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ARKADELPHIA, ARK.

* * Spring term opens January 27th, 1890.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Arkansas Baptist State Convention,

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD AT

EUREKA SPRINGS,

OCTOBER 30TH TO NOVEMBER 1ST, 1890.

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD WITH THE BAPTIST CHURCH, ARKADELPHIA, WEDNESDAY
BEFORE THE FIRST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER, 1891.

LITTLE ROCK.
ARKANSAS BAPTIST,
1890.

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W. A. CLARK, Statistical Secretary, Little Rock.
J. B. SEARCY, Agent Ouachita College, Hope.
J. J. TAYLOR, Sec'y Board of Ministerial Education, Arkadelphia.
A. B. MILLER, Agent for Home Missions, Little Rock.
B. G. MANARD, Historical Secretary, 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, 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 until their successors shall be appointed.

ARTICLE 7. The Convention shall convene on Wednesday 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.

EUREKA SPRINGS, October 30, 1890.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention was called to order in the Opera House, by the President, W. E. Penn, at 10 o'clock, A. M. this day. The 145th Psalm was read and prayer offered by the President.

The President appointed as a Committee on Credentials, Brethren Ball, Toombs and Hall.

By request of the President, Brother A. J. Holt conducted devotional exercises during the absence of Committee on Credentials.

Having performed the duty assigned them, the Committee reported the following named persons as duly accredited delegates to this Convention:

REPRESENTATIVES FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

- Current River*—W. P. Kime.
- Spring River*—W. P. Kime.
- Caroline*—R. J. Coleman, A. B. Miller, J. H. Myers, J. B. Permitter, C. P. Warren.
- Russellville*—J. H. Cason, J. R. G. W. N. Adams.
- Bartholomew*—J. G. B. Simms, M. A. Gunter.
- Judson*—L. J. Hogg, J. L. Mann, I. Z. Kimbrough.
- Spring Valley*—J. Baker.
- Crooked Creek*—J. H. Speer, W. R. Speer, Q. C. Pennington.
- Little Red River*—R. G. Lafferty, Vines Turner.
- Saline*—J. C. Espy, L. Matthews.
- White River*—Wm. Denton.
- Clear Creek*—J. H. Cason, G. M. Fortune.

Friendship—T. J. Varnell.

Benton County—I. R. Hall, J. C. Robinson, J. T. Mitchell, G. C. Harris.

Fayetteville—R. A. Beard, F. G. Kimbrough, H. P. Green.

Gainesville—W. J. Bearden.

Columbia—H. A. Munn.

Mt. Vernon—J. S. Edmonds.

Mt. Zion—J. H. Kitchens, Jr., E. P. Minton, Jacob Sharp, J. B. Wise, C. B. Hunton.

Concord—G. W. Figner, T. H. D. McAllister, A. H. Autry.

Greenbrier—G. Ed. Hilliard, Mrs. A. R. Witt.

Carroll County—C. L. Mattox, E. E. Kendall, J. L. Sims, D. B. Kettrell.

Dardanelle—D. D. Swindall.

Liberty—D. E. Gambrell.

State Line—J. S. Anderson.

CHURCHES.

Carrollton—

C. M. Barnes.

C. E. Wann.

Marianna—

J. S. Edmonds.

Morrilton—

W. A. C. Sayle.

J. A. Meyers.

J. G. Pendergrass.

Lake Village—

F. W. Taylor.

Searcy—

B. C. Black.

Conway—

T. M. Jackson.

G. W. Bruce.

Mrs. Anna Harrison.

Shady Grove—

J. A. Denney.

Greenbrier—

C. H. Glover.

Ft. Smith—

J. L. Henderson.

R. A. Clarkson.

Pea Ridge—

A. J. Maxwell.

Lonoke—

J. P. Eagle

J. D. Fletcher.

J. B. Perminter.

Rogers—

J. H. Miller.

Bellefonte—

Q. C. Pennington.

Hope—

J. B. Searcy.

Sugar Loaf—

M. T. Webb.

1st Church, Eureka—

G. A. Grammar.

W. E. Penn.

H. R. Ray.

2d Church, Eureka—

F. M. Williamson.

Elder J. N. Edmonson.

Sulphur Springs—

Vines Turner.

Valley Grove—

D. L. Hood.

1st Church, Little Rock—

J. K. Pace.

W. A. Clark.

B. G. Manard.

2d Church, Little Rock—

A. J. Holt.

M. F. Locke.

C. W. Walker.

Springdale—

L. Quinn.

J. R. Harris.

Mrs. E. Harris.

Fayetteville—

J. W. Lipsey.

Wm. Harris.

Fayetteville—

J. J. Emerson.

Star City—

O. M. Lucas.

Ozark—

G. M. Fortune.

New Edinburg—

T. B. Tims.

A. Franklin.

T. W. Mosely.

Spring Hill—

C. B. Parsons.

Paragould—

J. B. Wise.

Marcus Hill—

H. B. Glover.

Argenta—

J. H. Myers.

Russellville—

J. H. Cason.

Mt. Vernon—

J. M. Lawrence.

Batesville—

W. A. Gibboney.

Van Buren—

D. C. Hardin.

Mrs. R. W. Funk.

Rock Spring—

J. M. Jackson.

White Elm—

T. C. Ferguson.

Jonesboro—

Martin Ball.

J. N. Barham.

Benton—

D. L. Moore.

Arkadelphia—

J. W. Conger.

B. J. Dunn.

1st Church, Hot Springs—

G. W. Reeves.

Judsonia—

Harvey Beauchamp.

R. R. Lewis.

Dardanelle—

D. D. Swindall.

Oak Grove—

R. L. Been.

R. H. McConnell.

Camden—

D. E. Gambrell.

Helena—

W. H. Barnes.

Pleasant Hill—

Isaac Stanley.

Liberty—

A. J. Hodges.

Pine Bluff—

W. C. Golden.

Holly Springs—

H. R. Moran.

Antioch—

T. I. Pirtle.

The report of the Committee was adopted and Committee discharged.

The chair announced the first business to be the election of a President. James P. Eagle was nominated, and there being no other nomination, the Secretary was instructed by vote of the body to cast the ballot of the convention for James P. Eagle for President, which was accordingly done. Brother Eagle came forward and took the chair with suitable remarks.

Nominations for Vice-President were declared in order. The following brethren were nominated: G. W. Reeves, M. F. Locke, I. R. Hall, G. W. Bruce, W. A. C. Sayle and J. W. Conger. Brethren Searcy, Hardin and Jackson were appointed tellers. The ballots

having been collected and spread, Brethren I. R. Hall and G. W. Reeves were declared elected, respectively, as First and Second Vice-Presidents of this Convention, and invited to seats upon the rostrum.

Brethren Box, Locke and Manard were appointed tellers to hold the election for Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Brethren Simms and Ball were nominated for Secretary, and Brother W. A. C. Sayle for Treasurer. By consent, the chair announced that the candidate receiving the highest number of votes for Secretary would be declared elected as such, and that he who received the next highest number would be considered as elected Assistant Secretary.

Brother Sayle having no opposition for Treasurer, the Secretary, on motion, was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for him, which was accordingly done, and he was declared duly elected as such.

The ballots for Secretary having been called and spread, Brother Simms was declared to be the choice of the Convention for Secretary, and Brother Ball for Assistant.

Brother Grammar, in behalf of the churches of this city, delivered an address of welcome to the Convention, which by request of the chair was responded to on behalf of the Convention by Brother A. B. Miller.

On motion of Brother Pace, Professor Sampey of the S. B. T. Seminary, at Louisville, was requested, at a suitable moment, to address the body in the interests of that institution.

Brother Conger, in behalf of Brother A. J. Holt, presented to the Convention a gavel made of olive wood grown upon the Mount of Olives. The presentation was accompanied with suitable remarks, which were responded to by the President.

On motion of Brother Gibboney, the thanks of the body were tendered Brother Holt, for the gavel.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats, and requested to hand their names to the Secretary. The following responded:

D. B. Ray, St. Louis.
 J. R. Sampey, S. B. T. Seminary, Louisville.
 J. K. Northcup, Missouri.
 W. A. Welsher, Evangelist, Kansas.
 W. McNutt, St. John, Kan.
 J. C. Sells, Cassville, Mo.
 C. E. Smith, Missionary to Africa.

