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HELD AT

FORT SMITH,

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W. A. CLARK, Statistical Secretary, Little Rock.  
B. J. DUNN, Sec. Board of Ministerial Education, Arkadelphia.  
A. G. McMANAWAY, Agent for Home Missions, Little Rock.



## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be styled the "BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION."

ARTICLE 2. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of messengers from Baptist Associations and Baptist Churches, on presentation of proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

ARTICLE 3. 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 4. It is distinctly understood that this Convention shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction, nor in any way interfere with the Constitution of any Church or Association.

ARTICLE 5. The object of this Convention shall be to supply the destitute regions within its bounds with the unadulterated Word of Life, and a living ministry, and to aid by appropriate and Scriptural means all destitute and feeble Churches, and also supply communities with such books as may be approved by this body, and as may be thought best calculated to communicate information as to the distinctive doctrines and ordinances of the Gospel of Christ as received by our denomination, and to aid and encourage Ministerial and Gospel and General Education, Missions and Sunday School Work, and to gather denominational statistics.

ARTICLE 6. The Convention shall elect by ballot annually a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Also appoint seven brethren who shall compose the Executive Board, four of whom shall constitute a quorum; said Board to hold office until their successors shall be appointed.

ARTICLE 7. The Convention shall convene on Friday before the first Sabbath in November, each year.

ARTICLE 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Convention, two-thirds of the members present concurring in the measure, except the fourth article, which shall forever remain unaltered.

## PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

# Arkansas Baptist State Convention, 1892.

FORT SMITH, ARK.,  
Wednesday, November 2, 1892. }

The Baptist State Convention was called to order at 10 a. m. by the First Vice-President, Elder W. A. Clark.

After singing "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," the sixty-seventh Psalm was read. Prayer by Elder J. M. Hart.

The chair appointed, as a Committee on Credentials, Elders J. H. Cason, H. Beauchamp and C. M. Williams.

After some remarks by the presiding officer, special prayer was offered for the recovery of President J. P. Eagle, by request; and reminiscences were given by several brethren.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following brethren as duly accredited messengers to this body:

### CHURCHES.

Paragould—	Searcy—
T. B. Kitchens.	Elder J. R. Hughes.
Jonesboro—	W. G. Puckett.
Elder J. M. Robertson.	Stuttgart—
Hot Springs—	W. Theo Smith.
Elder G. W. Reeves.	Larner—
Pine Bluff—	Elder B. H. Lumpkin.
Elder W. K. Penrod.	

Planter—	Fayetteville—
J. T. Watson.	Elder J. W. Lipsey.
A. J. Williams.	Elder J. D. Fletcher.
Macedonia—	D. S. McCracken.
Elder R. V. Thompson.	Bebee—
R. E. Summerhill.	Elder M. T. Webb.
Enterprise—	Harrison—
John Brown.	W. C. Moss.
Van Buren—	Mulberry—
Elder H. Beauchamp.	Elder M. A. Gunter.
J. M. Russell.	G. W. Roberts.
Immanuel, Little Rock—	Second Church, Little Rock—
Elder W. A. Welsher.	H. C. Hinton.
John G. B. Shams.	M. F. Locke.
Plummerville—	C. W. Walker.
Elder A. J. Wilson.	First Church, Little Rock—
Elder M. S. Kirkland.	W. E. Atkinson.
Fort Smith—	Elder A. G. McManaway.
W. P. Throgmorton.	W. L. Cate.
J. H. Jones.	Morrilton—
J. S. Meeks.	J. L. Hutchinson.
Coal Hill—	W. A. C. Sayle.
T. Atkinson.	C. W. Brewer.
Nashville—	Alma—
Ollie Clark.	J. S. Renfro.
Joseph Reeves.	Eureka Springs—
Thomas Holcomb.	Elder W. E. Penn.
Judsonia—	Dr. Samuel R. Cates.
Elder J. S. Thomas.	Monticello—
F. G. Briggs.	Elder Frank White.
R. E. Drake.	H. L. Veasey.
Rehoboth—	Centre Valley—
W. R. McLane.	Elder A. J. Henson.
Rogers—	J. P. Langston.
Elder L. Quinn.	Dardanelle—
J. W. Duckworth.	J. P. Weaver.
H. Y. King.	J. W. Lancaster.
Huntington—	Robert Veasey.
J. A. Finney.	Camden—
Elder D. C. Yeargin.	Elder Giles C. Taylor.
Charleston—	Conway—
D. M. Jetton.	Dr. S. Paul Vaughter.
El Dorado—	G. E. Hilliard.
Elder J. M. Hart.	William Farmer.

Arkadelphia—	Forrest City—
Elder J. H. Amacker.	Elder J. H. Cason.
President J. W. Conger.	Hazen—
Elder F. D. Baars.	Elder W. D. Hargroves.
Sulphur Springs—	Coal Hill—
Elder Vines Turner.	Elder Louis Atkinson.
Greenwood—	Potts' Station—
R. A. Rowe.	Elder H. Rhodes Moran.
C. H. Howe.	New Prospect No. 2—
S. W. Melton.	M. Z. Garrison.
Oak Grove—	Magazine—
Elder H. L. Been.	A. H. Autrey.
L. Been.	
J. M. Needham.	

## ASSOCIATIONAL DELEGATES.

Concord—F. P. Turner, J. L. Henderson, C. C. Stalcup, Elder W. B. Herndon.
Caroline—W. H. Buckley, Elder William Tucker.
Clear Creek—J. E. Cox, C. C. Moseley, M. H. Waggoner, F. J. Allen.
Spring River—Elder W. P. Kime.
South Western—Elder C. W. Strickland.
Fayetteville—Elder D. C. Hardin.
Judson—J. L. Mann, Elder L. J. Hogg, Elder D. E. Gambrell.
White River—Elder T. W. Wright.
Red River—Dr. J. P. Bourland, J. J. Haynes, Elder S. W. Burnes, J. H. Hitt, H. J. P. Horne.
Saline—Elder W. A. Clark, J. H. Collins, W. W. McCullough.
Rocky Bayou—Elder W. M. Duren.
Fourche Valley—Elder J. T. Jones.
Osceola—Elder W. W. Gardner.
Pine Bluff—J. J. Beavers.
Russellville—Elder W. T. Box.
Crooked Creek—J. H. Speer, A. J. Thompson, N. J. Bradley, T. C. Bethel.
Greenbrier—G. W. Bruce, Elders T. M. Jackson, C. M. Williams and J. W. Harris.
Dardanelle—Elder W. D. Moffitt.
Independence—Elder T. Griffith.
Union—Elder J. B. Searcy.
Carroll County—Elders M. Slaughter and J. N. Edmonson.
United—Elder J. Mayall.

The report on Credentials having been adopted, the chair announced as the regular order of business, the

election of a president and two vice-presidents, and appointed as tellers, Brethren D. C. Hardin, J. J. Haynes and W. W. Gardner.

On motion, it was ordered that the brother receiving the highest number of votes be declared president, the one receiving the next highest number, first vice-president, and the one receiving the third highest number, second vice-president.

