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*Rev. O. J. Wade*  
*Nov 19th 1900*

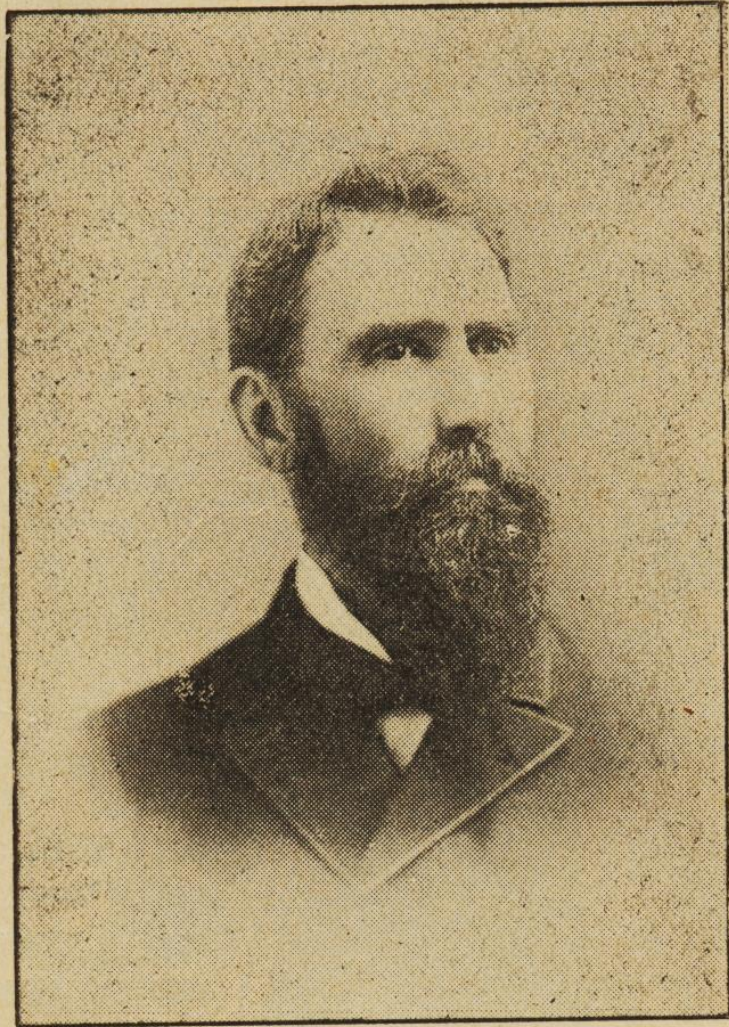
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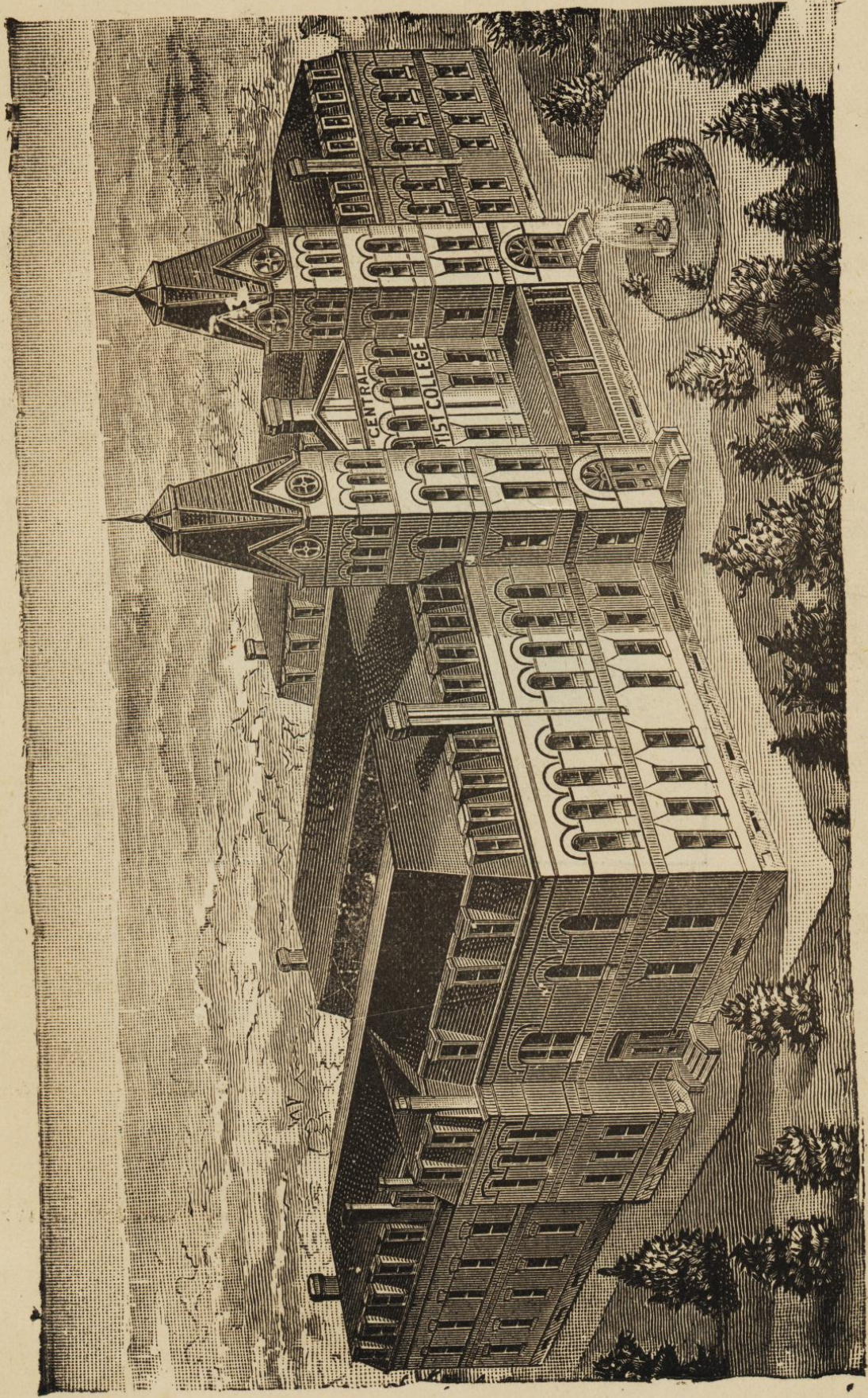
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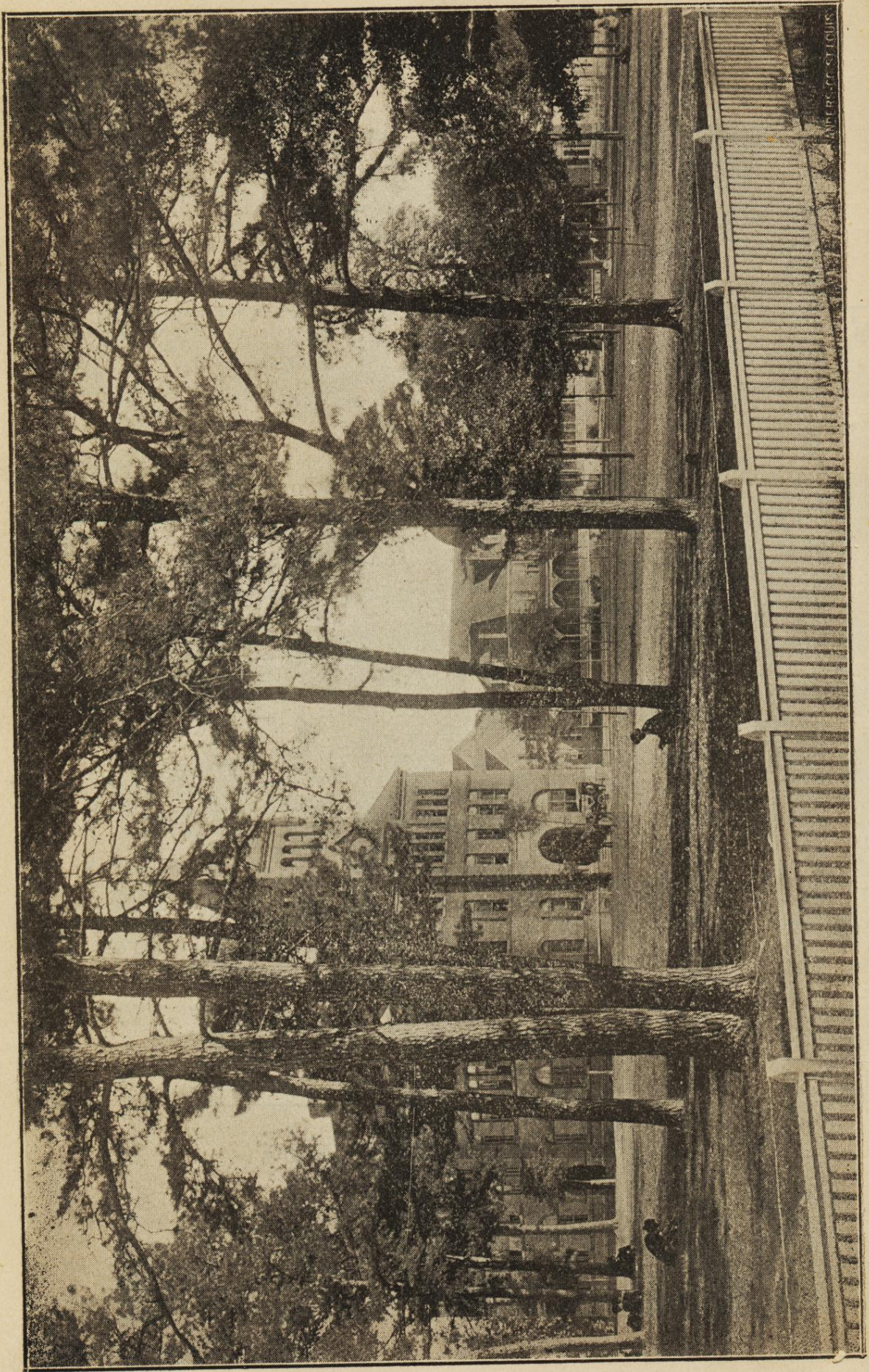
JAMES P. EAGLE,  
Ex-Governor of Arkansas, and  
President of Baptist State Convention.



