 280 services, paid 90 visits, had 30 additions and collected \$200.

Giles Taylor, E. P. Minton, W. H. Melton and S. W. McCarty did work under the direction of the Board amounting in the aggregate to 525 services, 240 visits, 85 additions and \$350 in collections.

In addition to the work done by these Missionaries, special work was done for the Board in holding meetings by L. F. Taylor, M. Slaughter, D. C. Hardin, J. N. Shook, G. W. Thomasson, C. W. Strickland, J. S. Thomas, A. G. McManaway, T. L. Fulbright, J. D. Cook and W. J. Kirkland, amounting in the aggregate to 200 services, 145 additions and \$161 in collections.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF WORK DONE.

Services held, 2522; visits paid, 2854; additions to Churches, 502, and amount collected for various objects, \$2815.15.

It is to be remembered that several of our Missionaries were employed for only one or two Sundays per month and that their reports of work done cover only the time they were under our employ.

But our treasury, the meantime, remained empty and the first quarter having ended, something had to be done for our Missionaries in the field. But when different efforts had been tried and no help seemed available, the source from whom Arkansas Baptists

have so often been blessed and aided, our noble Home Board, at Atlanta, reached out its hand and relieved our situation, and greatly to the relief of your Board, they furnished all the means necessary in this very trying ordeal to relieve our embarrassment; and from this same generous source have we been able to keep those self-sacrificing brothers in the field through the year, supplemented in the latter part of the Conventional year by some dollars raised on our own field.

An amendment to the Constitution of this body was then submitted and recommended as follows:

In article 6 of the Constitution, in third line, strike out all after "seven" and insert, "One brother from each Association and thirteen other brethren who shall compose the Executive Board, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum."

Motion carried, to refer the recommendation to the Committee on Plans and Recommendations.

Motion carried to postpone the regular order of business, and that we hear the report of the special Committee on Plans and Recommendations.

The Committee on Plans and Recommendations then submitted a partial report recommending the amendment, as above, to the Constitution of this body.

After much discussion on the amendment, the Convention bowed in prayer, led by J. M. Hart.

After further discussion, took a recess until 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Harvey Beauchamp.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order by the President. Prayer, led by P. M. Johnson.

In response to a telegram from J. A. Booker, President of the Colored Baptist College, of Little Rock, the Secretary of this Convention was ordered to answer and request his presence at our meeting next Monday.

Discussion was then resumed on the amendment to the Constitution of this body, and after being fully discussed, it was unanimously adopted.

correspondence with the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, Pa., seeking co-operation with that Society in the Bible and Colportage departments of our work. This correspondence was as follows, and fully explains itself:

JONESBORO, ARK.,
January 10, 1893. }

Dear Brethren:

At the last session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention a State Sunday School Board was created and located at Jonesboro, with instructions to do Sunday school evangelistic and colportage work in the State. On the periodical literature question the Board was instructed to use our own literature,—the Arkansas Convention is a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Board at Nashville is, therefore, our creature and the literature our property. Our State Board, in its published policy, declares that it shall be the duty of our Evangelist to commend our literature, but to receive orders for any literature published under Baptist auspices, when voluntarily tendered.

We have arranged with the Board at Nashville to pay part of the salary of the State Secretary or Evangelist.

It is our purpose to do colportage work, under the supervision of our Secretary, and in this department we desire co-operation with the American Baptist Publication Society.

What can we do with you in this work?

We expect to organize, through our agency, the State into suitable districts and put a colporteur in each district. We will need to have such books in hand, or subject to order, as we can handle successfully. Will your Society furnish this stock of books, to be paid for as sold, from month to month, our Board becoming responsible to you for such payments?

If it should become necessary in some cases to guarantee salary to colporteurs, will your Society become responsible for any part of such salary? If so, what per centum?

Will your Society become responsible for any part of the salary of our General Secretary, as manager of colporteur work? If so, what per centum? We expect to pay about \$900 and expenses.

Will your Bible department make us a donation in this work of Bibles and Testaments?

Please consider and write us fully about these matters. Our State is a rich field for Missionary work of this sort. We desire to begin work by March 1, at latest. By order of the Board.

Very truly and fraternally,

J. M. ROBERTSON, Pres.

In reply to the above communication, our Board is in receipt of the following from the Secretary of the Publication Society:

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY. }
PHILADELPHIA, January 28, '93. }

Rev. J. M. Robertson, Jonesboro, Ark.

Dear Bro.: Yours of the 10th, concerning the appointment of an "Evan-

gelist," is received. When it came we had long had under consideration the appointment of a State Sunday School Missionary for Arkansas, having been urged and requested to such course by many good brethren in the State. Of course we were in ignorance of the action of your Board. Believing that you brethren of the Board and Convention could best judge of a suitable man, and wishing its endorsement of Rev. J. S. Thomas, having had personal knowledge of him as a previous appointee of this Society in another State; he has now been appointed as Sunday School Missionary for this Society, and is now under engagement.

Our Missionary department is nearly \$6,000 in arrears for the current fiscal year. Our Board is inflexible in its purpose to avoid wilful debt, and we do not feel justified in making additional appointments in your State, or in incurring further expenses, until our receipts from your State can be more liberal.

Bro. Thomas has already been appointed, has accepted, and has been commissioned. We earnestly hope that the cause, interest, and work of the Baptists in Arkansas may be greatly blessed and prospered. Our sympathies are with you in every effort to promote the cause of Christ and to do good. This Society has been helping constantly by its grants, appropriations and otherwise the interests in your State.

Fraternally yours.

C. C. BITTING.

This letter, revealing the fact that we could expect no help from the Society in the way of either books or Bibles, and not even soliciting our patronage as purchasers, was so surprising and discouraging, that, for a time, we contemplated attempting no work at all. We did not see how it was possible for a foreign Society and our own Convention to occupy the same field at the same time, independently, without hurtful friction.

