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ARTICLE VII.

The object of this Convention is to assist the Baptist Churches of the State in their Sunday-school work, and to encourage our Sunday-school officers and workers in our churches, and for the dissemination of pure Sunday-school literature in all of our Sunday-schools.

ARTICLE VIII.

The Convention shall meet on Wednesday, at 10 o'clock A. M., preceding the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and at the same place where said Baptist State Convention is held.

ARTICLE IX.

The Executive Committee of this Convention shall report annually to the Baptist State Convention.

ARTICLE X.

This Constitution may be amended or changed at any regular meeting of the Convention, two-thirds of all the members present consenting thereto.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

LITTLE ROCK, October 31, 1889.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention assembled at the meeting-house of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by Elder J. P. Eagle, President of the last Convention, who read the 46th Psalm, after which prayer was offered by Elder J. P. Eagle.

The President appointed as a Committee on Credentials, John G. B. Simms, J. M. Rains and J. G. Doyle, who retired at once to attend to their duties.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother W. E. Penn.

The Committee on Credentials reported as follows:

Your Committee on Credentials report the following named persons accredited as delegates and entitled to seats in this body:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Bartholomew, N. C. Dunson, G. D. Moore, S. J. Gardner, Hogan Allen, H. A. Mason.
 Benton County, I. R. Hall, Jasper Dunagin.
 Big Creek, W. H. Bowling.
 Blue Mountain, J. M. McAllister.
 Carroll County, M. R. Baker, George West, J. L. Simms.
 Caroline, J. G. Doyle, J. M. King, R. J. Coleman, A. I. Marlar.
 Clear Creek, J. H. Cason, J. M. Lawrence.
 Columbia, T. L. Fulbright.
 Concord, L. Quinn, R. H. McConnell, C. B. Neal, P. C. Mayes.
 Dardanelle, D. D. Swindall.
 Fayetteville, B. G. Mauard.
 Fourche Valley, E. H. Owen, E. F. Leach, J. A. Johnson.
 Friendship, D. W. Campbell, J. H. Grumbles.

Grand Prairie, J. B. Sanders, P. A. Haman.
 Independence, A. C. Davis, A. C. Hammon.
 Judson, I. L. Kimbrough, L. J. Hogg.
 Liberty, T. G. Lane.
 Little Red River, W. J. Kirkland, M. T. Webb, Vines Turner.
 Mt. Vernon, W. H. Paslay, W. H. Barnes, R. G. Hewlett, L. K. Obenchain.
 Mt. Zion, E. P. Minton, E. J. A. McKinney, Jacob Sharp, J. H. Kitchens, Jr.
 Pine Bluff, E. F. Appling, W. N. Nichols, Joshua Halbert, W. B. McCool.
 Red River, G. W. Reeves, W. T. Box.
 Rocky Bayou, J. L. Brown, R. L. Landers.
 Russellville, J. M. Hart, F. W. Taylor, J. G. Pendergrass, C. W. Brown.
 Saline, J. K. Pace, J. H. Howard, J. C. C. Evans, J. M. Powers.
 South Western, C. W. Strickland, J. H. Black, H. Herndon.
 Texarkana, W. A. Forbes.
 Union No. 2, J. B. Searcy, R. H. Mitchell, H. J. Haynes.
 United, A. C. S. Kirkland, J. Mayall.

CHURCHES:

Cedar Branch:
 D. Foley.
 Marianna:
 L. Slaughter.
 1st Church, Little Rock:
 W. E. Atkinson.
 J. A. Blackard.
 E. Longley.
 Mt. Pleasant:
 J. G. Milton.
 J. W. Riley.
 New Edinburg:
 W. T. Rogers.
 M. Mosley.
 1st Church, Eureka Springs:
 W. E. Penn.
 H. Beauchamp.
 Carlisle:
 R. H. Waddell.
 Spring Hill:
 M. A. Gunler.
 Conway:
 G. Ed. Hilliard.
 C. C. Good.
 T. M. Jackson.
 Holly Springs:
 I. R. Vick.
 Rogers:
 J. W. Duckworth.

Friendship:
 Z. L. Crawford.
 Mrs. Mary Crawford.
 Ben Davis.
 Bethel No. 1:
 T. J. Varnell.
 B. F. Moody.
 Mountain View:
 W. L. Wolowton.
 E. A. Wolowton.
 Pine Bluff:
 W. C. Golden.
 Corinth:
 G. F. Rowe.
 Monticello:
 Frank White.
 Dardanelle:
 Mrs. May L. Jennings.
 Robert Veazey.
 Miss Mollie Conlee.
 Enon:
 J. M. L. Thomasson.
 Belfast:
 H. S. Edwards.
 W. E. Poe.
 J. A. Henslee.
 Jonesboro:
 M. Ball.
 J. H. Kitchens, Jr.

Flint Ridge:
 A. T. Evans.
 Star City:
 O. M. Lucas.
 H. R. Lucas.
 Pleasant Grove:
 W. W. Prothro.
 Kingsland:
 W. M. Hopson.
 L. J. Griffin.
 Big Creek:
 G. W. Smith.
 J. M. Wheat.
 Sugar Loaf:
 D. Hewitt.
 Beebe:
 I. P. Langley.
 Grant Taylor.
 H. J. Steinheimer.
 Hope:
 Mrs. M. F. Searcy.
 Mrs. Sallie Hicks.
 Pleasant Hill:
 J. V. Browning.
 Fairview:
 James Adams.
 George Kelley.
 Walter Ball.
 Big Creek:
 W. C. C. Durrrough.
 P. E. Harper.
 Pleasant Hill, (Hot Spring county):
 B. S. Taylor.
 Russellville:
 Wm. Cox.
 John T. Ferguson.
 Judsonia:
 L. Elledge.
 W. H. Woodall.
 C. E. Miller.
 Van Buren:
 D. C. Hardin.
 Arkadelphia:
 J. W. Conger.
 W. A. Clark.
 G. W. Burns.
 Searcy:
 J. R. Hughes.

W. J. Witt.
 Benton:
 D. M. Cloud.
 D. L. Moore.
 Good Springs:
 R. E. Sutton.
 Rosebud:
 C. W. Martin.
 E. A. Robbins.
 Mt. Vernon:
 Nathan Hobbs.
 N. C. Newell.
 Magnolia:
 J. E. Smith.
 Ozark:
 A. J. Robbins.
 Oak Grove:
 D. K. McVey.
 Butlerville:
 R. H. Wallace.
 Sardis:
 U. W. Poss.
 E. D. Taylor.
 Fort Smith:
 John L. Henderson.
 Hebron:
 S. D. Johns.
 Lake Village:
 John G. B. Simms.
 Miss Lizzie C. Simms.
 Pleasant Valley:
 J. D. Stringfellow.
 S. U. Burnett.
 Second Baptist Church:
 A. B. Miller.
 A. W. Files.
 Wm. Tucker.
 Fordyce:
 J. B. Lumley.
 D. Witt.
 J. H. Merritt.
 W. H. Halliburton.
 Friendship, (Saline county):
 Alex. Tucker.
 Central:
 Charles Knight.
 New Hope:
 P. S. Deal.

Camden:	J. S. Johnson.
E. C. Crowell.	Lonoke:
D. Gambrell.	W. H. Eagle.
2d Church, Hot Springs:	A. Huntsman.
J. R. Haycraft.	James P. Eagle.
Paragould:	Malvern:
T. B. Kitchens.	Hugh McCallum.
Providence:	Hopewell No. 1, (Union county:)
W. J. Bearden.	James M. Sheppard.
Morrilton:	Wattensas:
W. A. C. Sayle.	O. U. Owen.
W. F. Toombs.	Mt. Pisgah, (White county:)
J. A. Meyer.	J. M. Wood.
Alma:	J. F. Ray.
M. F. Locke.	J. D. Whisenant.
Mrs. Sallie Hilyer.	Onachita:
Mrs. Rose Locke.	W. H. Rucks.
Providence, (Pulaski county:)	Carlisle:
J. M. Britton.	J. A. Brainard.
Philadelphia:	J. S. Wood.
L. P. Montgomery.	El Paso:
Thomas Berry.	M. T. Horston.
J. M. Rains.	

DELEGATES ENROLLED NOVEMBER 1, 1889.

Rison Church:	Magnolia:
J. L. Baggett.	A. J. Brewer.
Redfield Church:	Paragould Church:
B. N. Hultsman.	Calvin Wall.
W. A. Bays.	Texas:
New Prospect Church:	Mrs. E. F. Friedell.
J. R. Halcomb.	Fayetteville:
Eureka Springs Church:	G. A. Warren.
Mrs. John West.	Marianna:
Bryant:	Sister Lillie Gist.
D. F. Dobbins.	Sister Lou Slaughter.
Kensett:	Pleasant Grove:
Elder J. W. Harris.	Willis Ball.
Pine Bluff Church:	Benton Church:
H. C. Fox.	B. H. Milam.
Helena:	Pleasant Hill:
John J. Porter.	J. M. Robinson.
Mrs. Katie Porter.	

LADIES' CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. E. Longley.	Mrs. A. B. Miller.
Mrs. W. A. Forbes.	Mrs. W. H. Sharp.
Mrs. M. Ball.	Mrs. J. P. Eagle.
	Mrs. J. K. Pace.

An election was ordered for President of the Convention. Brother W. E. Penn was nominated, Brother J. P. Eagle declining to serve longer. Brothers W. E. Atkinson, W. H. Woodall and J. H. Kitchens, Jr., were constituted a committee to conduct the election, as the result of which Elder W. E. Penn was declared the unanimous choice of the Convention for the office of President.