CENTRAL BAPTIST FEMALE COLLEGE, CONWAY.



ORPHANS' HOME, — MONTICELLO.



OUACHITA BAPTIST COLLEGE, ARKADDELPHIA,

# Proceedings

OF THE

• Arkansas •

Baptist • State • Convention,

Forty-Ninth Annual Session,

HELD AT

Pine Bluff,

November, 1897.

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*ELD. J. P. EAGLE, President, Little Rock.*  
*JOHN G. B. SIMMS, Secretary, Conway.*



MOUNTAIN HOME COLLEGE.



# STATE DIRECTORY.

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J. P. EAGLE, President.....Little Rock  
J. W. CONGER, First Vice President.....Arkadelphia  
W. E. ATKINSON, Second Vice-President.....Little Rock  
JOHN G. B. SIMMS, Secretary.....Conway  
J. H. REYNOLDS, Treasurer.....Little Rock

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### MEMBERS-AT-LARGE.

J. P. Eagle, W. E. Atkinson, J. H. Bilheimer, A. G. McManaway,  
J. H. Peay, J. W. McDonald, A. H. Autry,  
W. F. Dorris, Giles C. Taylor, H. H. Street, Ben. Cox,  
W. B. Peeples, O. P. Miles.

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J. W. Conger, W. A. Forbes, F. D. Baars, A. G. McManaway,  
J. J. Haynes, H. J. P. Horne, E. B. Miller.

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O. L. Hailey, John Ayres, P. A. Ball, R. A. Clarkson, Geo. T. Williams,  
F. E. Carr, T. C. Price, J. W. Meeks, H. Beauchamp,  
J. G. Jackson, R. A. Rowe.

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J. M. L. Thomasson, N. C. Denson, J. A. Cason.

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## POSSIBLE TRUSTEES CENTRAL COLLEGE.

G. W. Bruce, A. H. Autry, J. H. Peay, M. J. Manning, H. H. Street.

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## CENTRAL COMMITTEE LADIES' AID SOCIETY.

Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. E. Longley, Mrs. Chas. Davidson, Mrs. C. R. Schaer,  
Mrs. J. L. Hawkins, Mrs. Fannie Neely, Mrs. Carroll D. Wood.

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## DELEGATES TO AMERICAN BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

J. W. Conger, J. G. Lile, J. F. Howell, J. J. Doyne, S. H. Allen,  
M. Shelby Kennard, Geo. Vaughan, W. T. Amis.

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## DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

A. W. Files, J. H. Peay, W. A. Clark, W. Theo. Smith, J. W. Conger,  
H. Beauchamp, F. Bozeman, A. G. McManaway,  
W. E. Atkinson, A. A. Andrus, W. A. Forbes, A. H. Autry,  
Giles C. Taylor, W. T. Box, W. F. Dorris, H. C. Rosamond,  
J. B. Wise.

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W. A. CLARK, Historical and Statistical Secretary and Secretary of Transportation  
Little Rock.  
E. B. MILLER, Secretary Board of Ministerial Education and Agent for Foreign  
Missions, Arkadelphia.  
A. G. MCMANAWAY, Agent for Home Missions, Arkadelphia.

# CONSTITUTION.

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

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

ART. 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.

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

ART. 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.

*MINUTES.*

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1897.

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*Pine Bluff, Arkansas,  
November 19, 1897.*

THE Arkansas Baptist State Convention assembled at 10 o'clock a. m. in the Opera House, when, after the devotional exercises, the body was called to order by Bro. James P. Eagle, its President.

Prayer by Bro. R. J. Coleman. The President read the 8th Psalm. Prayer by Bro. Hogan Allen.

The President appointed as Committee on Credentials: Brethren J. H. Peay, E. B. Miller and W. Theo. Smith, and announced that whilst the committee were engaged at their work, Bro. Frank White would conduct devotional exercises. After a time the committee reported the following list of delegates:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Mt. Zion—J. G. Harris, A. Pagan, J. H. Kitchens, Jr., J. Q. Thomas and J. W. Hiatt.

Howard County Association—C. W. Strickland, Sr., and J. H. Grumbles.

Columbia Association—T. J. Brasier, G. A. Worley, H. E. Harris and J. C. Jackson.

Grand Prairie—S. K. Downs and J. H. Merritt.

Union Association—J. E. Askew and J. H. Black.

Current River—F. C. Neeley and O. H. L. Cunningham.

Stevens Creek—A. A. Andrus and S. M. Whitlow.

Greenbrier—Vines Turner, G. E. Hilliard, S. P. Davis and J. G. B. Simms.

Caroline—J. P. Eagle, W. E. Atkinson, O. U. Owens, R. J. Coleman and R. L. Cole.

Friendship—D. E. Gambrell.

Red River—J. J. Haynes, J. P. Bourland and W. A. Forbes.

Mt. Vernon—J. A. Smith.

Bartholomew—N. C. Denson, W. A. Freeman and Hogan Allen.

Pine Bluff—J. W. Lybrand.

Little Red River—W. T. Davis.

Saline—G. C. Harris, Alexander Tucker.

Blue Mountain—J. T. Gray.

Rocky Bayou—W. M. Duren.

Fayetteville—W. E. Kimbrough.

Pine Bluff—Wm. Tucker.

Judson—C. J. Wise and L. J. Griffin.

Columbia—J. S. Compere.

Ouachita—W. F. Dorris.

#### CHURCH DELEGATES.

Immanuel—Frank White, W. A. Clark and J. H. Reynolds.

Oak Grove—H. L. Bean.

Providence Church—J. D. Phillips.

Nashville—C. W. Strickland, Jr., D. P. Terry and Dr. M. McCreary.

Mars' Hill—T. M. Wallace.

Jonesboro—A. S. Pettie, Sisters M. Hayman and C. P. Barton.

Morrilton—O. T. Bentley and Sister S. E. Box.

Magnolia—J. E. Smith, W. R. Cross and P. M. Smith.

Clarksville—W. T. Box.

Second church, Little Rock—A. W. Files, J. S. Kirtley and W. Theo. Smith.

De Witt—H. M. Crain.

Dardanella—H. H. Street, J. W. Lancaster and W. P. Wooten.

Ft. Smith—O. L. Hailey.

Atlanta—J. J. Holland.

Helena—H. C. Rosamond, W. W. Rivers and S. A. Stearns.

Charleston—L. Quinn, H. C. Thurman and D. M. Jetton.

Camden—W. F. Dorris.

Sardis—J. B. Gregory.

Promised Land—J. W. Sims, S. R. Smith and Miss Della Hailey.

Union—C. B. Henderson.

Springdale—A. H. Autry, C. C. Randell and I. M. Phillips.

Forrest City—W. H. Paslay, J. H. Barrett and J. B. Sanders.

Junction City—J. N. Hartley.

Monticello—W. W. Gardner.

Judsonia—J. S. Thomas, R. J. Wynne and E. J. A. McKinney.

Lonoke—O. P. Miles, H. T. Bradford and J. J. Doyne.

Benton—D. M. Cloud, W. H. Evans and J. J. Beavers.

Humble Hope—J. F. Ashcraft, J. G. Lybrand and E. F. Aplin.

Sugar Loaf—J. B. Swanner.

Paragould—J. H. Peay.

Prescott—A. G. McManaway.

Arkadelphia—J. W. Conger, J. B. Moore and E. B. Miller.

New Lewisville—R. R. Farrar, J. W. Warren and S. Barber.

Woodlawn—J. R. Wallace, W. T. Lawson and Sister Massey.

Macedonia—J. H. Glover.

Wynne—R. P. Bain.  
Conway—J. L. Randall, G. W. Bruce and J. G. Lile.  
Brinkley—S. L. Holloway.  
Central Committee of Ladies--Mesdames James P. Eagle, C. B. Davidson,  
E. Longley and C. R. Schaer.  
Searcy--S. W. Deener and Henry Patterson.  
First church, Eureka Springs--H. Beauchamp and Mrs. G. J. Klock.  
Liberty--J. T. Walker and Misses Effie and Laura Walker.  
Enon--J. M. L. Thomasson.  
Hope--Will Womack, J. P. Henry and Mrs. S. W. White.  
Pecan Grove--T. F. Landreth, Mrs. Landreth and J. D. Cobb.  
Argenta--J. G. Doyle and J. J. Taylor.  
Mena--J. F. Shands and D. S. Bedford.  
Central--R. E. Griswold and Mrs. H. L. M. Griswold.  
Marianna--J. B. Wise, Lon Slaughter.  
Beebe--M. T. Webb and R. E. Sutton.  
Fayetteville--F. Bozeman.  
Mountain Home--H. F. Vermillion.  
Hot Springs--H. L. Hale.  
Caledonia--W. F. Mears.  
Bethlehem--J. W. Fish.  
England--W. V. Walls.  
Osceola--W. Jas. Robinson.  
Mt. Zion--H. B. Taylor.  
Caney--T. B. Pruitt.  
Palestine--J. N. Taylor.  
Washington—W. T. Amis.

Bro. Thomas presented a map of the State showing associational lines.

The permanent organization of the body being the first order of business, Bro. Eagle declined in suitable terms to serve as presiding officer. Bro. W. E. Atkinson nominated Bro. Eagle, and the secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the Convention for him for president, which was done.

W. H. Paslay, H. C. Rosamond and L. Quinn were directed to hold an election for secretary. Bro. J. G. B. Simms was nominated. The tellers proceeded to their labors, and declared as a result, that he was elected.

Bro. Sam. M. Taylor, of Pine Bluff, then delivered an address of welcome to this body, which was responded to in suitable terms by Bro. H. Beauchamp.

A Committee on Order of Business was appointed consisting of Brethren O. L. Hailey, A. G. McManaway and Giles C. Taylor.