Brother Sampey addressed the Convention in the interest of the S. B. Theological Seminary, and received following pledges for the Student's Aid Fund of that institution:

B. G. Manard, Little Rock	\$10.00
J. J. Taylor will support Brother Adams	
J. K. Pace, Little Rock	10.00
M. F. Locke, Little Rock (paid)	10.00
G. W. Reeves, Hot Springs	20.00
J. H. Miller, Rogers	5.00
H. A. Munn, Waldo	5.00
W. A. C. Sayle, Morrilton	5.00
Arkansas Baptist, Little Rock	10.00
J. W. Conger, Arkadelphia	5.00
H. Beauchamp, Judsonia	10.00
L. Quinn, (for Springdale Church)	5.00
Ozark Church, (G. M. Fortune)	10.00
American Baptist, St. Louis	10.00
M. A. Gibboney, Batesville	5.00
W. T. Box, Morrilton	5.00
J. G. B. Simms, Little Rock	10.00
G. W. Bruce, Conway	5.00
Wm. Denton, Cassville	5.00
J. P. Eagle, Little Rock	15.00
C. E. Smith, Judsonia	5.00
F. W. Taylor, Lake Village	5.00
Lake Village Church, (by F. W. Taylor)	5.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Jonesboro	5.00
J. W. Lipsey, Fayetteville	25.00
Eureka Springs Church, (G. A. Grammar)	10.00
Oak Bower Church, (T. H. B. McAllister)	5.00
Fort Smith Church, (J. L. Henderson)	10.00
J. B. Searcy, Hope	10.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Hope	5.00
A. B. Miller, Little Rock	5.00
C. B. Hunton, Jonesboro	5.00
Jonesboro Church	10.00
Fayetteville Ladies' Aid Society	5.00
Russellville Church, (J. H. Cason)	5.00
Ladies' Aid Society, Sulphur Springs	5.00
Ladies' Mite Society, Conway	5.00
Huntington Church, (T. H. B. McAllister, Auburn)	2.50
Arkadelphia Church	25.00
Co-Workers Fayetteville Church	5.00
Black Rock Church, (W. P. Kime)	5.00
Mrs. M. F. Locke (paid)	5.00

Mrs. C. W. Bruce (paid)	5.00
John Gardner, West. Union Association, Ky. (paid)	1.00
R. A. Beard, for wife (paid)	5.00
D. C. Hardin (paid)	2.00
Cash collected	13.15
Total	\$358.65

On motion of Brother Locke, the following resolution fixing hours of meeting and adjournment was adopted:

Resolved, That the sessions of this Convention shall be as follows, to-wit: Meet at 9 o'clock a. m., and adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 2 p. m. and adjourn at 4:30 p. m.; meet at 7 p. m. and adjourn at will.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Miller, of Rogers.

The chair announced the following Standing Committees:

State Missions.—B. G. Manard, A. J. Holt, F. G. Kimbrough, D. C. Hardin, W. A. Gibboney.

Publications.—D. D. Swindall, R. J. Coleman, W. F. Toombs, J. H. Miller, I. Z. Kimbrough.

Nominations.—J. W. Conger, M. F. Locke, J. B. Permpter, M. A. Gunter, Vines Turner.

Finance.—J. L. Henderson, G. W. Bruce, G. E. Hilliard, T. H. D. McAllister, C. L. Mattox.

Obituaries.—H. P. Green, J. G. Pendergrass, J. F. Mitchell, W. J. Bearden, R. A. Clarkson.

Home Missions.—A. B. Miller, O. M. Lucas, Geo. M. Fortune, L. Quinn, W. P. Kime.

Foreign Missions.—J. B. Searcy, J. H. Cason, T. M. Jackson, D. E. Gambrell, Jacob Sharp.

Education.—B. J. Dunn, J. M. Lawrence, C. W. Walker, H. Beauchamp, F. W. Taylor.

Devotional Exercises.—G. A. Grammar, W. E. Penn, E. N. Ray, L. Matthews, J. H. Kitchens, Jr.

Ministerial Education.—J. J. Taylor, J. B. Wise, J. S. Edmonds, T. B. Tims, H. A. Munn.

Sunday Schools.—W. A. Clark, J. K. Pace, W. T. Box, J. D. Fletcher, J. C. Robinson.

Woman's Work.—J. W. Lipsey, M. T. Webb, E. P. Minton, L. J. Hogg, J. H. Myers.

The order of business adopted at last session was made the order for current session. It reads as follows:

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

First. At the proper time the President shall take the chair and call the Convention to order. In the absence of the President one of the Vice-Presidents shall preside, and in the absence of the President and both Vice-Presidents, any member may be chosen to preside until the organization is completed.

Second. Opening services.

Third. The appointment of a committee on credentials, to whom all evidence of eligibility as messengers shall be referred, and from whom the same shall be reported back as early as possible.

Fourth. Election of permanent officers of the Convention.

Fifth. Appointment of standing committees:

1. On Divine Service.
2. On Education.
3. On Ministerial Education.
4. On Sunday School.
5. On State Missions.
6. On Home Missions.
7. On Foreign Missions.
8. On Woman's Work.
9. On Publications.
10. On Nominations.
11. On Finance.
12. On Obituaries.

Sixth. Hear the report of the Executive Board.

Seventh. Hear the report of Board of Trustees of Ouachita College.

Eighth. The Convention sermon shall be preached on Thursday night.

Ninth. Report of Standing Committee.

Tenth. Miscellaneous business.

Eleventh. Farewell Address by President, and extending the parting hand.

Twelfth. Benediction.

Brother J. B. Searcy read the following report, as Secretary for the State, of Foreign Missions:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions would report that there has been a steady increase in this work from year to year. Last Convention we reported \$2,028.44 contributed during the previous year. This year we report for the year closing with this meeting of the Convention, \$2,166.93. Until last year the contributions from all parts of Arkansas were counted together. But last year by request, the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention reported funds from the General Association of Southwest Arkansas with funds from Indian Territory, and that is considered a separate district from the territory of the Arkansas Baptist

State Convention. Arkansas contributed last year to the Southern Baptist Convention Board of Foreign Missions, \$2,252.27, but \$250 of that amount was credited to the General Association of Southwest Arkansas and Indian Territory. This year I do not report any funds that went into the hands of the Foreign Mission Board, through that organization, which of course circumscribes our field somewhat, and yet we report more money received during last year than any previous year of our existence. The Arkansas Baptist Convention is asked to furnish, from within its bounds this year \$3,000, exclusive of the \$500 asked from the General Association of Southwest Arkansas and Indian Territory. This is an increase over what we have ever done, but we are able to increase, and it is the hope of your Secretary that this amount will be promptly raised.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

The report was adopted.

The Secretary read the report of Committee on Home Missions which, having been discussed, was adopted, as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

The work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has been unusually successful during the year which has just closed. Their field is the destitute portions of the South land, together with New Mexico and Cuba. They work in co-operation with the various State Boards, giving and receiving assistance. They have in this way given our own State much assistance, and are still aiding us. Out of very gratitude we should reciprocate this assistance.

In Cuba this Board has had the most phenomenal success that has visited any modern Mission field. Our apostolic Brother Diaz, of Cuba, together with some of his associates, have suffered much persecution from the Catholics during the year. But all this has but added interest to his work and filled the workers with greater zeal in the Master's cause. Let us assist this great work. We especially request that money, which our churches designate for this work, shall be so distinctly stated that it shall not be otherwise appropriated. We trust that every church in the State will take up at least one collection for the Home Mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention this year.

Respectfully submitted,
A. B. MILLER,
Vice-Pres. for Ark.
O. M. LUCAS,
G. M. FORTUNE,
L. QUINN,
W. P. KIME.
Committee.

The report of the Executive Board was made the special order for to-morrow at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, the Convention was declared adjourned until 7 P. M. Benediction by Elder McNutt.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order by the President.

Prayer by W. C. Golden.

The chair announced that the special order for the hour was the preaching of the Convention Sermon by Brother R. J. Coleman. The Brother chose as his text, 13th chapter and 33d verse of Matthew.

After the sermon, prayer by Elder D. B. Ray, of St. Louis. Benediction by Brother Swindall.

Brother Searcy offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Coleman be, and is hereby requested to prepare the sermon that he has preached to-night, for the press, and that the editors of the *Arkansas Baptist* be requested to publish the same.

On motion of Brother Golden, the report of the Committee on Education, and that of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College, were fixed for consideration at 7 P. M. to-morrow.

Adjourned. Benediction by Brother Lucas.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 31, 1890.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., the President in the chair. Prayer by Brother Perminter.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and adopted.

The chair renewed the invitation to visiting brethren to come forward and have their names enrolled by the Secretary. Responded to by—

J. S. Thomas, of Tennessee.
L. F. Patterson, General Asso. of Southwest Arkansas and Indian Territory.
W. B. Herndon, General Asso. of Southwest Arkansas and Indian Territory.
E. L. Compere, General Asso. of Southwest Arkansas and Indian Territory.