Brethren J. W. Lipsey, J. M. Hart and G. W. Bruce were nominated. The ballot having been spread, Brother J. M. Hart was declared duly elected president; Brother J. W. Lipsey, first vice-president, and Brother G. W. Bruce, second vice-president.

Brother M. F. Locke, by consent, offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the meetings of this body shall be as follows: Meet at 8:30 a. m., and adjourn at 12:30; meet at 2:30 p. m., and adjourn at 5; meet at 7:30 p. m., and adjourn at will.

Which was adopted.

On motion, proceeded to the election of a secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer. Brother J. G. B. Simms was nominated for secretary, Elder H. Rhodes Moran and Elder H. Beauchamp for assistant secretary, and Dr. W. A. C. Sayle for treasurer. Brethren C. W. Brewer, G. C. Taylor and W. Theo. Smith were appointed tellers. The ballot being spread, Brother Simms was declared elected secretary, Elder H. Rhodes Moran, assistant secretary, and Dr. W. A. C. Sayle, treasurer.

On motion, adjourned till 2:30. Benediction by Elder W. H. Whitsett.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the Convention was called to order by the president. After singing, "Rock of Ages," prayer was offered by Elder L. Quinn.

The chair announced Brethren W. E. Atkinson, Robert Veasy, S. R. Gates and the delegates of Fort Smith church, as a Committee on Divine Services.

The president then retired to form the several committees, and Brother G. W. Reeves was called to the chair.

Brother J. G. B. Simms offered the following resolution on special order:

*Resolved*, That the following reports be made special orders for the following named hours: Thursday, 9:30 a. m., report on State Missions; at 2:30 p. m., report on Nominations; at 3 p. m., report on Foreign Missions; at 7:30 p. m., report on Sunday Schools. On Friday, at 9:30 a. m., report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita and Central Baptist Colleges; at 2:30 p. m., report on Ministerial Education; at 7:30 p. m., report on Home Missions. Saturday, at 9:30 a. m., report on Womans' Work, which was referred to a committee composed of Brothers W. E. Atkinson, H. Beauchamp and G. C. Taylor to report immediately. They reported favoring its adoption; and, accordingly it was adopted.

By permission of the body, Brother W. H. Whitsett came forward and addressed the Convention in behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and took a collection in cash and pledges to the amount of \$230.00.

Brother McDonough, of the Fort Smith church, then addressed the body in behalf of the church, and heartily welcomed the Convention to the hearts and homes of the people of this city. To which Brother W. E. Atkinson, in behalf of the Convention, responded.

The chair was then resumed by the president, who announced the following

#### COMMITTEES:

*Ministerial Education*—Elder Giles C. Taylor and J. D. Fletcher.

*Sunday Schools*—Elder W. K. Penrod, C. W. Brewer and Elder J. S. Thomas.

*State Missions*—M. F. Locke, Elders J. W. Lipsey and Frank White.

*Home Missions*—Elders A. G. McManaway, J. H. Cason and W. A. Clark.



*Foreign Missions*—Elders J. B. Searcy, H. D. Baars and D. E. Gambrell.

*Woman's Work*—W. E. Atkinson, Elders J. R. Hughes and T. M. Jackson.

*Publications*—Elders J. M. Robertson, H. Beauchamp and W. P. Kime.

*Nominations*—Elders G. W. Reeves and J. J. Haynes, and Robert Veazey.

*Finance*—H. C. Hinton, J. W. Lancaster and W. L. Cate.

*Obituaries*—Elders W. A. Welsher, W. E. Penn and L. J. Hogg.

*Temperance*—Elders W. P. Throgmorton, W. T. Box and J. L. Hutchinson.

*Education*—J. W. Conger, Elders C. M. Williams and C. W. Strickland.

Brother J. G. B. Simms offered the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That those ministers present who have come to our state since our last annual convocation, be now invited by the president to come forward and be formally introduced to the body and welcomed to our midst.

A number came forward and were introduced.

On motion of Brother M. F. Locke, the report of the Executive Board was deferred 'till to-morrow morning at 9:30, to be then considered in connection with the report of Committee on State Missions.

Brother J. B. Searcy then took a collection to erect a monument at the grave of Elder W. E. Paxton, amounting to \$42.00.

Brother Harvey Beauchamp offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the chair appoint a committee to draw up a suitable resolution of sympathy for Brother J. P. Eagle, to be wired to him in the name of the Convention.

The chair appointed as such committee, Brethren W. A. Welsher, Harvey Beauchamp and J. D. Fletcher.

Brother W. P. Harvey, of Louisville, Ky., then being called for, came forward and presented the cause of the Baptist Book Concern, at Louisville.

Visiting brethren being invited to seats with us, the following responded :

Elder J. M. Frost, of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; W. P. Harvey, of Louisville Baptist Book Concern; W. H. Whitsett, Louisville, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; S. H. Ford, Saint Louis, Editor of the Christian Repository; W. A. Jarrel, Dallas, Texas.

The order of business heretofore used by this body was adopted for its government during the present session—with the amendment of the eighth item thereof, by striking out the word "Thursday" and substituting therefor the word "Wednesday."

On motion, adjourned at 5 p. m.; benediction by Brother Mayall.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Wednesday, November 2d.

At 7:30 the Convention was called to order by the president; prayer by Elder I. R. Hall. The Convention sermon being the order of this hour, it was preached by Elder J. W. Lipsey, of Fayetteville, from 2 Corinthians, 5th chapter, 10th verse.

After the sermon, Brother J. M. Frost was called for, and spoke in behalf of the work of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Adjourned.

J. M. HART, President.

JNO. G. B. SIMMS, Secretary.

#### MORNING SESSION.

Thursday, November 3d.

The Convention was called to order by the First Vice-President, J. W. Lipsey; prayer by Elder D. C. Hardin.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The delegates from the Indian Territorial Convention were invited to seats in this body :

Elders W. M. Hays, E. M. Beals and P. W. Eldredge, Territorial Convention; Elders A. F. Roan and C. L. Alexander, Short Mountain Association, responded.

The Committee on Message to Elder J. P. Eagle reported as follows :

Your affectionate brethren send greetings of anxious sympathy; Collossians 1: 3-5.

W. A. WELSHER,  
H. BEAUCHAMP,  
J. D. FLETCHER,  
Committee.

Adopted.

The hour of 9:30 having arrived, the special orders were taken up, viz: The report of Executive Board and of the Committee on State Missions.

Brother W. A. Clark read the first named, which is as follows :

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board, elected at the last session of this Convention, at Arkadelphia, met October 31st, 1891, and organized by electing M. F. Locke, President; J. G. B. Simms, Secretary, and W. A. C. Sayle, Treasurer.

After hearing appeals from various mission points, it was decided to continue the missionaries, who applied for a further appropriation, until another meeting of the Board.