An invitation was read from the Superintendent of Public Schools of this city requesting the Convention to visit the schools

The invitation was accepted, and it was resolved that the thanks of the body be returned and the members go to the schools as they can individually, inasmuch as the body cannot go collectively.

J. J. Doyne, J. W. Conger and W. E. Atkinson were nominated for Vice Presidents.

A partial report was made by the Committee on Order of Business as follows:

Friday Afternoon—Sunday-school and Colportage Board; J. G. Doyle, secretary. In connection with this Rev. J. M. Robertson, of Texas, to present the Bible work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

At 3:30—Orphans' Home. Miscellaneous. Adjournment.

Night—Convention sermon, followed by Ministerial Education.

Saturday morning—Devotion. Journal. Resolutions and miscellaneous. State Missions.

10 a. m.—To adjournment at noon.

Recess till 2 o'clock. Prayer by J. S. Thomas.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were led by Bro. Ben. Cox, after which the body was called to order by the president, and the chair announced that the committee to hold the election for vice presidents would proceed at once to the discharge of that duty, and would consist of J. S. Thomas, W. W. Gardner and Ben. Cox. The brethren receiving the highest and next highest number of votes to be declared elected respectively as first and second vice-presidents.

The committee reported, after taking the ballot, the election of J. W. Conger and W. E. Atkinson.

The chair announced the following

#### COMMITTEES:

Devotional Exercises—Pastor and messengers from Pine Bluff church, J. J. Doyne and W. Theo. Smith.

State Missions—F. Bozeman W. E. Atkinson, Frank White, O. L. Hailey and W. T. Amis.

Home Missions—H. F. Vermillion, J. S. Kirtley, A. S. Pettie, J. B. Sanders and Dr. Britton.

Foreign Missions—W. F. Dorris, J. J. Taylor, O. P. Miles, W. T. Box and L. Slaughter.

Education—H. H. Street, H. C. Rosamond, E. B. Miller, J. J. Doyne, S. L. Holloway.

Sunday Schools—A. H. Autry, J. S. Thomas, H. Beauchamp, Ben Cox and J. H. Grumbles.

Orphans' Home—W. H. Paslay, W. W. Gardner, Vines Turner, N. C. Denson and J. H. Merritt.

Publications—M. T. Webb, J. W. Conger, J. J. Doyne, W. V. Walls and H. E. Harris.

Nominations—C. W. Strickland, Sr., J. H. Peay, A. G. McManaway, W. A. Forbes and J. B. Wise.

Obituaries—L. Quinn, J. J. Haynes, Hogan Allen.

Finance—J. H. Kitchens, J. J. Beavers, J. E. Smith, O. T. Bentley, B. C. Black.

Womans' Work—M. J. Manning, W. A. Clark and D. E. Gambrell.

Committee on Colleges—G. W. Bruce, A. W. Files, C. B. Henderson, J. W. Warren, J. C. Jackson, D. M. Cloud and L. J. Lybrand.

Visiting brethren invited to seats, to have their names enrolled, responded as follows:

J. M. Robertson, Dallas Texas; B. J. Robert, American Baptist Publication Society, Dallas, Tex.; Jno. C. F. Kyger, Waco, Texas; G. W. Reeves, Texas; E. E. Folk, Baptist and Reflector, Nashville; Dr. S. H. Ford, Ford's Christian Repository, St. Louis; J. B. Cranfill, Baptist Standard, Waco, Texas; J. N. Hall, Baptist Flag, St. Louis; Wm. D. Nowlin, Western Recorder, Louisville; R. G. Craig, (Memphis) Home Mission Board; Marcus L. Cooper, Memphis; A. J. Barton, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; W. J. McGlothlin, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

G. W. Bruce offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, There seems to be more or less uncertainty as to just what organic connection exists between our several colleges and this convention, and,

WHEREAS, The condition of each of them should be known as far as possible, financially, and the necessities of each relieved. Therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That a special committee of seven be appointed to investigate this matter and report a plan of action whereby their necessities may be relieved, and a close organic connection be created and preserved.

G. W. BRUCE.

Brethren J. S. Thomas, L. Quinn and Ben. Cox were requested to act as tellers and hold an election for one assistant secretary and one treasurer. W. T. Amis was nominated assistant secretary, and J. H. Reynolds for treasurer.

During the taking of the ballot, objection was withdrawn, and the secretary was directed to cast the ballot of the convention for the brethren named, which was done.

The time for discussing the report of the Sunday school and Colportage Board was extended half an hour. The report was read by J. G. Doyle, and is as follows:

#### REPORT OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

In compliance with our appointment we met at Fort Smith early in December, 1896, and organized by electing Eld. O. L. Hailey, president; John Ayers, secretary, and T. A. Ball, treasurer.

We secured the services of Eld. J. G. Doyle as corresponding secretary at a salary of \$75 per month and traveling expenses, and he has given his entire time to the work.

We at once opened correspondence with the American Baptist Publication Society and Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and asked their co-operation and help.

We are glad to be able to report that both of these have responded nobly to our appeals and that through their timely help, we have been enabled to inaugurate and carry on to a measure of success, the important work you have committed to our trust.

We found that the Sunday-school work in the State had been very sadly neglected. Out of more than twelve hundred Baptist churches in the State we were not able to find a trace of more than three hundred Sunday-schools, leaving about nine hundred churches in Arkansas without Sunday-schools.

We find also that there are many towns and thickly settled communities in which there are neither churches nor Sunday-schools and many homes in which there are no Bibles, and hundreds of children who never have access to a religious book.

We have desired to help and as far as possible with the means at our command, have done what we could towards helping to supply this alarming destitution.

As to the question of literature, we beg to report that so far as this board and its corresponding secretary are concerned, no recommendations have been made except to recommend sound Baptist literature for Baptist schools, and we have urged the churches and Sunday-schools to make choice between the two boards, so nobly helping us in a work so grand.

We recommend a continuation of the Sunday-school Board, and ask that two more names be added to it, of brethren living in or near the place where the board may be located, in order that there may be no uncertainty about securing a quorum at any time when a meeting of the board may be necessary.

Inasmuch as no work like ours can be carried on to any degree of success without substantial help, we ask that our board and its work be commended to the Christian liberality of all the churches.

We herewith append a tabulated statement of the work done by our corresponding secretary which is made a part of this report:

Report of J. G. Doyle, corresponding secretary Sunday-school Board, from December 1, 1896, and ending November 16, 1897. Field of labor, Arkansas:

STATISTICS.					
	NO.	VALUE.		NO.	VALUE.
Days of service.....	350		Individuals found destitute of the Bible.....	13	
Miles traveled.....	6,550		Persons baptized, 3; witnessed, 6.....	9	
Bibles sold.....	46	\$74 50	Churches constituted, assisted.....	2	
Testaments sold.....	88	27 05	Sunday-schools organized.....	54	
Bibles given away.....	30	5 35	Sunday-schools addressed.....	35	
Testaments given away	25	2 35	Sunday-schools aided by donations.....	52	
Book given away.....	8	2 15	Sunday-school institutes held.....	5	
Books sold.....	85	47 75	Associations, S. S. conventions, and institutes attended.....	12	
Pages of tracts distributed.....	4,150	4 00			
Sermons preached.....	149				
Addresses made.....	61				
Prayer-meetings held..	36				
Families visited.....	198				
Families found destitute of the Bible.....	16				



Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

	NO.	VALUE.		NO.	VALUE.
Letters written.....	545		Grants to S. S. schools..	52	106 30
Circulars distributed...	500		Grants to individuals...	63	9 85
Life members obtained cards for free-will gifts.....	500		Total value all grants..		115 15
Value of sales from stock.....		\$149 29	Railroad fare.....	\$76 91	
Total value of sales....		149 29	Periodicals ordered from office.....	36 75	
			Money collected.....		112 75

Report of W. R. McEwen, Jonesboro, for part of the month beginning June, July, 1896. and ending August, 1897. Field of labor, Mt. Zion Association:

	NO.	VALUE.		NO.	VALUE.
Miles traveled.....	465		Sermons preached.....	10	
Bibles sold.....	11	\$ 4 10	Addresses made.....	9	
Testaments sold.....	19	1 50	Families visited.....	32	
Bibles given away.....	3	75	S. S. organized.....	1	
Testaments given away	2	20	S. S. addressed.....	3	
Books given away.....	11	1 45	S. S. aided by donations	1	
Books sold.....	49	19 40	Associations, S. S. con- ventions, and insti- tutes attended.....	4	
Pages of tracts distrib- uted.....	450	45			

For which I paid Bro. McEwen in books \$33.75.

STATISTICS.

Report of J. F. Shands, Mena, Ark., for the month beginning August 1, 1897, and ending September, 1897. Field of labor, Polk county:

STATISTICS.

	NO.	VALUE.		NO.	VALUE.
Days of service.....	65		Families found destitute of the Bible.....	7	
Miles traveled.....	440		Individuals found desti- tute of the Bible....	5	
Testaments sold.....	2	\$1 50	Persons baptized.....	26	
Books given away.....	5		Sunday schools organized	2	
Sermons preached.....	52		Sunday schools addressed	3	
Addresses made.....	11		Sunday schools aided by donations.....	2	
Prayer meetings held....	15				
Families visited.....	97				

For which I paid Bro. Shands in books, \$19.85.

Report of P. A. Ball, treasurer Sunday-school Board, Arkansas Baptist Convention for the fiscal year ending November 15, 1897:

January 12—Received from American Baptist Publication Society.....	\$100 00
April 10—Received from American Baptist Publication So- ciety.....	100 00
May 5—Received from note Arkansas Baptist Publishing Company.....	100 00
July 8—Received from Fort Smith Baptist Sunday-school...	15 00
July 13—Received from American Baptist Publication So- ciety.....	150 00
August 6—Received from American Baptist Publication So- ciety.....	50 00
September 7—Received from note Arkansas Baptist Publish- ing Company.....	100 00
September 10—Received from American Baptist Publication Society.....	50 00
October 14—Received from American Baptist Publication So- ciety.....	50 00

November 5—Received from note Arkansas Baptist Publishing Company.....	100 00
November 8—Received from American Baptist Publication Society .....	50 09
Received of Bro. Doyle, corresponding secretary, from sales of books and Bibles, \$235.00, less traveling expenses, 118.69.....	121 31
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## DISBURSEMENTS.

