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THE MINUTES

OF THE

TWELFTH SESSION

OF THE

ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

HELD IN

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,

November 21st to 24th, 1869.



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MINUTES

OF THE

ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, October 21st, 1859.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention met in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, on the 21st day of October, A. D. 1859, pursuant to adjournment.

The President and Secretary being present, the Convention proceeded to business. The President read the 23d Psalm.—Prayer by T. S. N. King.

The President then called for delegates from Churches and Associations; and the following were enrolled:

CHURCHES.

Pine Bluff, Jefferson county: Eld. W. M. Lea, L. L. Boone, Isaiah Holcom* and M. M. McGuire.*

Samaris, Dallas county: J. J. Harris,* Eld. R. M. Thrasher and Dr. M. W. McCraw.

Camden, Ouachita county: Elder T. G. Freeman.

New Hope, Dallas county: Wm. L. Rucks,* P. W. Cole,* and Elder J. T. Craig.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Mount Vernon: Elders, T. S. N. King, W. H. Barksdale, B. B. Black, M. W. Izard,* and Bro. Spence Hall.*

Judson: Elders, W. M. Lea, R. J. Coleman,* H. M. Wilkinson,* A. Yates* and Bro. W. Daniel.

Bartholomew: W. R. Trawick, Eld. P. R. Smith,* Eld. R. T. Mattison* and John Hill.*

Liberty: Elder B. F. Gray.

The President then called for individual contributors, and the name of Elder T. P. Boone was enrolled.

On motion adjourned to 2½ o'clock P. M. Prayer by the President.

OCTOBER 21st, 2½ o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder S. K. Melton, of Illinois.

The call for delegates to the Convention was then renewed by the President: whereupon the following were presented and enrolled:

Red River Association: Elders, M. L. Langley and D. M. Cochran.

Princeton Church, Dallas county: R. K. Dawson,* James Woods* and Wm. R. Janes.

Caroline Association: Elders, John Carroll, J. M. Cox, I. R. Hall, and bros. W. W. Kidd, and S. W. Jackson.

Dardanelle Association: Elders, D. Buckley, T. H. Compere, and brethren J. V. Cross and John Woods.

Little Rock Church: Elders, P. S. G. Watson and L. D. Pearl.

Individual Contributors: Eld. J. F. Hooten and H. T. Weatherly.

On motion, the Convention then went into election of officers, and Elder W. M. Lea was elected President, and R. M. Thrasher, Secretary.

On motion, appointed the following Committees:

1st. *Committee to revise the Constitution of this Convention.*—King, Freeman, Trawick, Weatherly and McCraw.

2nd. *On Preaching.*—Watson, L. L. Boone and McCraw.

3d. *On Education.*—Barksdale, Craig, T. P. Boone, Lea and Trawick.

4th. *Auditing Committee.*—McCraw, Compere and Jackson.

5th. *On Denominational Paper.*—Black, Langley and Carroll.

Absentees marked thus.*

6th. *On Finance*.—Hall, Gray and Woods.

7th. *Of Arrangement*.—T. P. Boone, Hootch and Cross.

8th. *On Nominations*.—Kidd, Craig and Janes.

On motion, appointed Elder T. G. Freeman to preach the sermon on *Ministerial Education*, inasmuch as the brethren appointed at the last session have failed to attend; and Elder Barksdale was appointed alternate to Elder Freeman.

On motion,

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed to examine the Hymn Books in use by the denomination in this State, and select and report some particular Hymn Book to this body to be recommended to the denomination for adoption and general use.

Resolved, That if said committee find it practicable to do so, they report at the present session of this body; but if not, they are to report at the next annual session.

The following brethren were appointed said committee: Watson, Barksdale, Carroll, King, Black and Lea.

On motion, adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Brother Hooten.

OCTOBER 22nd, 9 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother Weatherly.

Read the minutes of yesterday, which were corrected and approved.

On motion, appointed a committee on *Documents*, consisting of brethren, King, Cross and Wood.

Called for the report of the committee on *Arrangement*, which was read and adopted.