The Society had appointed a "State Missionary" for Arkansas, without consulting our Convention or its Boards, and for that reason declined to confer with us about books and Bibles. We paused to hear from the pastors. Their letters came promptly and numerous, and after this touch with the brethren of the State, we concluded that the 65,000 Baptists of Arkansas were able to manage their own affairs, and so we decided to push our own work, as entrusted to us by the Convention.

The question of securing a man to lead in the work became a serious one. This question was finally settled, we believe, by the Lord himself, and R. C. Medaris, of Tennessee, was secured. He entered upon his work May 20, at a salary of \$75 per month and expenses. The results of his labors are shown by his and the Treasurer's reports, to which we refer as parts of this report.

With pleasure we note the fact that there has never been a dissenting vote in any meeting of our Board, and that the plans of

the Board have been cheerfully adopted by Bro. Medaris and his plans promptly adopted by us.

We take this occasion to earnestly and heartily thank our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., for a contribution of \$500 paid into our treasury. Without this generous aid, we would have been able to accomplish but little. In addition to this, that Board has, at our request, donated literature to Mission schools to the value of \$96.38.

We also return thanks to the brethren throughout the State who have nobly helped us by their words of encouragement, their prayers and their gifts.

The work has been a success beyond our most sanguine expectations. We have been able to purchase and supply all Bibles and Testaments called for, to sell and give away many valuable tracts and books and to organize a goodly number of schools. Realizing the disorganized condition of our forces, and the eminent danger of disintegration that threatened our State, we have given more attention to foundation work and to organizing the forces for another year, than to immediate results which show well on paper.

By reference to our Treasurer's report, it will be seen that our total receipts have been \$839.72; expenditures, \$744.96; leaving a balance on hand of \$94.76, which, with over \$1,000 pledged for next year, make a safe basis for operations in the future.

For want of funds we have been unable to put as many workers in the field as the interests of our cause demand, and our stock of books and Bibles has been limited. We need at least ten men in the field all the time and such stock of tracts, books, Bibles and Testaments as that number of laborers would require. Our inability to meet this demand for laborers has been a source of serious embarrassment.

The record of our year's work is made up. We bring back the power delegated to us by the Convention, and lay it down where we found it. May the richest blessings of our Lord be upon the Convention and all of its agencies!

In closing our report we suggest:

1. That the Sunday School Board be abolished and that three members of the State Board be specially designated as a Sunday School and Colportage Committee.

2. That the Mission Sunday School and Colportage work of the State be consolidated under the management of the one Board, and one man to be known as General Manager.

3. That R. C. Medaris, who has proven himself to be pre-eminently fitted for the work, be elected by the Convention to the

position of General Manager at a salary of \$1,200 per annum and expenses
Respectfully submitted,

J. M. ROBERTSON, Chm'n.

J. H. Kitchens, Treasurer of the Sunday School Board, then read his report as such Treasurer, which is abbreviated at the end of the report of R. C. Medaris.

Motion carried to refer the recommendations in the above reports to the Committee on Plans and Recommendations.

A motion to adopt the balance of the report was discussed by T. P. Bell, R. C. Medaris and J. M. Robertson. It was ordered that the further consideration of the Sunday school work be postponed until Monday morning at the hour fixed for considering Foreign Missions, and that the report on Foreign Missions be considered on tomorrow afternoon at the mass meeting.

F. C. McConnell, Assistant Secretary Home Board, then addressed the body on Home and State Missions.

Adjourned to meet tomorrow at 3 o'clock P. M.

Preaching Saturday night at the Methodist Church by J. H. Amacker.

Sunday at 11 o'clock A. M., at the Baptist Church by R. J. Willingham; Text, 1 Cor 3: 23.

Methodist Church, W. P. Throgmorton.

Presbyterian Church, J. M. Robertson.

White Chappel, (colored) J. S. Thomas.

SUNDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Singing by W. E. Penn. Prayer by J. M. Hart.

Special order for the hour being the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions, the same was read by T. S. Potts, and is as follows:

It affords your committee great pleasure to report the glorious

work done by our Foreign Mission Board during the past year, and that it is growing in interest, power and magnitude all the time; yet we can but feel sad when we think of the many privileges and opportunities which we have neither appreciated nor improved. We believe the call of the Baptists of America to the work of Foreign Missions was as clear, and assuredly divine, as the call of Paul into Macedonia, only, instead of the voice of a man saying, "come over into Macedonia and help us," there was the voice of Judson calling from India, saying: "If the Baptists of America will undertake the work here, I am ready to consider myself their missionary." It was the call of God, and let us thank him that our fathers were not disobedient to the heavenly mission which sent it, and that from the very beginning his blessing has been upon every effort and gift, and labor of love. But when we see the vast fields white and ready to harvest, and hear the calls of helplessness and longing coming from hearts struggling toward the light, and also the calls of weary workers for helpers to stand beside them and break the bread of life to the perishing, we feel with the prophet, Our people do not know, they do not consider or the needy and dying would not long call in vain. We need knowledge, information; this and this only, will increase our interest, and stimulate our zeal and give us an abiding love for the work. This information may be had through the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond Virginia, by our Foreign Board, R. J. Willingham, editor. Great impetus and interest has been given to the work during the last year by the Centennial movement, which resulted in the collecting of \$60,000 and in sending out in the last few months of forty new missionaries.

There are now a number of missionaries ready or almost ready to sail for their field of labor, among whom are Peyton Stephens and wife, who sailed October 19; W. B. Bagby and wife, who are only waiting the result of the war in Brazil before returning to their work. — Newton and wife will return to Africa in a few days.

The Board recently appointed Misses Willie Kelly, of Marion, Ala., and Lottie Price, of Asheville, N. C., for North China and they will sail with R. T. Bryan. Miss Lottie Moon will sail this month.