Pending the further organization of the body, a recess was taken until 2 P. M. Prayer by Elder Frank White.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at the hour designated and proceeded with the work of organizing,

The following named persons were then duly elected to the remaining offices:

First Vice-president, W. E. Atkinson.
 Second Vice-president, M. F. Locke.
 Secretary, John G. B. Simms.
 Assistant Secretary, Martin Ball.
 Treasurer, W. A. C. Sayle.

Each of whom at once entered upon the discharge of his duties. On motion of Elder Hart, resolved that the hours of meeting of the body be as follows: Meet at 9 A. M., adjourn at 12; meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at 4:30; meet at 7 P. M., and adjourn at will.

The hour of 11 A. M. to-morrow was set apart to hear Dr. Whitsill, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in behalf of the Students' Aid Fund.

The hour of 2:30 P. M. to-morrow was designated for the use of Dr. C. C. Bitting, of Philadelphia, who desired to present the work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The order of business pursued at last session was adopted for the guidance of this body.

On motion of W. A. Clark, all Baptists in good standing in their churches, were invited to seats in this body, and to participate in our deliberations.

Response by the following:

Dr. S. H. Ford, *Ford's Christian Repository*, St. Louis.
 Dr. I. N. Clark, representing American Baptist Missionary Union.
 Dr. C. C. Bitting, Philadelphia, American Baptist Publication Society.
 Dr. W. H. Whitsill, S. B. T. Seminary, Louisville.

Elder W. A. Gibbony, Missouri.
 Elder E. Z. Simmons, Missionary to China.
 Elder J. D. Anderson, Memphis.
 Elder W. T. Hudson, Water Valley, Miss.
 J. B. Laggins, White County.
 J. B. Moody, representing *Western Recorder*.
 D. B. Ray, St. Louis, representing *American Baptist*.
 T. P. Bell, Richmond, Assistant Secretary F. M. B. S. B. Convention.

Adjourned. Prayer by B. G. Manard.

EVENING SESSION.

The introductory sermon was preached at 7:30 by Elder J. R. Hughes, alternate appointed, from 10th verse, 49th chapter Genesis. Adjourned until 9 A. M. to-morrow. Prayer by J. P. Eagle.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 1, 1889.

After singing the Convention was called to order. Prayer by Elder J. M. Hart.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and adopted.

The standing committees were announced, as follows:

COMMITTEES.

Education, J. W. Conger, W. H. Woodall, W. E. Atkinson.
 Ministerial Education, G. W. Reeves, J. H. Cason, W. A. Forbes.
 Sunday-schools, B. G. Manard, A. J. Brewer, L. Elledge.
 State Missions, J. P. Eagle, H. Beauchamp, J. M. Hart.
 Home Missions, A. B. Miller, J. K. Pace, W. C. Golden.
 Foreign Missions, J. B. Searcy, W. H. Barnes, I. P. Langley.
 Woman's Work, A. W. Files, M. F. Locke, J. R. Hughes.
 Publications, W. T. Box, F. W. Taylor, C. W. Strickland.
 Nominations, D. D. Swindall, J. H. Black, J. G. Doyle, J. K. Brantly, Frank White.

Finance, I. R. Hall, Grant Taylor, George West.

Obituaries, W. A. Clark, W. A. Bays, W. Tucker.

An invitation from Superintendent J. H. Dye, of the Asylum for the Blind, requesting the Convention to visit that institution was received and accepted, the visit to be made between 3:30 and 4:30 this afternoon.

An invitation was read from the Young Men's Christian Association of Little Rock, asking the delegates to avail themselves of the privileges of their rooms.

Elder W. A. Forbes read the report of the Executive Board, which was adopted, and reads as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

GREETING: Since your last assemblage at Jonesboro, November 1, 1888, we have had under our employment the following missionary pastors: J. B. Lumbly, at Fordyce, at a salary of \$150; D. C. Hardin, Van Buren, at a salary of \$500; I. L. Kimbrough, New Edinburg, at a salary of \$75, and A. B. Miller, Second Church, Little Rock, at a salary of \$400; B. N. Hultsman, Bryant, at a salary of \$50, and M. D. Early as Corresponding Secretary, at a salary of \$1200. M. D. Early served only one and one-half months, and B. N. Hultsman three months.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Report of J. B. Lumbly, Fordyce:

No. weeks of labor.....	52
" Churches supplied.....	1
" Stations supplied.....	1
" Sermons preached.....	108
" Received by baptism.....	9
" Received by letter.....	14
" Visits made.....	107
" In fellowship.....	92
" Sunday-schools.....	1
" Students in Sunday-school.....	70
Money paid on salary by church.....	\$ 145 00
Money paid on salary by board.....	112 50
Money paid on State Missions.....	22 50
No. Parsonages built, one; value.....	650 00
Value of church house.....	1000 00
Church expenses paid.....	375 00

Report of D. C. Hardin, Van Buren:

Weeks of labor.....	42
Sermons preached.....	66
Religious visits.....	125
Prayer meetings attended.....	32
Received by baptism.....	7
Received by letter.....	13
Missionary and other religious talks.....	
Paid on salary by church.....	\$ 61 00
Paid on salary by board.....	375 00
Paid for State Missions.....	3 30
Paid on church building by church.....	499 00
Paid on church building by others.....	66 00
Amount on church building due.....	318 00
Value of church property.....	2000 00

Report of I. L. Kimbrough, Kingsland:

Weeks of labor	52
Sermons preached	30
Persons received	16
Churches supplied (two Sundays)	1
Visits made	
Money for State Missions	\$ 8 00
Money for salary by church—due, \$14.25	85 75
Money for salary by board	50 00
Valuation of church property	1000 00

Report of B. N. Hultsman, Bryant:

Weeks of labor	13
Sermons preached	12
Received by baptism	2
Received by letter	3
Paid by church on salary	\$
Paid by board on salary	12 50
Value of church property	800 00

Report of A. B. Miller, Little Rock:

Weeks of labor	52
No. churches served	1
“ Stations	1
“ Sermons preached	225
“ Received by baptism	31
“ Received by letter	28
“ Sunday-schools	2
“ In schools	
“ Religious visits	590
“ Baptisms where he held meetings	163
Money paid on church debt	\$
Money paid on salary by church	800 00
Money paid on salary by board	425 00
Money paid for State Missions	200 00
Money paid for Foreign Missions	
Value of church property	15,000 00

Report of Brother T. Moody, Russellville Association:

Weeks of labor	26
Sermons preached	33
Churches organized	1
Salary paid by Association	\$ 115 20

Report of M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary:

Weeks of labor	6
Sermons preached	15
Religious talks	10

Miles traveled	565
Money raised for State Missions	\$ 370 30
Received on salary	50 00

TOTALS.

Weeks of labor	230
Sermons preached	536
Churches and stations supplied	10
Received by baptism	67
Received by letter	68
Visits made	822
Money raised for State Missions	\$ 603 60
Money raised for other purposes	1,085 00
Value of church property	18,800 00
Money paid missionaries by board	1,490 50
Money received from Home Mission Board	740 00
Money received from other parties	

It gives us pleasure to say that we have paid or have money in hand of Treasurer to pay all claims of our missionaries to end of quarter ending September 30.

Submitted.

J. P. EAGLE, President.
W. A. FORBES, Secretary.

Our missionaries during the past year have been Elder E. P. Minton, Jonesboro, and Elder J. S. Edmonds, Paragould. We have paid the following amounts during the Associational year:

E. P. Minton, services	\$ 100 00
J. S. Edmonds, services	150 00
To amount appropriated to house of worship at Wynne	150 00
To expenses	3 70
To amount paid State Board	31 60

Total amount expended by Association Board.....\$ 435 30

The following amounts have been paid by churches aided by our Board:

Paragould, to salary of pastor	\$176 00	
Paragould, to repair house of worship	393 45	569 45
Bethany church (at Harrisburg), to salary of pastor	68 00	
To repair house of worship	118 40	186 40
Liberty church, to amount house of worship	203 80	

\$1,394 95

Fraternally submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS, JR., Chairman.

Dr. I. T. Tichnor, Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, was introduced and enrolled and requested to address the Convention in the interest of the work he represents at 11 A. M. to-morrow.

Elder W. A. Forbes read the report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College, which reads as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE.

GREETING: Your Board of Trustees to whom has been committed the college work in the past year, would report that the past year has been one of much anxiety and labor. Yet much success has attended our efforts to build the new house. We began the year with Brother J. H. Cason as agent, who went to work November 14, 1888. He continued in this work till May, when his health was such as to compel him to resign.

Report of J. H. Cason: The following is an aggregate statement of my work while in the employ of the Board for Ouachita College. My expense account includes not only the expenses that I incurred personally, but also expenses incurred by other brethren in connection with the loans obtained by the Board. I was in the employment of the Board from November 14, 1888, to May 3, 1889, at a salary of \$75 per month with no expenses but my transportation allowed. The traveling expenses of myself and those who obtained the loans were.....\$ 415 70
Cash collections..... 1,584 11
Notes taken..... 439 00

\$2,023 11

For sometime we had no one in the field to represent the work, and what was done was through various friends.

In June, at the semi-annual meeting of the Board at Arkadelphia, Brother J. B. Perminter, of Bonham, Texas, was employed at a salary of \$75 per month and expenses.

Summary of work done by Elder J. B. Perminter, as Agent of Ouachita College, from July 5 to October 31, 1889.

COLLECTED.

Amounts collected during July on notes.....	\$ 71 50
Amounts collected during August on notes.....	85 00
Amounts collected during September on notes.....	45 00
Amounts collected during October on notes.....	57 00
	\$ 258 50
Amounts collected on general collections, July.....	\$ 42 65
Amounts collected on general collections, August.....	13 50
Amounts collected on general collections, September.....	18 40
Amounts collected on general collections, October.....	128 80
	\$ 461 85

EXPENSES.