The committee on Preaching reported the following brethren to preach to-day, which was approved: R. M. Thrasher, at the Presbyterian church, 10½ o'clock, A. M.; and B. B. Black, 3 o'clock, P. M., at the same house.

On motion, appointed T. P. Boone Secretary, *pro tem.* to supply Brother Thrasher's place while he preaches.

On motion, appointed the next annual session of this Convention to be held with the Baptist church in Pine Bluff, Jefferson county, Arkansas.

Called for reports: whereupon Elder W. M. Lea reported on the *charter* of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention; which was adopted.

REPORT:

TO THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Dear Brethren: In obedience to an appointment of this Convention at its last session, "to get the best legal advice as to the propriety of chartering this Convention, we report, that through the kindness of Hon. E. H. English, we were advised, and furnished by him, (free of charge,) a bill authorizing an act, to charter the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which became a law." See Statute Book for 1858: Sec. 132.

P. S. G. WATSON,
W. M. LEA.

The *Auditing Committee* was granted further time to report. The committee on *Denominational Paper* reported, which was adopted.

REPORT.

Your committee on the "Denominational State Paper," beg leave to submit the following report:

We live within the period predicted by the prophet, "Men shall run to and fro and knowledge shall increase." One great means, if not the greatest for the increase of knowledge, which a beneficent Father has given us, is the *press*. Through it earth's teeming millions are addressed upon subjects of temporal and eternal concern. The influence of the *press*, especially in the newspaper department, is untold; and as is its influence, so is the responsibility of those connected with it. How fearful, then, the responsibility of an Editor! And how dreadful will be the account of those who prostitute the *press* to unholy purposes, leveling its mighty artillery against morals and religion, and thus becoming the aiders and abettors of licentiousness and infidelity!

The age demands a *sanctified press*. Thousands who read religious books but little, will, if it is thrown in their way, read a religious paper. - Hence, a religious paper should come to our firesides, and be thrown broad-cast among the masses, laden with piety, and breathing the spirit of true devotion. Through it the gospel, the *whole* gospel should be preached. Thus it will become an efficient instrumentality in building up the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. It should be the messenger of good tidings, and not of evil—no "talebearer." It should not be steeped in the cesspools of slander, and herald forth to the world the scandal of a neighborhood; but bathed in the holy influence of a pure christianity speak of "glad tidings" and "good things." That *christianity is the perfection of phi-*

lanthropy is a truism; therefore its teachers cannot engage in the unholy business of slander and detraction, neither through a paper, nor otherwise, for this is the very essence of malevolence.

A *denominational paper with Baptists* means a BAPTIST paper, and a *denominational State paper with Arkansas Baptists* means "THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST," edited by Brother Watson. And here we would record our grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for its past success, which will compare favorably with that of similar enterprises in other States.

Its correspondence has been creditable, while in the editorial department there has been a manifestation of energy and talent of which we feel that we need not be ashamed. It has given general satisfaction. And, all things considered, we are of opinion that it has "passed the crisis," and is now "a fixed fact." "Let its sheet wave proudly from our State Capital" is the language in which it is recommended by the MOUNT VERNON ASSOCIATION; and "let its sheet wave proudly from our State Capital" should be the language of every Baptist in this State.

B. B. BLACK, *Ch'n.*

The committee on *Education* made their report which was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Chairman of the Committee appointed to report on Education, having been solicited to prepare a sermon on a special subject to be preached before this body, in case of the failure of another minister, finds his time too limited to prepare, in the midst of other engagements, such a report on Education as the importance of the subject would demand, and hence would respectfully ask the adoption of the report which he had previously prepared and offered to the Mount Vernon Association on the same subject, and which he would now submit for the consideration of this body.