For Secretary's record .....	\$ 3 00	
For Treasurer's cash book.....	50	
For postage, secretary.....	1 00	
For corresponding secretary's salary, December 1 to November 15.....	862 50	
Balance to credit Board on deposit in American National Bank.....	119 31	
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Total .....	\$986 31	\$986 31

GEO. T. WILLIAMS,  
R. A. CLARKSON,  
Auditing Committee.

Proper parts of same were referred to the Committees on Sunday-schools and Nominations, and the report having been spoken to was ordered printed. A collection of \$15.29 was taken for the American Baptist Publication Society's work.

Bro. Gardner read the annual report of Trustees of the

## ORPHANS' HOME.

The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Baptists' Orphans' Home would make its second annual report:

After the convention at Hot Springs the Board organized by electing W. W. Gardner, president; R. F. Hyatt, treasurer, and D. T. Hyatt, secretary. Since the last report we have received in the home fourteen children, making seventeen in all.

We are pained to report that death has invaded our Home: Pearl Brewer, from Lincoln county, aged 13 years, passed away, we trust, to the paradise of God. She, with two others, was baptized in August, 1897, and joined the church. She was laid to rest with loving hands and aching hearts.

Owing to the steady increase of inmates to the Home, it is necessary to have more room to accommodate them. We would ask the Convention the advisability of putting a brother in the field at once to work for the Home and raise money for additional buildings; this will have to be done or we shall have soon to close our doors to all applications. We know not how to do this; six other names are before us now, and we are looking for them every day.

The Board feel grateful to the brothers and sisters all over the State for the liberal assistance they have given us; and to Aunt Ruth for her great interest and zeal for the Home; and to the Arkansas Baptist, Baptist Review, and other of our papers for their weekly visits to the Home.

We suggest to the Convention that they appoint some brother each year to audit the books of the treasurer and secretary. Respectfully submitted,

W. W. GARDNER, President.

D. T. HYATT, Secretary.

The names of the brethren whose time expires are L. E. Morgan, J. A. Cason, N. C. Denson.

Financial report of the treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home for the year ending November 17, 1897:

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To amount received from all sources, as per treasurer' books.....\$663 52

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By amount due treasurer at date of last report.....\$ 12 67  
 By amount paid current expenses as per vouchers on file..... 476 97  
 Balance on hand..... 173 88

Total,.....\$663 52

Respectfully submitted, R. F. HYATT, Treasurer.

We, the Committee appointed by the Board of Directors to audit the books of the secretary and treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello, Ark., hereby certify that we have performed that duty and find that the above report agrees with the books of treasurer as to receipts and expenditures of the board for the last twelve months and that the treasurer has submitted valid vouchers for amounts claimed as paid out by him.

Respectfully, J. A. CASON,  
 WM. F. BESSELIEN.

This was ordered printed. The committee on same subject submitted the following:

We your committee on the Orphans' Home would submit the following:

We are proud to report that the Home is in excellent condition since our last session, the number of children have increased from four to eighteen, one having died, this leaves us with seventeen inmates. As to improvements during this year stables, barns, gardens etc. have been built to meet our present wants. Our great need now is more room so as to be able to accommodate those who are continually seeking shelter and homes, under our fostering care It is our opinion that if suitable buildings were prepared we would have fifty in the Home by the next convention. We therefore recommend and urge that the convention take this subject under its prayerful and earnest consideration. As to the means to be used in raising the necessary funds for the erection of suitable building would refer this matter to the Board of Trustees We also recommend that a cash collection be taken up now as well as pledges for the ensuing year.

W. W. GARDNER, }  
 W. H. PASLAY, } Committee  
 VINES TURNER, }  
 J. A. MERRIT, }  
 N. C. DENSON. }

Which was adopted, when a collection was taken for the Home amounting, in cash and pledges, to \$270.

## Contributions for the Orphans' Home November 19, 1897:

Mt. Vernon Association, W. H. Paslay.....	\$25 00
Red River Association.....	25 00
Judson Association.....	25 00
C. W. Daniels, Texarkana.....	10 00
J. S. Thomas.....	10 00
Hot Springs church.....	10 00
J. H. Reynolds, of Immanuel church, Little Rock, gave quilts valued at.	10 00
Junction City church, Bro. Hartley.....	10 00
J. J. Holland, Atlanta church, guaranteed \$5, promised.....	10 00
J. G. Lybrand, Humble Hope church, gave \$5, promised.....	10 00
Judsonia church gave three quilts, guaranteed \$5, and promised.....	10 00
J. P. Eagle and wife.....	10 00
Antioch church.....	5 00
Mt. Vernon church.....	5 00
Hope church Sunday-school.....	5 00
Merritt, De Witt church.....	5 00
Bro. H. E. Harris.....	5 00
Searcy church.....	5 00
W. R. Cross, Magnolia.....	5 00
Pine Bluff church.....	10 00
Bro. W. Tucker.....	5 00
Lonoke church (Bro. Miles).....	10 00
Ladies' Aid Society of Cabot church.....	5 00
Sunday-school No. 2 of.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society of Hope church.....	2 50
Greenough church.....	5 00
Immanuel church, (Little Rock) P. F. Sutton, S. S. teacher, pledge.....	5 00
W. T. Davis, Palestine Sunday-school.....	5 00
Cash collection.....	7 50
Total.....	\$260 00

## Resolution on hours of meeting adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the meetings of this body be as follows:

Meet at 8:30 a. m. and recess at 12 m.; at 2 p. m. and recess at 5 p. m.; at 7 p. m. and adjourn at will.

JNO. G. B. SIMMS.

Adjourned at 5 o'clock with prayer by J. S. Thomas.

## EVENING SESSION.

Assembled on time. Prayer by W. A. Clark. The chair requested visiting brethren to present their respective works in a few words each, while waiting for the regular order. Several brethren availed themselves of the opportunity.

The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. O. L. Hailey from I. Cor. 15:49.

W. F. Dorris was excused, and W. A. Freeman was made chairman of Committee on Foreign Missions.

The report of the Board of Ministerial Education came up as the regular order and was read by Bro. E. B. Miller as follows:

This report is meant to cover the scholastic year of the college. There were twenty-two ministerial students in the college last year. Of these, seventeen received [aid] from the churches and individuals through the Board of Ministerial Education. If we count full time, these twenty-two men received in scholastic benefits the sum of \$1,100. The seventeen men aided through our board received the sum of \$835.35. Total for the past scholastic year \$1,935.35.

All young ministers desiring to enter Ouachita college are required to stand a written examination covering their Christian experience, call to the ministry and denominational and church relations. The closing questions of the examination are as follows: "Is the ministry the chief purpose of your life? Are you determined, so far as it is possible with you, to secure a thorough education? In the event you are aided in your board and in the payment of tuition fees, do you hereby agree to refund all money paid for board and to pay full tuition fees, if you abandon the ministry? Do you agree that this shall become a just obligation which shall fall due when you cease to preach or some other calling shall absorb the major interest of your life?"

We note with glad interest the increasing importance given to the subject of ministerial education at the sessions of our district associations. The first claim of a young minister for moral and material support is that which he has upon his own church and association. The policy of your board is co-operation with churches and associations in rendering material aid to their beneficiaries. Should a man come to us without proper recommendations from his church and association, aid is refused him, and should he prove unworthy after matriculation the same is reported to his church and association. In all things pertaining to the education of their young ministers your board assures the churches and associations of earnest co-operation and faithful sympathy.

The young mens' home was opened at the beginning of the present session it is an assured success. Rates for board and lodging have been reduced, thus increasing our ability to aid a greater number of men. All beneficiaries are expected to board in the young mens' home. The churches at Camden and Arkadelphia have furnished a room each in the home.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Cash balance June 1, 1896.....	\$17 43
Cash collection at last convention.....	25 95
Collected on pledges.....	669 05
Cash on loans and other sources.....	140 75
Scholastic benefits.....	1,100 00
Paid on board of beneficiaries.....	835 35
Balance on hand September 1, 1897.....	17 83
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Total cash and benefits.....	\$1,953 18

We have looked in good faith for funds with which to carry on this part of the work of the Baptists of Arkansas. It is thought wise to contract no debts. Hence the board judiciously expends all funds received; the work is

limited by the amount of money received. There are always more applicants than can be accommodated. In consideration of other demands on our churches, this board has never asked for more than \$1,250 for any year, and we have been unable to collect that amount. It continues a labor of love upon the part of the officers of this board to manage its affairs; it is the work of this convention, the associations and churches; while the board is their medium of operations. Several men have been refused the promise of aid until we hear from the pledges of this convention. It is for you to say how many men may go to school. We beg this convention to promise the work as much as \$1,250. There is needed about \$100 with which to pay for furniture. This matter is in the hands of Prof. F. D. Baars, who is collecting money with which to complete furnishing the young men's home.

E. B. MILLER, Secretary.

J. W. CONGER, Chairman.

Pending consideration of same, permission was given to take a collection for Ministerial Education, which resulted in pledges and cash as follows:

J. P. Eagle and wife.....	\$100 00	Monticello ch, W. W. Gardner	10 00
Fort Smith church.....	100 00	Dardanelle ch., H. H. Street..	15 00
Second church, Little Rock..	100 00	Clarendon church, Bro. Crane	10 00
Arkadelphia church.....	100 00	W. T. Smith, "Review".....	10 00
Mount Zion Association.....	100 00	Rehobeth church.....	10 00
Mount Vernon Association..	100 00	C. D. Guest, Pleasant Ridge..	5 00
First church, Texarkana.....	60 00	Pleasant Ridge ch, C. D. Guest	5 00
Pine Bluff church.....	50 00	Hope L. A. Soc'y, Mrs, White.	5 00
Paragould church.....	65 00	W. R. Cross, Magnolia.....	5 00
Red River Association.....	50 00	M. J. Manning, Clarendon....	5 00
Osceola church (Robertson)..	50 00	G. W. Lybrand, Grapevine....	5 00
C. W. Strickland.....	50 00	O. H. J. Cunuingham, Green-	
Camden church.....	25 00	ough church.....	5 00
Pine Bluff Ladies' Aid.....	35 00	J. G. B. Simms.....	5 00
Pine Bluff Sunday-school....	25 00	J. T. Hawkins, Mt. Holly....	5 00
First church, Hot Springs....	25 00	Z. T. Steed.....	5 00
Anonymous. ....	25 00	F. D. Neis, Pine Bluff.....	5 00
First church, Little Rock....	25 00	N. C. Denson.....	5 00
DeWitt church.....	25 00	Bro. J. H. Black, Hope.....	5 00
L. A., 2nd church, Little Rock	25 00	S. L. Holloway.....	5 00
H. T. Bradford, Lonoke.....	25 00		
Giles C. Taylor.....	25 00	Pledges .....	135 00
Judsonia church.....	10 00	Cash .....	10 03
Fordyce church, Bro. Wilson.	10 00		
Searcy church, H. Paterson..	10 00	Total.....	\$145 03
Hope church Bro. Womack..	10 00		

The report was then ordered printed and adopted.