Expenses for July were.....	\$ 23 25
Expenses for August were.....	43 50
Expenses for September were.....	19 95
Expenses for October were.....	30 00
	\$ 116 70
Salary expenses.....	300 00
	\$ 416 70

2,683.90
2,461.85
3,149.75

The amount of money collected on the Arkadelphia subscription by J. W.

Conger.....	\$ 1,668 40
Amount collected by J. W. Conger and S. R. McNutt in St. Louis.....	1,019 50

For an itemized statement of money raised, reference is made to Treasurer's report.

ASSETS.

New college and fixtures.....	\$ 30,000 00
Old college and grounds.....	5,000 00
Land.....	700 00
Notes.....	6,200 00

\$ 42,400 00

LIABILITIES.

Remaining debt on college.....	\$ 12,500 00
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Three notes, as follows:

Due January 1, 1890, \$3000 and interest.

Due June 1, 1890, \$3000 and interest.

Due June 1, 1891, \$6500 and interest.

Joint note of \$3300, viz:

W. H. Eagle, due 1891.....	\$ 1,000 00
J. P. Eagle, due 1891.....	1,000 00
A. J. Brewer, due 1891.....	500 00
J. C. Sanders, due 1891.....	500 00
I. H. Briscoe, due 1891.....	200 00
J. J. Pelt, due 1891.....	100 00
J. J. Taylor, due 1893.....	1,000 00
J. C. Sanders, et al., due now.....	2,000 00
J. B. Perminter, salary, due now.....	300 00

Total.....\$19,100 00

We have insurance on old building for one year for \$1200, costing \$18.00

On new building for three years for \$15,000, costing \$375.00

The present condition of the college is very gratifying and its future still more promising so far as patronage is concerned. The present enrollment is 242. Of these 175 are boarders, representing about 40 counties of the State. There are 18 ministerial students. The faculty has been increased to fifteen. The religious tone of the college is entirely satisfactory. Since the opening of the college in September there has been about twenty-five professions among the boarders.

There were twelve promising graduates last year and an equally large number are now in the senior class, candidates for graduation next June.

Respectfully,

J. M. HART, President.

W. A. FORBES, Secretary.

Consideration of the report was deferred until 7:30 this evening. Elder E. Z. Simmons, Missionary to China, was requested to address the body on the Foreign Mission Work at 10 A. M. to-morrow.

A special committee of three on Temperance was appointed, consisting of I. P. Langley, G. D. Moore, J. H. Steinheimer.

Elder G. W. Reeves made the following report from the Board of Ministerial Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Board of Ministerial Education submitted their report as follows:

We have had in attendance upon Ouachita College the past session—1888-89—fifteen young preachers. A large proportion of the above number continued in college during the entire session, doing good work.

This present year we have in our college eighteen, with a probable increase of the number to thirty. All young preachers approved by the Board receive aid in the way of free tuition.

During the conventional year just past the following brethren, viz: John Weathersby, B. F. Milam, J. H. White, — Snyder, — Taylor have received aid in payment of board, books, etc., as their circumstances demanded. During the year we have received directly \$290.15. In addition to the above Brother John Weathersby received \$47.85, which he reported to us, making a total expenditure for this work of \$338. Of the above amount we have now on hand \$5.15. Many young brethren in the State desire to prepare themselves for more efficient work, and with a little timely aid would doubtless make able and useful preachers. Your Board would plead with the brethren throughout the bounds of the Convention to take a greater interest in this important work.

G. W. REEVES.
J. W. CONGER.
B. J. DREW.
R. S. WALLIS.

The report was made the special order for 7:30 P. M., Nov. 2d.

Elder J. B. Searcy read his report, as Secretary for the State, of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which was adopted, and reads as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions is gratified to be able to report that more has been contributed by Arkansas Baptists during the past year than any year in the history of this Convention. Last year our report showed a decrease of \$26.55 less than had been contributed the previous year. Now we report an increase over last year of \$357.31, making the entire amount for the last Conventional year, \$2,028.44. Though there was a temporary decrease at the time of making our report at last session of this Convention, yet, there has been a steady increase in this work for the last five years, so that our contributions in that time have increased one hundred per cent.

We rejoice at this success, and desire to continue in increased ratio. We are confidently relied upon this year to raise \$2500 besides what we may give to the church building fund. This will be easily done if our pastors all over the State will bring this subject before their people and give them a chance to contribute. Our people really delight to give to this cause. But contributions should be taken

now while money is in circulation. This course will be better for us, and will stop heavy interest accumulation and greatly relieve the anxiety of our Foreign Mission Board.

Very respectfully,

J. B. SEARCY, F. M. Secretary.

The Secretary read an invitation from the American Baptist Education Society requesting this body to send delegates to the second annual meeting of that Society. The invitation was accepted, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Nominations to report the names of six brethren to serve as such delegates.

Brother Golden offered the following, which was adopted:

That the clerk of this body be furnished with the names of the messengers appointed by Churches and Associations before the meeting, that he may be ready at the meeting of the body to furnish the Committee on Credentials with a list of such messengers as soon as the Committee on Credentials is appointed.

Dr. Whitesill having addressed the body and asked aid for the Students' Fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, received in cash and pledges the sum of \$308.31.

Adjourned until 2 P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention called to order by the President. Prayer by O. M. Lucas.

Elder B. G. Manard submitted the following report from the Committee on Sunday-schools:

SUNDAY-SCHOOL REPORT.

This work primarily contemplates the children and youth; and, secondly, all who can be induced to attend on the weekly study of the Scriptures. Child-mind, properly called out, impressed and directed, is conditional to the most enlarged piety, christian strength and denominational efficiency. Those who are most energetic and consecrated in this work share in the most enlarged prosperity. We need to emphasize the wonderfully preservative power there is in the early preoccupying the youthful mind with the Scriptures, as well as the inestimable value of the quickening influence of the Sunday-school on the church, and a protection to society against crime. We need to foster this special department of church work for the sake of helpless, dependent childhood, our youth, our churches. There is a voice of warning in the many forces of evil that peril the rising generation, a pure gospel and society. It admonishes that there should be put in the field those who can awaken an interest in the work correspondent to its magnitude; who can call out, organize and inspire our people to do as the cause demands. The tens of thousands of children, without the gospel, plead with us; feeble churches plead with us; whited fields plead with us; the Master's blood pleads with us—that we encourage and vigorously prosecute this work.

To this end we urge co-operation with the Sunday-school Convention in its endeavor to meet the demands of this phase of our gospel work.

B. G. MANARD.
L. ELLEDGE.
A. J. BREWER.

Pending consideration of this report the hour arrived for the address of Dr. C. C. Bitting. Dr. B. spoke at length upon the work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

A motion to reconsider the vote agreeing to visit the Blind Asylum at 3:30 this afternoon prevailed. The question recurring on the resolution to visit the same, it was defeated, but leave of absence was granted to such individual members as desired to attend. Quite a number availed themselves of the leave.

A committee of three, consisting of R. H. McConnell, G. F. Row and J. A. Haycraft, was appointed to inform Superintendent Dye of the action taken in the matter.

Consideration of the report on Sunday-schools was resumed and the report was adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by W. A. Forbes.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order. Prayer by J. B. Searcy. Singing and prayer by F. White.

Consideration of the report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College was resumed, it being the special order for this hour.

The report of the Treasurer of the Board, A. W. Files, was read, and the same was considered in connection with the report of the Board. It is as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. W. Files, Treasurer,			DR.
1888-9.	<i>In Account with Ouachita College,</i>		
Oct. 26,	To balance on hand as per account current rendered.....	\$	167 67
Nov. 8,	Amount cash and checks from Convention.....		211 50
" 9,	" J. B. Searcy.....		112 33
" 20,	" J. H. Cason.....		60 00
" 23,	" W. H. Eagle.....		150 00
" 23,	" Dr. J. C. Wallis.....		30 00
Dec. 4,	" W. A. Forbes, Secretary.....		100 00
" 13,	" J. H. Cason.....		154 20
" 18,	" J. H. Cason.....		55 00
" 19,	" J. H. Cason.....		95 00
" 21,	" S. B. Cannon.....		5 00

" 21,	" W. A. Forbes, Secretary.....	35 20
" 24,	" J. H. Cason.....	106 00
" 29,	" Dr. and Mrs. Cannon.....	12 38
1889.		
Jan. 8,	" J. H. Cason.....	250 00
" 9,	" Ladies' Aid Society, Arkadelphia.....	87 05
" 16,	" Ladies' Aid Society, Arkadelphia.....	12 95
" 18,	" J. H. Cason.....	32 55
" 18,	" J. C. Sanders.....	175 31
" 18,	" R. L. H., Monticello.....	50
" 19,	" L. A. Society, Ozark Church, (Roof Reg.).....	15 00
" 23,	" J. H. Cason.....	55 00
" 30,	" J. H. Cason.....	60 00
Feb. 6,	" J. H. Cason.....	290 15
" 19,	" J. H. Cason.....	87 10
" 26,	" J. H. Cason.....	120 00
Mch. 7,	" J. H. Cason.....	150 00
" 7,	" W. A. Forbes, Secretary.....	2,711 00
" 19,	" J. W. Briscoe.....	200 00
" 24,	" W. A. Forbes, Secretary.....	747 50
Apr. 29,	" J. W. McGuire.....	15 00
May 2,	" J. M. Hart.....	20 00
" 6,	" J. W. Conger.....	517 50
" 15,	" J. H. Cason.....	5 00
" 20,	" J. W. Conger.....	277 40
June 19,	" W. A. Forbes, Secretary.....	775 00
" 20,	" J. H. Jones.....	10 00
" 28,	" J. W. Conger.....	485 75
July 1,	" J. W. Conger.....	100 00
" 3,	" J. A. Hardage.....	50 00
" 5,	" Lake Village Church.....	15 00
" 11,	" B. W. Reeves.....	25 00
" 11,	" R. A. Faulkner.....	5 00
" 11,	" S. A. Roland.....	2 00
" 11,	" Cash.....	1 85
" 11,	" J. W. Conger.....	800 00
" 12,	" Thomas C. McRae.....	25 00
" 24,	" B. B. Hawkins.....	1 00
" 24,	" Miss Lizzie Hawkins.....	2 05
" 26,	" J. B. Permitter.....	75 00
Aug. 1,	" W. A. Forbes, Secretary.....	36 20
" 8,	" D. D. Tobey, (J. C. S.).....	25 00
" 14,	" C. A. Fish, (J. M. H.).....	5 00
" 14,	" W. H. Cash, (J. M. H.).....	2 00
" 24,	" Mrs. M. E. Barkman, (J. C. S.).....	100 00
" 26,	" J. J. Taylor.....	250 00
" 30,	" Kelly, Goodfellow & Co., (J. C. S.).....	15 00