The prophetic announcement that "many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased" is strikingly exhibited in this our day. Knowledge is here working out the wonderful problem of national greatness. We live in an age of national pride and national enterprise. The citizens of the respective States of our glorious Republic are together rushing forward, each to achieve, if possible, the highest position in literary attainments. They ask for no secondary rank. They will be content with no mean position. Excelsior is their motto. Onward their watchword. Colleges their ensign. Churches their hope and Christ their all. Conscious they are, that the preservation and rising glory of these inalienable rights, bestowed by an inheritance of imperishable fame, depend upon *true enlightened patriotism*,—religious culture and early bias of the

tender and susceptible mind, to the ways of piety, distinguished by the shields and helmets of Protestant pulpits. Literature abroad and tyranny falls. Envelop her light and superstition reigns. Hence, says Mr. Brownson, the celebrated Roman Catholic defender, "our enemies (speaking of Protestants) rely upon Godless schools—State education as a means of checking the progress of Catholicity. We must admit they have laid their plans with infernal skill. The result will not meet their anticipations, however. The attention of the Catholic world has been directed to this subject by those whom God hath chosen to rule over us, and a struggle which will end in victory, for the church has begun between Catholicity and the States, to see who shall have the child." Your Committee would respectfully suggest that you mark his language, note his insolence upon Protestant soil, wherein he declares that *God hath sent those of his faith to rule over us—the inhabitants*—and that such rulers (Bishops and Priests) have directed the attention of the Catholic world to *your children*, and the struggle has now already commenced between your country and the Catholics "to see who shall have the child"—and lo! he goes one step further, and lifts the curtain of futurity, and pronounces the victory complete, triumphantly so, for the Catholics!! Sirs, in view of this bold and daring insolence of the boasting Goliath, your Committee cannot refrain from expressing their honest conviction, that as Baptists, we ought to go out with redoubled energy to meet the "uncircumcised Philistines who thus defy the armies of the living God." They have dared to clash on their sounding shields the din of war, and strut out upon your Academic hills, as all their own, defying you to arms! to arms! For hear another of their organs—I now refer to the New Orleans Catholic Messenger, which taking up the same war hoop cry, says "Public schools infringe on our rights"—talk they of *rights*? what rights? the right of the Inquisition by which they have bound the once enlightened Italy in the fetters of ignorance? Your Committee would call your attention also to the pronoun employed "*our rights*," as though the education of children was theirs *exclusively*, a right in which we have no part; from all this it is clear to your Committee that now is no time to 'counsel ignoble ease, peaceful sloth,' while with impious hands they stand ready to rifle our Colleges, plunder our institutions—kidnap our children—tear down our altars—demolish our pulpits—extinguish our liberties, and exhume the bones of our patriots from their long quiet graves, as they did the Bible-loving Wickliff of fourteen hundred and twenty-eight! Your Committee in view of the above feel that they cannot too earnestly recommend to you the necessity of rallying with fresh energy around our various nurseries of learning and to guard with a zealous eye your interest there. We cannot stand still. Progress is written upon the pillars of our institu-

tions, and if we *do not* foster them, Catholics *will*. The times call loudly upon Protestants* to educate—educate! and let science assert her supremacy over traditionary legend. Ours is a new State, 'tis true, but not too new for action on this important subject. Already the Roman Catholics are upon the field. Their buildings are erected—their doors are open, and Protestant children are thronging their ranks. In view of the importance which our Catholic friends attach to *early religious bias*, which they invariably labor to give in favor of *their* doctrines, we would respectfully suggest to our brethren the patronage of our-own schools, where the mind will be left free, while the greatest care will be taken to enrich the intellect untainted by sectarian prejudice: your Committee has learned from the agent now in the field that he in connection with his coadjutor, has raised the sum of \$41,000 for the purpose of endowing a College to be under the control of the Baptist State Convention. The sum of one hundred thousand is thought to be necessary for its endowment. We recommend the enterprize to all who have the ability to aid so desirable an undertaking. Our paper is another means of shedding light in regard to our tenets: and as such we would respectfully suggest to every Baptist family their Denominational State organ. Brethren, forget not the Arkansas Baptist. Let its sheet wave proudly from our State Capital. Let it be welcomed to your firesides, seen upon your tables—in the hands of your children.