The report of Committee on Publications was submitted by Brother Swindall, and was amended, discussed and adopted to read as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of Christian literature, would respectfully report: People eat and think, but we are more constant and persistent in our thinking than in eating and drinking. Food builds up and makes our bodies sound and strong, or weak and corrupt, according to the character of what we eat. So our moral natures are made up of the material of our thoughts.

"As a man thinketh so is he." Hence the necessity of good, truthful and morally healthful and sound religious literature. A child may be taught some wrong principle in science, to no serious or permanent injury; but faulty moral principles may work his eternal undoing. Therefore your committee would recommend,

First, The more persistent and daily study of the good Word of God, which is so sadly neglected, even by professors of religion.

Second, We would recommend, next to the Bible, our own State paper, the *Arkansas Baptist*. We can but appreciate the sacrificing and successful carrying forward of that enterprise by its faithful and judicious editors, who should be rewarded by our people in putting it into every family of our great State, and always paying for it in advance.

We can trust without fear the *Kind Words* series and recommend it for our Sunday-schools. Outside of these let there be liberty.

D. D. SWINDALL,
I. Z. KIMBROUGH,
J. H. MILLER,
R. J. COLEMAN,
Committee.

The report on Ministerial Education was made the special order for 3 o'clock P. M., to-day.

The hour of 10 o'clock, A. M. having arrived, consideration of the report of the State Board was the special order. The report was read by Brother J. K. Pace, its Secretary, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

The Executive Board, at the close of the meeting of the last Convention in Little Rock, organized by the election of Elder J. P. Eagle, President; J. K. Pace, Secretary; Dr. W. A. C. Sayle, Treasurer.

THE STATE EVANGELIST.

At the first meeting of the Board, Elder B. G. Manard was elected State Evangelist for the ensuing year, and he entered upon the prosecution of his duties about November 1st, 1889. His enthusiasm and efficiency in the exercise of his duties have been highly gratifying to the Board, and, so far as we know, to the Baptist brotherhood throughout the State. He has been with the Board in its meetings, whenever possible, and his practical knowledge of the wants of the field has been of untold value in the laying and execution of plans.

SPECIAL ENCOURAGEMENT.

While we shall not attempt to mention all the evidences of encouragement, a few facts might be mentioned, as follows: The Second Baptist Church of Little Rock at the beginning of this year, became self supporting, paying her pastor \$1,200, and recently a Mission Sunday-School was organized in West Little Rock.

The church in Argenta, or North Little Rock, now has preaching twice per Sunday, Elder J. H. Meyers having taken charge of that church July 1st, 1890. In four months it has doubled its membership, and now a new meeting house is being built, which will be worth when finished, \$1,000 or \$1,200.

The church at Van Buren has about settled the balance due on their property, and is more encouraged now than at any former time in the history of the work there.

New houses of worship have been built at Corning, costing about \$1,200, and at New Lewisville, at a cost of about \$1,500. It may be said of all the fields occupied, that the missionaries have done good work, and the outlook is encouraging.

REPORT OF MISSIONARIES.

Report of B. G. Manard:

Weeks of labor	50
Sermons preached	155
Lectures on State Missions	130
Lectures on Sunday-schools	90
Lectures on Church Beneficence	40
Lectures on Pastoral Work	20
Lectures on Education	60
Churches organized	2
Baptisms performed	8
Tracts distributed (pages)	20,000
Amount of money raised for State Missions	\$2,226 98
Amount of money paid on salary and expenses by Board	1,360 47 ✓

Report of D. C. Hardin, Van Buren, Ark.:

Weeks of labor	52
Churches supplied	1
Sermons preached	140
Addresses delivered	15
Books sold	9
Received by baptism	4
Received by letter	7
Visits made	293
Prayer meetings held	52
Members in church	47
Sunday-schools	1
Students in Sunday-school	60
Sunday-school scholars received in church	4
Money raised on field and paid on salary	\$ 112 50
Money raised on field and paid to State Board	422 22
Money contributed to State Missions by church	13 15
Value of church property	2,500 00
Raised for incidental expenses of the church	

Salary of the Board

552.57

Report of Joshua Baker, Spring Valley Association:

Weeks of labor.....	52
Churches supplied.....	2
Sermons preached.....	257
Addresses delivered.....	100
Received by baptism.....	21
Received by letter.....	19
Visits made.....	285
Prayer meetings held.....	104
Visits made.....	10
Sunday-schools.....	2
Students in Sunday-School.....	70
Money paid on salary raised in Association.....	\$ 187 50
Money paid on salary by State Board.....	93 75
Money contributed to State Missions by church.....	
Value of church property.....	
Raised for incidental expenses of the church.....	

Report of H. A. Munn, New Lewisville:

Weeks of Labor.....	44
Churches supplied.....	2
Sermons preached.....	99
Addresses delivered.....	40
Received by baptism.....	25
Received by letter.....	17
Visits made.....	1,000
Prayer meetings held.....	34
Members in churches.....	95
Books sold.....	52
Sunday-schools.....	1
Students in Sunday-school.....	45
Money raised in field and paid on salary.....	\$ 187 50
Money raised in field and paid to State Board.....	83 35
Money contributed to State Missions by church.....	8 65
Value of church property.....	2,000 00
Raised for incidental expenses of church.....	
Churches organized.....	2
Churches built.....	1

Report of J. H. Myers, Argenta:

Weeks of labor.....	17
Churches supplied.....	1
Sermons preached.....	68
Addresses delivered.....	20
Received by baptism.....	4
Received by letter.....	17
Visits made.....	285

Prayer meetings attended.....	17
Members in church.....	35
Sunday-schools.....	1
Students in Sunday-school.....	37
Money raised on field and paid on salary.....	\$ 62 50
Money raised on field and paid to State Board.....	75 00
Money contributed to State Missions by church.....	
Value of church property.....	850 00
Raised for incidental expenses of the church.....	

Report of W. P. Kime, Corning and Black Rock:

Weeks of labor.....	34
Churches supplied.....	2
Books sold.....	105
Stations supplied.....	1
Sermons preached.....	103
Addresses delivered.....	30
Received by baptism.....	17
Received by letter.....	21
Visits made.....	234
Prayer meetings held.....	70
Members in church.....	
Sunday-schools.....	2
Students in Sunday-school.....	75
Money paid on salary by church.....	\$ 300 00
Money contributed to State Missions by church.....	133 00
Money paid on salary by Board.....	116 66
Value of church property.....	1,500 00
Raised for Foreign Missions.....	16 65
Raised for incidental expenses of the church.....	

Report of L. Quinn, Springdale:

Weeks of labor.....	48
Churches supplied.....	1
Sermons preached.....	139
Addresses delivered.....	50
Received by baptism.....	13
Received by letter.....	8
Visits made.....	77
Prayer meetings held.....	44
Members in church.....	74
Sunday-schools.....	1
Students in Sunday-school.....	65
Money paid on salary out of amount collected on field.....	\$ 300 00
Money paid on salary by State Board.....	83 33
Money contributed to State Missions by church.....	5 30
Value of church property.....	500 00

Raised for incidental purposes of church.....	
Contributed to Home Missions by the church.....	3 20
Contributed to Foreign Missions by the church.....	6 45

Report of G. W. Burns, Red River Association:

Weeks of labor.....	48
Miles traveled.....	2850
Churches organized (Murfreesboro and Pleasant Home).....	2
Stations occupied (Gum Springs, Curtis, Car School House, Murfreesboro and Pleasant Home).....	5
Professions witnessed.....	36
Churches visited.....	28
Sunday-schools organized.....	2
Sermons preached.....	174
Lectures on Sunday-school, Temperance, etc.....	70
Religious services.....	240
Religious visits.....	360
Religious tracts given out (pages).....	5,000
Religious books sold.....	370
Renewals and new subscriptions to <i>Arkansas Baptist</i>	36
Bibles and Testaments sold.....	60
Sunday-schools furnished free libraries.....	1
Amount made for Association on book sales.....	\$ 95 00
Received from churches and Association Board on salary.....	355 00
As ordered paid by State Board.....	100 00
Full amount paid.....	550 00

Report of M. S. Kirkland, Springfield:

Weeks of labor.....	43
Churches supplied.....	1
Sermons preached.....	88
Addresses delivered.....	11
Received by baptism.....	
Received by letter.....	7
Visits made.....	117
Prayer meetings attended.....	
Members in church.....	
Sunday-schools.....	1
Students in Sunday-school.....	
Money paid on salary by State Board.....	58 50
Money contributed to State Missions by church.....	
Value of church property.....	
Raised for incidental expenses of church.....	