" 30, "	"	J. C. Sanders, (loan)	2,000 00
Sept. 10, "	"	J. W. Conger	100 00
Oct. 8, "	"	J. P. Eagle, (on note)	100 00
" 10, "	"	J. B. Perminter	50 00
" 18, "	"	J. B. Perminter	80 00
" 21, "	"	J. B. Perminter	60 00

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Nov. 8, By amount paid Noah Hamlet, vou. 1	200 00
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" 9, " " J. B. Searcy, " 3	32 25
" 23, " " Noah Hamlet, " 4	200 00
Dec. 10, " " Noah Hamlet, " 5	200 00
" 22, " " Noah Hamlet, " 6	200 00
" 24, " " J. H. Cason, " 7	106 00

1889.

Jan. 12, " " Exchange on ch. " 7 1/2	25
" 19, " " Noah Hamlet, " 8	350 00
Feb. 6, " " J. H. Cason, " 9	117 15
" 18, " " W. J. Cross, " 10	18 00
" 22, " " Noah Hamlet, " 11	500 00
Mch. 7, " " J. H. Cason, " 12	150 00
" 7, " " Noah Hamlet, " 13	2,600 00
" 7, " " Noah Hamlet, " 14	111 00
" 21, " " Noah Hamlet, " 15	300 00
Apr. 1, " " Noah Hamlet, " 16	747 50
May 16, " " Noah Hamlet, " 17	600 00
" 21, " " Noah Hamlet, " 18	250 00
June 19, " " Union School Furniture Co., " 19	100 00
" 21, " " Noah Hamlet, " 20	800 00
July 13, " " Noah Hamlet, " 21	600 00
" 17, " " Noah Hamlet, " 22	800 00
Aug. 23, " " Noah Hamlet, " 23	500 00
Sept. 17, " " Noah Hamlet, " 24	2,211 50
Oct. 10, " " Adams & Boyle " 25	375 00
Balance on hand	170 71

Credits, including balance on hand \$12,319 44

The condition of the college was fully explained, and its immediate financial wants made known. A call being made for contributions to remove the debt hanging over it, the following sums were pledged:

J. P. Eagle	\$ 1,000	C. W. Strickland	50
W. H. Eagle	1,000	J. H. Cason	50

Arkansas Baptist	200	J. M. Jefferson	50
G. D. Moore	50	Mrs. J. B. Searcy	25
M. F. Locke	300	W. A. C. Sayle	350
J. C. Sanders	600	Mrs. J. C. Clark	50
W. F. Toombs	500	C. P. Warren	100
J. G. B. Simms	200	J. C. Carrol	50
J. E. Smith	300	J. B. Searcy and wife	50
H. C. Hinton	150	W. E. Penn	100
Mrs. Rose Locke	200	D. L. Phillips	150
Lon Slaughter	100	E. H. Owen	100
Mrs. Lon Slaughter	50	T. G. Lane	100
I. R. Hall	200	T. J. Varnell	25
George West	100	N. C. Dinson	25
Mrs. J. F. Laurie	10	E. P. Minton	25
W. J. Witt	100	J. T. Hawkes	25
Mrs. Sallie Hillyer	10	J. G. Milton	25
J. W. Duckworth	100	Star City Church	25
Mrs. Lillie Manning	25	M. A. Gunter	100
Mrs. C. R. Adams	5	L. L. Boone	75
Mrs. E. B. Blanks	100	C. B. Neal	100
Mrs. Sarah Forbes	10	Jacob Sharp	100
A. J. Kincade	100	R. G. Hewlett	25
George W. Puryear	50	E. A. Wolowton	50
J. H. Black	50	El Dorado Ladies	50
M. F. Kirkland	50	O. U. Owen	100
W. C. Golden	25	Mrs. W. J. Witt	50
Mrs. Allen W. Clark	50	E. C. Crowell	10
J. A. Slaughter	50	A. B. Miller	50
H. Beauchamp	25	D. D. Swindall	25
M. R. Baker	25	J. W. Richardson	25
H. C. Fox	25	C. E. Gannaway	25
C. Miller	50	J. B. Hall	25
W. C. Cloud	100	M. T. Webb	25
J. M. Britton	100	J. L. Braggart	25
A. T. Brady	20	W. H. Whitsill	25
J. M. King	50	T. C. Black	50
Cash	1	D. Hewitt	25
Robert Veasey	100	J. M. McCallister	5
Mrs. M. A. Turner	25	Wm. Tucker	25
L. Elledge	50	E. Z. Simmons	5
W. H. Woodall	25	W. A. Bays	10
B. G. Manard	50	C. T. Beasley	25
J. R. Hughes	50	A. Huntsman	10
L. A. Society, Jonesboro	25	Mrs. W. H. Eagle	250
J. K. Pace	100	T. L. Fulbright	20
A. F. Brady	30	Fordyce Church	25
Beebe Church	25	E. Longley	55
J. B. Lumbly	5	T. B. Kitchens	25

Mrs. Mary Murray.....	25	W. H. Barnes.....	50
G. W. Burns.....	25	Pleasant Hill Church.....	50
J. K. Brantly.....	50	Helena Church.....	50
E. L. Crawford.....	25	Mrs. C. R. Allen.....	20
B. F. Moody.....	25	Hugh McCallum.....	10
John L. Sims.....	25	G. W. Reeves.....	50
Cash.....	32	Mrs. J. P. Eagle.....	100

The brethren sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow," and the Convention adjourned with prayer by Elder J. M. Hart.

THIRD DAY—SATURDAY MORNING.

Called to order by the President. Prayer by Elder Duckworth.

Elder J. P. Eagle submitted the report of the Committee on State Missions, which reads as follows:

Your Committee on State Missions make the following report:

For some years the centers have had special attention, many of which have become self-sustaining. We believe that the time has come in the history of our work when we should not only occupy the cities and towns, but when we should extend our mission work into the country districts. We believe that a thorough organization is necessary to success. We therefore, recommend that the Board of this Convention employ a suitable State evangelist, who shall devote his entire time in visiting the churches and associations, introducing the plans of the Board, instructing our people in the grace of supporting the gospel, preaching, taking collections for missions, assist churches in securing pastors, and do such other work as the Board may direct.

We recommend that the Board have a colporteur work done in connection with the mission work. In order to secure co-operation with the Associations, we recommend that the Convention elect one Associational representative in each Association whose duty shall be to represent the interests of his Association before the Board and also to represent the Board in his Association.

In reviewing the work done in the State by the Convention, we find that much has been accomplished, but there still remains a greater work to be done. Our State is being rapidly filled up by people of various nationalities, entertaining a great variety of religious views, many of them in moral darkness—altogether without Christ. Holding, as we do, the whole truth—the pure word of life—the responsibility is only the greater upon us. We should meet these people with an open Bible, with warm hearts, and, under God, turn their feet into the narrow way that leads to life, and their hearts and lives into His service, whose blood bought us.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. EAGLE.
J. M. HART.
H. BEAUCHAMP.

The hour of 10 o'clock having arrived, the special order was an address from Elder E. Z. Simmons on Foreign Missions. On mo-

tion, the special order was postponed until the pending report of State Missions was disposed of.

The report on State Missions, after much discussion, was adopted.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, the special order was taken up, being an address by Dr. I. T. Ticknor on the Home Mission Work of the Southern Baptist Convention. Preparatory to such address, Brother Golden, from the committee, submitted the report on this work, which was read as follows:

Your Committee on Home Missions report as follows:

The past year has been a most eventful one in the history of our Home Mission Work. Our contributions have been greater, enabling the Board to put in the field more workers than ever before. The increase to our churches under the Home Board the last seven years is 32,000 members, 23,000 of which were by baptism. The Board has had in employ during the last conventional year 328 missionaries, resulting in the organization of 328 churches, 343 Sunday-schools, the building of fifty-eight houses of worship, with an increase of 8402 members, 4837 of which were by baptism. The work of the Board in the Island of Cuba continues with unabated interest. The present membership of the churches there is 1579, with Sunday-schools aggregating more than 2000 pupils. There are now twenty young men, native Cubans, preparing to enter the ministry. The Board has purchased a house of worship, one of the most magnificent in Havana, at a cost of \$65,000—\$20,000 of which has been paid. This purchase has added greatly to our success in Cuba, and gives us a prominent and permanent place in Havana. The demands now upon the Board from every department of its field—among the Indians, among the colored people, among the foreign population, especially in Missouri and Texas, as well as in Cuba and among our own native white population, are greater than ever in its history. The Board has already advised the churches that it will require not less than \$100,000 to meet the wants in its mission work during the present year. This sum is over and above the amount needed to pay for the house of worship in Havana.