All of which is submitted,

W. H. BARKSDALE, Ch'n.

The *Auditing Committee* now reported, pending the discussion of which, the Convention adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M. Brother Watson on the floor. Benediction by the President.

OCTOBER 22d, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother Cox.

Then took up the report of the *Auditing Committee*; and Bro. Watson proceeded with his remarks, after which the report was adopted.

REPORT.

The committee to which was referred the auditing of the accounts of "*The Arkansas Baptist*," ask leave to submit the following report:

* The word "Protestant" is used in its general sense. In one sense of the word, Baptists are not Protestants.

After a careful examination of Bro. P. S. G. Watson's subscription book, it appears he has received on subscription, in cash or its equivalent, the sum of two thousand one hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty cents. (\$2,156 50.) Bro. Watson has paid Messrs. Johnson & Yerkes, on account of printing "*The Arkansas Baptist*," one thousand six hundred and fifty-four dollars, (\$1,654 00,) and that he will be due said Johnson & Yerkes, at the end of this year, three hundred and forty-six dollars, (\$346.)

All of which is fraternally submitted,

M. W. McCRAW, Ch'n.

On motion, suspended the *regular* order of business for the introduction and discussion of certain resolutions touching the *Editorial* course of the Editor of "*THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST*," the Denominational organ of the Baptists of this State. After considerable discussion the following resolutions were adopted.

1st. *Resolved*, That this Convention fully indorse the course pursued by our Editor in rejecting all personal articles which in their nature would tend to strife and contention among the brotherhood.

2d. *Resolved*, That Bro. Watson, on account of the many mental and physical difficulties he has encountered, for the sake of the cause of the despised Nazarene, is entitled to our heart-felt thanks and lasting gratitude.

3d. *Resolved*, unanimously, That this Convention tender to Bro. P. S. G. Watson "*The Arkansas Baptist*," together with *all its assets and its liabilities*. And this Convention will and do, as individuals, pledge themselves to give the paper all the favorable countenance and active support in their power, so long as it maintains the doctrines, practice, and polity of our denomination; it being understood, that from and after this date, this body shall not be bound for any debt or debts contracted on account of said paper.

Upon the adoption of the above resolutions, Bro. Watson being asked for an expression, arose and accepted "*The Arkansas Baptist*," upon the terms set forth, thanking the Convention for their continued confidence in him as Editor, voluntarily pledging himself to use all and every means in his power physical, mental, and pecuniary to make a Good Baptist paper; and asking also the continued aid of the brotherhood in the support of said paper.

On motion, adjourned to Monday 9 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Bro. Gray.

MONDAY, October 24th, 9 o'clock, A. M.

[§ The Convention met and was called to order by the President.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Hall.

Read the minutes of Saturday, which were corrected and approved.

On motion, Elder J. T. Freeman, Editor of the "MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST," was invited to a seat in this body as a "Corresponding Messenger" from the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

On motion, adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we return our thanks to Messrs. Johnson & Yerkes for their great liberality to Bro. P. S. G. Watson, this Convention, and the Baptist Denomination, for publishing the Arkansas Baptist for a sum considerably less than the original contract.

The Convention then took up the regular order of business by calling for the report of the Committee on the Constitution; which was read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on revising the Constitution, report that they have not been able to perfect the work assigned them; and therefore, ask for further time: whereupon it was

Resolved, That said Committee be continued, and that they have until the next session of this body to perform the duty devolved upon them.

2d. That the above committee be, and they are hereby instructed to report, with the Constitution, a Code of Rules of Order for the government of this body.

Called for the report of the Committee on Finance, which was adopted.

REPORT.

The Financial Committee beg leave to submit the following Report:

Received for Conventional purposes as follows:	
New Hope Church, Dallas Co., Princeton P. O.	\$ 5 00
Samaria " " Tulip "	6 00
Pleasant Grove Church, Hempstead county, Hickory Creek P. O.	1 00
Individual contributors.	3 00
Camden Church, Camden P. O.	5 00
Mt. Vernon Association.	6 50
Caroline.	17 00
Collection at Presbyterian Church.	9 03
Pine Bluff.	5 00
Collection at Christian Church.	5 75

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I. R. HALL, Ch'n.