On the 13th of November, the Board met in Little Rock. At this meeting, Brother Simms resigned from the Board, and W. A. Clark was elected to fill the vacancy, and also as Secretary. At this meeting all those hereafter reported as missionaries for the year were elected. Elder B. G. Manard was also re-elected as General Missionary.

The resignation of Elder Manard, and the failure, after repeated efforts, to secure evangelists as was recommended by the Convention was a serious disappointment. We elected Elders T. L. Fulbright and G. S. Daugherty, but they peremptorily declined. After further correspondence and consequent delay, Elder J. W. Harriss accepted the work in the northern district, and began his labors April 20th, continuing until August 1st, when he resigned and accepted other work, being unable to raise his salary. Brother Manard resigned after five

and a half months' service, having collected during that time \$297.26, an average of \$55.05 per month. Notwithstanding all these discouragements the work moved on smoothly until the Home Board announced their inability to help us. In this strait we made an appeal to the churches, which revealed the latent strength of our people and the responses were prompt and liberal.

Later in the year, the Home Board informed us that they were to pay "one dollar of every two we appropriated, and not one dollar of every two raised on the field." This decision left all moneys collected by missionaries on their fields and applied to their support out of the account. Hence, we found our funds inadequate to meet the obligations due for the third quarter. This deficiency has been provided for, but there is due the missionaries, for the quarter just closed, \$751.75. On this we can depend on getting from the Home Board \$375.87, leaving a balance of \$375.87 to be provided for, less amount in treasurer's hands \$213.60, leaving a deficit of \$162.28. We now submit an itemized account of the work done by the missionaries, and a summary of the work for the year :

Brother B. G. Manard, Secretary of Missions, compensation \$100 per month and expenses.

Addresses made.....	128
Sermons preached.....	110
Miles traveled.....	768
Collections for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 8 00
Collections for State Missions.....	297 26
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	140 35
Labored from November 1st, 1891, to April 15th, 1892.	

W. W. Gardner, Osceola Association, compensation \$10.00 per month.

Miles traveled.....	1,070
Churches organized.....	1
Religious visits made.....	350
Addresses made.....	19
Sermons preached.....	92
Prayer meetings held.....	30
Received for Baptism.....	5
Received by letter.....	2
Total accessions.....	7
Number officers and teachers.....	6
Total in Sunday school.....	35
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist....	4
Collections for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 30 00
Collections for Home Missions of S. B. C.....	20 00



Collections for State Missions.....	\$ 2 50
Collections for Association Missions.....	5 27
Collections in Sunday-school.....	18 10
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	214 31
Labored the entire year.	

*Giles C. Taylor, Camden, compensation \$16.66 $\frac{2}{3}$  per month.*

Religious visits made.....	346
Addresses made.....	8
Sermons preached.....	78
Prayer meetings held.....	38
Received for baptism.....	3
Received by letter.....	8
Received by relation.....	2
Total accessions.....	13
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	88
Number of officers and teachers.....	6
Total in Sunday school.....	94
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	11
Collectoins for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 21 77
Collections for Home Missions, S. B. C.....	23 40
Collections for State Missions.....	24 40
Collections for Association Missions.....	6 30
Collections for Ministerial Education.....	2 00
Collections for Ouachita College building.....	21 50
Collections in Sunday school.....	53 85
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	282 65
Labored the entire year.	

*J. G. Doyle, Argenta, compensation \$33.33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per month.*

Religious visits made.....	426
Addresses made.....	54
Sermons preached.....	83
Prayer meetings held.....	47
Received for Baptism.....	8
Received by letter.....	26
Total accessions.....	34
Present membership.....	60
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	37
Number officers and teachers.....	7
Total in Sunday school.....	44
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	6
Collections for State Missions.....	\$ 10 00
Collections in Sunday school.....	22 00
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	275 00
Labored the entire year.	

*C. W. Strickland, Lockesburg, compensation \$8.33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per month.*

Miles traveled.....	318
Religious visits made.....	138
Addresses made.....	2
Sermons preached.....	42
Prayer meetings held.....	8
Received for baptism.....	9
Received by letter.....	5
Total accessions.....	14
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	30
Number of officers and teachers.....	5
Total in Sunday school.....	35
Number of denominational books sold.....	5
Collections for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 00
Collections for Association Missions.....	10 00
Collections in Sunday school.....	10 00
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	23 04
Labored the entire year.	

*J. H. Blaylock, Sulphur Springs, compensation \$10.00 per month.*

Miles traveled.....	644
Religious visits made.....	114
Addresses made.....	24
Sermons preached.....	89
Prayers offered.....	48
Received for Baptism.....	1
Received by letter.....	8
Total accessions.....	9
Dismissed by letter.....	1
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	60
Number officers and teachers.....	9
Total in Sunday school.....	69
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	7
Number of denominational books sold.....	69
Collections for Association Missions.....	\$ 44 96
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	43 55
Labored the entire year.	

*H. Rhodes Moran, Perryville, compensation \$8.33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per month.*

Miles traveled.....	631
Religious visits made.....	88
Addresses made.....	20
Sermons preached.....	54
Prayer meetings held.....	6



Received by letter.....	4
Received by relation.....	1
Total accessions.....	5
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist....	4
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	\$ 45 00
Labored the entire year.	

*J. I. Martin, Judson Association, compensation \$10.00 per month.*

Miles traveled.....	3,131
Churches organized.....	1
Religious visits made.....	494
Addresses made.....	215
Sermons preached.....	179
Prayer meetings held.....	25
Received by Baptism.....	9
Received by letter.....	1
Restored.....	1
Total accessions.....	11
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist....	21
Number of denominational books sold.....	101
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	\$ 133 55
Labored the entire year.	

*H. A. Munn, Stephens, Beulah and Oak Grove, compensation \$16.66⅔ per month.*

Religious visits made.....	741
Addresses made.....	38
Sermons preached.....	125
Prayer meetings held.....	55
Received for Baptism.....	16
Received by letter.....	20
Received by relation.....	6
Total accessions.....	42
Miles traveled.....	710
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	130
Number officers and teachers.....	15
Total in Sunday school.....	145
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist....	2
Number of denominational books sold.....	24
Collections for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 11 50
Collections for State Missions.....	23 25
Collections for Association Missions.....	4 00
Collections for Ministerial education.....	9 00
Collections in Sunday school.....	17 56
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	167 00
Labored during the entire year.	

*D. C. Yeargin, Huntington, compensation \$8.33⅓ per month.*

Miles traveled.....	561
Religious visits made.....	285
Addresses made.....	7
Sermons preached.....	62
Prayer meetings held.....	29
Received for baptism.....	3
Received by letter.....	42
Total accessions.....	45
Dismissed by letter.....	1
Present membership.....	66
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	50
Number of officers and teachers.....	8
Total in Sunday school.....	58
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist....	2
Collections for Association Missions.....	\$ 3 00
Collections in Sunday school.....	19 00
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	138 50
Labored during the entire year.	