The churches of Arkansas are asked to give \$2000 of this amount. Should this sum be raised, the Board proposes to increase its appropriation to mission work in our State \$1000 over and above the amount it is now contributing.

Brethren, we know of no way by which we can better prove our loyalty to Christ and His Word than by giving to the support of His blessed Gospel. Now, by as much as we love our homes, by as much as we love souls for whom Jesus died, by as much as we love *Him* who suffered and died on the cross, let us give of our money, our efforts and prayers to send the Gospel to the perishing in our home field.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. MILLER,
J. K. PACE.
W. C. GOLDEN.

Dr. Tichnor spoke eloquently to the body, and pending consideration of the report, the hour for adjournment having arrived, a recess was taken until 2 P. M.

Before adjournment the Committee on Divine Service made their report for to-morrow, which is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICES.

Second Baptist Church—11 A. M., Rev. I. T. Tichnor, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.; 7:30 P. M., Rev. W. E. Penn.

First Baptist Church—11 A. M., Rev. J. B. Moody, Nashville, Tenn.; 7:30 P. M., T. B. Bell, Richmond, Va.; 3 P. M., song service by Rev. W. E. Penn.

Eighth Street M. E. Church, South—11 A. M., Rev. I. N. Clark, D. D., Kansas City, Mo.; 7:30 P. M., Rev. G. W. Reeves, Arkadelphia.

First Presbyterian Church—Corner of Fifth and Scott—11 A. M., Rev. B. G. Manard, D. D., Fayetteville; 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. M. Hart, D. D., Morrilton.

Second Presbyterian Church—Corner of Fourth and State—11 A. M., Rev. Martin Ball, Jonesboro; 7:30 P. M., Rev. W. C. Golden, Pine Bluff.

Cumberland Presbyterian Church—Corner of Eleventh and Louisiana—11 A. M., Rev. J. B. Searcy, D. D., Hope; 7:30 P. M., Rev. W. T. Lowrey, President of Blue Mountain Female College.

Winfield Memorial M. E.—11 A. M., Rev. J. J. Taylor, Arkadelphia; Rev. W. A. Forbes, Texarkana, 7:30 P. M.

Main-Street M. E. Church—7:30 P. M., Rev. W. T. Box, Prescott.

Ebenezer M. E. Church—Capital Hill, 11 A. M., Rev. W. T. Hutson, of Mississippi; 7:30 P. M., Rev. H. Beauchamp, Eureka Springs.

Methodist Church, South—Corner of Tenth and Bishop—11 A. M., Rev. J. W. Harris, Searcy; 7:30, Rev. L. Elledge, Judsonia.

Pine Bluff Church—11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M., Rev. D. B. Ray, D. D., St. Louis.

Colored Churches.

First Baptist—Corner of Seventh and Gaines—11 A. M., Rev. D. C. Hardin, Van Buren; 3 P. M., Rev. I. Z. Kimbrough, New Edinburg; 7:30 P. M., Rev. D. D. Swindall, Dardanelle.

Mt. Zion Church—Cross street, between Ninth and Tenth—3:30, Rev. E. Z. Simmons, Missionary to China; 7:30 P. M., Rev. J. G. Doyle, Beebe.

Mt. Pleasant Church—3 P. M., W. H. Paslay, Forrest City; 7:30 P. M., Rev. T. L. Fulbright, Magnolia.

Penitentiary—2 P. M., Rev. J. Halbert.

Y. M. C. A.—4 P. M., F. W. Taylor, Morrilton.

Blind Asylum—2 P. M., O. M. Lucas.

Prayer by Elder Jasper Dunagin.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the President. Prayer by Brother Smith.

The consideration of report of the Committee on Home Missions was resumed and the report was adopted.

The Secretary of the Convention read the report on Ministerial Education, consideration of which was postponed until 7:30 this evening. The report was as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee beg to report that they consider the education of the rising ministry a matter of prime importance. We recognize the fact that God calls into the ministry men who are not educated and who cannot arrange to obtain an education. There are fields in abundance for such laborers. The Master has, through the centuries, blessed the faithful labors of consecrated uneducated ministers. Such ministers deserve the sympathies and support of Christians everywhere.

We believe that the signs of the times indicate that we ought to educate and assist in educating as many consecrated young ministers as we may be able.

There is an imperative demand in our age for an educated ministry. The printing press is wielded by educated men in the interest of sin and error. This potent influence must be counteracted by an educated christianity. Few uneducated men are able to make themselves felt on the printed page. We need educated men to furnish sound literature for the people.

Our principles are being fiercely assailed in the pulpit and on the platform by all denominations and by skeptics of no denomination. It is useless to say the united hosts opposed to Baptists cannot be successfully met without educated men. Our pulpit must be equal to any in the land in intelligence and education.

The trustees of Ouachita College have arranged and desire to arrange for the education of all of our young ministers. On this account we commend Ouachita College to the hearts and pockets of our brethren.

Then, and not until then, we earnestly entreat our young ministers to take the benefits of the liberal offers and effective training tendered by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. We have fifteen ministers taking the course in Ouachita College and one in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

G. W. REEVES.

W. A. FORBES.

J. H. CASON.

The vote fixing the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education as a special order for this evening at 7:30 was reconsidered, and made a special order for 7 P. M., to be followed immediately by the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The report of the Committee on Temperance was submitted and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Temperance having carefully read the report adopted by this body at its last session, and believing that it expresses the feelings of our brethren and sisters of this State, we therefore recommend its reproduction in the minutes of this Convention, as follows:

"Realizing the great importance of our speaking freely and fearlessly on the seductive and monstrous evil of intemperance, we, the representatives of the great Baptist Brotherhood of our State, desire to give no uncertain sound on this subject. In accordance with the teaching of God's word, we warmly advocate temperance in all things—temperance in speech, in eating, in drinking; but we desire specially to put ourselves on record against even the moderate use of alcoholic

stimulants and tobacco in all forms. As citizens, we thank God for the wholesome laws enacted in the past by our State Legislature, putting restraints on the liquor traffic whereby temptation in the hideous form of dram shops may be removed from the path of our youth and older men, thus saving many a hard earned dollar to the needy wife and children, and much pain and crime to the community. We do not believe the temperance question should be made a political issue, but that all Christian men should feel called upon to support for political office only those who are themselves of temperate habits and who will aid in every honorable way to secure such further legislation as may seem best suited to rid our country of this body and soul-destroying curse. We believe that all good citizens ought to demand at the hands of local officials the total suppression of all so-called "blind tigers," and the severe punishment of all persons found engaged in the nefarious business. We further hold that it is inconsistent with Christian character for Baptists to vote for whisky license.

"We consider the use of tobacco as an evil to be discountenanced by this body. Its enervating effects on the human system, benumbing the brain and beclouding the intellect are well known by all who have given the subject investigation. Shall we, as Baptists, longer set example before the world, and especially before our youth, by using a poisonous weed only deleterious in its effects on the human system and hence only injurious to our immortal souls?"

"We consider it of great moment that regular and systematic instructions should be given in our public schools on the evil effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics on the human system."

ISOM P. LANGLEY,
GEO. D. MOORE,
H. J. STEINHEIMER,
Committee.

Brother J. W. Conger submitted the report of the Committee on Education, which reads as follows:

Your Committee on Education beg to report:

The necessity for higher intellectual and moral development is recognized by our people. This has as a happy concomitant in our youth an insatiable anxiety and thirst for knowledge and culture. Opportunities are being given on every hand for the attainment of these ends. The great question for our people is to determine whether our children shall be committed to the tuition of those who have sought to exterminate us with the sword and at the stake, and to their descendants; to those who despise the cardinal doctrines in all true culture—the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; or shall we commit them to the training and care of those who realize that to Him belongs "the kingdom, the power and the glory," and reverently kneel at the cross and teach that "obedience is better than sacrifice." Your committee recommend that every Baptist in Arkansas be urged that it is an individual duty to place his children for education where the teachings of home and parents will not be antagonized or neutralized, and that those institutions built and fostered by Baptists, especially those within the bounds of our State, be supported. In this connection we recommend the Baptist school at Judsonia as worthy of patronage, and endorse the action of Caroline Association in taking it under its fostering care.

The Ouachita College is peculiarly and distinctively our representative among

the educational institutions of the State, and has taken high rank. It has already commenced a glorious career of usefulness; No friend of the cause should falter in his devotion to our college, nor be diverted by local or personal interests. Its buildings are grand, its appointments are complete, its faculty of superior worth and ability, its curriculum thorough, its discipline firm, its situation healthful, and its moral surroundings and influences excellent. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. CONGER.
W. H. WOODALL.
W. E. ATKINSON.

The report was adopted.

Prof. Booker, representing the Colored Baptist College in Little Rock, was invited to address the body in the interest of his school. At the close of his address a collection was taken for the benefit of this school, and the sum of \$35.05 in cash, and a pledge for \$5 were turned over to Brother Booker.

The following resolution was offered by Brother Simms and adopted:

Resolved, That our State evangelist be requested to render weekly or monthly statements of all sums of money paid to him for the State work to the *Arkansas Baptist*, and that the same be published for the information of all concerned.

Brother Box submitted the report of the Committee on Publications, which reads as follows:

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to report as follows:

We fully recognize the fact that the press is a great power, either for good or for evil; for good if rightly employed, but for incalculable evil if arrayed against divine truth and righteousness. We cannot, therefore, be too careful as to the character of the literature we publish, read and circulate. It is a fact greatly to be deplored that Baptists are too indifferent as regards the publications of our own denomination. Some of our churches are using the periodicals, Sabbath-school literature and even the hymn books of other denominations, and all this in the very face of the fact that we have all these in abundant supply, issued by our own publishing houses. In view of these and other like facts and considerations, your Committee would most respectfully but earnestly recommend that our people use in these several lines the literature published by our own denomination, and strengthen and encourage our own brethren in this department of Christian work.