A letter was received and read from *Pleasant Grove Church, Hempstead county*, by the hands of R. H. Bruce, the delegate from said church.

On motion, suspended the regular order of business, and passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we, the members of this Convention; do unanimously tender our thanks to the ladies who have honored, or may honor, this Convention with their presence; and we do hereby extend an invitation to the ladies generally to attend.

The report of the committee on a Hymn Book, was called for, read and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on a Hymn Book, ask leave to report that they have not had time and opportunity to examine the various Hymn Books. In view of the foregoing they would suggest, as the best course of procedure, that a Committee be appointed, or the present one continued, to report on the subject at the next session of this body.

P. S. G. WATSON, Ch'n.

The same committee was continued to report, at the next annual session of this body, a Hymn Book for recommendation.

The report of the Executive Board was called for; and, on motion, the Executive Board was granted further time, and brethren D. Buckley and H. T. Weatherly were appointed members of the Executive Board, *pro tem*.

The report of the committee on *Documents* was called for and adopted.

REPORT.

The Committee on *Documents* report that they have examined the various communications referred to them and find but one subject claiming their attention, to-wit: The one having reference to the conducting of "The Arkansas Baptist." And, inasmuch as the Paper has been turned over to Brother P. S. G. Watson, there is nothing now demanding further action of this body.

T. S. N. KING, Ch'n.

There being nothing special before the Convention, Brother Freeman of Mississippi, was invited to address the Convention in behalf of his paper. Bro. Freeman responded to the invitation, and said that he "had not come to Arkansas to advocate his paper; that he would feel a delicacy in doing so." He then

congratulated the Convention and Brother Watson upon the success of "The Arkansas Baptist," wishing its circulation to increase; and also upon the success of the Agents for the College. Bro. Freeman then spoke of the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union in a very happy manner, showing the necessity of carrying forward the objects contemplated by the Union, and of the circumstances which led to its organization. He also adverted to the business of the approaching anniversary of the Union at Canton, Mississippi; and of the general awakening of the denomination and the different Baptist publishing houses to prepare BAPTIST Sabbath School literature; and told his own experience as connected with Sabbath Schools. He also adverted to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and its different enterprises, and in conclusion said the Baptists of Mississippi were beginning to feel an interest in Arkansas; that many of them had removed hither—and the ministers were following their flocks, and making their homes in this State. Therefore, Mississippi had sent Corresponding Messengers in order to open correspondence and cultivate a fraternal feeling. And when he concluded, hearty AMENS were heard in different parts of the house.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Benediction by the President.

OCTOBER 24th, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

Prayer by Brother E. N. Chennault.

On motion, ordered certificates to be given to the delegates of this Convention who came by stage, signed by the President and Secretary.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention heartily approve the noble enterprise now being prosecuted by the Southern Baptist Sabbath School Union—Graves, Marks & Co., Depository Agents, Nashville, Tennessee; also, that precious Gem for the "little folks," The Children's Friend; and recommend the same to the consideration of the Denomination throughout the State.

Resolved, That we appoint brethren, D. M. Cochran, W. H. Barksdale, H. T. Weatherly, W. M. Lea, W. R. Trawick and

P. R. Smith, to attend its next meeting in Canton, Mississippi, on the 4th Sabbath of November, *proximo*.

On motion, ordered the names of the ministers of our denomination in this State, to be published in the minutes of this Convention; also the statistics of the denomination as far as they can be had.

Heard the report of the Executive Board, which was adopted.

REPORT.

Report of the Executive Board to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, October 24th, 1850.

DEAR BRETHREN: According to your order at the last session of this Convention, we met soon after your adjournment, and having before us a report from Eld. Wm. M. Lea, concerning his arrangement with Messrs. Johnson & Yerkes, to print the Arkansas Baptist, in Little Rock, for 1850, we determined the paper to be published at the above place.