Report of A. B. Miller, Little Rock:

Weeks of labor.....	13
Churches supplied.....	1
Sunday-schools.....	100
Attendance.....	58
Sermons preached.....	300
Members in church.....	226
Visits made.....	13
Prayer meetings held.....	3
Baptisms at Little Rock.....	\$ 100 00
Amount paid on salary by the Board.....	200 00
Amount paid on salary by church (one quarter).....	20,000 00
Value of church property.....	

Report of G. Lively, Gainesville Association:

Weeks of labor.....	12
General missionary in Gainesville Association, stations.....	2
Visits made.....	78
Received by baptism.....	5
Sunday-schools.....	3
Addresses made.....	26
Sermons preached.....	17

Report of Wille M. Robinson, Argenta:

Weeks of labor.....	6
Churches supplied.....	1
Sunday-schools.....	1
Sermons preached.....	9
Prayer meetings held.....	4
Received by letter.....	3
Amount paid by field on salary.....	\$ 43 00
Amount paid by State Board on salary.....	33 33

TOTALS.

Weeks of labor.....	373
Churches supplied.....	12
Stations supplied.....	1
Sermons preached.....	1,091
Addresses delivered.....	528
Books sold.....	166
Received by baptism.....	104
Received by letter.....	80
Visits made.....	2,808
Prayer meetings held.....	338
Members in churches as reported.....	470

Sunday-schools.....	11
Students in Sunday-schools reported.....	452
Amount of money contributed to State Missions.....	\$ 160 10
Value of church property.....	27,350 00
Amount of money raised on field and paid on salaries.....	1,093 90
Amount of money paid on salaries by State Board.....	2,443 26
Sum total of money raised by the State Board and her agencies and paid on salaries of missionaries.....	3,526 26
Of this amount the Home Board of Southern Baptist Convention paid.....	830 83

We call the especial attention of the Convention to the great importance of the State Mission work. Immigration is pouring into our State; new towns are springing up, old ones are growing with wonderful rapidity; farms are opening, and everything gives promise of vigor and progress. We recommend that our Convention make a more earnest effort than ever to occupy every country neighborhood, every city, and every town within the bounds of the State.

Our Treasurer has in hand, this date, for State Missions.....\$ 289 98
Respectfully submitted,

JAMES P. EAGLE, President,
J. K. PACE, Secretary.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Board of Mt. Zion Association submit the following as their annual report to the State Board:

Total sermons preached by our missionaries.....	243
Total visits made by our missionaries.....	885
Total addresses made by our missionaries.....	58
Total miles traveled by our missionaries.....	2,923
Total additions to churches.....	50
Total baptisms.....	8
To amount paid missionaries by churches.....	\$ 590 00
To amount paid on church repairs by churches.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 650 00

To amount paid J. S. Edwards.....	\$ 50 00
To amount paid E. P. Newton.....	100 00
To amount paid J. B. Wise.....	75 00
To amount paid T. W. Bell.....	50 00
To amount paid T. M. Raines.....	100 00
To amount appropriated to State Missions.....	61 10
Total amount expended by Board.....	\$ 436 10

RECAPITULATION.

To amount paid by Board for all purposes.....	\$ 436 10
To amount paid by churches for all purposes.....	650 00
Total.....	\$1,086 10

J. H. KITCHENS, JR.,
Chairman Ex. Board, Mt. Zion Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Eureka Springs, Ark.:

BRETHREN—I herewith submit my report as Treasurer of the Convention for the past Conventional year.
W. A. C. SAYLE, Treasurer.

1889-90.	To amount received from—	Dr.
Nov. 2,	First Church, Little Rock, for Van Buren Church.....	\$ 25 00
" 2,	Second Church, Little Rock, for Van Buren Church.....	31 55
" 2,	A. W. Files, former Treasurer.....	66 85
" 2,	Financial Committee, last Convention.....	30 85
" 2,	Financial Committee for minutes.....	9 50
" 2,	Sunday-school Convention for minutes.....	8 20
Jan. 13,	Woman's Missionary Circle, Eureka Springs Church.....	14 00
Feb. 3,	Southern Board.....	185 00
" 3,	Mt. Zion Association.....	10 50
" 3,	B. G. Manard.....	169 32
" 18,	Beulah Church, Drew county.....	3 00
Mar. 3,	S. M. Toome, Thornton.....	1 00
" 6,	First Church, Little Rock.....	17 95
" 11,	Morrilton Sunday-school.....	15 00
" 15,	Morrilton Church.....	10 00
Apr. 4,	Okolona Church.....	10 00
" 6,	Ladies' Missionary Circle, Eureka Springs Church.....	8 50
" 8,	Ladies' Aid Society, Pine Bluff.....	5 00
" 14,	New Hope Church, Yell county.....	5 00
" 16,	Liberty Association.....	13 15
" 16,	New Lewisville Church.....	5 00
" 21,	Mt. Zion Association.....	12 90
" 20,	Morrilton Church.....	4 30
" 22,	Deposit in German Bank by B. G. Manard.....	50 00
" 26,	Southern Board.....	185 00
" 26,	Ladies' Aid Society, Second Church, Little Rock.....	10 00
" 28,	Ladies' Aid Society, Morrilton Church.....	12 50
" 30,	Ladies' Aid Society, Morrilton Church.....	2 50
" 30,	Southern Board.....	55 69
May 1,	First Church, Little Rock.....	17 70
" 12,	Promise Land Church.....	2 50

1889-90. To amount received from—		
May 12,	Liberty Church.....	10 00
" 12,	Springdale Church.....	5 30
" 27,	Ladies' Aid Society, Hopewell Church.....	3 50
June 4,	Mt. Hudson, New Hope Church.....	1 00
" 29,	First Church, Little Rock, for Van Buren Church.....	8 80
July 12,	Springhill Church, for Van Buren Church.....	15 00
" 15,	Mt. Zion Association.....	12 00
Aug. 1,	Southern Board.....	405 14
" 1,	H. A. Munn, field.....	5 00
" 20,	Second Church Sunday-school, Little Rock.....	9 10
" 29,	Sugar Loaf Church.....	5 00
Sept. 3,	Eureka Springs Church.....	7 00
" 8,	Morrilton Church.....	6 80
" 18,	J. W. Todd, Cleveland.....	50
" 18,	W. P. Kime, field.....	9 15
Oct. 13,	H. A. Munn, field.....	3 15
" 18,	Hollow Springs Church.....	1 60
" 24,	First Church, Little Rock.....	12 15
" 25,	B. G. Manard.....	125 00
Oct. 28,	B. G. Manard.....	28 25
" 29,	Bro. Eagle, Perminter, Taylor and Sayle.....	7 70
" 29,	Fayetteville Association.....	13 65
" 29,	Benton Association.....	10 00
" 29,	Hope Church, by Bro. Searcy.....	2 50
" 29,	Fayetteville Church, by Bro. Lipsey.....	8 00
" 29,	Willing Workers, Bentonville Church.....	2 50
" 29,	Bro. I. R. Hall.....	25 00
" 29,	Clear Creek Association.....	8 55
" 29,	Carroll County Association.....	26 50
" 29,	Mt. Zion Association.....	35 40
" 29,	Rev. Dr. Welscher.....	2 00
" 30,	B. G. Manard, State Evangelist.....	1,110 00
" 30,	Morrilton Sunday-school for Clarksville.....	5 00
" 30,	Spring River Association.....	2 50
" 30,	First Church, Fort Smith.....	33 05
" 30,	Morrilton Church.....	3 40
" 30,	Benton Church.....	2 60
" 40,	Ft. Smith Church.....	2 00
" 30,	Star City Church.....	15 50
" 30,	B. F. Moody.....	5 00
" 30,	Dardanelle Church.....	10 00
" 30,	Pine Bluff Church.....	2 50
Total.....		\$3,004 25