In our recommendations we must begin with the Bible—the word of God. This is the Book of books. Nothing can take its place. It should be our daily companion to read, to circulate and to obey. In this, as in no other way, we may learn the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning us.

Next to the Word of God we commend our own State paper, the *Arkansas Baptist*. We heartily commend this paper for its soundness of doctrine, its wise championship of all our State denominational enterprises and its general excellence as a live and progressive religious newspaper. We endorse the policy of its present management, and congratulate the Baptists of the State and the proprietors of the paper on the appreciation with which it is read and circulated. In our

opinion it should go into every Baptist family in our great State, and no pastor should relax his efforts until this object is attained.

Other and excellent papers, published outside of our State, are eminently worthy of our support, and should be taken by all who can afford to take more than one religious paper. These are too numerous to mention in a report like this, with two exceptions—we mean the *Foreign Mission Journal* and the *Home Field*. These are all that their names imply, and should be taken by every Baptist family in the land.

We also recommend to all our Sabbath-schools the use of *Kind Words and Lessons*, published under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Finally, your Committee would again call attention to the significant fact that many of our churches are not using the hymn books of our own denomination. We regret this, and therefore most earnestly recommend the use of our own song books in all our churches and Sabbath-schools. Attention is called to the Baptist Hymnal as a splendid song book for the use of our churches, but we would call especial attention to Harvest Bells, by Bro. W. E. Penn, as being admirably adapted to the use of our churches and Sabbath-schools. Bro. Penn is now a citizen of our State, and should receive our patronage and encouragement.

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. BOX,
F. W. TAYLOR,
C. W. STRICKLAND, Committee.

The report was adopted.

Brother A. W. Files submitted the report of the Committee on Woman's Work, as follows:

Your Committee on Woman's Work beg leave to submit the following:

We are glad to note a decided improvement in this department of Christian work during the past conventional year. The report of the Central Committee shows that there are thirty-six active societies in the State, and that they have contributed the following amounts:

Missions.....	\$ 610 59
Church aid.....	4,431 05
College.....	99 75
Ministerial Education.....	79 50
Total.....	\$5,713 94

Certainly our sisters have done a grand work, for which we thank God and them.

We learn that there are quite a number of societies in the State not in co-operation with the Central Committee. We do most earnestly recommend that every reasonable effort be made to effect a more thorough co-operation in this great work. We most heartily encourage our sisters, and, further, urge upon pastors and churches the great importance of organizing new societies until all our sisters are united in their efforts to further the grand and glorious work of evangelization.

A. W. FILES, Chairman.
M. F. LOCKE.
J. R. HUGHES.

The report was referred to the mass meeting to-morrow evening at 3:30 o'clock, as a special order.

Brother Swindall read the report from the Committee on Nominations, as follows:

NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to report as follows:

1. That the next session of the Convention be held at Arkadelphia.
2. That Brother Jasper Dunagin preach the Convention sermon and Brother R. J. Coleman, alternate.
3. To the American Baptist Education Society the following delegates: W. A. Clark, G. W. Reeves, W. H. Woodall, J. P. Eagle and B. G. Manard.
4. Executive Board: J. P. Eagle, J. K. Pace, C. W. Strickland, W. A. C. Sayles, Robert Veazey, B. C. Black and G. W. Reeves.
5. Southern Baptist Convention: D. D. Swindall, J. B. Searcy, M. F. Locke, J. K. Pace, W. A. Clark, J. R. Hughes, J. H. Cason, J. P. Eagle, J. W. Conger, W. T. Box, A. B. Miller, Frank White, Martin Ball, W. A. Forbes, J. G. Doyle, J. M. Hart, B. G. Manard, W. H. Barnes, J. J. Moore, W. C. Golden and A. J. Kincaid.
6. Ministerial Education: G. W. Reeves, J. W. Conger, R. L. Wallace and B. J. Dunn.
7. Secretary Home Board: A. B. Miller.
8. Secretary Foreign Missions: J. B. Searcy.
9. Statistical Secretary: J. K. Pace.
10. Woman's Central Committee: Mrs. J. K. Pace, Mrs. A. B. Miller, Mrs. W. A. Forbes, Mrs. Martin Ball, Mrs. E. Longley, Mrs. J. B. Searcy and Mrs. J. P. Eagle.

D. D. SWINDALL,
J. H. BLACK,
J. G. DOYLE,
FRANK WHITE,
Committee.

Pending consideration of the same an adjournment was had to 7 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order. Prayer by the Secretary.

The special order for the hour being consideration of the report of Committee on Ministerial Education, it was taken up.

A collection was taken in cash and pledges for the aid of needy students, amounting to \$684.25.

The report was then adopted.

Elder J. B. Searcy read the report on Foreign Missions, as follows:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would say that the spirit of the Gospel is the spirit of Missions. The field is the world, and the Master says "teach all nations;" "preach the Gospel to every creature." The department of this work

known as Foreign Missions is rapidly increasing in interest each year. "God, by His providence, has set an open door before us and no man can shut it." Fields white with harvest are waving before us as never before. Armies of willing workers are standing ready with sickle in hand, saying: "Send me."

Since coming to this Convention your Committee have heard of no less than thirty-four earnest applicants for Foreign Mission work, four of whom, like Luke of old, are Christian physicians, a class very greatly needed in the foreign field. The one crying want to-day is means with which to support these missionaries. But our faith is that the God who has opened these fields and made these men and women willing to go, will open the hearts and purses of the people to lay upon God's altar, even at a sacrifice, the means necessary to carry forward this work in accordance with its demands. We need contributions from all our people. We urge our pastors and active church workers to try to see if possible and get a contribution of some kind from all for this work. We also urge that those who are blessed with liberal means will give large sums to this work as they do to educational and other benevolent works. Why need we fear to give when the Lord says: "Give, and it shall be given unto you, good measure, heap up, pressed down and running over." If we believe God, we will abound in His grace also. Our work at present in purely heathen countries is with those in China, Japan and Africa. Our papal missions are with those in Italy, Mexico and Brazil. These are Romanists who have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof; for they, being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of Christ. They are scarcely less heathen than those in pagan lands. Our churches at home need the reflex influence of this work. As we are a blessing to others we will be blessed.

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Chairman.

W. H. BARNES.

ISOM P. LANGLEY.

The report was spoken of by Elder E. Z. Simmons, of China, and Dr. T. P. Bell, of Richmond, Va., and was adopted.

The report of Committee on Nominations was called for and consideration of it resumed. The vote defeating the motion to strike out Arkadelphia and insert Eureka Springs was reconsidered, and the amendment prevailed, Eureka Springs being inserted.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report as amended, the report was adopted, Brother W. E. Atkinson being substituted for Brother C. W. Strickland, relieved.

Brother Pace, Statistical Secretary, reported progress, and he was allowed to complete his labors and turn over his work to the Secretary.

Brother Hardin offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to have published 1000 copies of the minutes of this Convention, and that he be paid \$30 for his services, and postage necessary to defray expenses of sending them out.

Amendment by W. A. Clark, accepted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of this body be instructed to have printed under the same cover with the minutes of this Convention the proceedings of the Arkansas Baptist State Sunday-school Convention, held in this church on the 30th ultimo.

The resolution was adopted.

Brother A. W. Files submitted his final account current as Treasurer, which was received, and is as follows:

A. W. Files, Treasurer,		In Account with State Convention,		DR.
1889.				
Nov.	1,	To balance on hand as per account charged.....	\$	286 71
"	8,	" Collection, Jonesboro—box, foreign.....		1 75
"	8,	" " Jonesboro—box, home.....		1 75
"	8,	" " Jonesboro—box, state.....		1 80
"	8,	" " M. D. Early on fourth quarter, state.....		23 24
"	8,	" " M. D. Early on balance collected to Sept. 30..		228 41
"	8,	" " Searcy Church to Sept. 30.....		10 00
"	8,	" " from J. G. Holland, Sept. 30.....		19 10
"	8,	" " from Caroline Association, Sept. 30.....		79 30
"	8,	" " from Caroline Association, foreign.....		1 60
"	11,	" " 2d Baptist Church S. S., Little Rock, foreign....		1 55
"	11,	" " 2d Baptist Church S. S., Little Rock, home.....		1 50
"	11,	" " 2d Baptist Church S. S., Little Rock, state....		3 05
"	11,	" " Van Buren Church, per E. S. Greene.....		1 00
Dec.	9,	" " 2d Baptist Church S. S., Little Rock, foreign....		69
"	9,	" " 2d Baptist Church S. S., Little Rock, home....		69
"	9,	" " 2d Baptist Church S. S., Little Rock, state....		1 37
"	15,	" " Fort Smith Church, state.....		20 00
1889,				
Jan.	9,	" " N. G. Denson, home.....		6 25
"	10,	" " Hope Church, state.....		10 00
"	10,	" " Prescott Church, state.....		22 75
"	10,	" " Prescott Church, foreign.....		15 85
"	10,	" " Prescott Church, home.....		15 90
"	13,	" " 2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, home.....		90
"	13,	" " 2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, foreign.....		90
"	13,	" " 2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, state.....		90
"	17,	" " N. C. Denson, home.....		2 25
"	18,	" " Lake Village Church, state.....		15 00
"	30,	" " Sardis Church, state.....		2 00
Feb.	9,	" " Southern Board, state.....		185 00
"	19,	" " "Sunbeams," Lonoke, state.....		10 00
"	24,	" " Nellie England, for Havana Church, C.....		40
Mc'h	3,	" " 2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, state.....		2 90
"	3,	" " 2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, foreign.....		1 45
"	3,	" " 2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, home.....		1 45