At a subsequent date to the above, the Board agreed that the Editor Elect, should begin the publication of the paper with something less than the amount set by the Convention, being influenced to do so from the facts that the prospect was flattering ahead and that the Convention would not in any manner be brought under pecuniary obligation; and we are happy to be able to state that our most anxious expectations have been fully realized.

At a meeting of the Board in June, Eld. Wm. M. Lea was appointed Agent for the Convention in behalf of the College—his appointment being like our other appointments, on the self-sustaining plan. The other Agent, Bro. Trawick, has continued in the service of the Convention as formerly, and with much pleasure we state that the prospect for a speedy completion of the Endowment Fund is very favorable. With two such Agents in the field as Brethren, Trawick and Lea, our expectations could scarcely be too high.

For further particulars, we refer you to the accompanying Reports of the Agents.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
R. M. THRASHER, *President*
Executive Board.

AGENTS' REPORTS.

*To the Executive Board of the
Arkansas Baptist State Convention:*

DEAR BRETHREN—During the last year all my time has been given to the objects of the Convention. There seems to be an

increased interest manifested in favor of the College and Paper. All the Associations I have attended, approve and recommend them to the favorable consideration of the people. I have now in bonds for the College \$86,556 00.

For Conventional expenses I have received from individuals, Churches and Associations, and acknowledged through the Arkansas Baptist, \$190 55. Since coming to the Convention from Gen. N. G. Smith \$5; John Wood \$10; Samaria church, Dallas county \$30; Eld. J. F. Hooten \$5; Eld. P. S. G. Watson \$5; Eld. E. N. Chennault \$1: Total \$255 55. I have received from subscribers for the Arkansas Baptist and paid to Brother Watson, Editor, \$303.

W. R. TRAWICK, Agent.

To the Executive Board of the
Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN—The appointment you gave me as an Agent to aid in raising the Endowment for our State College, came to hand in due time, but in consequence of ill health for six weeks and the press of other denominational matters claiming my attention, I have done but little. I have taken in bonds and scholarship, \$5,200. I am pleased to say none object to the condition of raising the Endowment, and in my opinion, the prospects are brightening daily for the consummation of this noble enterprise.

Yours, etc.,

W. M. LEA, Agent.

October 21th, 1850.

On motion,

Resolved, That we recommend all our Ministering Brethren in the State, to take up collections in their respective churches and congregations for the benefit of the Agents of our College enterprise, while engaged in raising an endowment fund. And that so soon as any amount shall have been raised, to forward the same to the Treasurer.

Elder E. L. Compere was now received as a *corresponding messenger* from the Mississippi Baptist State Convention; and Dr. J. M. Barry was invited to a seat as a visiting brother. Bro. E. L. Compere was invited to address the Convention. He said "he would not tax the patience of the brethren with a speech. But he had leave to lay before them a copy of the "BAPTIST MESSENGER," edited by Elder M. Lyon, Memphis, Tennessee, for the inspection of the brethren.

Adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That our thanks are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Little Rock' for their kindness in entertaining the members of this Convention, and in providing for their

horses; to our Presbyterian, Methodist and Reform brethren, for the use of their Houses of Worship; to Mr. Peter Hanger, Stage Agent in this city, for his generosity in charging the members of this Convention but half price; and to the Little Rock Papers which have given notice of this Convention; and to the Agents for their untiring labors in behalf of the College and "The Arkansas Baptist."

On motion,

Resolved, That 1000 copies of the proceedings of this Meeting be published and distributed under the direction of our Secretary and brother P. S. G. Watson. And that the Secretary be allowed the sum of fifteen dollars for his services; and also, whatever amount of postage he may have to expend.

On motion,

Resolved, That our President now appoint a Board of Trustees, successors to those named in the charter of incorporation for this body: whereupon, the same brethren mentioned in said charter were reappointed for the ensuing Conventional year, viz: T. B. VanHorne, John H. Carlton, Nat. G. Smith, P. P. Siler, T. S. N. King, L. B. Fort, John Woods, W. R. Trawick, M. Shelby Kennard, M. W. McCraw, J. J. Harris, E. M. Harris, A. Yates, D. C. Hall, James Woods and R. M. Thrasher.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed Corresponding Messengers to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention: B. B. Black, D. Buckley, Thos. H. Compere, W. H. Barksdale, T. S. N. King, P. S. G. Watson and W. M. Lea.