A new name appears in our reports this year. In place of H. A. Tupper, who has for twenty years been the efficient Secretary of this Board, we have that of R. J. Willingham, who comes to us for the first time as Corresponding Secretary. We welcome him in the name of his Master and ours, and give him most hearty assurances of earnest co operation and support. May the Lord open

to him the hearts of our people and make him his own chosen instrument in the enlargement of his work.

The receipts of this Board during the last year have been \$155,937.23. Certainly a good sum; but compared with our abilities and responsibilities a meagre sum indeed.

The Committee pleads for the enlargement of the work, for more systematic effort in our Churches and more generous contributions by our people. The field is the world, and under the Master's commission it is our duty to take it for Christ. Let us pray and work and give and so help to bring in that glad day when the kingdoms of this world shall indeed become the kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ.

THOMAS S. POTTS, Chm'n.

A motion to adopt same was made, and the report was declared open for discussion.

The chair turned over consideration of same to the body sitting as a mass meeting, and T. S. Potts took charge of same. The subject was discussed by P. M. Johnson, a missionary returned from the Telugus; by R. J. Willingham, Secretary of Foreign Mission Board, and R. C. Medaris, State Sunday School Secretary, the last of whom asked for subscribers to the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and obtained about 750. Adjourned till to-morrow morning.

Preaching at night at Baptist church, S. H. Ford. Text, John 1: 26

Methodist church, E. B. Miller. Text, Matthew 6: 28.

Presbyterian church, M. M. Riley. Text, Gal. 6: 14.

White Chappel, colored, L. Quinn.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Convention called to order by the President. Prayer by R. J. Willingham.

Motion carried that we turn over yesterday's collection money for Foreign Missions.

On motion all titles were ordered stricken from the Minutes Minutes read and corrected and approved.

The Trustees of Ouachita Baptist College submitted the following report:

In submitting this, our annual report of Ouachita College to the Arkansas Baptist Convention now in session at Conway, we lift up our praises to the God of all grace for his many blessings bestowed upon our beloved institution during the past year.

While the total enrollment was slightly less than the previous session, the average attendance was much larger, the average age of the pupils greater and the standard of scholarship much higher. Students were matriculated from forty-eight counties in Arkansas and from seven States. Of the 298 students enrolled, there was about an equal division of young men and women. The last year's successful management of the internal working of the College more than ever demonstrates the wisdom of making Ouachita a co-educational institution. We find that moral character and intellectual standing determine a student's true status at Ouachita. A wisely regulated rivalry between the sexes has proved to be a healthy stimulus toward genuine class work. Flexibility in the elective course of study forbids overwork on the part of young women in competition with young men. We note with satisfaction the special supervision and painstaking care of President J. W. Conger in these matters.

It is gratifying to know that the spiritual and physical, as well as intellectual, condition of all pupils receives special and careful attention. During a series of revival meetings held in the Arkadelphia Church last spring many students were received into the fellowship of the Church by experience and baptism.

SCHOLASTIC BENEFITS.

There were forty-two students who received all or in part, free tuition. Of this number eleven were young men preparing for the work of the ministry, the other beneficiaries were children of ministers. This class of matriculates is increasing annually. The money for their maintenance and for necessary repairs and improvements on the buildings is limited. It becomes necessary, therefore, to increase that sum if the College continues to admit all beneficiaries who come. The deficiencies occurring in this department must finally be met by donations from the Churches or from endowment. The College and its beneficiaries all belong to the Baptists of Arkansas.

THE PRESENT SESSION.

Taking into consideration the general depression in finances the present session opens more favorably than last. The faculty is stronger, and additions have been made to the library and laboratory.

FINANCES.

The financial condition of the College remains about the same as last year. It was deemed wise by your Board not to press our claims during the money panic. The time has come, however, when the debt on Ouachita College must be paid off, and additional funds raised for the enlargement of the institution, if we are to meet the demands upon us. The Board is devising plans looking toward the accomplishment of this end. From present encouragements we confidently trust that by the next meeting of this Convention all debts on the College will be provided for and a permanent endowment inaugurated.

E. B. MILLER,

Secretary *Pro Tem.*

W. E. ATKINSON,

President.

The report of the Trustees of Central Baptist College was submitted as follows:

The last year, which was the opening of this school, was not as successful as we had hoped it would be. Like most new enterprises it met with unforeseen obstacles. We have not been discouraged, however, and are pressing on today with bright assurances of early success.

President C. M. Williams in December last, gave to us notice that he would terminate his contract with the Trustees at the expiration of his year, six months off. Reasons satisfactory to himself caused him to close the school about April, in advance of the end of his term.

On April 10 we contracted with Prof. S. E. Thompson, of Waco, Texas, for several years Vice President of Baylor University, to take the position vacated by C. M. Williams. The terms of the contract are quite similar to those made with C. M. Williams, except that we have granted S. E. Thompson a lease for seven years, and he assumed the burden of erecting all needed outbuildings and fencing. The campus is accordingly handsomely enclosed, and good out buildings have been constructed. The school opened on September 18th as advertised, and we are glad to report that the attendance is quite satisfactory, considering past embarrassments. The faculty are well selected and all the branches usually taught

in colleges are taught here. The President intends extending the curriculum and increasing the faculty from time to time as the attendance may require or render necessary.

The Guaranty Committee have completed their contract with the Trustees by finishing up the two lower stories of the building. Ample accommodations are now ready for forty boarders, beside faculty and attendants. About twenty-one young ladies from abroad are attending the school. The entire attendance today is fifty-six.

On February 7th last, H. P. Edmonson, Frank White and A. G. McManaway were elected Trustees for a period of three years from February 13, 1893.

On April 3 the Board was reorganized. A. G. McManaway was elected President. John G. B. Simms Secretary and H. P. Edmonson Treasurer.