1889-90. Voucher. By amount paid to—		Cr.
Nov. 3,	0, Bro. Hardin, for Van Buren Church.....	56 55
" 13,	1, J. G. B. Simms as Secretary of Convention.....	30 00
Jan. 6,	2, Mitchell & Bettis, for minutes.....	78 25
Feb. 4,	3, Mt. Zion Association.....	10 50
" 4,	4, G. B. Manard.....	169 32
" 4,	5, G. B. Manard.....	31 15
" 10,	6, D. C. Hardin.....	75 00
Mar. 5,	7, A. W. Files, for A. B. Miller.....	50 00
" 5,	8, A. W. Files, for A. B. Miller, in full.....	50 00
" 19,	9, D. C. Hardin, bal. on quarter ending June 20, 1890.....	50 00
Apr. 13,	10, H. A. Munn, New Lewisville Church.....	5 00
" 21,	11, Mt. Zion Association.....	12 90
May 2,	12, D. C. Hardin.....	97 22
" 2,	13, Joshua Baker, Spring Valley.....	31 25
" 2,	14, M. S. Kirkland, Springfield.....	19 50
" 2,	15, G. Lively, Piggott.....	1 38
" 2,	16, Will M. Robinson, Argenta.....	16 66
" 2,	17, W. P. Kime, Reyno.....	16 66
" 2,	18, L. Quinn, Springdale.....	33 33
" 2,	19, H. A. Munn, Waldo.....	25 00
" 10,	20, Will M. Robinson, Argenta.....	16 66
" 12,	21, Mitchell & Bettis, postage.....	1 39
July 1,	22, D. C. Hardin, for Van Buren Church.....	8 80
" 15,	23, D. C. Hardin, for Van Buren Church.....	15 00
" 15,	24, Mt. Zion Association.....	12 00
" 24,	25, D. C. Hardin, Van Buren.....	125 00
Aug. 11,	26, H. A. Munn, Waldo.....	5 00
" 4,	27, B. G. Manard.....	50 00
" 5,	28, M. S. Kirkland, Springfield.....	19 50
" 5,	29, Joshua Baker.....	31 25
" 5,	30, G. Lively.....	12 50
" 5,	31, W. P. Kime.....	50 00
" 5,	32, L. Quinn.....	25 00
" 6,	33, H. A. Munn.....	20 00
Sept. 34 in 44,	W. P. Kime.....	9 15
Oct. 13, 35 in 39,	H. A. Munn.....	3 15
" 21,	36, D. C. Hardin.....	100 00
" 21,	37, W. P. Kime.....	32 68
" 21,	38, L. Quinn.....	20 00
" 21,	39, H. A. Munn.....	17 48
" 21,	40, J. H. Myers.....	40 00
" 23,	41, Joshua Baker.....	31 25
" 27,	42, M. S. Kirkland.....	19 50

1889-90. Voucher. By amount paid to—			
Oct. 29,	43,	D. C. Hardin.....	25 00
" 29,	44,	W. P. Kime.....	8 17
" 29,	45,	L. Quinn.....	5 00
" 29,	46,	H. A. Munn.....	4 37
" 30,	47,	B. G. Manard.....	1,110 00
" 30,	48,	J. A. Meyers.....	35 00
" 30,	49,	H. A. Munn.....	3 35
Total.....			\$2,715 87
Balance in hand.....			289 98

A motion was made by Brother Searcy to adopt it.

Pending discussion of the report, the hour for adjournment arrived and the Convention was declared adjourned. Prayer by Brother D. C. Hardin.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2 o'clock. Singing.

Consideration of the report of the Executive Board was resumed, pending which the hour of 3 o'clock having arrived, the special order was taken up, which was the report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

The report reads as follows, and was presented through the chairman, Brother J. J. Taylor:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To prepare men for standing alongside of other educated men in the ministry; to prepare them for standing in the face of opposers of the truth; to prepare them to wield the pen of ready writers; to furnish the Mission field with suitable men; and last, but most important, to prepare men to preach more powerfully the Word of God—the unsearchable riches of Christ—these are the considerations calling for earnest attention to the subject of Ministerial Education.

But it may be asked in what regard should men be educated who had been called of God into the ministry? We deem it of great importance to impress the fact that such men need first, the kind of mental training that other men need to fit them for other occupations—and even a broader foundation is necessary for the Christian minister, than for the learned professions. We do not regard grammar, and arithmetic, and geography, as beneath the consideration of the ministerial student.

Again, let it be impressed that nearly all the young men called of God are poor, and God lays their education on our hearts and hands. At Ouachita College 25 young men last year received free tuition; 10 are there now, but others want to come. The students there receive instruction twice per week on theological subjects.

We recommend that the churches seek out such as they have good reason to believe are called of God to preach the Gospel, and encourage them to attend the College.

We recommend, second, that the pastors urge a better preparation on the part of young men by attending college before entering the Seminary, and when such preparation is made, urge them to enter the Seminary for finished theological training.

J. J. TAYLOR,
J. B. WISE,
J. S. EDMONDS,
T. B. TIMS,
H. A. MUNN,

Committee.

Pending consideration of the report, there being no objection to the proceeding, a collection was taken and the following pledges were made for the benefit of ministerial students in Ouachita College, to be paid during the current session:

W. E. Penn, Eureka Springs.....	\$ 55 00
Lonoke Church, J. B. Perminter.....	55 00
Greenbrier Association.....	110 00
Jacob Sharp, Jonesboro.....	5 00
G. W. Bruce, Conway.....	1 50
M. F. Locke, Little Rock.....	1 50
First Church Little Rock, (paid \$44.75).....	100 00
Mt. Zion Association (M. Ball, Jonesboro).....	117.00
W. J. Bearden (for Giles Taylor), Rector.....	10 00
W. C. Golden, Pine Bluff.....	10 00
B. G. Manard, Little Rock.....	10 00
J. H. Miller, Rogers.....	10 00
L. P. Hines, Eureka Springs (paid).....	10 00
J. P. Eagle, Little Rock.....	20 00
J. L. Henderson, Ft. Smith.....	10 00
C. E. Smith (Missionary to Africa).....	5 00
C. W. Walker, Little Rock.....	5 00
M. F. Locke (Clear Creek Association).....	10 00
E. L. Compere, Dallas, Ark. (\$2.50 paid).....	25 00
J. A. Meyers, Morrilton.....	5 00
C. B. Hunton, Jonesboro.....	5 00
L. J. Hogg, Holly Springs.....	5 00
R. A. Clarkson, Ft. Smith (paid).....	5 00
G. W. Bruce (wife), Conway.....	20 00
M. F. Locke (wife), Little Rock.....	10 00
R. A. Beard (wife), Fayetteville (paid).....	10 00
M. A. Gunter (paid).....	5 00
W. E. Penn (wife), Eureka Springs.....	10 00

W. A. C. Sayle (wife), Morrilton.....	10 00
W. A. Gibboney, Batesville.....	5 00
G. A. Grammar, Eureka Springs.....	5 00
Benton Church, D. S. Moore.....	5 00
Marianna Church, J. S. Edmonds.....	10 00
Marianna Sunday-school, J. S. Edmonds.....	5 00
A. B. Miller, Little Rock.....	5 00
C. B. Parsons, Hollins.....	5 00
Second Church, Little Rock.....	25 00
J. R. Harris, Springdale.....	5 00
Holly Springs Church, H. R. Moran, Simpson.....	10 00
Hamburg Church, M. A. Gunter, Hamburg.....	10 00
A. J. Holt and wife, Little Rock.....	25 00
O. M. Lucas, for Friendship Association, Star City.....	15 00
J. D. Fletcher, Lonoke.....	5 00
Judsonia Church, R. R. Lewis.....	5 00
Van Buren Church, D. C. Hardin.....	15 00
H. B. Glover, Greenbrier P. O.....	5 00
Shady Grove Church, H. B. Glover, Greenbrier P. O.....	5 00
J. M. Lawrence, Altus.....	5 00
Cash, Fayetteville, Ark.....	11 10
Total.....	\$836 10

The report was then adopted.

The report of the Board of Ministerial Education was read pending discussion of that of the Committee on same subject, and reads as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Board on Ministerial Education report, that during the last session of the College 25 young ministers entered College, a goodly number of whom remained during the session. Some left before the end of the term for want of means. Nearly all of the latter left because the pledges made to them by their churches and Associations failed to materialize. During the year, \$848.53 have been put into our hands for Ministerial Education, exclusive of \$700 for tuition, in all \$1,548.53. Out of this amount 15 young men received aid to the amount of \$757.13; \$5.80 was spent for postage and stationery, and there remains on hand \$75.50.

A continued and extensive correspondence has been carried on, yet we are grieved to report that of the pledges made a year ago at the Convention there stands to-day unpaid the amount of \$161.75, though many letters, private and public, have been written.

We urge that pledges be *made* and then paid.

There are now in College ten young ministers, some of whom need help, and there are some others in the city and vicinity who would be in school if possible, and scores of others throughout the State waiting for an opportunity to come.

The Board deem it a wise policy to concentrate on the tried men who are nearly through school, thus enabling them to get on to the field and begin to aid others in turn.

We do not think it wise to lavish aid—if we could—on boys just converted and licensed and sent to college, before any evidences are given that they will be preachers. Yet money sent for them is received by them.