Mc'h	6,	"	"	Saline Association, state	5 25
"	7,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, Min. Educ'n.	11 00
"	18,	"	"	J. P. Eagle, state	50 00
"	25,	"	"	Ladies Mis. Society, Mountain Home Church	20 00
April	7,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, state	1 50
"	7,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, foreign	75
"	7,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, home	75
"	16,	"	"	Ladies Aid Soc., 2d Ch., Little Rock, home	10 00
"	16,	"	"	Ladies Aid Soc., 2d Ch., Little Rock, foreign	10 00
"	16,	"	"	Ladies Aid Soc., 2d Ch., Little Rock, home	10 00
"	16,	"	"	Ladies Aid Soc., 2d Ch., Little Rock, Min. Ed.	10 00
"	22,	"	"	Mt. Zion Association, state	11 55
"	25,	"	"	Dr. John Harston, Atlanta, Ga., state	2 50
May	11,	"	"	Morrilton Sunday-school, state	6 60
"	19,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, state	1 31
"	19,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, foreign	65
"	19,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, home	65
"	21,	"	"	Southern Board, state	185 00
"	22,	"	"	Helena Church, state	5 00
"	24,	"	"	Bethany Church, state	1 00
June	4,	"	"	Lonoke Church for Van Buren Church, state	20 00
"	9,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, state	75
"	9,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, foreign	38
"	9,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, home	38
"	9,	"	"	Mrs. T. J. Neely, home	50
"	10,	"	"	Russellville Church, state	6 15
"	16,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	19 40
"	18,	"	"	J. P. Eagle, for Van Buren Church, state	5 00
"	23,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	5 00
July	8,	"	"	Jonesboro Church, state	6 50
"	8,	"	"	Jonesboro Ladies Aid Society, state	3 50
"	8,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, state	1 00
"	8,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, foreign	45
"	8,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, home	50
"	21,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	6 00
"	27,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	7 50
Aug.	1,	"	"	Southern Board, state	185 00
"	5,	"	"	1st Bap. Ch., L. R., for Van Buren Ch., state	30 00
"	19,	"	"	Marianna Sunday-school, state	2 00
"	19,	"	"	Marianna Sunday-school, home	1 00
"	30,	"	"	Van Buren Church to cover overdraft	12 30
"	31,	"	"	J. M. Bolger, home	2 00
"	31,	"	"	Eureka Springs Church, state	7 00
Sept.	1,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	2 50
"	1,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, state	1 65
"	1,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, foreign	80
"	1,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, home	80
"	6,	"	"	Marianna Sunday-school, home	1 25

Sept.	6,	"	"	Marianna Sunday-school, state	75
"	6,	"	"	W. K. Estes, state	1 00
"	6,	"	"	Jesse Hinkle, state	1 00
"	6,	"	"	Thomas Banks, state	20
"	6,	"	"	R. E. and A. A. Trevathen, state	10
"	11,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	15 00
"	25,	"	"	Friendship Association, home	70 40
Oct.	8,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	30 00
"	10,	"	"	Ladies Aid Society, Alma, state	2 50
"	10,	"	"	J. M. Hash, state	20 70
"	10,	"	"	J. B. Searcy, home	2 50
"	14,	"	"	Caroline Association, home	14 40
"	14,	"	"	Caroline Association, foreign	24 45
"	14,	"	"	Caroline Association, state	2 45
"	16,	"	"	Bartholomew Association, state	10 70
"	20,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, state	1 05
"	20,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, home	55
"	20,	"	"	2d Baptist S. S., Little Rock, foreign	50
"	21,	"	"	Dardanelle Association, state	7 45
"	22,	"	"	Ladies Aid Society, Lonoke, home	9 70
"	27,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	66 00
"	29,	"	"	Pine Bluff Church, home	18 55
"	29,	"	"	Clear Creek Association, home	3 20
"	29,	"	"	Clear Creek Association, state	5 00
"	30,	"	"	Little Red River Association, state	4 00
"	30,	"	"	Southern Board, state	185 00
"	30,	"	"	Marianna Sunday-school, home	1 50
"	31,	"	"	New Edinburgh Church, state	8 00
"	31,	"	"	Woman's Society, Fayetteville, state	2 00
"	31,	"	"	Woman's Society, Fayetteville, home	2 00
"	31,	"	"	Woman's Society, Altus, state	2 00
"	31,	"	"	Woman's Society, Graham, home	50
"	31,	"	"	Fort Smith Church, state	22 00
"	31,	"	"	Cleveland Church, state	4 25
"	31,	"	"	2d Baptist Church, Little Rock, state	5 00

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Nov.	3,	"	"	By amount paid A. S. Hall	voucher A	\$	16 65
"	3,	"	"	J. M. Lawrence	"	B	12 50
"	8,	"	"	M. D. Early	"	1	200 00
"	8,	"	"	M. D. Early	"	2	51 65
"	8,	"	"	J. G. Holland	"	3	29 35
"	9,	"	"	Jasper Dunigan	"	4	8 35
"	12,	"	"	J. B. Lumbley	"	5	41 65
"	17,	"	"	Jasper Dunigan	"	6	34 00
"	17,	"	"	A. B. Miller	"	7	83 35
"	26,	"	"	Martin Ball	"	8	30 00

Dec.	7,	"	"	J. M. Lawrence.....	"	9	20 83
"	8,	"	"	B. N. Hultsman.....	"	10	8 35
"	18,	"	"	J. M. McGuire.....	"	11	11 10
"	24,	"	"	Mitchell & Bettis.....	"	12	65 00
1889.							
Jan.	8,	"	"	W. A. Forbes.....	"	13	5 80
"	23,	"	"	J. B. Searcy, Foreign Missions.....	"	14	29 34
Feb.	25,	"	"	I. T. Tichnor, Home Missions.....	"	15	33 65
"	26,	"	"	R. C. Rhoden.....	"	16	5 00
"	27,	"	"	D. Dunigan.....	"	17	11 40
Mc'h	7,	"	"	G. W. Reeves, Minis'l Educ'n.....	"	18	11 00
"	13,	"	"	B. N. Hultsman.....	"	19	12 50
"	18,	"	"	A. B. Miller.....	"	20	125 00
"	22,	"	"	J. B. Lumbley.....	"	21	52 50
"	29,	"	"	P. A. Haman.....	"	22	18 75
April	16,	"	"	J. B. Searcy, Foreign Missions.....	"	23	12 20
"	16,	"	"	I. T. Tichnor, Home Missions.....	"	24	12 20
"	17,	"	"	I. Z. Kimbrough.....	"	25	13 00
"	22,	"	"	Mt. Zion Association.....	"	26	11 55
"	23,	"	"	G. W. Reeves, Minis'tl Educ'n.....	"	27	10 00
"	29,	"	"	D. C. Hardin.....	"	28	40 00
May	28,	"	"	J. B. Lumbley.....	"	29	30 00
June	4,	"	"	A. B. Miller.....	"	30	100 00
"	15,	"	"	I. Z. Kimbrough.....	"	31	12 50
July	8,	"	"	Mt. Zion Association.....	"	32	10 00
"	16,	"	"	D. C. Hardin.....	"	33	80 00
"	26,	"	"	J. B. Lumbley.....	"	34	35 00
Aug.	22,	"	"	A. B. Miller.....	"	35	100 00
"	24,	"	"	Van Buren Church.....	"	36	67 30
"	31,	"	"	D. C. Hardin.....	"	37	120 70
Sept.	12,	"	"	I. Z. Kimbrough.....	"	38	12 50
"	25,	"	"	I. T. Tichnor, Home Missions.....	"	39	77 48
Oct.	28,	"	"	A. B. Miller.....	"	40	100 00
Nov.	1,	"	"	D. C. Hardin.....	"	41	125 00
"	1,	"	"	J. B. Lumbley.....	"	42	38 00
"	1,	"	"	I. Z. Kimbrough.....	"	43	12 50
"	1,	"	"	J. B. Searcy.....	"	44	27 23
"	1,	"	"	I. T. Tichnor.....	"	45	52 90
"	1,	"	"	Martin Ball.....	"	46	10 00
"	1,	"	"	W. A. C. Sayle, Treasurer.....	"	47	66 85

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Brother Clark submitted the following on obituaries:

ON OBITUARIES.

Mid all the mercies God has bestowed during the year, the shadow of sorrow has also been cast, and the following brethren have been gathered by the Reaper, Death: Elder C. F. Moore, Saline county; Elder M. A. West, El Paso; age 81

years; had been preaching forty-two years; Elder Amos Weaver, Little Rock; age 84. He began his ministry when 20 years old with the Methodists, but soon after united with the Baptists; Elder William Smith, Stephens; age 86 years; began preaching at 17; Judson S. Taylor, Eureka Springs; age 50; Elder John Mays, Fayetteville; age 74.

W. A. CLARK.

W. A. BAYS.

WM. TUCKER.

It was adopted.

On motion of H. Beauchamp, the Chairman of the Executive Board of each Association, and if none, the Moderator of last Association, was elected as Associational representative in each Association.

On motion of Brother O. M. Lucas, thanks were tendered the Baptists of Little Rock and friends for entertainment, and to the several churches for the use of their houses on to-morrow, and to the newspapers for their reports of our proceedings, and to railroads for reduced fare.

The following from Committee to Visit the Blind Asylum was adopted:

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

Your Committee to Visit the Arkansas School for the Blind, beg leave to report that they have, in company with a large number of this body, visited said institution, and were delighted with the condition and prospects of the school. It is accomplishing a great work, and as citizens of our great State, we feel a just and pardonable pride in the success and growth of this noble charity. We are glad to know that the school has just had the best opening in its history, having already enrolled one hundred and twenty pupils. The singing of the pupils and the prayers and earnest speeches of our delegates made it good to be there. The Superintendent and school, by a rising vote, thanked us for our visit, and invited all our members and visitors to worship with them Sabbath, at 2 P. M.