The three Trustees whose terms of office will expire next February are T. M. Jackson, John G. B. Simms and G. W. Reeves.

Your honorable body are asked to name five brethren from among whom their successors may be chosen, as required by the College Charter.

We feel very thankful that the present session of this Convention occurs at the seat of this institution of learning. We request that all delegates and friends will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit and inspect the buildings and grounds and witness the workings of the school.

Without antagonisms for any, either older or younger school, which is fostered by our people, we earnestly ask that the great Baptist brotherhood of Arkansas shall no longer send their daughters to other States, but that they here make use of facilities for education as good as they can get abroad and thus, by building up a home institution, contribute to the elevation of our denomination in Arkansas in our own eyes and in the opinion of others. We feel that our denomination is to be congratulated on the elegant buildings which they here own free from debt, and which stand as an everlasting monument to the liberality of the people of Conway. What smaller or more modest recognition of this can be asked, than that our people bestow upon this school a most liberal patronage?

A. G. McMANAWAY, President.

Mountain Home Baptist College then read a report, which was afterward withdrawn.

The Obituary Committee was ordered to make suitable mention of the death of J. R. Graves, of Memphis.

Committee on Education submitted their report.

W. E. Atkinson, J. G. B. Simms and J. W. Lipsey were appointed a Committee on Mountain Home College as to its connection with this Convention, its charter, etc.

Pending discussion of report of Trustees of Ouachita, on motion further consideration of same was postponed until after the Committee on Plans and Recommendations could make a report, which they did as follows:

Your Committee on Plans and Recommendations beg leave to submit a partial report as follows:

1. That the Sunday School Board be not abolished.
2. That the Sunday School Board employ a Secretary.
3. That the Sunday School Board and the Executive Committee cultivate the closest possible business relations in the prosecution of their respective aims, and that they confer together freely with the object of lessening expenses and increasing efficient results.
4. That the Executive Board employ as soon as practicable a competent Financial Secretary.

A. G. McMANAWAY.

On motion the report was recommitted.

Ordered that consideration of the special order for this hour, viz, Sunday school work, be postponed until the reports of Trustees from the Colleges shall be disposed of. The question recurred on adopting the report of Ouachita College Trustees.

Pending consideration of same the hour for the special order arrived, which on motion was postponed that the Committee on Plans and Recommendations might report again.

By unanimous consent, T. P. Bell was heard in relation to the Sunday School work.

Ordered that speeches be limited to five minutes.

Adjourned till 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Prayer by J. G. Doyle.

Report on Woman's Work was read and a motion to adopt same was carried as follows:

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, beg leave to report: It is doubtless true that nothing has contributed so much to the success of Christianity as the consecrated efforts of our Christian women. Our Heavenly Father has always seen fit to greatly honor the faithfulness of His handmaidens. It was she who was last at the cross where our Savior expired and first to visit the tomb to embalm his body. The importance of her co-operation in Christian work was duly recognized by the Apostles, one of whom does not fail to speak praisingly of "those women who labored with me in the gospel." The closing chapter of Romans mentions no less than fifteen such women. It was Priscilla as well as Aquilla who expounded the word of the Lord more perfectly to Apollos. To be sure this was in a private manner. Timothy, an Apostolic man, was a more effective Christian worker because of the principles learned at the knee of his mother Eunice, and that of his grand mother Lois.

The Apostle's direction as to women speaking in the Church does not by any means imply that they were to fold their hands and take no active part in the work of our Master's Kingdom.

Although it does not appear that they are fitted by nature or Divine call for the ministry, still there are broad fields in which they should labor. It is a cause for congratulations that our people are coming to recognize so fully and correctly the true position of women in the Church. The great need is to organize our women and give them every possible encouragement. The weak and strong Churches alike have felt the power of their consecrated work, and all will suffer unless this is done. Many of our Churches do not realize the latent power in their women.

We think the present organization of our women a most wise and helpful one. They are doing a grand and noble work in distributing Missionary information and in securing systematic co-operation of the women and children in raising money for the various denominational causes. They not only demand and deserve the earnest help of their pastors and brothers, but the work of our Churches will be greatly crippled unless they receive such help. A resolution adopted by their meeting is deserving of special notice, viz: "We as Baptist women set our faces against all modes of gambling and selling by chance." We have also the pleasure of presenting almost excellent report of the Woman's Central Committee.

H. BEAUCHAMP, Ch'm.

Your Central Committee appointed to distribute Missionary information and to secure systematic co-operation of women and children in raising money for Missions and State work report as follows:

Leaflets Distributed.....	5,000
Envelopes for Japan Offering.....	1,000
Mission Cards.....	800
Centennial Cards, etc.,.....	1,100
Home Field and Foreign Journal.....	240
Minutes Arkansas Woman's Work.....	200
Minute Nashville Meeting.....	300

Amounts reported from twenty-seven (27) societies.

To Associational Missions.....	\$38 82
State Missions.....	78 35
Home Missions.....	199 90
Foreign Missions.....	345 50
Church Aid.....	2,592 40
Ministrial Education.....	80 80
Boxes to Frontier Missionaries.....	200 45
Christmas Offering to Japan.....	58 65
Benevolence.....	446 22

Total..... \$4 041 09

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. E. LONGLEY, Sec. Gen. Com.

Mrs. J. P. EAGLE, Pres.

Mrs. W. A. CLARK, V. Pres.

The Committee on Nominations submitted their report and the same was recommitted.

The Committee on Publications submitted the following which was adopted:

Your Committee on Publications submit the following: Recognizing that the printed page is potent in its educational force, we therefore recommend that the Baptists of Arkansas read first, the *Arkansas Baptist*, published at Little Rock. Every Baptist publication does something towards building up and strengthening the denomination in the State, but it is this *particular* publication that is and should be next to our hearts. It has the cause of Christ in Arkansas uppermost in its affections. Through its columns we learn of the advancement of our Master's Kingdom in our own State, and we urge every Baptist in the State to subscribe for this paper.