Following resolution by H. F. Vermillion was adopted:

Resolved, That a Board of Ministerial Education, consisting of five members, be appointed by the chair to work in connection with Mountain Home Baptist College; that this Board be instructed to use its influence to educate one young minister in territory of Mountain Home Baptist College, and that the Board be instructed to report annually to this convention the work done by them during the current year.

HENRY F. VERMILLION.

Adjourned. Prayer by W. T. Amis.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises were held for a time, conducted by H. C. Rosamond. Minutes of yesterday read and adopted.

The Committee on Order of Business submitted an additional report as follows:

Saturday, p. m.—Education, in the following order:

Report of committee.

Reports of boards from Mountain Home College.

Central College.

Ouachita College.

Resolutions and miscellaneous.

Evening Session—Foreign Missions.

Home Missions.

We recommend that when, at any time, it shall appear that the interests of the convention shall be served by displacing the order, that it be done by a majority vote.

W. Theo. Smith offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the president appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to report during this session of the convention on the need of a closer co-operation between our convention and the work of the Negro Baptists of Arkansas, especially with reference to ministerial education among them.

W. THEO. SMITH.

The chair appointed as such committee, W. T. Smith, W. H. Paslay, H. C. Rosamond, J. G. B. Simms.

W. A. Clark made the statistical report. (See table.)

A H. Autry submitted the following, which was read:

Whereas, Dr. Whitsitt, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., has written things at variance with the teachings of the denomination, and

Whereas, these things in their method and teaching serve to alienate brethren and threaten the disruption of our Baptist Zion. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of this convention that Dr. Whitsitt should resign his position in the interest of peace, and that we earnestly request the board of trustees to secure his resignation as soon as practicable.

A. H. AUTRY.

H. Beauchamp called for the previous question, but, by request, withdrew the call. J. H. Peay offered a substitute as follows:

Whereas, Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and professor of Church History in said institution, did, in his "statement" to the Board of Seminary Trustees, when in session in Wilmington, N. C., in May last, reaffirm his historical vagaries, thus re-

antagonizing the facts of history and the position and teachings of the Baptist denomination; therefore, be it,

Resolved, first, That it is the sense of this convention now in session, that no more moral or financial support be given by the Baptists of Arkansas, until Dr. W. H. Whitsitt either resigns or be removed from the presidency of the seminary.

Resolved, second, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Hon. Joshua Levering, Baltimore, Md., requesting and urging the complete severance of the connection of said Dr. W. H. Whitsitt with the said seminary.

J. H. PEAY.

Which was adopted.

State Missions were called as the regular order of business, when W. A. Clark read the report of the State Board as follows:

REPORT OF STATE BOARD.

BRETHREN: The Board was called together at Hot Springs at the close of the Convention, and without organizing, adjourned to meet at Little Rock, December 2, 1897.

At the meeting December 2, there were sixteen members present and, after electing A. W. Files, chairman, and W. A. Clark, secretary, a motion prevailed to make \$2,000 the basis of appropriations. Appropriations were then made as follows:

To Van Buren, M. O. Keller, pastor .....	\$ 200
Almyra, Sunrise and Salem, B. F. Coburn, pastor .....	75
Argenta, W. A. Tippit, pastor .....	150
Benton County Association, J. S. Spires .....	60
Siloam Springs, J. N. Edmonson, pastor .....	10
Berryville, J. B. Swanner, pastor .....	10
Bartholomew Association, J. P. Henry .....	
Missionary, \$5 per month .....	60
Clarksville, W. T. Box, pastor .....	100
Junction City, E. J. A. McKinney, pastor .....	120
Mammoth Spring, J. E. Cargill, pastor .....	100
Big Creek Association, W. H. Bowling, missionary to preach one-fourth time at Salem .....	96
Rocky Bayou Association, S. A. Marchant, missionary, six months, beginning March 1, 1897 .....	30
Pike City and Antoine, J. P. Copeland, pastor .....	200
Wynne, R. P. Bain, pastor .....	150
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Total appropriations made .....	\$1,541 00

On the 19th of January the Board met again and made additional appropriations as follows:

Increased appropriation to Benton county from \$5 to \$8 per month—increase .....	18
To Harrison, W. H. Dodd, pastor .....	98
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Making total appropriations .....	\$1,657 00



These missionaries served the time indicated in statistical table attached, and therein will be found a full statement of work done and wages paid. It will be seen that the work, though conservatively planned, has not been a failure. That more could not have been undertaken and maintained, is proven by the fact that though the expense was decreased by the resignation of missionaries, yet we have only \$10.45 in the treasury after paying these obligations. From the Home Board we have received \$950 during our Convention year, and from our own people only \$691.36.

A. W. FILES, President.

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Little Rock, Ark., November 15, 1897.

Cash on hand November 16, 1896.....	\$91 52	
Paid back salary, R. C. Medaris, one-half month.....		\$20 16
Paid back salary, J. J. Haynes, one-half month.....		2 00
Freight on Bibles from Sunday-school Board.....		1 31
Receipts from November 16 to December 31.....	26 86	
To historical secretary.....		25 00
Postage on minutes.....		25 00
Balance salary to J. G. Doyle.....		29 16
Stamps and stationery.....		1 00
January receipts.....	7 50	
February receipts.....	267 97	
February disbursements.....		113 50
March receipts.....	98 81	
March disbursements.....		266 90
April receipts.....	458 23	
April disbursements.....		61 00
May receipts.....	79 02	
May disbursements.....		385 10
June receipts.....	1 10	
June disbursements.....		1 00
July receipts.....	2 98	
July, no expenses.....		
August receipts.....	248 00	
August disbursements.....		266 75
September receipts.....	79 55	
September disbursements.....		87 50
October receipts.....	69 82	
October disbursements.....		36 40
November receipts.....	219 00	
November disbursements.....		318 13
To balance.....		10 45
		\$10 45

W. A. CLARK, Treasurer.

Audited and approved, A. W. Files.

Ordered printed in the minutes.

W. E. Atkinson, from Committee on State Missions, reported as follows:

## PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. RESOLVED, That the State Mission Board be authorized to adopt such methods, and employ such agencies in the general management of its mission work as it may deem best. Advising them to employ one or more evangelists if the same be practicable.

2. RESOLVED further, That the State Board co-operate with each association in their method of mission work as far as they think best, and that the State Board endeavor, through each of its associational members, to keep in touch with the pastors and churches of each association, and in this way keep constant and systematic work in progress.

3. RESOLVED further, That this Convention continue a separate board for the prosecution of Sunday-school colportage work.

4. RESOLVED further, That no member of the State Board shall apply for an appointment under the board.

5. RESOLVED further, We recommend that the board endeavor to get the brethren in charge of our fifth Sunday meetings and ministers' institutes to turn them into institutes for the study of missions and the great doctrine of Christian Stewardship.

6. RESOLVED further, That each association be requested to pay the expenses of its member of the board in attending the State Board meetings.

7. RESOLVED further, That, if practicable, the board organize a system of evangelistic work by the pastors in the State.

8. RESOLVED further, That pledges be taken from the various churches and associations for State Missions as a basis for this work.

9. RESOLVED further, That the Convention request that our State paper publish these resolutions, giving them a conspicuous place therein one issue in each month.

W. E. ATKINSON, Chairman.

And it was ordered that a vote on this report be taken at 11:15 this day; and at that hour the same was adopted. After which a collection in cash and pledges was taken as follows:

## STATE MISSION COLLECTION, NOV. 20, 1897.

Second church, Little Rock.....	\$ 300 00
Arkadelphia church, E. B. Miller.....	150 00
Pine Bluff church, A. Purdue .....	100 00
Mt. Zion Association, Dr. Kitchens.....	100 00
Eureka Springs church, H. Beauchamp.....	100 00
Hot Springs church, H. L. Hale.....	100 00
First church, Fort Smith, O. L. Hailey.....	100 00
Dr. Frank White promised to collect from private subscriptions....	100 00
Camden church, Bro. Watts.....	50 00
Bro. J. J. Taylor gave his services for two months to the State free of charge.	
Howard County Association, C. W. Strickland.....	50 00
Liberty Association, J. N. Hartley.....	50 00
Mt. Vernon Association, W. H. Paslay.....	50 00
Conway church, G. E. Hilliard.....	25 00