*Robert L. Cole, St. Charles and Stuttgart, compensation \$8.33⅓ per month.*

Miles traveled.....	1,080
Churches organized.....	1
Religious visits made.....	337
Addresses made.....	38
Sermons preached.....	104
Prayer meetings held.....	96
Received for baptism.....	8
Received by letter.....	7
Total accessions.....	15
Present membership.....	77
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	40
Number of officers and teachers.....	6
Total in Sunday school.....	46
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist....	1
Collections in Sunday school.....	\$ 25 37
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	299 50
Labor began November 1st, 1891.	
Partial report.	

*J. D. Fletcher, Fayetteville Association, compensation \$10.00 per month.*

Miles traveled.....	1,520
Religious visits made.....	243
Addresses made.....	16

Sermons preached.....	138
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	4
Number of denominational books sold.....	89
Collections for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 00
Collections for Association Missions.....	148 85
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	120 45
Labored the entire year.	
Partial report.	

*W. R. Kime, Spring River Association, compensation \$16.66 $\frac{2}{3}$  per month.*

Miles traveled.....	2,649
Churches organized.....	2
Religious visits made.....	388
Addresses made.....	161
Sermons preached.....	164
Prayer meetings held.....	14
Received for baptism.....	29
Received by letter.....	21
Total accessions.....	83
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	28
Number of denominational books sold.....	742
Collections for Home Missions of S. B. C.....	\$ 5 00
Collections for State Missions.....	5 00
Collections for Association Missions.....	303 25
Collections for Ministerial Education.....	26 20
Collections for Ouachita College building.....	15 25
Labored the entire year.	

*J. R. Cooper, Mammoth Springs, compensation \$12.50 per quarter.*

Miles traveled.....	697
Religious visits made.....	87
Addresses made.....	6
Sermons preached.....	69
Prayer meetings held.....	1
Received for baptism.....	11
Received by letter.....	3
Received by relation.....	1
Total accessions.....	15
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	30
Number of officers and teachers.....	4
Total in Sunday school.....	34
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	3
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	\$ 20 80
Labored from February 1, 1892, to October 1, 1892.	
Partial report.	

*C. M. Myrick, Dalark, compensation \$6.00 per month.*

Miles traveled.....	134
Religious visits made.....	117
Addresses made.....	2
Sermons preached.....	42
Prayer meetings held.....	26
Received for baptism.....	2
Received by letter.....	13
Total accessions.....	15
Present membership.....	44
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	48
Number of officers and teachers.....	6
Total in Sunday school.....	54
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	7
Collections for State Missions.....	\$ 1 50
Collections for Association Missions.....	24 00
Collections in Sunday school.....	4 25
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	46 40
Labored from February 1st, 1892, to October 31st, 1892.	

*J. D. Strong, Huntsville, compensation \$8.33 $\frac{1}{3}$  per month.*

Miles traveled.....	130
Religious visits made.....	47
Addresses made.....	8
Sermons preached.....	52
Prayer meetings held.....	23
Received for baptism.....	7
Received by letter.....	1
Received by relation.....	1
Total accessions.....	9
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	3
Collections for State Missions.....	\$ 2 00
Collections for Ouachita College building.....	29 00
Collections in Sunday school.....	31 00
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	40 00
Labor began February 1, 1892; left the field July 1, 1892.	

*T. B. Pruitt, Little Red River Association, compensation \$12.50 per quarter.*

Miles traveled.....	397
Religious visits made.....	92
Addresses made.....	52
Sermons preached.....	68
Prayer meetings held.....	42
Received for baptism.....	22
Received by letter.....	10

Received by relation .....	2
Total accessions .....	34
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist .....	3
Collections for Association Missions .....	\$ 20 35
Amount paid on my salary, in the field .....	27 25

Labored from January 1, 1892, to October 31, 1892.  
Harvey Beauchamp, Van Buren, compensation \$125.00 per quarter.

Religious visits made .....	1,000
Addresses made .....	6
Sermons preached .....	100
Prayer meetings held .....	40
Received for baptism .....	28
Received by letter .....	23
Total accessions .....	51
Number of Sunday school scholars .....	155
Number of officers and teachers .....	10
Total in Sunday school .....	165
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist .....	4
Collections for Foreign Missions .....	\$ 14 00
Collections for State Missions .....	5 00
Collections for Association Missions .....	\$ 6 00
Collections for Ouachita College building .....	10 00
Collections in Sunday school .....	42 00
Amount paid on my salary, in the field .....	225 00

Labored from February 1, 1892, to October 31, 1892.  
H. W. Melton, Buckville Association, compensation \$8.33 1/3 per month.

Churches organized .....	1
Religious visits made .....	30
Addresses made .....	18
Sermons preached .....	111
Prayer meetings held .....	53
Received for baptism .....	61
Received by letter .....	34
Total accessions .....	95
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist .....	7
Collections for Association Missions .....	\$ 60 00
Amount paid on my salary, in the field .....	67 20

Partial report.  
W. B. Herndon, Concord Association, compensation \$12.50 per month.

Churches organized .....	3
Religious visits made .....	389
Addresses made .....	76

Sermons preached .....	234
Prayer meetings held .....	32
Received for baptism .....	19
Received by letter .....	13
Received by relation .....	9
Total accessions .....	41
Number of Sunday schools organized .....	5
Amount paid on my salary, in the field .....	\$ 152 35

Labored the entire year.  
J. W. Harriss, Evangelist, compensation \$75.00 per month, \$50.00 to be raised on the field.

Miles traveled .....	1,714
Religious visits made .....	172
Sermons preached .....	95
Collections for State Missions .....	\$ 12 77
Amount paid on my salary, in the field .....	112 77

Labor began April 20, 1892; resigned August 1, 1892.  
T. J. Bennett, Columbus, compensation \$2.08 1/3 per month.

Religious visits made .....	109
Addresses made .....	19
Sermons preached .....	29
Prayer meetings held .....	4
Received for baptism .....	11
Received by letter .....	10
Total accessions .....	21
Number of Sunday school scholars .....	75
Number of officers and teachers .....	6
Total in Sunday school .....	81
Number of denominational books sold .....	90
Collections for Foreign Missions .....	\$ 4 35
Collections for State Missions .....	10 60
Collections for Association Missions .....	3 00
Collections for Ouachita College building .....	4 25
Amount paid on my salary, in the field .....	75 25

Labored during the entire year.  
Joshua Baker, Associational Missionary, compensation \$10.00 per month.

Miles traveled .....	1,000
Churches organized .....	2
Religious visits made .....	107
Addresses made .....	51
Sermons preached .....	152
Prayer meetings held .....	15



Received for baptism.....	21
Received by letter.....	1
Total accessions.....	22
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	7
Collections for State Missions.....	\$ 10 00
Collections for Association Missions.....	6 00
Amount paid on my salary, in the field.....	42 80
Labored from November 1, 1891, to September 30, 1892.	

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

As the Convention instructed their Ex-Board to attend to the interest of Sunday school work, we endorsed Elder J. S. Thomas as an independent Sunday school missionary, and we hereby give a summary of his work:

Sunday schools organized.....	96
Children enrolled.....	4,314
Money expended.....	\$ 198 20
Money on hand.....	13 34

This work will no doubt be continued, and therefore the funds on hand will be applied in future work. This phenomenal work has been performed by Brother Thomas without salary.