We also take pleasure in recommending the *Western Recorder* published at Louisville and *Ford's Repository* published at St. Louis, *Baptist Gleaner* and *Baptist Watchman* as being publications that deserve our patronage. We also recommend the use of the Conventional series of Sunday School Lesson Helps. The *Foreign Mission Journal* published by the Foreign Mission Board at Rich-

mond Va., and the *Home Field* published by the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga. These will keep us posted on our Mission and Educational work. We think it very important that our Churches sing the gospel as well as preach it. To this end, believing that Harvest Bells song book, is sound in doctrine and fully equal to the best in music, and the author, W. E. Penn, being a Baptist Evangelist and member of this Convention, and a liberal contributor to every interest fostered by this Convention, we therefore cheerfully recommend this book to all the Churches and Sunday schools within our bounds and to the Baptists everywhere.
G. W. REEVES, Chm'n.

Motion to suspend regular order of business and take up the report on Central Baptist College, which was discussed and adopted.

The regular order was suspended and the report on Education taken up, and on motion the report was adopted.

The Convention was addressed by J. A. Booker, President of the Colored Baptist College, at Little Rock, and a subscription taken for same, amounting to \$118.65.

Report on Education postponed for the present.

Adjourned. Prayer by D. C. Hardin.

EVENING SESSION.

Convention called to order by President. Prayer, led by I. R. Hall.

Rules suspended to hear the report on Nominations, which was submitted and adopted with amendments, as follows:

Your Committee on Nominations recommend the following:

FOR STATE MISSION BOARD.

J. P. Eagle, A. W. Files, T. S. Potts, C. W. Strickland, C. W. Walker, J. G. Doyle, Frank White, M. F. Locke, A. G. McManaway, B. C. Black, W. P. Fletcher, J. M. Hart, W. E. Atkinson.
Secretary Home Mission Board..... A. G. McManaway.
Secretary State Board..... W. E. Penn.
Statistical Secretary..... W. A. Clark.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. E. Longley, Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. C. M. Schears, Mrs. C. B. Davidson, Mrs. W. A. Clark, Mrs. Nellie La Broche, Mrs. F. E. Neely, Little Rock.

That J. P. Eagle preach next Introductory Sermon; D. C. Hardin, alternate

DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

J. P. Eagle, M. F. Locke, W. E. Atkinson, J. J. Haynes, I. R. Hall, T. M. Jackson, W. P. Kime, G. W. Reeves, W. A. Clark, J. W. Conger, G. E. Hillard, J. H. Peay, J. S. Thomas, W. E. Penn, R. C. Medaris, E. B. Miller, W. T. Box, J. W. Lipsey, T. S. Potts, A. G. McManaway, H. J. Smith, H. Beauchamp, J. D. Cook, W. S. Webb, E. C. Faulkner, Frank White.

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

J. W. Conger, R. S. Wallis, E. B. Miller, J. J. Haynes, J. B. Sanders, B. J. Dunn.

AMERICAN BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

J. W. Conger, B. J. Dunn, J. E. Howell, C. W. Strickland, J. A. Kimbrough, S. E. Thompson, W. S. Johnson, M. S. Kennard

POSSIBLE TRUSTEES CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE.

W. T. Box, J. G. B. Simms, W. K. Penrod, T. S. Potts, G. W. Reeves.

Place of next meeting of this Convention, Lonoke, Lonoke county.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

E. P. Minton, J. M. Robertson, T. B. Kitchen, G. W. Puryear, J. H. Kitchen, Jr

The following names are reported to us as elected by their Associations as members of the State Board:

Fayetteville—J. H. Amacker.	Dardanelle—Ira A. Huckaby.
Clear Creek—D. C. Hardin.	Little Red River—J. M. Brundidge.
Pine Bluff—W. C. C. Dorough.	Spring River—W. P. Kime.
Carroll County—George West.	Bentonville—I. R. Hall.
Mt. Vernon—W. H. P. sley.	Friendship—W. K. Penrod.
State Lin —E. T. Lincoln.	Southwestern—H. Holman.
Caroline—J. S. Thomas.	Mt. Zion—P. C. Barton.
Concord—W. P. Throgmorton.	Greenbrier—W. H. Lindsey.
Bartholomew—N. C. Denson.	Judson—J. S. Mann.
Columbia—A. J. Brewer.	Buckville—C. A. Collum.
Union No. 2, Stone Co—Jacob King.	Fourche Valley—W. F. Cate.
Blue Mountain—J. M. McCallister.	Gainesville—W. J. Bearden.
Grand Prairie—W. Theo. Smith.	Current River—F. C. Neeley.
Rocky Bayou—H. F. Vermillion.	Independence—T. Griffith.
Osceola—W. W. Gardner.	Liberty—B. W. Reeves.
Union No. 1—J. H. Black.	White River—H. H. Hilton.
Red River—J. J. Haynes.	Crooked Creek—A. L. Thompson.
United—Asa Robertson.	Big Creek—J. A. Lovelace.
Russellville—W. T. Box.	White River Valley—A. A. Andrus.
Saline—W. A. Clark.	

The above report we respectfully submit and recommend that the Executive Committee after it is organized fill all vacancies.

J. B. PERMINTER, Chm'n.

Statistical table submitted by W. A. Clark. Ordered that same be printed in the Minutes. (See appendix)

J. G. B. Simms submitted the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we have heard with interest and sympathy the statement made by J. A. Booker, concerning his educational work among and for the colored people of our State; and we recognize in him an able and fearless exponent of what we deem correct principles for the training and upbuilding of his race.