R. H. McCONNELL, Chairman.

Collections ordered taken at the Baptist churches to-morrow for Van Buren church.

Ordered that the cover of our minutes be given to Ouachita College, and the inside of the cover to the *Arkansas Baptist*.

A ring in Treasurer Files' possession was ordered returned to the Fletcher family.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 3:30 P. M. to consider report on Woman's Work.

Prayer by Elder L. Elledge.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

Convention assembled.

The report on Woman's Work was taken up, discussed and adopted. Adjourned till 7:30 P. M.

SUNDAY EVENING, 7:30.

On motion of W. A. Clark, any Baptist from Arkansas in attendance upon the State Conventions of Missouri, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana or Texas, with minutes of this Convention, were instructed to act as our corresponding messengers to such body.

Brother W. E. Penn sang a song entitled "A Beautiful Dream," and, on motion, he was requested to repeat it at once, which he did.

The report of Committee on Finance was adopted, as follows:

Amount raised for Van Buren Church.....	\$ 31 55
Amount pledges.....	25 00
Amount for Ministerial Education, cash and pledges.....	845 00
Amount for Ouachita College.....	10,013 25
Amount for minutes.....	9 00
Amount for Students' Aid Fund at Louisville (S. B. T. Seminary).....	308 31
Amount for State Missions.....	30 85
Amount for Colored Baptist College.....	40 05

RECAPITULATION.

Van Buren Church.....	\$ 31 55
Ministerial Education.....	845 00
Ouachita College.....	10,013 25
Minutes of Convention.....	9 00
Students' Aid, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.....	308 31
State Missions.....	30 8
Colored Baptist College, Little Rock.....	40 05

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We, your committee, do urgently recommend that each church and Association sending delegates to this Convention be, and are hereby requested, to place in the hands of their delegates a sum of money which shall be used for printing the minutes of the Convention.

I. R. HALL,
GRANT TAYLOR,
GEORGE WEST,
Committee.

The Convention then adjourned until the time and place of next meeting.

W. E. PENN, President.

JNO. G. B. SIMMS, Secretary.

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, Mission 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 till their successors shall be appointed.

ARTICLE 7. The Convention shall convene on Thursday 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.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Pastors	Churches	ADDITIONS.				DIMINUTIONS.				Total Membership	Contributions Reported.	MODERATORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.
			Baptized.	Letter.	Relation.	Restored	Letter	Excluded	Erased.	Died				
1 Bartholomew	20	43	120	64	9	20	77	54	19	1,806	\$2,204 15	D. E. Barker	J. G. B. Simms, Lake Village.	
2 Benton County	14	32	129	106		21	122	29	26	1,949	2,531 08	A. J. Estes, Siloam Springs	J. C. Robertson, Elm Springs.	
3 Big Creek	8	15	60	30	8	2	28	10	8	511	108 10	W. H. Bowling, Union	J. A. Lovelace, Oxford.	
4 Blue Mountain	11	16	33	23	3	8				844		A. R. Stephenson	C. P. Albert	
5 Caddo River	14	28	83	75		13	45	12	5	784	32 90	W. W. Carson, New Hope	E. Wright, Hickory Station.	
6 Caroline	22	51	314	312		29	197	26	57	3,168	10,653 57	W. H. Fletcher, Little Rock.	John T. Holland, Searcy	
7 Carroll County	8	10	52	27		3	21	28	3	412	78 85	C. L. Mattox, Green Forest	J. N. Edmonson, Eureka Spring	
8 Central	3	6	18	15		7	17	6	4	206	8 30	W. H. Middleton	W. M. Owen	
9 Clear Creek	15	30	101	112	15	8	153	27	21	1,216	1,291 10	M. F. Locke, Alma.	J. M. Lawrence, Altus	
10 Columbia	13	30	56	101		8	117	45	15	1,615	261 77	A. J. Brewer, Magnolia	G. G. Wise, Mar's Hill.	
11 Concord	16	28	171	117		8	136	49	20	1,401	132 60	C. B. Neal, Greenwood	C. C. Stalcup, Greenwood	
12 Concord West	15	34	164	157		16	118	42	20	1,739	121 35	J. N. Pennington, Booneville	H. N. Smith, Tomlinson	
13 Crooked Creek	12	23	42	30	3	10	28	13	4	723	296 70	A. J. Roberts, Harrison	W. H. Raley, Lead Hill	
14 Current River	4	10	7	10	1	2	7	14	16	195	11 20	Thomas Watson	Robert Black, Corning	
15 Dardanelle	22	48	113	139		8	138	43	30	1,975	169 40	J. S. Gray, Clarkesville	J. R. G. W. N. Adams, Darda	
16 Fayetteville	17	31	161	100		20	139	31	18	1,380	1,555 09	L. R. Hanks, Fayetteville.	H. P. Green, Prairie Grove	
17 Fourche Valley	5	8								231	9 55	J. E. McGoreran, Perryville	J. A. Johnson, Morrilton	
18 Friendship	16	26	107	57	5	11	38	30	18	1,350	157 50	M. A. Gunter, Glendale.	J. W. McPherson, Coleman	
19 Gainesville	9	21	124	45	15	4	31	31	15	1,167	157 51	G. Lively, Piggott	Henry Holcomb, Piggott	
20 Grand Prairie	6	14	149	36	13	2	35	15	19	580	442 98	J. B. Saunders, Hazen	D. S. Cannon, De Witt	
21 Greenbrier	12	20	153	71		16	21	14	5	1,048	47 25	O. M. Lucas	G. B. Farmer	
22 Independence	11	17	50	53	4		50	13	10	992	37 95	James Purcelley, Batesville	Josiah Martin, Curia	
23 Judson	14	25	103	81		12	79	28	14	1,147	282 28	J. B. Yager, Ramsey	E. A. Lindsey	
*24 Liberty	13	19	124	55		23	54	20	21	1,022	2,173 75	H. T. Hawkins, Mt. Holly	H. Wade, Blanchard Springs	
25 Little Red River	10	15	61	64	8	5	56	60	29	676	31 50	M. T. Webb, Heber	T. J. Harland, Shiloh	
26 Mount Vernon	12	28	109	95		10	59	22	43	1,221	3,896 35	R. G. Hewlett, Spring Creek	T. K. Obenchain, Barton	
27 Mount Zion	14	34	160	110	19	13	69	42	28	1,586	2,953 20	E. P. Minton, Jonesboro	L. P. Montgomery, Jonesboro	
28 Ouachita	12	17	30	42	1	4	42	22	5	571	13 45	J. M. Green	E. R. Box, Rock Springs	
29 Pee Dee	4	6	7	18			13	1	5	144	11 75	J. B. Fortner, Clinton	T. C. Ford, Eglantine	
30 Pine Bluff	18	35	267	126		35	119	50	23	2,292	152 05	Joshua Halbert, Prattsville	W. C. C. Dorough	
31 Red River	19	32	168	181		27	137	38	24	2,016	6,058 47	G. W. Reeves, Arkadelphia	T. A. Heard, Arkadelphia	
32 Rocky Bayou	8	19	86	50	5	4	40	26	17	856	692 00	W. M. Duren, Barren Fork	J. D. Payne, Melbourne	
33 Russellville	8	23	111	81		4	60	30	12	1,247	326 20	J. M. Hart, Russellville.	W. L. Puckett	
34 Saline	19	55	221	124	15	23	134	74	31	2,534	1,587 05	J. C. Henderson, North Point	— McCallum, Malvern	
35 South Western	20	36	232	116		44	106	42	24	1,514	463 37	J. H. Black	J. H. Denson	
36 Spring River	12	30	90	80	17	7	39	23	23	1,138	63 83	M. D. Bowers, Pocahontas	H. W. Townsend, Smithville	
37 Spring Valley	9	12	40	43	10		32	4	8	499	225 80	J. Baker, Whitener P. O	J. W. Pumphrey, Huntsville	
†38 State Line		10	8	3			14	1	4	350	236 60	D. A. Presley, Lima	A. R. Kirkpatrick, Alton, Mo.	
‡39 Texarkana	2	5	12	4				8	1	144	819 25	H. H. Echols, New Boston, Tex.	N. J. Rachel, Corley, Texas	
‡40 Union		9								462				
41 Union 2d	18	33	103	101		13	87	48	18	1,629	382 80	James E. Askew, College Hill	R. H. Mitchell, Rosston	
42 Union 3d	5	15	25	38				5	4	259	49 35	F. M. Brown	Jacob King	
43 United	12	25	158	55		16	64	18	12	994	62 90	J. K. Broadway, Scotland	E. A. Wolverton, Centre Ridge	
44 White River	9	29	105	43	4	33	86	38	21	1,307	878 40	T. W. Wright, Mountain Home	Wm. A. Collis, Independence	
45 White River Valley	4	10	32	30			37	6	11	460	15 30	F. M. Brannan, Sulphur Rock	J. G. Smith, Fitzgerald.	
Totals	515	153	4,519	3,230	154	490	2,945	1,138	711	49,428	\$32,667 55			

*Louisiana Churches not included. †Missouri Churches not included. ‡Texas Churches not included. †I was not able to get a minute of this Association later than 1887; since the material changes have been made. The membership is estimated. The Association is in Carroll County. The estimates given in this table are in most instances from minutes of 1888. My report was postponed till after the Convention, hoping to secure minutes of 1889, but I received only a few. Brethren will confer a great favor upon me by forwarding, as soon as possible, minutes of the last meeting of Associations. I believe that if the full reports of 1889 were in the total membership of the Churches would reach nearly 55,000.

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