#### RECAPITULATION.

Number of missionaries employed.....	24
Churches organized.....	11
Religious visits made.....	6,053
Addresses made.....	1,083
Sermons preached.....	2,235
Prayer meetings held.....	690
Received for baptism.....	269
Received by letter.....	254
Received by relation.....	25
Total accessions.....	548
Miles traveled.....	17,893
Number of new Sunday schools.....	101
Number of Sunday school scholars.....	5,017
Number of officers and teachers.....	82
Total in Sunday school.....	5,099
Number of subscribers secured to Arkansas Baptist.....	128
Number of denominational books sold.....	1,040
Collections for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 96 32
Collections for Home Missions, S. B. C.....	49 00
Collections for State Missions.....	292 11
Collections for Association Missions.....	861 90

Collections for Ministerial Education.....	37 20
Collections for Ouachita College building.....	80 00
Collections in Sunday school.....	243 13
Total.....	1,659 66
Collected on salaries in the field.....	2,570 72
Paid to missionaries by the Board.....	2,713 15
Paid for minutes and stationery.....	146 15
Total expended in Mission work.....	5,429 02
We have received from the Home Mission Board during the conventional year.....	1,523 53
Our pro rata on fourth quarter's report not yet received.....	375 87

Total from that source..... \$1,899 40

The Treasurer's report will show the present condition of the treasury.

The calls are urgent; the field is needy; our own resources are undeveloped. We have done the best we knew, and confess it is but little, where so much is to be done.

The report was ordered printed.

Brother Locke then read the report of the Committee on State Missions, which is as follows:

To J. M. Hart, President of the Baptist State Convention:

Your Committee on State Missions would respectfully report that—

The great subject of missions is nothing less than that which caused the Blessed Son of God to leave the dazzling throne of His Father in Heaven and come down to this sin-cursed world, and to submit to the scoffs, humiliation, shame and death due to the crimes of our sinful race.

And that each convert brought to a saving knowledge of his acceptance with Christ is a trophy over which angelic seraphs in the "glory world" rejoice more than over their own blessed estate. And if it was the prime mission of our blessed Lord, and no less the theme of the retinue in Heaven, then should not the saints of the Most High on this earth consider a question of paramount consideration, and should it not encourage our most earnest and consecrated brethren? But in this report we wish to direct the attention of the Convention more especially to the work of missions in our own beloved State. What has been accomplished through the agencies of our State Missions Board and our Convention this report will not attempt to recount, as a want of time, data and opportunity forbid, and in the opinion of your committee, eternity alone can fully disclose.

But it is meet to say that in these latter days the Lord of Hosts has laid it upon his people some very trying ordeals which have probably

more fully tested and tried our faith and enduring fidelity than anything in all the history of the past.

It may not be known to some of our brethren that for a series of years the Home Mission Board, now located at Atlanta, Ga., has furnished to our State Mission Board a very important part of the means with which that Board has been enabled to send their missionaries into the regions of our state where the brethren were unable to supply thousands with the bread of life. And that for some ten years of our past history, when the vaults of our treasury were empty, and when the sources of our supply were, to human appearances, all dried up, invigorating springs of help, of joy and gladness came to our relief; and our toiling, sacrificing, suffering brethren in the mission field have been cheered and reinforced in spirit and material aid to advance again against the ramparts of the satanic hosts, and sometimes against spiritual wickedness in high places; they have had to contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints.

But the financial depression, consequent upon a succession of short crops, seriously affected and retarded the work of not only your own board, but also the Home Mission Board, and as a result our financial secretary found himself totally unable to gather up, upon our own field, for several of the last months of his work, more than about one-half the sum required to pay his own salary.

This fact, coupled with the fact that about this time your State Board learned that the Home Mission Board could not give us a dollar to enable us to pay off the salaries of some twenty-four missionaries on their hard fields for the first quarter.

But this dire extremity seemed to evolve at least this amount of good while it seemed that all was lost.

Your brethren who composed the last Mission Board will never again refuse to trust God and our brethren. For as promptly as our critical condition was made known, was the five hundred dollars due from the Home Board, supplemented by the liberal, large hearted brethren and sisters of the state.

If the limits of this report did not forbid, several incidents of a similar import to the one given, could be given.

But your committee has the unfeigned satisfaction of saying, that although several of those faithful, spiritual heroes, called missionaries, had to wait some months for a part of their salaries, they have continued at their posts.

And the treasurer once again has a full receipt for three quarters of the year, and we have to pay on the fourth quarter's work \$589.47, and there remains a deficit, to be, as we trust, raised by this Convention—a deficit of \$162.28.

In conclusion, your committee would respectfully submit a few facts, and upon these offer a suggestion:

We find that it is hard for a State Evangelist to raise his own salary on the field, and that the knowledge of this fact creates prejudices against his work. And, therefore, we would respectfully submit the following resolutions, "to-wit":

*Resolved 1st*, That this Convention before it closes this session, will by pledges or otherwise, devise a plan to provide a fund sufficient to pay the salary of a State Evangelist.

*Resolved 2d*, That if this cannot be done, then let the Executive Board, through the pastors, the churches, and the associational agencies, superintend and direct the State Mission Work.

M. F. LOCKE,  
Committee.

Pending the discussion of the report, the hour of adjournment came, Brother Robertson having the floor on an amendment offered by him; prayer by the president.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Thursday, November 3d.

At 2:30, after singing, the Convention was called to order by the president; prayer by Elder W. E. Penn.

The report of Committee on Nominations, being the special order of this hour, was postponed until the consideration of the pending report on State Missions was completed. The amendment of Brother Robertson to the report of Committee on State Missions was adopted. After further discussion of the report, the previous question was called for, and the call was sustained. The main question being then ordered, the reading of the report was called for. After its reading, on motion, prayer was offered for guidance by Elder C. M. Williams. The question being then put upon the report, it was adopted. On motion, the consideration of the special order was further postponed, until after a collection shall have been taken to pay the balance due the missionaries. Brother Reeves took the collection, and raised the sum of \$166.75.



To-morrow, at 11 a. m., was fixed as special hour for considering the question, whether an Evangelist be appointed or not, pursuant to recommendation of the report of the Committee on State Missions.

On motion, the Foreign Mission report was made special order for to-night, at 7:30, instead of report on Sunday Schools, which will follow.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was then read, amended and adopted, as follows:

1. Your Committee on Nominations offer the following report: We submit the names of the following brethren as suitable persons for the State Mission Board—James P. Eagle, C. W. Walker, W. A. Clark, C. W. Strickland, A. G. McManaway, J. S. Thomas and M. F. Locke.

2. Secretary of Home Mission Board—A. G. McManaway.

3. Secretary Foreign Missions—J. M. Hart.

4. Statistical Secretary—W. A. Clark.

5. WOMAN'S WORK.—Mrs. E. Longley, Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. M. F. Locke, Mrs. J. K. Brantley, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. J. M. Moore and Mrs. W. A. Clark.