Resolved, That the Executive Board of this Convention be and they are hereby directed to consider what measures may be adopted so that we as Baptists may foster and aid our colored brethren in the work of building their College at Little Rock, which was lately destroyed by fire.

Resolved, That our Executive Board further consider what can be done by us as a denomination, by way of instructing our colored brethren in Minister's Institutes, and in sending Missionaries among them within our State; and that they be empowered and directed to take any action in the premises which their judgment shall dictate.

Report of J. S. Thomas was read for information, and the following resolution was adopted:

We thank Bro. Thomas for the good work he has done during the past year, but for the future we think it best to do our Sunday school work through our own State Sunday School Board.

— Dyer allowed to speak on Mountain Home College.

Motion carried to adopt the Report on Education, as follows:

Your Committee on Education submit the following: The past year has been one of growth in the desire for Christian education. The Baptist youth of Arkansas more than ever before are seeking advantages in our Colleges, and parents are beginning to realize the great responsibility upon them in giving their children advantages not simply in the common free schools and high schools, but in our Baptist schools and Colleges. It is not necessary to argue in this report, the wonderful power accruing to our people consequent upon a thorough and well articulated system of

denominational schools throughout the State. Not only do we need the strong College with broad and extensive curriculum, with latest methods and splendid equipment, but we must have a few good high schools, wisely located and managed to prepare pupils for the College. Therefore, your Committee would recommend that a Board of five brethren be appointed by this Convention which shall be known as the

EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION

of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. The duties of this Commission shall be to encourage, foster and more permanently establish existent institutions under the control of the Convention; to plan, organize and conduct other educational enterprises, especially high schools; to legally receive school property from donors and to thus represent this Convention and to wisely correlate all Baptist Colleges and High Schools in the State.

In the event of the adoption of the above recommendation, we suggest that the Committee on Education be discontinued. For the work of Ouachita and Central Colleges, we refer to the reports of the Boards of Trustees. These Colleges are the pride of our people, and every Baptist in Arkansas should take special interest in their growth and enlargement.

We note with pleasure the increased interest in Mountain Home College, which has opened its first session under most favorable conditions, with W. S. Johnson, a graduate of Ouachita, as President, aided by nine assistants. This Institute is an outgrowth of a necessity for higher education in the northern part of the State. This College is not intended to rival other Colleges, but to supplement the work of Ouachita and Central, and to make stronger our Baptist educational forces. We commend it for patronage and prayers of our people, especially in Northern Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CONGER, Chm'n.

An Educational Commission was appointed, composed of J. W. Conger, S. E. Thompson, W. S. Johnson, W. A. Clark and W. Theo. Smith.

The Committee on Permanent Order of Business submitted the following:

Your Committee, who were directed to report a permanent order of business for this Convention, having considered their duties, report as follows: Call to order at 10 a. m. Devotional exercises for

half hour. Appointment of Committee on Credentials; pending their report, devotional exercises and reminiscences. Report of Committee on Credentials. Election of officers. Appointment of Committees. The reports shall come in the following order: 1. Committee on Plans and Recommendations 2. Committee on State Missions, Executive Board and Home Board, considered together. 3. Committee on Foreign Missions 4. Committee on Sunday Schools 5. Committee on Education 6. Committee on Nominations. 7. Committee on Woman's Work.

A resolution of thanks by T. S. Potts, as follows, was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be returned to the Baptist Church at Conway, and to the citizens generally, for the hearty welcome and graceful hospitality extended us; also, to the other denominations for the use of their houses of worship, and to the railroads for reduced rates.

W. E. Penn submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That one member of this Convention be appointed for each Committee, to gather information for each of the usual Committees appointed by this body, to report at the next Convention, who may, if thought proper be appointed Chairman of such Committee.

The Committee on Temperance submitted its report, which was recommitted.

Committee on Obituary submitted the following:

Your Committee on Obituaries beg to report that it has pleased God to call from among us our beloved brethren, to wit: A. A. Spillar, C. W. Smith, G. Norsworthy, J. B. English, — Allen, W. J. Johns, J. G. Nunn, W. H. H. Woods and Dr. Hobbs. To the bereaved we tender our sympathies.

We would also call attention to the death of our dear brother, Dr. J. R. Graves, of Memphis, Tenn. In his death our loss is irreparable. We have all felt his power and influence. He was truly a great man; he wrought well his work. We can but rejoice in the very precious example of the child-like faith and implicit confidence of our brother to the last.

“Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.”
Let us all take comfort. J. M. LAWRENCE, Chm'n.

S. H. Ford and W. E. Penn addressed themselves to the report concerning J. R. Graves. Adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by T. S. Potts.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President. Prayer by M. A. Gunter.

The President appointed the following, in compliance with W. E. Penn's resolution:

Foreign Missions.—T. S. Potts.

Woman's Work—H. Beauchamp.

Publications—Dr. M. R. Regan.

Nominations—G. W. Bruce.

Finance—W. A. C. Sayle.

Obituaries—W. T. Box.

Temperance.—D. C. Hardin.

Education—W. S. Johnson.

Credentials—J. W. Lipsey.

Home Missions—A. G. McManaway.

J. G. Doyle submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That R. J. Coleman be, and is hereby requested to write up and publish a history of his life as a Baptist Minister, we pledging ourselves to give to such a publication as wide a circulation as possible.

Moved by W. E. Penn, that the Committee on Temperance be stricken from the list of Committees. Motion tabled.

On motion of J. G. B. Simms the position of Historical Secretary was revived, and W. A. Clark appointed as such Secretary and requested to report every year.

Committee on Temperance submitted the following:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention, set forth our opinion on the above subject as follows:

1. We will give our influence in our private circles and in our Churches against the use of all alcoholic beverages.

2. We believe it is the duty of all Christians to heartily co-operate in and with the civil authorities in enacting suitable laws to prevent the sale and use of all intoxicating beverages.