On motion,

Resolved, That a copy of these minutes shall be evidence of their appointment.

On motion,

Resolved, That we appoint Eld. L. D. Pearle, a Missionary and Colporteur, under this Convention on the self-sustaining plan, and do hereby recommend him to the favorable consideration of our brethren.

On motion,

Resolved, That this Convention take under consideration the building of a Baptist House of Worship, in the city of Little Rock, and that Eld. W. M. Lea be appointed general receiving agent, and also to take subscriptions for that object.

Resolved, That we request our Ministers in general, to act as Agents for the said object, and report to W. M. Lea; and that brother Lea report from time to time, the success through the Arkansas Baptist.

On motion,

Resolved, That we request all the Associations in the State

to send the full amount of funds expended in their bounds for missionary purposes to the next Convention.

Heard and adopted report of the committee on Annual Sermons.

Your committee on Preaching at the next session report:

INTRODUCTORY—T. S. N. King—B. F. Gray, alternate; Friday night 7 o'clock.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—H. E. Weatherly—R. M. Thrasher, alternate; Sunday 11 o'clock, A. M.

ON REVISION—W. H. Barkdale—P. S. G. Watson, alternate; Saturday, 7 o'clock, P. M.

ON MINISTERIAL SUPPORT—W. C. Johnson—R. F. Mattison, alternate; Monday, 7 P. M.

On motion, the resolutions of '67 and '68 concerning the College, were ordered to be published in these minutes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Feeling and seeing the great necessity of educating the rising generation in our State, and more especially that of our young ministers, and believing we should not send either our money or young ministers out of our State, we would recommend the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we build up and endow a first class male College, at some suitable point in our State.

Resolved, That we will raise, as an endowment fund, \$100,000 by scholarships of \$500 each, and by subscriptions.

Resolved, That no subscriptions or scholarships shall be considered due until the \$100,000 endowment fund be secured.

Resolved, That all cash subscriptions of \$50, and under, shall be appropriated for College building, agent's salary, &c.

Resolved, That as soon as the \$100,000 endowment fund is raised, all scholarships and subscriptions shall be considered due, and shall be paid in, or the donors shall pay annually ten per cent on his or her subscription or scholarship.

Resolved, That we will appoint one or more agents for the purpose of raising the endowment fund, who shall canvass the State.

Resolved further, That in locating the College * * * * and all other important matters relative thereto, which may require a vote of those concerned, that one hundred dollars shall be necessary to entitle any one to vote, and that every donor shall be entitled to one vote for every hundred dollars subscribed; and that donors and those who take scholarships may vote by proxy; and two-thirds of said votes present at any meeting of the Convention, shall determine and decide all questions pertaining to the location of said College.

The Convention then adjourned to 7 o'clock, to hear the Annual Sermon on "Ministerial support" by Elder P. S. G. Watson. Benediction by the President.

7 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met at the Methodist church, and Brother Watson delivered an able discourse on the subject assigned him, which pleased and instructed all present on the occasion. Bro. Buckley followed with some appropriate remarks.

The President of the Convention delivered a parting address with much pathos; after which the good old war-song of the Christian,

"Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb;
And shall I fear to own his cause,
Or blush to speak his name,"

was sung by the delegates and congregation while the parting hand was given. Prayer was then offered by Brother E. L. Compere, of Mississippi, and the Convention adjourned to meet with the Baptist church, in Pine Bluff, Jefferson Co., Arkansas, on the Friday before the 4th Sabbath in October, A. D. 1860.

W. M. LEA, *President.*

R. M. THRASHER, *Secretary.*

NOTE.—No room for the names of Ministers without considerable additional cost—the statistics, we think, too incomplete to publish yet—and the paper containing the names of the Executive Board, has been mislaid—as well as the names can be remembered, they will be on the cover.

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