Fordyce church, R. D. Wilson.....	30 00
Caroline Association.....	25 00
Fayetteville church, F. Bozeman.....	25 00
Pine Bluff Association, J. W. Lybrand.....	25 00
A. H. Autry.....	25 00
Lonoke church, H. T. Bradford.....	25 00
Jonesboro ladies' aid society.....	25 00
Union Association, J. H. Black.....	25 00
Friendship Association.....	25 00
Bartholomew Association, N. C. Denson and W. A. Freeman.....	25 00
Red River Association, W. A. Forbes and J. J. Haynes.....	50 00
W. T. Box.....	25 00
Little Red River Association.....	25 00
W. F. Dorris.....	25 00
A. J. Barton.....	25 00
Arkansas Baptist.....	25 00
Columbia Association, H. E. Harris.....	25 00
J. J. Taylor.....	25 00
Dardanelle church, H. H. Street.....	25 00
Judsonia church, R. J. Winn.....	25 00
Current River Association, F. C. Neeley.....	25 00
Pecan Grove church, T. F. Landreth.....	25 00
Southwestern Association, C. W. Strickland.....	25 00
Concord Association.....	50 00
L. Quinn.....	25 00
Monticello church, W. W. Garduer.....	15 00
J. H. Merritt, DeWitt (pd).....	5 00
Morrilton church, ladies' aid society.....	10 00
Searcy church, ladies' aid society.....	25 00
Searcy church, missionary society.....	25 00
Henry Patterson.....	25 00
Plummerville church.....	5 00
Plummerville church, ladies' aid society.....	5 00
Jonesboro Sunday-school.....	10 00
Immanuel church, Little Rock, Sunday-school.....	15 00
Mountain Home church, H. F. Vermillion.....	10 00
J. G. Doyle, Argenta.....	10 00
Hope church, Will. Womack.....	10 00
H. T. Bradford, Lonoke.....	10 00
Malvern church.....	5 00
J. N. Quinn.....	5 00
Mrs. Ada Couch, Cabot.....	5 00
Paragould church, ladies' aid society.....	10 00
Caney church, Dr. Britton.....	10 00
Wynne church, R. P. Bain.....	5 00
R. P. Bain, Wynne.....	5 00
Liberty church, R. T. Walker.....	5 00
M. J. Manning, Clarendon.....	5 00
Mrs. E. W. Johnson, Edson.....	5 00
Washington church, W. T. Amis.....	5 00
Marianna church, L. Slaughter.....	10 00
Oak Grove church, Jno. McKinney, Austin.....	5 00
J. G. Lybrand, Brooks, Ark.....	5 00

Fort Smith Sunday-school.....	12 50
Charleston church, L. Quinn.....	5 00
Monticello ladies' aid society, W. W. Gardner.....	5 00
J. P. Henry, Hope.....	5 00
Rocky Bayou, W. M. Duren.....	10 00
Magnolia church, W. R. Cross.....	10 00
Hope ladies' aid society.....	2 50
W. Theo. Smith.....	5 00
A. Pagan, Jonesboro.....	5 00
Malvern church, (pd) .....	2 60
Total.....	\$ 2 282 60

Collection ordered taken at each place of worship tomorrow for State Missions.

Following appointments to preach tomorrow were made by Committee on Devotional Exercises:

#### APPOINTMENTS FOR SUNDAY.

First Baptist—11 a. m., Dr. S. H. Ford, G. C. Harris, 7:30 p. m.; Dr. J. N. Hall, W. T. Box.

First Presbyterian—11 a. m. E. B. Miller, A. S. Pettie, 7:30 p. m.; A. H. Autry, G. W. Reeves.

Second Presbyterian—11 a. m. H. Beauchamp, J. B. Wise, 7:30 p. m.; C. W. Strickland, F. D. Baars.

First Methodist—11 a. m. A. J. Barton, A. G. McManaway 7:30 p. m.; O. L. Hailey, E. E. Folk.

Lake Side Methodist—11 a. m. F. Bozeman, W. A. Clark, 7:30 p. m.; J. H. Peay, W. T. Amis.

River Side Methodist—11 a. m. C. W. Daniel, O. P. Miles, 7:30 p. m.; Giles C. Taylor, J. W. Hiatt.

First Christian—11 a. m. J. B. Cranfil W. F. Dorris, 7:30 p. m.; W. J. McGlothlin, J. F. C. Kyger.

#### COLORED CHURCHES.

St. Paul Baptist—11 a. m. J. G. Doyle, R. L. Cole, 7:30 p. m., W. A. Freeman, S. L. Holloway.

First Baptist—11 a. m. J. S. Thomas, W. W. Gardner; 7:30 p. m. B. F. Milam, A. C. Miller.

Strangers Rest Baptist—11 a. m. W. A. Forbes, Hogan Allen; 7:30 p. m. J. J. Taylor, H. F. Vermillion.

Barraque Street Baptist—11 a. m. J. M. Robertson, O. M. Lucas; 7:30 p. m. Ben. Cox, N. C. Denson.

M. E. Church—11 a. m. H. C. Rosamond, J. J. Haynes; 7:30 p. m. D. E. Gambrell, L. Quinn.

A. M. E. Church—3 p. m. H. H. Street, J. B. Swanner; 7:30 p. m. Frank White, H. E. Harris.

Allen Temple—11 a. m. R. D. Wilson, W. J. Robinson; 7:30 p. m. R. P. Bain, A. A. Andrus.

Mass meeting at Opera House, 3 p. m., address C. S. Blackwell, secretary, B. Y. P. U. South.

Committee called for by the resolution of H. F. Vermillion was announced as follows:

Henry F. Vermillion, J. B. Simpson, I. E. Gideon, M. N. Dyer, W. H. Douglass, to compose Board of Ministerial Education for Mountain Home Collège.

Recess. Prayer by W. H. Paslay.

### AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing, called to order by the president. Prayer by J. N. Hartley.

The president read a message from Rev. A. J. Fawcett. Secretary was directed to reply III. John 13: 14.

J. J. Doyne read the report of the Committee on Education as follows:

#### EDUCATION.

To the President and Members of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

Your Committee on Education would submit the following:

The men and women who have made their impress on the progress and civilization of the world have been those who were most loyal to principle. As Baptists we claim to take the Bible as the rule of our faith and the guide of our practice—the foundation of all true moral and religious principles.

The advancement along all lines of thought marks this as a progressive age, and the demands of Christian education were never more urgent. The Book of all books has been made the subject of so-called higher criticism, and especially have assaults been made on the defenses of the great landmarks in our church history, endeavoring by their sophistries to displace those principles that through ages have had the stamp of Divine approval. If the Baptists of our State would prove faithful to the heritage intrusted to them and transmit it unimpaired to their posterity, it is all important that such training be imparted to the young as shall equip them for successful combat against error

To Ouachita, Central and Mountain Home, we point with pride; their standing among us is assured; the consecrated efforts of their presidents, the well-arranged curricula, the wisdom exercised in the selection of instructors, and the carefully guarded environments that mark these institutions have won for them the confidence of the denomination; but, brethren, with 73,743 Baptists in the State, is 600 a fair representation in our colleges?

Are you of opinion that your children need no higher education, or are you among the rapidly-diminishing number who are sending their children beyond the confines of our State to secure an education that can be afforded them in home institutions at less expense? In either case we appeal to your interest in the future of your child, to your pride in our State institutions, and urge you that there be sufficient to cause you even at a sacrifice, if possible, to give your child the benefit of higher education in our home institutions.

Brethren, let your prayers be for the success, and your patronage be for the support of the Baptist colleges of the State.

The aim of this report being simply to impress the importance of Christian

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education, the crowning element in the make-up of all well-rounded characters, we would respectfully refer you for information relative to the work of these institutions, to the able reports of committees on their work and progress.

S. L. HOLLOWAY,  
J. J. DOYNE,  
H. H. STREET,  
E. B. MILLER,  
H. C. ROSAMOND,  
Committee.

Pending consideration of which, the Trustees of Mountain Home College were called on for their report. No response being made, Central College, through J. G. B. Simms, read its report as follows:

#### CENTRAL COLLEGE.

The Trustees of Central Baptist College report with great pleasure marked progress in the growth of our beloved Institution.

The college opened on September 13, last with fifty boarding pupils and it now has seventy-six, besides a liberal number of day scholars. The faculty has been enlarged and the curriculum further extended. Our departments of study are all presided over by ladies of highest culture and considerable experience as teachers in the best colleges of the country.

A handsome pipe organ adorns our chapel and 13 pianos are in constant use. The department of stringed instruments and shorthand are well equipped and liberally patronized.

Much work has been done fitting up new rooms to accommodate the increase of pupils, until little now remains to be done in order to complete the third story of the building.

The health of the pupils is excellent. Quite a number of those in attendance were converted during their stay at Conway.

A number of volumes have been added to the library and new apparatus has been bought for the departments of Natural Science and Physical Culture.

We are glad to note that our school has rapidly found a place in the affections and confidence of our people. The work being done in all departments is of the very best; so that no excuse can longer be found why Baptists should send their daughters to other states to be educated.

We regret to say that a considerable portion, perhaps half, of the subscriptions made a year ago to pay off the debt on our college furniture, have not been paid. We trust that the convention will at once provide for this deficiency and relieve Bro. Bruce of the burden and ourselves of the danger involved in this matter.

We ask the nomination of five possible trustees, as usual at your annual meeting.

W. B. PEEPLES, Secretary.

The question was put on the report of the committee and was adopted.

H. F. Vermillion then read the report of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home College as follows:

#### MOUNTAIN HOME COLLEGE.

Mountain Home Baptist College has entered upon the fifth year of its

work. Prof. M. Shelby Kennard is retained as president, and he has associated with him an excellent faculty who are now doing good work.

We call attention to the catalogue issued this year, which gives the number and names of the faculty, the curricula of studies and the number of students enrolled the past year and many other important facts. The enrollment for the present year is larger than at the same time last year, notwithstanding the very short crops in the territory contiguous to the college.

Owing to the exceedingly hard times, we have not been able as yet to collect all the pledges made to pay the indebtedness on the college. There remains about \$2,000 of debt on the college. We have good notes and subscriptions covering nearly \$1,000 of this. We owe the Hollenberg Music Co., nearly \$600 which is now due. We would urgently request the convention to assist us in relieving the college of this debt.

P. A. COX, President.

M. N. DYER, Sec'y. Board.

It was ordered printed.

A collection was asked for Mountain Home College, and \$17.50 was raised in pledges as follows:

MOUNTAIN HOME COLLEGE COLLECTION.