6. That Rev. W. A. Welsher preach the next introductory sermon; Rev. T. L. Fulbright, alternate.

7. Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—James P. Eagle, A. J. Haynes, John G. B. Simms, G. W. Reeves, W. E. Atkinson, W. E. Penn, W. A. Clark, J. W. Conger, Vines Turner, Frank White, G. W. Bruce, J. M. Robertson and T. L. Fulbright.

8. Board of Ministerial Education—J. W. Conger, R. S. Wallis, B. J. Dunn, J. J. Haynes and J. B. Sanders.

9. American Baptist Educational Society—J. W. Conger, B. J. Dunn, J. F. Howell, C. W. Strickland, Prof. J. A. Kimbrough, F. P. Turner, Giles C. Taylor and Prof. C. M. Williams.

10. Possible Trustees Central Baptist College—I. R. Hall, J. M. Robertson, H. P. Edmonson, Frank White and A. G. McManaway.

11. Place of the next meeting of this body—Your committee will say that the following places have asked that the next session of this Convention meet with them, viz: First Church, Hot Springs; Conway, Batesville, Monticello, Dardanellé; First Church, Little Rock.

After considering the claims of each, your committee will recommend that the next meeting of the Convention be held at Conway.

G. W. REEVES,  
J. J. HAYNES,  
ROBERT VEAZEY,  
Committee.

## EVENING SESSION.

After singing, the Convention was called to order at 7:30 by the President. Prayer by Elder J. P. Weaver.

The President laid before the Convention the following telegraphic reply from Elder J. P. Eagle:

In grateful acknowledgment, I respond with Phillipians, 1: 27.  
JAMES P. EAGLE.

The special order of this hour being the consideration of the report of Committee on Foreign Missions, the same was read by Brother J. B. Searcy, as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report that the calls were never more loud and constant for the Gospel in foreign fields than now. God seems to be crying to us, "Behold, I have set an open door before thee, and none can shut it." We have in South China twelve missionaries; in North China, thirteen; in Central China, twelve; in Africa, ten; in Italy, three; in Brazil, seventeen; in Japan, six, and in Mexico, thirty.

The success attending this army of workers has been marvellous. No foreign missionaries meet with the success that our's do. The seal of divine approbation is stamped upon their work. It is said nothing succeeds like success. But with these open doors before us, and the Divine blessing upon our work, still there is a very alarming dearth in the contributions to this work. This is the great centennial year of Foreign Missions, and our hope has been that we would be able to add 100 new missionaries to our present roll. But the outlook at present is dark. Our own state has given less during the last year than in any previous year for a great many. We would recommend that this work be pushed vigorously and at once. Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY,  
D. E. GAMBRELL,  
F. D. BARNES,  
Committee.

Pending consideration of the same, a collection was taken in cash and pledges amounting to \$516.30.

The report was then adopted as amended. Adjourned, after prayer by Elder W. E. Penn.

J. M. HART, President.

J. G. B. SIMMS, Secretary.



## MORNING SESSION.

Friday, November 4th.

The Convention was called to order after singing; the president in the chair; prayer by Elder W. W. Gardner. The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Committee on Temperance made its report, through Elder W. P. Throgmorton, its chairman, as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance report as follows—

The use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, is to be condemned on moral and religious grounds, and should be indulged in by no good citizens.

We are heartily glad that total abstinence principles have made such progress, not only among Baptists, but among Christians generally, and that the fact that a man has membership in a Baptist church should place him above suspicion as to the drink habit.

We are also glad that in many counties in Arkansas the dram shops have been outlawed, and we confidently look for the time when our entire state shall be freed from saloon rule.

Let our churches and people continue to strive for a better state of public morals by standing for the right on the drink and license question.

It is to be regretted that any Christian man, much less that any Baptist, should ever deem it expedient to give his voice for a dram shop license. Let every Baptist voter remember the words of "Holy Writ": Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity.

*Resolved*, That we recommend our churches and associations to advise and request their members at the general election to vote and use their influence against the licensing of the liquor traffic.

W. T. Box,

J. S. HUTCHINSON,

Committee.

Vice-president J. W. Lipsey in the chair; after discussion of the report it was amended and adopted.

The special order being the report of College Trustees, Brother J. G. B. Simms read the report of the committee appointed one year ago to locate Central Baptist College. It is as follows:

To the Baptist State Convention of Arkansas:

The undersigned committee, appointed at the last session of this body, "and invested with authority to receive propositions, bids, etc., from any and all localities desiring to submit bids, and if a sum, in their opinion, sufficient to build a Female College should be donated and guaranteed in a manner satisfactory to them, were authorized to locate said institution, and do and perform all things necessary to its completion and legal establishment, and make report at the present session of this body," beg leave to report:

They met at Arkadelphia, immediately after their appointment, on October 31st, 1891, and organized by electing G. W. Bruce, President; John G. B. Simms, Secretary, and I. R. Hall, Treasurer. Brethren Hall and Bruce were made a committee to solicit and receive bids for the location of the College. They accordingly published notice for a number of weeks in the Arkansas Baptist and the Conway Log Cabin, calling a meeting of the full committee to take place at Conway on January 12th, 1892, at noon, to consider propositions, bids, etc., for the location of said college building. Pursuant to call, the committee met on that day; present, Brethren Bruce, Manard, Reeves, Hall and Simms. The following named places offered the following sums to secure the College:

BENTONVILLE—Offered in money and land \$32,120.

CONWAY—Offered a subscription list of \$27,582 and a campus of ten acres. It tendered partial plans of buildings and a guaranty by fifteen citizens that it would construct the buildings as planned by January 1, 1893, free of debt to the committee or denomination.

OZARK—Offered notes amounting to \$20,225, a campus of about 2 2-5 acres, with a school building on it valued at \$13,000, with other lands—total valuation, \$35,225.

ROGERS—Offered \$23,450 in land and bankable paper, and to put water in the building free of charge.

The bid of Conway was supplemented by the proposal of Brother G. W. Bruce to furnish the building with every thing required, excepting carpets, chinaware and pianos.

After mature consideration, the committee selected Conway as the site for the location of the College.

A committee of citizens of that place, fifteen in number, called "The Guaranty Committee" proposed (as part of the bid of Conway) that if the Trustees would locate the institution at Conway, and would turn over to them the subscription list of \$27,582.00 aforesaid, that they would "build and construct in a good and workmanlike manner, according to specifications to be drawn under direction of a committee of said Board, by January 1st, 1893, one principal college building, two dormitories and one dining hall and kitchen combined, according

to plans exhibited with their proposal." They further proposed that the "Trustees might make any changes in the plan of any one or more of said buildings, which should not increase the aggregate outlay."