J. J. TAYLOR,

B. J. DUNN,

J. W. CONGER,

R. S. WALLIS,

Committee.

The names of Dr. J. M. Bent, of Pierce City, Mo., and Rev. W. P. Harvey, of Louisville, were enrolled as visiting brethren.

Ordered that time be granted to-morrow, whenever convenient, in which Brother W. P. Harvey may present the claims of the Baptist Book Concern, and the Western Recorder, of Louisville, Ky.

The Committee on Woman's Work were requested to present their report at 10 A. M. to-morrow, and the same was made a special order for that hour.

Adjourned until 7 P. M. Prayer by Brother Welcher.

EVENING SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Singing by Brethren Penn, Gibboney and others. Prayer by Brother W. P. Harvey.

The chair stated the special order for this hour to be consideration of the report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College.

The report was read by Bro. W. A. C. Sayle and is as follows:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE.

The Board of Trustees of Ouachita College would respectfully submit the following report:

At the annual meeting of the Trustees on June last, Prof. J. W. Conger, the able and efficient president, was re-elected for a term of three years, satisfactory arrangements having been made with him, and he continues in the highly responsible position in which his success has been so marked and phenomenal, and he has called to his assistance an able and successful corps of teachers. Number of pupils enrolled the past year, 309, and the work done is of a most satisfactory character. We are happy to be able to report to our Baptist people in Arkansas, that the College has proved itself eminently worthy of their most hearty support, and none need send their children and wards out of the State for a thorough collegiate education.

For full and accurate information in regard to the financial status of the Institution, the reports of Rev. J. B. Perminter, Agent, and Hon. A. W. Files, Treasurer, are here inserted.

REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY FOR YEAR 1889-90.

When we commenced this year's work we were under a debt of \$19,300, and our resources or assets amounted to \$7,407.65. Our debt now is \$13,154 and our assets \$11,712.24, showing that the debt has been decreased \$6,143.00, and at the same time the assets have been increased \$4,304.69. The total collections this year amount to \$6,680.31, but other means amounting to \$217, have been used which are not counted in the collections. I regard the above as being very encouraging. The work of the year just ending has done much to relieve the embarrassment of the Board, and one more year of such work will put this great work within easy reach.

Respectfully,

J. B. PERMINTER.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1889-90.

A. W. Files, Treasurer, in Account with Ouachita College.

1889-90.		Dr.
Nov. 1,	To balance on hand as per account current	\$ 170 71
" 3,	To amount from J. B. Perminter	400 00
" 4,	" " J. B. Perminter	72 00
" 15,	" " J. B. Perminter	375 00
" 26,	" " J. B. Perminter	280 00
" 28,	" " J. B. Perminter	656 56
" 30,	" " J. B. Perminter	120 00
Dec. 2,	" " J. B. Perminter	200 00
" 3,	" " J. B. Perminter	86 00
" 17,	" " J. B. Perminter	150 00
" 19,	" " J. B. Perminter	140 00
" 27,	" " J. B. Perminter	686 00
" 31,	" " J. B. Perminter	511 00
Jan. 1,	" " J. B. Perminter	137 55
" 1,	" " Mrs. J. L. Lourie	10 00
" 14,	" " J. B. Perminter	220 00
Feb. 3,	" " J. B. Perminter	70 40
" 26,	" " Pleasant Hill Church	25 00
Mar. 24,	" " J. B. Perminter	58 50
" 26,	" " J. B. Perminter	47 35
Apr. 8,	" " J. B. Perminter	50 00
" 15,	" " J. B. Perminter	60 00
May 2,	" " J. B. Perminter	45 00
" 23,	" " Beebe church	2 00
" 28,	" " J. B. Perminter	533 15
June 2,	" " J. B. Perminter	285 00
" 4,	" " J. B. Perminter	90 00

1889-90.			
June 6,	To amount from J. B. Perminter	95 00	
" 11,	" " J. P. & W. H. Eagle	3,000 00	
" 20,	" " J. B. Perminter	297 80	
" 23,	" " J. B. Perminter	10 00	
Sept. 18,	" " Ben Hawkins	1 00	
" 18,	" " J. T. Hawkins	5 00	
" 18,	" " A. R. Cobb	50	
" 26,	" " J. B. Perminter	75 00	
Oct. 21,	" " W. D. Boothe (on note)	2 00	
" 21,	" " W. D. Boothe (on note)	2 00	
" 21,	" " A. W. Taylor (on note)	2 00	
" 21,	" " W. E. Hardy	2 50	
" 21,	" " P. W. Amboy	1 00	
			\$8,985 02

1889-90.	Voucher.	By amount paid to—	Cr.
Nov. 4,	1,	J. B. Perminter	\$ 300 00
" 7,	2,	F. L. Ingoldsby	10 00
Dec. 4,	3,	Citizens Bank, Arkadelphia	2,051 67
" 27,	4,	J. B. Perminter	100 00
" 31,	5,	J. B. Searcy	10 00
" 31,	6,	Noah Hamlet	1,000 00
Jan. 6,	7,	Noah Hamlet	500 00
" 14,	8,	J. B. Perminter	100 00
Mar. 24,	9,	J. B. Perminter	25 00
" 24,	10,	J. B. Perminter	25 00
" 24,	11,	W. A. Forbes	22 35
May 2,	12,	J. B. Perminter	25 00
" 28,	13,	J. B. Perminter	25 00
June 11,	14,	Noah Hamlet	4,200 00
" 20,	15,	J. B. Perminter	25 00
Sept. 5,	16,	Noah Hamlet	200 00
" 26,	17,	J. B. Perminter	25 00
" 26,	18,	J. B. Perminter	25 00
" 26,	19,	J. B. Perminter	25 00
" 29,	20,	Noah Hamlet	250 00
Oct. 31,		Balance on hand	41 00
			\$8,985 02

As Trustees of the College and members of the great Baptist family, we are called upon to mourn the death of a beloved, earnest and faithful member of the Board of Trustees, Brother J. C. Saunders, of Arkadelphia, who was called to his reward on the evening of the 17th inst., and we incorporate the following resolution in this report:

Resolved, That in the death of our very dear brother Saunders, the College has sustained an almost irreparable loss, he having been from the first one of the

most prudent, earnest and liberal friends of the College; and we heartily commend the movement now being made to place in the Library of the Institution a suitable memorial of our departed brother; and our tenderest sympathies are extended to the stricken and sorrowful family, earnestly praying the blessings of God upon them and our beloved Institution.

We further report that the Board this evening elected Dr. J. B. Searcy Financial Agent of the College.

M. F. LOCKE, President.

C. E. NEELY, Secretary.

Pending consideration of the above report, and by consent, a collection was taken in cash and pledges to be paid by July 1, 1892, for the College, as follows:

J. B. Perminter, Lonoke.....	\$ 100.00
M. F. Locke and wife.....	100.00
J. P. Eagle, Little Rock.....	100.00
I. R. Hall, Bentonville.....	100.00
W. E. Penn, Eureka Springs.....	100.00
G. W. Bruce and wife, Conway.....	100.00
W. P. Hines, Black Rock Spring River Association.....	100.00
J. G. B. Simms, Little Rock.....	100.00
C. E. Smith, Lagos, Africa.....	100.00
M. A. Gunter, Bartholomew Association.....	100.00
Miss Nannie Perry.....	100.00
T. H. B. McAllister.....	100.00
J. C. Robertson, Benton County Association.....	100.00
Baptist Book Concern, Louisville.....	50.00
T. J. Varnell, for Friendship Association.....	100.00
M. T. Webb.....	25.00
Vines Turner.....	20.00
H. P. Green.....	20.00
H. A. Munn.....	20.00
J. H. Miller.....	20.00
J. B. Searcy.....	20.00
Mrs. N. W. Funk, Van Buren.....	20.00
C. V. Parsons, Hollins.....	25.00
W. A. McNeal, Bald Knob (paid).....	10.00
Fort Smith Church.....	50.00
T. I. Pirtle, Judson Association.....	50.00
J. R. Harris, Springdale.....	25.00
J. M. Lawrence.....	10.00
W. E. Penn.....	50.00
W. A. Clark.....	50.00
J. H. Cason.....	50.00
A. J. Maxwell.....	10.00
Jonesboro Church Ladies' Aid Society.....	25.00

L. A. S. Fordyce.....	10.00
D. E. Gambrell.....	10.00
E. L. Compere, in Charleston lots.....	50.00
J. H. Cason, calf (paid).....	6.00
E. L. Compere, cow and calf.....	10.00
J. Gardner.....	15.00
J. D. Fletcher, cow and calf, sold for.....	7.50
J. H. Miller, 5 copies "Fatal Ring,".....	10.00
W. J. Bearden.....	5.00
J. J. Emerson.....	100.00
W. H. Eagle.....	10.00
A. J. Holt, 320 acres Texas land.....	
Cash.....	10.00
Total.....	\$2,183.50

Thanks were tendered Brother A. J. Holt for securing the above subscriptions, and for his own.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother Hall.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOV. 1, 1890.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Brother Gambrell.