J. N. Hartley.....	\$ 5 00
H. C. Thurman, Charleston.....	2 50
E. J. Murphy, Sulphur Springs.....	5 00
J. N. Taylor, Pearson.....	5 00
Total .....	\$17 50

The report of Trustees of Central College was again read and a collection taken in cash and pledges for same as follows:

Lon Slaughter, paid.....	\$10 00
J. W. Hiatt, paid.....	1 00
W. W. Gardner.....	10 00
W. H. Paslay.....	10 00
Total.....	\$31 00

The report was ordered printed.

A. G. McManaway read the report of the Trustees of Ouachita College as follows:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE.

PROSPERITY OF THE COLLEGE.

The following extract from President Conger's eleventh annual report to our board, will indicate the present flourishing condition of the educational interests of Ouachita College:

I call your attention to the following results:

Average yearly enrollment of pupils .....	285
Total number of young ministers.....	91
Number of graduates (young ministers) .....	15

Total male graduates.....	53
Female graduates.....	49
Total taking A. B.....	52
Graduates in extra departments.....	35
Total graduates.....	137
Number of pupil-teachers between.....200 and	25 <sup>0</sup>
Average number of yearly beneficiaries.....	40
The denomination has received in scholastic benefits, about.....	\$12,000
In permanent improvement on campus and buildings, about.....	3,000
In insurance, repairs, advertising, etc.....	10,00 <sub>0</sub>
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Total benefit to the denomination.....	\$25,000

The faculty of the college has been strengthened from year to year in proportion to demands and financial ability. Harmony and unanimity have usually prevailed and where mistakes have been made in securing teachers with either doubtful capacity or doctrinal soundness, changes were made as soon as practicable. The spiritual tone of the college has always been strong and many professions have been made in the student body.

It has been my plan to gradually strengthen the curriculum from year to year. At present our curriculum compares favorably with the leading Baptist institutions of the South, such as Richmond, Wake Forest and the South-western Baptist University. We have now a specialist in each chair and better work is being done than at any period in the history of the institution.

The military department, under Lieut. Stone, promises rich results. The government has supplied us with cadet rifles and necessary appendages to the value of \$1,862, which have been insured for full value. The athletic department is doing excellent work under a special director. □ All pupils are required to take athletics. The improvement, both in scholastic attainment and in physical development since the inauguration of this department, has surpassed our greatest expectation. There has been but one continued spell of sickness in the whole student body since our opening in September.

It has been my desire to supply a full course of instruction in the Bible department. We are now giving one hour each day to this work. Dr. McManaway teaches three hours per week and Dr. Miller one hour per week. Candidates for degrees are allowed to substitute work in the Bible department for certain branches in other departments. Regular examinations are held. No fees are required. The work is already yielding rich results, and, as soon as means are provided, this department should be strengthened.

It has been my absorbing desire to close up my work in connection with Ouachita College with full assurance that the denomination could have at least a worthy foundation upon which to build a great institution. I have few regrets in connection with my past labor. There has been no scandal in connection with the institution. I have kept myself clear of any serious financial complications, though I have carried a debt ranging from one to eight thousand dollars all the time. Our graduates are an honor to the institution, and so far as I know there is no impediment in connection with my work that will hinder the institution in fulfilling the expectation of the most sanguine Baptist.

In conclusion, I desire to impress upon the president and members of the Board of Trustees the great importance of Ouachita College to the Baptist denomination of the State. The prosperity and honor of the denomination is largely wrapped up in the success of the institution. It is largely the center around which now revolves other denominational interests. It is a fearful re-



sponsibility to be, at this juncture, a member of the Board of Trustees. As your president, allow me to offer a word of caution against all hasty and immature action. This is a critical period and what is done now should be done after serious reflection and prayerful consideration. Seventy thousand Baptists look to you for guidance in their educational affairs. You shall have my prayers and co-operation whether or not I remain your president any longer than June next. I have tried, so far, to hold an unselfish interest in the institution. Praying God's blessing upon you in all of your deliberations I am, fraternally,

J. W. CONGER."

President Conger's lease of the property will expire with the present session. The management has been wise, prudent, successful, and in every respect eminently satisfactory to the board. We believe the Lord sent him to us as the one man who could successfully triumph over the difficulties that confronted us eleven years ago. Whatever success may come to the college hereafter will be largely due to the wisdom with which he has laid the foundations. We trust his connection with the institution will last through the rest of his life.

#### THE FUTURE OF THE COLLEGE.

In order to bring the college into closer relations with the denomination, we are considering the practicability of taking its management directly under the control of the board, so that the president and all the other officials will be employed by us, and all moneys be received and disbursed under our direction

#### THE FINANCIAL SITUATION.

We are happy to report improved prospects as to our financial situation. A pressing emergency is upon us, but a plan has been adopted by which much of our debt can be changed into scholarships, and if our friends will help us at once to dispose of the original debt due on the college building, we shall most likely be able to report to the next session of this body that the institution is on a solid foundation with an endowment fund already started. Our friends must not take too much encouragement from these statements, for if they fail us in this hour of need, the institution will be placed in immediate peril. It is not our purpose to ask you for a collection, but we do ask that those of you who are interested in the work Ouachita is doing shall inquire of the secretary or some other member of the board, for a full explanation of our plans and a statement as to how you may help. If you appreciate the twenty-five thousand dollars worth of benefits received by the denomination from Ouachita in the last eleven years, and if you wish to see these benefits multiplied as the years go by, show your appreciation at once.

#### CHAIR OF BIBLE STUDY.

It accordance with the request of the State Convention at its last session with reference to the establishment of a chair of Biblical instruction in Ouachita College, we suggest in response:

First. We recognize the wisdom of the establishment of such a chair for the better equipment of our students for the work of the ministry and the better training of our young men and women, who shall constitute the working force of our churches in the future.

Second. We recommend that the chair be established as soon as the necessary funds can be collected for that purpose, and that the teacher or teachers in that department subscribe to and teach in accordance with the articles of faith usually held by our Baptist churches.

## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS.

At our annual meeting the old officers of the board were all re-elected. E. M. Hall, J. S. Kirtley and C. F. J. Tate were elected to fill vacancies in the board.

## LEGACY.

A final decision has at length awarded us the lands willed to the college by Bro. T. N. Scott. His example is one that might well be followed by many others who cannot give large amounts to the Lord while they live, but who can arrange to bless mankind by the disposition of their property.

W. E. ATKINSON,  
A. G. McMANAWAY.

It was ordered printed.

Adjourned. Prayer by E. B. Miller.

## EVENING SESSION

After singing and prayer, W. A. Freeman read the report of Committee on Foreign Missions as follows:

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee would call attention:

First: To the fact that Foreign Missions are based on the word of God. The eternal decree of God himself is the basal rock of missions. David in the second Psalm says of Christ: "I will declare the decree; the Lord hath said unto me, thou art my son, this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee, the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession." Ps. 2: 7,8.

When Christ was born, he was named Jesus, "for he shall save his people from their sins." Jesus, in his personal ministry, exemplified the prophecy that he should declare the decree: "The spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor. . . . to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." Luke 4: 18-19.

"For the son of man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19: 10.

The spirit of Christ is the spirit of missions. The church that withholds its support to missions is doomed, sooner or later, to destruction. "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly, and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully."

After Christ's resurrection the angel said: "Go and tell his disciples he is not here, he is risen." He appeared to his disciples and gave them the commission, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Mark 15: 16. "Go ye and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things, whatsoever I have commanded you, and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Matt. 28: 19-20.

Both the decree and the commission therefore involve the idea of Foreign Missions. Had the Jewish Christians withheld the gospel from the Gentiles, we today, would not be assembled in the capacity of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Why are we increasing, while our hardshell brethren are decreasing? The reason is obvious. We, in a measure, obey the great commission of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, while they ignore it. Christ

has promised his abiding presence on the condition that we go and make disciples and baptize them and teach them.

We desire now to call your attention to some general statements as to the work of our board in foreign fields.

We have 80 missionaries, and 110 native assistants. These missionaries are at work in China, Japan, Italy, Africa, Mexico and South America. Total number of baptisms last year were 660. Members on foreign fields 4,324. Amount of money received and expended on this work was \$125,681.99

Up to Nov. 1 of the present year we have received only \$33,962.40. Arkansas has contributed of this amount the small sum of \$583.10. How small, as compared with our 73,743 members! How utterly insignificant when millions are dying without the gospel.

Notwithstanding the smallness of our contributions we call special attention to the fact that at no time in the history of our work has the Lord more bountifully blessed our efforts than he is now doing. It should incite us to greater zeal in the glorious work of evangelizing the world.

We would recommend that each pastor endeavor to circulate the Foreign Mission Journal, published by our Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va. Its circulation is now greater than at any time since the beginning of its publication. Its mission is to inform our people on the foreign work.

We recommend that this convention approve the board's request for us to raise \$2,400 for foreign mission work. That we pledge ourselves as pastors and laymen to endeavor to raise this amount. Let us stand by our board and its secretaries in their great work. Arkansas has great reasons to feel deep and abiding interest in foreign missions. From her soil have gone 8 missionaries, namely: C. E. Smith and wife, W. T. Lumbley and wife, W. P. Winn and wife and J. J. Taylor and wife. The first 3 couples here mentioned have given their life work to the dark continent. Sisters Winn and Lumbley have laid their armor by and entered the haven of rest. After 6 years of labor for our Master in Brazil, our beloved brother J. J. Taylor and wife are at home to take a much-needed rest. We rejoice that we have Brother Taylor with us in the convention.

We feel proud that an Arkansas boy, brother A. J. Barton, is assistant secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. A. FREEMAN,	} Committee.
O. P. MILES,	
W. T. BOX,	
J. J. TAYLOR,	
L. SLAUGHTER,	

After discussion the report was adopted.

The report of Committee on Home Missions was read as follows:

#### HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention does work in eleven states, four territories and on the island of Cuba. In this State we are especially grateful for the assistance that the board has given us. Its financial exhibit for the year just past is as follows:

Missionaries.....	372
Weeks of labor.....	11,075
Churches and stations.....	1,963
Sermons and addresses.....	48,508

Prayer-meetings.....	11,237
Religious visits.....	62,175
Baptisms.....	4,709
Received by letter.....	4,746
Total additions.....	9,455
Churches constituted.....	139
Houses of worship built.....	57
Houses of worship improved.....	129
Amount expended on houses of worship.....	\$ 52,040
Sunday-schools organized.....	313
Teachers and pupils.....	10,725
Bibles and Testaments.....	2,837
Tracts distributed (pages).....	643,346

The State Boards of Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indian Territory, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma Territory, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Western Arkansas and Indian Territory and Western North Carolina are in co-operation with the Board in part or the whole of their work.