3. That we hold the Bible to be a book that teaches that God's children should not indulge in the use or sale of intoxicating drinks, nor should they sign petitions for the sale of the same.

4. That it is the duty of all ministers of Christ, not only to abstain from alcoholic beverages, but to lift up their voices against the awful evil in the pulpit and elsewhere.

J. W. LIPSEY, Chm'n.

Finance Committee had no report to make, and were discharged.

Resolution by T. S. Potts to distribute and print Minutes, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the Secretaries be instructed to print and circulate 1000 copies of the Minutes and draw on the Treasurer of the Convention for an amount sufficient to pay for the same; also that the Secretaries be allowed \$50.00 for their labors.

Motion by W. E. Penn that pastors of Churches take up a collection first Sunday, or some Sunday in December to pay for the Minutes. Adopted.

Motion carried that the Secretary and Assistant Secretary be authorized to abridge generally the reports embraced in the Minutes.

Today's minutes were ordered corrected by the Secretary.

Resolution by E. B. Miller, concerning the Statistical Secretary, was adopted and is as follows:

Resolved, That the Statistical Secretary, W. A. Clark, be requested to compile a Ministerial Register containing the name and address as far as possible of every ordained Minister within the bounds of this Convention, and that the same be printed in the Minutes.

The report of W. A. C. Sayle was presented, showing receipts during the year of \$1,973.67 for general purposes; \$65.55 for printing Minutes, and \$20.00 for State Evangelist. Also, disbursements of \$1,973.67 for general purposes, and \$64.05 for printing Minutes.

[Note.—Other moneys were received by C. W. Walker during the session of the Convention, which do not appear in this report.—SEC]

Adjourned to meet with the Church at Lonoke, on Friday before the first Sunday in November, 1894, at 10 o'clock A. M.

The President made suitable parting remarks; the Convention sang, "How Firm a Foundation," and the parting hand was taken. Benediction by R. J. Coleman.

W. P. THROGMORTON, PRESIDENT.

W. F. BLACKWOOD, Secretary.

J. G. B. SIMMS, Assistant Secretary.

STATISTICAL.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Year of Minutes.	Preachers.	Churches.	MEMBERSHIP.							Contributions Reported.	Sunday Schools.			
				Additions.			Diminution					Total Membership.	Officers.	Total Enrollment.	
				By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Relation.	By Restorat'n.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.					
Bartholomew.	1893	13	35	168	68	4	25	87	88	28	2184	\$21,691 00	15	653	
Benton County.	1892	25	28	216	131	0	4	93	19	16	2108	1,964 50	15	620	
Blue Mountain.	1892	6	19	56	28	2	3	34	32	7	728	259 70			
Buckville.	1892	10	13	42	23	6	5	55	23	12	884	15 45	4	220	
Buckner.	1892	10	11	117	45	36	16	30	15	8	678	27 95	2	118	
Caddo River.	1892	12	22	95	51			49	5	7	1862	61 50			
Caroline.	1893	30	49	318	285			5	5		664	17 60			
Carroll County.	1892	18	23	177	99			45	243	92	3777	\$37,026 36	3	162	
Clear Creek.	1893	29	32	127	93	9		6	76	31	1129	4,000 00	7	1,373	
Columbia.	1892	16	34	205	173	12		8	135	50	1693	\$13,532 30	13	578	
Concord.	1892	22	33	194	133	27			173	63	12	1918	165 00	5	237
Crooked Creek.	1892	20	27	55	46	8		4	66	25	8	896	188 20	10	818
Current River.	1893	1	14	36	29	14		9	28	48	9	503	124 45	10	350
Darvanelle.	1892	22	43	159	124			12	111	39	15	1893	51 30	3	155
Fayetteville.	1892	21	33	96	79	4			94	26	19	1437	\$7 86 25	5	331
Fourche Valley.	1891	9	14	70	16	2			40	11	2	360	10 50	12	595
Friendship.	1893	13	30	106	113			24	84	59	15	1750	\$5.2 6 13	15	727
Gainesville.	1893	18	22	141	28	20	20	100	13	5	1411	825 00	11	427	
Grand Prairie.	1890	5	16	88	25	10	16	39	18	16	643	464 35			
Greenbrier.	1892	16	25	136	76	4	8	98	33	16	1400	1 100 10	1	151	
Howard County.	1892	10	17	84	31	9	5	57	24	10	1015	852 95	4	217	
Independence.	1893	16	34	133	74			10	133	27	17	1600	44 35		
Judson.	1892	11	23	104	85			9	51	19	5	1207	301 36	5	175
Liberty.	1892	4	9	25	30			12	6	9	388	37 60	7	245	
Little Red River.	1892	6	18	56	27						4	499	26 35		
Mac doni.	1892	18	34	152	90			37	88	43	28	1719	\$34 628 08	16	686
Madison County.	1893	16	23	278	112	27	29	62	47	19	1984	806 02	10	750	
Mt. Vernon.	1890	15	23	78	47	8	10	18	10	3	655	52 55			
Mr. Zion.	1893	5	14	40	22			3	21	8	9	407	293 95	7	382
Onachita.	1890	6	8	11	7	4	7	11			4	179		1	35
Osceola.	1892	18	40	168	12	17	17	159	45	44	2654	\$7,932 60	1	85	
Pee Dee.	18 2	33	36	155	169			21	205	50	30	2551	2 628 93	1	55
Pine Bluff.	1892	18	24	188	59	5	10	5	36	25	1394	1 073 10	7	555	
Red River.	1892	16	25	100	90			10	113	51	13	1299	39 90	10	491
Rocky Bayou.	1893	43	52	166	161	20	20	184	67	21	2607	\$38 25 00	9	532	
Russellville.	1892	16	24	68	70			12	51	2	10	1937	1 1 7 3	11	592
Saline.	1893	19	34	87	49	6	9	75	42	28	1519	\$7,801 00	6	264	
Southwestern.	1893	11	12	26	27	2	1	17	12	4	428	2,811 30	3	185	
Spring River.	1892	7	10	41	45	2	5	20	6		371	17 80	2	65	
State Line.	1892	12	13	54	21			37	19	6	410	45 20			
Stevens' Creek.	1891	4	5	21	22			16	4	4	156	11 30			
Trace Ridge.	1892	31	38	135	106			20	128	67	25	2041	21 70	8	397
Texarkana.	1892	31	38	135	106			3	27	6	5	476	16 55	4	140
Union No. 1.	1891	7	18	48	9			19	77	22	9	1080	37 45	5	250
Union No. 2.	1893	22	23	125	81			5	110	17	5	1464	27 30	6	300
United.	1892	11	19	50	53			8	8	14	489	10 00	16	682	
White River.	1892	5	6	60	22										
White River Valley.	1892	11	19	50	53										
Total.	738	1150	5312	3435	379	498	3683	1450	687	60,815	\$196,249 84	302	15,796		