Minutes of yesterday read, amended and adopted.

The unfinished business being consideration of the report of the Executive Board, the same was discussed and adopted.

Chairman Manard read the report of the Committee on State Missions, as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." In this lies the authority for State Missions. Arkansas is no insignificant part of "all the world." That commission will remain unfulfilled so long as any part of our beloved State is destitute of Gospel privilege. That such destitution does exist is not a matter of question or controversy. There are twenty county seats in Arkansas that have no regular and correct preaching of the Gospel. There are—other towns where the sound of the Gospel is rarely heard, while many large sections of the State, embracing in some instances, whole counties, where thousands of people never hear preaching the year round. Shall we permit this state of things to exist? There are Baptists enough in Arkansas to see to it that not one soul in all our State shall be lost for lack of Gospel privileges. We profess to be the peculiar people of God. We profess to be the conservators of His truth. Shall we permit ignorance of that truth to abound in our midst, and yet profess that we are Missionary Baptists?

Every Baptist heart beats *no!* Let us awake and devise such measures as will, under the blessings of God send the blessed Gospel into every house and heart in Arkansas. To that end we recommend that our State Board elect a Superintendent of Missions whose business it shall be to organize the forces, develop our churches, supply our destitution, secure the co-operation of all our Associations, churches and pastors, and set on foot a work that will employ all the missionaries that the field demands, and raise all funds necessary to this end.

And further, we recommend that like energetic and prompt measures be adopted as to our Sunday-school and educational work; that these phases of denominational enterprise demand like attention. Full-orbed doing—a whole gospel to all the country, and contemplating all possible interests of the churches and denominations—this the measure of your obligations.

B. G. MANARD,
A. J. HOLT,
F. G. KIMBROUGH,
D. C. HARDIN,
W. S. GIBBONEY,
Committee.

Brother Simms offered the following amendment, which was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the Mission work in our State during the last year has been eminently successful and satisfactory. We therefore recommend that our Executive Board press forward on similar lines of work and reach out for yet greater results, as their judgment shall dictate.

The hour of 10 o'clock A. M. having arrived, the special order, which was the report of Committee on Woman's Work, was postponed for thirty minutes.

The report of Committee on State Missions having been further discussed was adopted.

The special order was then taken up, and the chairman, Brother Lipsey, read the report of the Committee on Woman's Work, as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your Committee to whom was referred the work of woman in our churches, submit the following, viz.: It is with the most profound gratitude that we recognize the wonderful progress our sisters in Christ have made under the providential hand of our Heavenly Father. We take pleasure in submitting their report to the Convention for the past year which is as follows:

REPORT OF STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Central Committee appointed one year ago to aid this body in distributing missionary information among women and children, to secure co-operation in raising money and collect reports of work done, beg leave to report the following:

Letters written, about	300
Home, Field, Foreign Mission Journal and Baptist Basket distributed, about	200
Leaflets and pamphlets distributed, about	3,900
Cuban Brick Cards	400
Prayer Cards	600
Christmas Offering Envelopes	1,002
Minutes Arkansas State Meetings	

This literature has been sent to all organized Societies and Children's Bands, and to many others whom we hoped to interest by informing them of the needs of our Boards. As to the good accomplished by this method we give the following comparison of reports to this body. In 1883, Central Committee reported, \$457.43; in 1886, \$2,573.45, in 1890, \$8,010.71, and that from only forty-one of the societies in the State. Many others failed to report this time. Figures are unanswerable arguments and prove that information and association in this as in all other work has deepened and broadened the interest, exciting to more generous giving.

Thanking all pastors who have given aid and counsel in the past, we submit the following from forty-one societies and seven bands of children:

Associational Missions	\$ 53 02
State Missions	234 15
Home Missions	175 20
Foreign Missions	208 25
To Missions (undesignated)	20 04
Total to Missions	\$690 66
Ouachita College	296 25
Ministerial Education	100 90
Church Aid	6,458 80
Other objects	139 05
Total	\$7,685 66
Seven Bands of Children	325 05
Grand total	\$8,010 71

MRS. JAMES P. EAGLE, Pres.

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Your Committee would recommend—

First, That every missionary in the State be requested to organize and instruct in this line of work.

Second, That every pastor give his aid and influence in encouraging and teaching this important part of our Christian work.

It is an encouraging feature to know that our ladies have advanced their collections nearly \$2,500 over last year. We can not too earnestly urge the importance of our people taking more interest in our little ones.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. LIPSEY,
J. H. MYERS,
M. T. WEBB,
———HOBBS,

Committee.

The report was discussed, amended and adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Brother D. D. Swindall.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by the President. Prayer by Brother D. B. Ray.

Brother J. K. Pace presented his report as Statistical Secretary, which was read, amended on motion of Brother Simms, and adopted as follows: (See Statistical Table last page.)

By invitation of the chair, Brother W. P. Harvey, of Louisville, addressed the Convention in the interests of the Baptist Book Concern and of the *Western Recorder*.

By unanimous consent, Brother D. B. Ray, of St. Louis, was heard for ten minutes, to present the claims of the National Baptist Publishing Company and of the *American Baptist*.

The Committee on Divine Service made the following report:

DIVINE SERVICE.

First Baptist Church—11 A. M., Rev. A. J. Holt; 7 P. M., Rev. A. J. Kincaid.

M. E. Church—11 A. M., Rev. W. A. Clark; 7 P. M., Rev. A. B. Miller.

M. E. Church (South)—11 A. M., Rev. D. B. Ray; 7 P. M., Rev. G. W. Reeves.

Christian Church—11 A. M., Rev. Martin Ball; 7 P. M., Rev. J. B. Searcy.

Presbyterian Church—11 A. M., Dr. J. M. Bent; 7 P. M., Rev. G. M. Fortune.

Second Baptist Church—11 A. M., Rev. O. M. Lucas; 7 P. M., Rev. M. A. Gunter.

Young People's Meeting at Opera House—3 P. M., Revs. B. G. Manard and W. C. Golden.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. GRAMMAR,
W. E. PENN,
E. R. RAY,
J. W. CONGER,
J. H. KITCHENS, JR.,

Committee.

Brother B. J. Dunn reported as follows, from Committee on Education, which was adopted:

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report as follows:

It is evident that there is a constantly growing demand by the people of our State for higher education of the mind and heart. This demand is caused by a better realization of the great results for good that come from intellectual development and heart culture. We know that "knowledge is power," but intellectual and physical without moral development will not produce our ideal of perfect and symmetrical manhood. The heart is ever ready to receive the seeds of evil or error which may in after years germinate and be productive of harvests of untold miseries. Religion and her handmaid, education, must go hand in hand in the great work of progress and civilization. Recognizing this truth, infidels would break the power of Christianity by keeping our children in the woods and streets on Sunday, and from religious instruction during the week. Other denominations would retain their influence by educating their children in their own denominational schools. Shall we as Baptists do less? Believing that it is the individual duty of parents to place their children for education where the teachings of home will not be antagonized, your Committee recommend our people to support those institutions built and fostered by Baptists of our own State. We commend the efforts of the brethren of the White River Association to build an institution for Baptists at Mountain Home. We consider Ouachita College as the special property of our people, being originated, built and supported by the Baptists of Arkansas. It has already made its power for good to be felt throughout our State. With its healthful situation, its beautiful location, its moral surroundings, its grand buildings, its full and complete faculty, its thorough work in the past as a guarantee of the future, it is no longer an experiment, but a grand success. Every Baptist in our State should encourage it with influence, with means, with patronage, and thank God for such a power for good, and pray His richest blessing to rest upon those who control it, and upon our children who are to be benefited by it.

B. J. DUNN,
J. M. LAWRENCE,
C. W. WALKER,
H. BEAUCHAMP,
F. W. TAYLOR,

Committee.

By direction of the chair, the Secretary read the following letter pending consideration of the foregoing report:

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., Oct. 30, 1890.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Eureka Springs, Ark.

BROTHER PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:—You will remember perhaps that the work of education among the colored Baptists of the State was laid before your honorable body last year, and that the different delegates contributed over thirty dollars to help complete the first building on our college grounds in this city.