The South, according to the sober calculation of skilful statisticians, is destined to become the greatest manufacturing area in the world. The population will grow with unexampled rapidity. Our obligation is greater than ever before. Work is already being done among the Negroes, Indians and foreigners of various nationalities, in the mountain regions of the South and on the frontiers among our own Americans. And that work is succeeding encouragingly. We recommend that our convention continue to co-operate with the board.

J. S. KIRTLEY,  
 J. B. SANDERS,  
 HENRY F. VERMILLION,  
 J. M. BRITTON,  
 A. S. PETTIE,

Committee.

After some discussion of same, the report was adopted. The regular order having been exhausted, M. J. Manning read the report on Woman's Work, and the same was adopted in the following words:

Woman in all ages has wielded an influence, felt not only by the individual, but by nations as well. Lingered at the cross, and first at the empty tomb, ever moved by a faith that knew no bounds, a trust that was untarnished by a single doubt, a devotion which allowed no obstacle or adverse condition to abate, she has at all times played an important part in spreading abroad the Gospel of the Lord. As a messenger, bearing the news of salvation to fallen humanity, and teaching in angelic meekness and simplicity the sweet story of the cross in the homes, and the various channels suited to her, she has accomplished results that challenge the respect, admiration and esteem of the world, and shall win for her a crown of righteousness by and by. Her worth as a moulder of religious sentiment can not be too highly estimated. Upon every moral, religious and educational question, she is ever to be found upon the right side. Her every impulse is for good. Her heart's desire and prayer to God is "that Israel might be saved." She is not slothful, but fervent in the performance of every Christian duty. Without her pres-

ence at the church, in the Sunday-school and the mission fields, the cause of Zion would suffer irreparably. In the winning of souls, she has always been used by the Master in the bringing unto himself the richest of harvests. God has blessed her in all her efforts to win the world to him, and has likewise made glad the hearts of many thousands through her ministrations. God forbid that woman's work should be disparaged or underestimated by Baptists anywhere. We recommend that the greatest possible encouragement be extended to the Woman's Missionary Union, the Ladies' Aid Societies and similar organizations. Let us invite from her an expression as to what she wants us to do for her, to help her noble work; and learning what they need, do it with such cheerfulness and genuine Christian charity that she may be encouraged and our Father glorified

Respectfully submitted,

M. J. MANNING, Chm'n,

D. E. GAMBRELL,

W. A. CLARK,

Committee.

Adjourned till Monday morning at 8:30. Prayer by Bro. W. J. McGlothlin.

### MONDAY MORNING.

Singing and prayer by R. D. Wilson. Devotional exercises led by R. J. Coleman.

The Convention was called to order and minutes of Saturday read and approved.

O. L. Hailey reported further order of business for this day as follows:

Monday Morning—8:30 to 9—Devotional exercises.

9:00—Reading the minutes.

Then the following in their order: Committee on Resolutions, Finance Publications, Sunday-schools, on Colleges, Colored People, Obituaries, Nominations.

O. L. Hailey offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, This convention has learned with pleasure that the two departments of the B. Y. P. U. work have been amicably adjusted. And inasmuch as we have an organized effort in our State seeking to foster this work among the young people. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED by this convention, That we recommend this work to the thoughtful and prayerful consideration of the churches. But express our earnest solicitude that any organization in connection with the churches be in the closest relation and under the direct control of the church.

O. L. HAILEY.

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

RESOLVED, That in order to expedite annually the printing of the minutes, it be, and is hereby made the duty of the old or outgoing secretary of this

convention to contract for printing the minutes of the approaching session, and that he secure in advance of such meeting and have printed, in usual and suitable form, all the reports and statistical matter which he can, such as are mere recitals of work done or information obtained by board, historical and statistical secretary, list of ordained ministers, and other such matter.

A communication was read from Eld. W. K. Penrod, citing Eph. 6, 10, 19, which Scripture was read by the secretary, and C. F. J. Tate was requested to reply in the name of this Convention.

The Committee on Sunday-schools, through A. H. Autry, reported in words as follow:

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee find that something has been done in Sunday-school work and more might be done. The secretary reports over 900 churches without Sunday-schools and only 300 Baptist Sunday-schools in the State at the beginning of the work in December last. Fifty-three additional schools have been put in motion by our corresponding secretary this year. Material aid has been given the board by our Sunday-school board at Nashville, Tenn., and the American Baptist Publication Society, for which we thank God and take courage.

Your Committee would recommend that our churches procure and use the Nashville series of Sunday-school literature, published by the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. We commend the work of the board to the confidence of the brethren all over the State, and believe that with the co-operation of the churches this agency will be a great factor in our Sunday-school work. Respectfully submitted,

A. H. AUTRY, Chairman.  
BEN. COX.

The report having been spoken to was adopted.

L. Quinn read the following report from Committee on Obituaries:

Your Committee on Obituaries find that five of our ministering brethren have died during the past year, namely: A. J. Rippie, of Sulphur Springs church J. H. Yeager and J. W. Henderson, of Holly Springs, and J. B. Permitter, of Forest City. We are glad to report that so few of our brethren in the ministry have died during the past year.

While we "mourn with those who mourn" we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, and extend to the bereaved ones our tenderest sympathy.

L. QUINN,  
HOGAN ALLEN,  
J. J. HAYNES.

The following statement was read as part of the above report:

Alice Shenstone was born at Plattsville, Mo., January 5, 1857; died on board the English vessel, Bathurst, while anchored at Axim, West Africa Aug. 29, 1897. Was happily converted at Judsonia, Arkansas, January, 1877.

Was married to W. P. Winn, January 25, 1883. She, with her husband, reached Ogbomoso, Africa, June 15, 1896, where she at once entered with heart and soul upon missionary work. She devoted every day, visiting from house to house, training the children to sing, teaching in the day school and Sundays in church and street work. She was fully consecrated to the work, was a noble, self-sacrificing woman. The denomination has lost a devoted member. Eternity alone can develop the effects of her influence both in America and Africa. She was buried with religious services, in a beautiful cemetery at Axim.

The same was adopted and ordered printed.

J. G. Doyle, by request of the chairman, read the report on Publications, which was adopted as follows, after amendment:

#### REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

"The pen is mightier than the sword," is a proposition that has long since been conceded. This fact no one knows better than the devil and his agents. Hence, the world is being flooded with pernicious literature, the evil influences of which can only be counteracted by the wisest and most liberal use of the religious press.

We, therefore, recommend first of all, a more extensive circulation, a closer reading and a more prayerful study of the Word of God.

Next, we recommend a more liberal patronage of our denominational literature.

Of religious papers, we recommend first, the Arkansas Baptist. This paper has long been recognized as eminently sound in the faith and able in its defense of our doctrines. Subscribe for it, pay for it and read it.

Second, We recommend the Baptist Review, a paper published in Little Rock, by W. Theo. Smith, and is in every way worthy of the liberal patronage of our people.

We also call attention to the Foreign Mission Journal and Home Field.

We call the attention of our churches and Sunday-schools to the necessity of a liberal circulation of religious books, Bibles and Testaments and to this end ask them to co-operate with and help the Sunday-school and Colportage Board of this convention.

We recommend sound Baptist literature for Baptist schools and call attention to the fact that the best literature in the world is published by our own denomination.

We recommend, first, the literature of the Sunday-school Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and bespeak for it a liberal patronage. We also call attention to the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society and recommend them as worthy of our patronage and support.

M. T. WEBB,  
J. W. CONGER,  
J. G. DOYLE,  
W. V. WALLS,  
H. E. HARRIS,

The report, on motion of Bro. Coleman, was amended recommending Ford's Christian Repository.

The report of Woman's Central Committee was declared in order, and was read by Mrs. Eagle, as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee, appointed at the last annual convention for the purpose of fostering and developing the work of women in our churches, would respectfully report the following:

We have held monthly meetings on the last Friday of each month, with but three exceptions, and several special meetings have also been held in the interest of this work.

A week of prayer was observed in January. All of the societies were requested to unite in prayer for all the enterprises of the convention at that time.

In the City of Little Rock, under the auspices of the Central Committee, a program was arranged for each day. Papers and addresses on the various fields of labor were presented and fervent prayers were offered for blessings on our work.

During the year the Central Committee has sent out over the State in the interest of this work 537 packages of missionary literature, sixty-three letters and 290 postal cards.

The missionary and aid societies have contributed to Foreign Missions, \$209.51; to Home Missions in cash, \$152.63; in frontier boxes, \$370.78; total to Home Missions, \$523.41; to State Missions, \$117.50; to Associational Missions, \$80.84; to Ministerial Education, \$161.80; to the Orphans' Home, \$234.75; to charities, \$204; to pastors' salaries, \$632.85; to church building, \$2,133.31; to Sunday-school literature, \$34.85; to Central Committee expense fund, \$16.75. The receipts from Christmas offerings and the Self-denial fund, together with other amounts reported, the objects for which they were intended not being designated, amounted to \$254.18; for minute fund, \$19.

The grand total of all funds raised and reported to the Central Committee amounts to \$4,785.51.

It will be borne in mind that this amount can not possibly represent the total amount raised. All who have engaged in this kind of work will readily understand that there is always a large proportion of unreported work and work reported too late to be embraced in the annual calculations. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JAMES P. EAGLE,  
President Central Committee.

It was adopted as read.

W. Theo. Smith offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the State Board of Missions of this convention, be and are hereby instructed to employ from among our white ministry in Arkansas, some suitable person who shall deliver, each week, as many lectures to the ministerial students in Arkansas Baptist College, the institution under charge of Bro. J. A. Booker for the education of colored people, as in their judgment may be required or as may be desired by its president.

Second, That said board require such employee to report his labors to