*Contributions reported include value of church property. †Organized November 18, 1893; statistics included in Southwestern.

MODERATORS AND CLERKS, AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

ASSOCIATIONS.	MODERATORS.	POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.
Bartholomew.	N. C. Denson	Warren	J. L. M. Thomasson	McInticello.
Benton County.	J. R. Hall	Bentonville.	W. M. Keith	Cherokee City.
Big Creek	J. R. Cooper	Mammoth Sp'g	J. A. Lovelace	Baxter.
Blue Mountain	A. R. Stephenson	Mount'n View	P. Culbert	Marshall.
Buckville.	J. C. Hughes	Lucky	E. Wright	Lucky.
Buckner	R. P. Claborn	Maasfield.	J. M. Ledbetter	Witcherville.
Caddo River.	H. L. Wassow		E. Weight	
Caroline	W. P. Fletcher	Lonoke.	W. F. Blackwood	Little Rock.
Carroll County.			J. R. McCall	
Clear Creek.	D. C. Hardin	Ozark.	John E. Cox	Lon-lm.
Columbia	— Brashear			
Concord.	P. C. Mays	Lavaca	C. C. Stalcup	Camero. I. T.
Crooked Creek	A. J. Roberts	Harrison	A. L. Thompson	Harrison.
Current River	F. C. Neely	Corning.	R. R. Black	Pala'ka.
Dardanelle	T. P. Manning	Paris	I. A. Huckaby	Dardanelle.
Fayetteville.			H. P. Gree e	Prairie Grove.
Fourche Valley				
Friendship	W. K. Penrod	Pine Bluff.	J. W. McPherson	Coleman.
Gainesville.	J. R. Holcomb	Pollard	Henry Holcomb	Pollard.
Grand Prairie	— Canno	De Witt.	N. G. Williams	St. Charles.
Greenbrier	G. W. Ford	Bee Branch.	W. H. Lind ey	Wooster.
Howard County	A. J. Robbins	Oza	R. D. Neal	Nashville.
Independence.	J. W. Goodwin	M orefield	C. M. Gresham	Hickory Valley.
Judson	L. J. Hogg	Holly Springs.	L. O. Miers	Nix.
Liberty	H. T. Hawkins	Mt. Holly.	T. T. Jones	E. Dorado.
Little Red River	J. B. Ward	Little Red.	W. J. Walls	Heber.
Macedonia	J. J. Tate	Epy.	John A. Kenyon	Blue Ball.
Madison County	S. S. Graham	Spring Valley.	R. H. Weaver	Huntsville.
Mt. Vernon.	S. H. King	Poplar Grove.	J. B. Perminter	Brinkley.
Mt. Zion.	E. P. Minton	Jonesboro.	T. B. Kitchens	Paragould.
Ouachita.				
Osceola.	W. W. Gardner	Osceola.	J. H. Borum	Osceola.
Pee Dee.				
Pine Bluff.	John W. Lybrand	Grapevine.	W. C. C. Dorrrough	Sheridan.
Red River	E. Merrell	Bingen	L. H. Hitt	Prescott.
Rocky Bayou.	W. M. Duren	Union	W. K. Estes	Melbourne.
Russellville	J. A. Myers	Morrilton.	M. L. Eggleston	Russellville.
Saline.	J. A. Verser	Magnet.	C. T. Glenn	Jessie ille.
Southwestern	J. H. Denson	Locksburg	C. C. Powell	Miuneola.
Spring River	M. D. Bowers	Imbode	N. R. Townsend	Black Rock.
State Line	E. T. Lincoln	Attica	A. N. Downey	Dalton.
Stevens' Creek	J. J. Goad	Bradford	J. W. Pollard	Judsonia.
Trace Ridge	J. W. Rambo	Watts.	H. F. Woods	Murillo.
Texarkana				
Union No. 1.	James Askew	College Hill.	R. H. Mitchell	Brisbane.
Union No 2.	Jacob King	Mountain View	N. N. Satterfield	Big Flat.
United.	T. Moody	Cleveland	Asa Robertson	Formosa.
White River.	W. D. White	Gassville	W. A. Collis	Pembina.
White River Valley	A. A. Andrus	Layton	J. G. Smith	Layton.

CONWAY, ARK., November 7, 1893.

After adjournment of the Baptist State Convention on this day, the ministers present were called together for the purpose of organizing a Ministerial Conference. On motion, J. M. Hart was made Chairman and T. S. Potts was elected Secretary.

After a brief interchange of views, the body adjourned, to meet with the Church at Lonoke, Ark., on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1894, at o'clock

Adjourned.

J. M. HART, Chm'r.

T. S. POTTS, Secretary.