I write to inform you that that building will soon be ready for entrance. But we shall owe three hundred dollars or more for desks and windows. We would be glad if your body this session would contribute enough now to pay for one window and one desk, and let the name of the Convention be inscribed on each as memorial gifts to our school. A window will cost fifteen dollars; a desk will cost four dollars.

Our Convention remembered you this year as usual, to the extent of sending a messenger to represent our work in your meetings, but I have been too busy, and am yet too busy to attend. No other delegate having been appointed, we shall be deprived of having a visitor at your session this year. But we trust that you will think of us. We are sure you will encourage us in every good word and work. Whatever you give us or do for us will be highly appreciated by us.

Very truly,

JOSEPH A. BOOKER.

Bro. J. B. Searcy submitted the following report from Committee on Foreign Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report that we now have Missions in China, Japan, Africa, among Pagan people, who are in the most absolute sense without God and without hope in the world. We also have Missions in Italy, Brazil and Mexico among Papal people who have a form of godliness, but deny the power thereof. "The idolatry of Papalism is little, if any, less revolting than that of Paganism.

In all these fields our work has been largely prosperous during the past year. Failing health and overwork for years past has required a number of our missionaries to return home for awhile, but within the last month several of the missionaries have returned. Within the last year more than a score of new missionaries have been sent out. New and inviting fields are continually opening up and scores of worthy men and women, with the fire of missionary zeal from the altar of God, are crying "Here am I, send me." The only obstacle that now stands in the way of large success is the failure of the brethren to furnish the adequate means. Can this obstacle be removed? We think it can. There has been a steady increase of our contributions for the last six years to the amount of about 20 per cent per annum, and we are encouraged; but we need to reach more of our people and interest them in this work. We need more contributors, quite as much

as we need more contributions. We are asked to raise \$3,000 this year. We think that we can and ought to raise that amount. The *Arkansas Baptist* is the principal agency in raising this money. Its columns are expected to speak each week with missionary intelligence, also with receipts of contributions to the work. Every dollar contributed ought to be reported to the Secretary, and through him to the paper. Thus we will provoke each other to this good work. The *Foreign Mission Journal* is a powerful auxiliary to this work. It costs only fifty cents a year to single subscribers, and thirty-five cents to clubs of ten or more. It is now in pamphlet form and is a splendid monthly. We urge our brethren to read it.

Finally we urge that pastors and other workers would do all they can to increase a missionary zeal among our people, and that collections for this work be taken in all the churches, and that every one be urged to contribute some amount to this work.

J. B. SEARCY,
J. H. CASON,
JACOB SHARP,
D. E. GAMBRELL,
T. M. JACKSON.

Committee.

The report was discussed and adopted.

The following report from Committee on Nominations was read by Chairman Conger, amended and adopted:

NOMINATIONS.

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

First. That the next session of the Convention be held at Arkadelphia.

Second. That Elder A. J. Holt shall preach the Convention sermon, and W. T. Box, Alternate.

Third. To American Baptist Education Society: B. G. Manard, W. A. Clark, G. W. Reeves, J. J. Taylor, A. J. Kincaid, J. B. Perminter, W. T. Box, A. B. Miller.

Fourth. That the following brethren compose the Executive Board of the Convention: J. P. Eagle, M. F. Locke, A. W. Files, John G. B. Simms and W. E. Atkinson, of Little Rock; W. A. C. Sayle, of Morrilton, and G. W. Reeves, of Hot Springs.

Fifth. That the following are to represent us in the Southern Baptist Convention: J. P. Eagle, A. B. Miller, M. F. Locke, A. W. Files, J. K. Pace, John G. B. Simms, W. E. Atkinson, W. E. Penn, W. A. Clark, A. J. Holt, M. A. Gunter, D. D. Swindall, J. W. Conger, J. B. Perminter, Vines Turner, G. W. Bruce, M. T. Webb, W. C. Golden, D. E. Gambrell, J. B. Wise, A. J. Kincaid, F. W. Taylor, H. A. Munn, Martin Ball, J. R. Hughes, W. A. C. Sayle, I. R. Hall, B. G. Manard, O. M. Lucas, L. Quinn, J. W. Lipsey, G. M. Fortune, J. H. Cason, W. T. Box, G. A. Grammar. These brethren may supply the place of any one failing to go by appointing one who may be there.

Sixth. That the following constitute the Board of Ministerial Education: J. W. Conger, R. S. Wallis, B. J. Dunn, J. J. Taylor.

Seventh. Secretary Home Mission Board, A. B. Miller.

Eighth. Secretary Foreign Mission Board, J. B. Searcy.

Ninth. Statistical Secretary, W. A. Clark.

Tenth. Woman's Central Committee: Mrs. A. B. Miller, Mrs. E. Longley, Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. M. F. Locke, Mrs. Hawkins, Mrs. J. K. Brantly, Mrs. J. M. Moore.

J. W. CONGER, —

M. F. LOCKE,

VINES TURNER,

J. B. PERMINTER,

Committee.

Bro. Green, as Chairman of Committee on Obituaries, made report as follows, and it was adopted:

OBITUARIES.

Your Committee would report: That through the mercies of our Heavenly Father we have been wonderfully blessed in the past year or more, and while we have to record the loss of a few of our noble brethren who have fallen asleep in Christ, still we are humbly grateful that He has spared so many that are still laboring in His vineyard and for His cause.

Elder G. G. Wise, of Buckner, was born June 8, 1847, and died September 21, 1890, after an active and devoted life in the ministry for twenty years.

Elder J. Mays, who was born in Granger Co., Tenn., and moved to Washington Co., Ark., in 1847; was ordained to the ministry in 1853, and was consecrated to this work up to his death. He was chairman of the Convention that organized the Fayetteville Association in 1870, and was moderator of that body successively up to near his death. Aged 78 years.

Elder John H. D. Carlin, of Rector Church, Clay Co., Ark., spent forty-nine years in preaching the Gospel, and died on February 15, 1890, in the "triumphs of a living Faith." He delivered 12,558 sermons and baptised 3,785 converts.

Brother Hazzard Been, of Oak Grove Church, Sebastian Co., Ark., was born in 1815 and died April 14, 1890. Was ordained a Deacon of the church, and lived an active, devoted servant as such for about thirty-six years.

Rev. W. S. Young, of Concord Association, died during the last Conventional year. Was a faithful minister of the Gospel, after having spent many years in the service of Christ.

Brother J. C. Saunders, a member of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College, and one among the strongest supporters of that Institution, died October 27, 1890.

We would recommend that more consideration and care be given to the memory of our departed brethren and sisters. Respectfully submitted,

H. P. GREENE,

J. G. PENDERGRASS,

J. F. MITCHELL,

W. J. BEARDEN,

R. A. CLARKSON,

Committee.

W. A. Clark, Chairman of Committee on Sunday Schools, submitted the following:

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The great need of Arkansas is more Sunday-schools and better ones. We should have as many Sunday-schools as we have churches, and these should be the best possible in spiritual, moral and intellectual force. In order to secure these ends, we need no complicated machinery. The Lord's work should be done by simple, direct business methods. "What is everybody's business is nobody's." Therefore this department of our State Convention work should be placed in the hands of an efficient Sunday-school missionary, whose duty shall be to labor personally and constantly to secure the success along these lines.

We also recommend that the manner in which the spirit of this report shall be executed, be left solely to the Executive Board of this Convention, with the authority of this Convention to arrange for the immediate inauguration of this work.

We also urge our schools to use Baptist literature, and Baptist song books, of which none are superior to Harvest Bells.

W. A. CLARK,

J. K. PACE,

J. C. ROBERTSON,

W. T. BOX,

Committee.

It was read, discussed and adopted.

The following resolution was offered by W. C. Golden, discussed freely and adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, Most active efforts are now being made, chiefly by members of other denominations, to induce Baptist young people to organize in the churches of which they are members, "Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor," and

WHEREAS, The constitution and conduct of said Societies would, if carried out, almost destroy our churches, therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that our pastors and churches should guard as carefully as possible against the organization of any society of this kind, and use their utmost influence to guide our young people in the principles of Baptist faith and practice.

Brother G. W. Bruce offered the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The Baptists of Arkansas in Convention assembled, feeling grateful to God for, and rejoicing at the rapid progress made by our denomination, and for the wonderful influence of our State College at Arkadelphia, and desiring to express our confidence and approval of the management of said College, we feel that the time is approaching when greater educational facilities will be required in our growing State, in order to keep pace with the times. And,

WHEREAS, There exists in the minds of some members of this Convention a sincere desire to educate their daughters in a school exclusively for females, be it therefore