Your committee soon concluded that the plans presented by the Guaranty Committee were not all that could be desired for a female school, and, with the assistance of the architect, made changes by which the four buildings originally proposed were condensed into one, and the plan by which we are now working was adopted. In making these changes the Guaranty Committee had to be consulted, and care had to be used that the expense of building was not increased. The altered plans adopted by this committee, it was found would cost much more than the Guaranty Committee had had a genuine offer to construct the four buildings for. This offer was \$20,000, and was accompanied by a certified check for \$250, as an evidence of good faith. This committee then had plans for a building which would cost perhaps \$27,000, and were yet limited to \$20,000, as the amount they could expend. Finally the west wing of the building was omitted, to be hereafter added when required. The Guaranty Committee then proposed to finish the two lower stories of the remainder of the plan, and roof the whole and put windows in the third story, absolutely, when, if \$20,000 had not been expended they would proceed to finish the third story until they had expended that sum, and the remainder of the subscription list should belong to the Trustees. This was agreed to by this committee reluctantly, but as the best thing which could then be done.

Meantime it became necessary that a legal organization should be effected so that the title to property could be taken and held. Your committee felt fully authorized to do this under their instructions "to do and perform all things necessary to its completion and legal establishment." Under the laws of the state governing incorporations of Institutions of Learning, not less than nine persons could incorporate. We therefore called to our assistance Brethren J. W. Harriss and T. M. Jackson, in whose names, with our own, the institution is chartered. Organization of the Trustees was then had by electing G. W. Bruce, President; I. R. Hall, Treasurer, and John G. B. Simms, Secretary. Among the articles of incorporation adopted, your committee desire to call special attention to the fifth. This provides that vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by electing persons who may previously have been named by this Convention. Three trustees will pass out of office each year. This Convention is asked to name, annually, five persons as possible trustees; and from among these five, three must be selected by the trustees to fill vacancies occasioned by those who retire. It is believed that such a limitation upon the right of selection of their successors by the trustees should, at all times, be in

the hands of this Convention; for, in case of schism in our ranks, it would otherwise be possible for the title to, and control of, our Institutions of Learning to pass beyond the reach of the denomination. In accordance with this provision in our charter, we ask that this body name five possible trustees for another year.

Your committee adopted as a name for the institution, "CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE." The word Female does not occur in the name, and should not be interjected. The building is within a few miles of the geographical center of the state—hence its name.

The trustees, after much prayerful consideration, elected as President of the College, Rev. Charles M. Williams, late associate principal of Hardin College, Missouri. We feel that no mistake has been made in this selection, but that Brother Williams is pre-eminently adapted by nature, by culture and by experience to make a success of the school. We contracted with him for five years, and he has entire control of the school for that term, subject to a few limitations and restrictions not necessary here to mention.

The charter provides that all teachers must be Baptists, and the trustees reserve the right of confirming all selections. Brother Williams pays no rent for the building, but must keep it insured. He has secured an excellent and expensive faculty, and school opened on the third day of October in the Baptist Church, at Conway. The building is now nearly completed, and the school has been transferred to the College building.

Before accepting the presidency, Brother Williams met the Guaranty Committee and predicated his acceptance upon their absolute agreement to complete the third story of the building; this will soon be done. The building contains, as it stands, accommodations for about eighty boarding pupils, besides the faculty. When the west wing shall be added it will accommodate about one hundred and forty, and is pronounced the second largest college building in the state.

Since we incorporated, Brother Manard has resigned; Brother Kincaid removed from the state, and his place was therefore declared vacant. The Trustees elected Brother H. P. Edmonson, of Little Rock, and Professor J. M. C. Vaughter, of Conway, as their successors. We now have a quorum of the Board residing at Conway.

In pursuance of the law of the state, the trustees have cast lots, and determined the tenure of office of each. Those who will retire first are I. R. Hall, H. P. Edmonson and J. M. C. Vaughter. The second class consists of T. M. Jackson, John G. B. Simms and George W. Reeves; and the third comprises J. W. Harriss, G. W. Bruce and J. W. Lipsey.

Though often gravely perplexed, we have done the best we could; and whilst some are always found ready to complain, we have consciences void of offense in all our acts in the premises.

G. W. BRUCE, President.

JOHN G. B. SIMMS.



The report was discussed and adopted.

Elder J. B. Searcy then read the report of the Trustees of Ouachita College, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE.

The Board of Trustees of Ouachita College would respectfully report that the prosperity of the College during the past year has fulfilled the expectations of the Board of Trustees, considering the financial condition of the country. There was an enrollment of 306 pupils, representing forty-three counties in Arkansas, and eight states. The present session has opened under the most favorable circumstances, with an enrollment of 220. This promises an increase over last year's patronage.

The faculty is composed of five male and twelve female teachers. The library has received liberal donations, and the laboratory has been greatly added to and improved. The campus has been enlarged and beautified.

The Young Ladies' Home is elegantly furnished, and possesses every modern convenience—electric lights, water works, bath-rooms and closets. The young gentlemen have pleasant homes in private families in town. The system of co-education as inaugurated and supervised in Ouachita College has proven satisfactory, and the Board desires to give hearty endorsement to disciplinary measures enforced by President Conger.

Just here we wish to state that at one time some of our brethren were apprehensive of the success of Ouachita College on account of the peculiar nature of its charter and the terms upon which donations had been made and accepted; these facts forbidding forever the College from becoming other than a co-educational institution. Now, however, all feel fully convinced that these fears were not well grounded, and that under the co-educational system Ouachita is and ever shall be a success, and the just pride of the denomination in the state.

We have engaged the services of Professor Conger for five years, commencing June, 1893, at which time the present contract expires. President Conger has contracted with us to pay a rental of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars for the use of campus and buildings for the said five years—two thousand (\$2,000) dollars to be paid each year, and expended in insurance, repairs, improvements, beautifying campus, scholastic benefits for young ministers, etc.

We desire the brethren of the Convention to bear in mind that in connection with a school of this magnitude and facilities, it costs a great deal to properly furnish and equip it, and while your Board would have taken pleasure in equipping said institution, it was a matter of impossibility. Professor Conger, realizing this inability upon the part

of the Board, was willing to undertake the work, having confidence in the fidelity and support of our people. He has not been disappointed, and, as the result, both of our buildings are nicely furnished and the campus beautified—a splendid laboratory and large library provided, and electric lights and water works put in, for all of which both the President and the Board feel grateful for the support of our brethren, and to God for His blessings.

The most promising class of young ministers in the history of the College are now in attendance, and they have a well organized society, which is doing excellent work in the study of the Bible.

The following brethren have been elected to the vacancies on the Board of Trustees: J. H. Cason, of Forrest City, and Lon Slaughter, of Marianna.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We would state that the money collected at the last Convention was included in last year's report. We have collected since last Convention the sum of \$3,351.15.

Expenses of collecting.....	\$ 466 99
Repairs on roof.....	96 55
Paid on taxes.....	4 10
We owe on interest-bearing indebtedness on principal and interest, up to this meeting of the Convention....	8,765 05
We owe besides this amount, upon which the parties have not claimed interest.....	395 50
We have on hand, in notes and pledges, exclusive of what we term "try pledges," the sum of.....	11,762 90

Since last Convention, T. N. Scott has died, and left to Ouachita College by will, a plantation on Red River, estimated to be worth about \$3,000.00. There will be some litigation about it before we become possessed of the property, but the will is clear.

M. F. LOCKE, President.

C. C. NEELEY, Secretary.

Report discussed and adopted.

Brother G. W. Reeves offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we recommend that the Trustees of Ouachita College shall examine anew the provisions of the charter of the school, and see whether or not any alterations are needed in it, in order to bring it into closer organic connection with this Convention. If they find such a necessity, they are requested to effect the needed alterations.



By consent the Committee on Nominations were allowed to add the names of C. M. Williams, J. W. Lipsey, J. W. Harriss, W. K. Penrod, M. K. Thornton, M. Slaughter, H. Rhodes Moran and D. C. Hardin to the list of delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, the consideration of the election of an Evangelist for the state being special order for this hour, was postponed until 3:30 this evening.

Brother D. C. Hardin offered a resolution concerning Harvest Bells, which was referred to the Committee on Publications.

The special order for this hour, 12 m., being the consideration of the report of Committee on Sunday Schools, the report was read by Elder W. K. Penrod, its chairman. It is as follows:

Your Committee on Sunday Schools recommend—

1. The establishment of a Sunday School and Colportage Board, composed of five brethren.
2. That this Board have power to make *any* arrangements necessary to carry on a state Sunday school and colportage work, provided this Convention be not responsible for any debt contracted by said Board.
3. That a Sunday school evangelist or missionary be put on the field under the direction of this Board.
4. That the schools be requested to give one of their ordinary collections each quarter to this work.
5. As the Nominating Committee has already made its report, we recommend the following brethren: E. P. Minton, Jonesboro; J. M. Robertson, Jonesboro; T. B. Kitchens, Jonesboro; G. W. Puryear, Jonesboro; J. H. Kitchen, Jr., Jonesboro, as members of the present Board. This Board to be nominated, hereafter, by the Nominating Committee and approved by this Convention.

W. K. PENROD,  
J. S. THOMAS,  
C. W. BREWER.

Brother Cason offered the following amendment to the report:

We recommend that a colporter be appointed by the Board to circulate the publications recommended by this Convention.

The amendment, with the report, was recommitted with instructions to keep in view the sentiments which had been expressed.

Brother S. L. Morris, of Waco, Texas, editor of the *Guardian* and representing the Southern Baptist Training Institution of that place, was introduced, and spoke in behalf of his work.

Recess for dinner; prayer by Elder J. G. Doyle.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Friday, November 4th.

At 2:30, after singing, the Convention was called to order by the President; prayer by Elder J. W. Harriss.

The report on Ministerial Education being the special order for this hour, it was read by Brother J. H. Amacker.

In connection with this report, Brother J. W. Conger read the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, located at Arkadelphia.

Pending the consideration of the report of the committee, the hour for the special order for the election of an Evangelist arrived, and the special order was taken up.

On motion, the vote adopting the report of the Committee on State Missions was reconsidered, the report was then, after discussion, again adopted.

Brother W. E. Penn was requested to take a collection for the purpose of executing the plan adopted in the report aforesaid. Raised \$960.00.

A committee of three was appointed to correspond with the churches and individuals and solicit additional subscriptions. The chair appointed Elders W. E. Penn, J. H. Amacker and Frank White, as such committee.

Adjourned; prayer by Elder W. E. Penn.

## EVENING SESSION.

Friday, November 4th.

At 7:30 the Convention was called to order by the president; prayer by Elder Frank White. The special order for this hour being the consideration of the report of the Committee on Home Missions, the report was read by Elder A. G. McManaway, its chairman. It was discussed and adopted, as follows:

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is one in which every Baptist in our Southland should feel a deep and abiding interest. It appeals to our sympathies as a work intended to benefit the people with whom we are most closely connected. Its beneficent influences are seen in our own communities, and felt at our own firesides. Arkansas Baptists are under special obligations to this Board for the liberal assistance they are receiving in their efforts to win their own great state for Christ. We take it for granted, therefore, that the Convention rejoices in the success which is crowning the labors of the Missionaries of the Board in every portion of its vast field of operations. This success comes as a blessing of God and as a seal of his approval upon the efforts of the Board. It is also a call to us to increase our contributions to a work which is proving so profitable to the Kingdom of our Master. Within the last ten years the Board has employed 2,692 missionaries. Under the leadership of these missionaries 2,290 churches have been constituted, 2,117 Sunday schools organized, 640 houses of worship built, 67,169 church members received, and all this at a cost of only \$1,320,000.

The Board has now in its employ 365 missionaries, twenty-eight of whom are laboring in Arkansas. It asks for liberal contributions from us that these missionaries may be supported, and that the force may be increased. Let us respond to the call up to the full measure of our ability.

We commend to your patronage the *Home Field*, the organ of the Board, which is furnished for only twenty-five cents a year, and which brings from month to month the latest news from the field.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. McMANAWAY,

W. A. CLARK,

J. H. CASON.

Report of Committee on Ministerial Education came up as unfinished business. It was adopted, after taking a collection in cash and pledges to the amount of \$323.70. It is as follows:

The time is past, we trust, when it is necessary to set forth to the State Convention of Arkansas Baptists the advantages of an educated ministry. Surely there no longer lingers even one who needs to be convinced of that.

The question that presses for solution upon us to-day is not "shall our rising young ministry be educated for their life-work?" but "how shall it be done?" The question is an intensely practical one, and only in a practical way can it be answered, and our part of that answer is largely a matter of details.

When, after ages of oppression and repression, the eyes of English Baptists of the seventeenth century were gladdened with the dawning light of toleration and religious liberty, and for the first time since the days of Constantine, they were permitted to meet in the clear light of day and in the presence of their fellowmen, "with none to molest or make them afraid." The seven churches of London, and over one hundred from the country around, met in Convention in that city on the 2d day of September, 1689, to deliberate on the things most necessary to be done. The first thing that engaged their attention was the subject of an educated ministry—and their solution of the problem is seen to-day in Bristol College—founded by their self-denying efforts, supplemented by the legacy of Wm. Terrell for the express purpose of educating young ministers. Their American brethren of the old Philadelphia Association, recognizing the necessity and the advantages of such an institution followed their example, seventy-six years later, by the establishment of "Rhode Island College," now known as "Brown University," one of the grandest educational institutions of modern times. Following in the wakes of these pioneers have sprung up from time to time as necessity demanded, similar institutions, until to-day they number in the United States no less than 115 colleges and universities.

Imbued with the spirit of the fathers, and recognizing the necessity of an educated ministry, Arkansas Baptists have not been behind-hand in meeting the exigencies of the hour, and in our beloved Ouachita College, provision has been made to afford to all our rising young ministry all the facilities needed, in a literary point of view, to prepare them for their life work. But it is in our "Theological Seminary," at Louisville, Ky., that most ample and careful provision has been made to meet all the needs and requirements of our young men. Here, under men of the widest experience and most thorough training, our young