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State Convention



47<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Session.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

PORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD AT

MONTICELLO,

NOVEMBER 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th, 1895.

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ELDER J. P. EAGLE, President, Little Rock, Ark.  
JOHN G. B. SIMMS, Secretary, Conway.

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Next Session to be held with the Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Friday  
before the third Sunday in November, 1896.

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

## STATE DIRECTORY.

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For members from Associations see body of Minutes.

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

## CONSTITUTION.

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

ART. II. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist Associations and Baptist Churches, on presentation of proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

ART. III. Associations shall be entitled to five messengers and Churches to three, and the State Central Committee of the Ladies' Aid Society shall be ex-officio members of the Convention.

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

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

ART. VI. The Convention shall elect by ballot annually a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Also appoint one brother from each Association and thirteen other brethren who shall compose the Executive Board, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum; said Board to hold office until their successors shall be appointed.

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

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

## MINUTES

OF THE

## BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1895.

### FRIDAY'S SESSION.

MONTICELLO, ARK., Nov. 15, 1895.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention assembled in the Baptist Church at 10 a. m. this day, and was called to order by J. P. Eagle, the former President, John G. B. Simms, Assistant Secretary, keeping the Minutes.

A half hour was spent in devotional exercises, led by Bro. Medaris.

The chair appointed Bros. Thomas, Miller and Walls as Committee on Credentials. During the preparation of their report, Bro. Clark and others gave reminiscences. The committee reported the following delegates as entitled to seats in this body:

#### CHURCHES.

Eldorado—J. H. Lee.

Junction City—E. J. A. McKinney.

Camden—W. A. Moffet.

Second Church, Little Rock—A. W. Files.

First Church, Little Rock—W. E. Stevens, W. E. Atkinson, J. J.

Beavers.

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

Cabot—R. J. Coleman.

Jonesboro—J. M. Joiner, J. H. Kitchens, J. V. Bell.

*Promise Land*—S. A. Davis.  
*Macedonia*—F. P. Davis, Vines Turner.  
*Judsonia*—J. S. Thomas, W. P. Kime, C. E. Smith.  
*De Witt*—H. H. Street.  
*Hamburg*—W. H. Lindsay.  
*Woodlawn*—W. T. Lawson, J. B. Massey, A. L. Oslin.  
*Lonoke*—J. W. Lipsey.  
*Argenta*—Ben Cox.  
*Rosebud*—R. E. Sutton.  
*Conway*—R. C. Medaris, J. G. Lile, W. B. Peebles.  
*Berryville*—S. W. McClure.  
*Morrilton*—Giles C. Taylor, E. A. Mann.  
*Monticello*—W. W. Gardner, J. F. Bussey, E. Curry.  
*Hope*—J. H. Black, T. M. Battle.  
*Mountain Home*—J. W. Hiett, W. S. Johnson.  
*Mount Olive*—Wm. Tucker, J. H. Donham.  
*Holly Springs*—W. J. Edrington.  
*Beech Creek*—R. C. Dew.  
*Paris*—J. F. Brewer.  
*Union Hill*—W. T. Clements, M. M. Conley.  
*Mount Olive*—Hogan Allen, J. R. Riley.  
*Ebenezer*—P. P. Garrison, S. Blythe.  
*Flat Creek*—J. C. Pyron, R. L. Denson.  
*Portland*—J. E. Finley, W. B. Stell, Norman Crim.  
*Enon*—Henry Berry, F. M. Shewmak, Price Biggs.  
*Prescott*—J. C. Young.  
*Magazine*—F. P. Turner, Mrs. F. P. Turner.  
*Beebe*—M. T. Web.  
*Dardanelle*—A. H. Autry, R. E. Cole.  
*Pine Bluff*—W. K. Penrod, H. C. Fox, W. W. Byrd.  
*Hot Springs*—J. B. Moody.  
*Carlisle*—A. L. Pine.  
*Harmony*—P. N. Taylor.  
*Van Buren*—D. C. Yeargen.  
*Shiloh*—J. W. Sims, E. P. White.  
*Prairie Grove*—T. L. Nelms, James Woods.  
*Holly Springs*—D. W. Campbell.  
*Hamburg*—M. E. Rice.  
*Judson*—J. R. Rice.  
*Paragould*—J. H. Peay.  
*Tyro*—W. C. Kimbro.  
*New Edinburgh*—W. Moseley.  
*Argenta*—A. M. Lee.  
*Pleasant Grove*—R. B. Sawyer.

*Hickory Grove*—J. S. Fish.  
*Judson*—B. F. Rice.  
*Warren*—W. F. Black, M. T. Gill, Alvin O'Neal.  
*Helena*—H. C. Rosaman, S. A. Stearns.  
*Searcy*—Miss Sidney Deanor.

## ASSOCIATIONS.

*Liberty*—J. N. Hartly.  
*Howard County, Nashville*—C. W. Strickland, D. B. Sain.  
*Red River*—J. J. Haynes, W. M. Jones.  
*Caroline*—J. P. Eagle, O. U. Owen, J. G. Doyle, S. L. Pine.  
*Friendship*—W. H. Cash, J. W. McPherson, C. L. Crawford.  
*Benton County*—M. M. Smith.  
*Greenbrier*—J. G. B. Simms.  
*Judson*—L. J. Hogg, J. N. Mann, Joe F. Gill.  
*Current River*—F. C. Neeley.  
*Clear Creek*—M. F. Locke, D. C. Yeargen.  
*Union*—T. C. Swofford.  
*White River*—M. S. Kennard.  
*Judson*—J. W. S. Gardner, J. W. Gardner, O. W. Haygood.  
*Saline*—W. A. Clark.  
*Russellville*—W. T. Box, W. V. Walls.  
*Big Creek*—W. H. Bowling, T. G. Hawkins, F. W. Harris.  
*Columbia*—H. E. Harris.  
*White River Valley*—A. A. Andrews.  
*Bartholomew*—J. P. Henry, E. E. Smith, W. C. Harry, J. M. L. Thomasson, N. C. Denson.  
*Friendship*—I. R. Vick, Ed L. Lucas.  
*Howard County*—J. H. Grumbles.  
*Rocky Bayou*—W. M. Duren.

## WOMAN'S WORK.

*Central Committee*—Mrs. C. R. Schaer, Mrs. J. P. Eagle.

The committee was continued to make further reports as delegates shall arrive.

The question of contesting delegations from Redfield Church was referred to a committee of five, composed of Miller, Atkinson, Hogan Allen, Lipsey and Moody.

A recess was here taken till 2 o'clock. Prayer by R. J. Coleman.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2 o'clock by the President. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder Berry. The Chair appointed Bros. Cox, Kime and Box to hold election for President. There were nominated for the place Bros. W. E. Atkinson and J. P. Eagle, and for Secretary, J. G. B. Simms, and for Treasurer, W. A. Clark and J. H. Kitchens, the ballot being ordered taken for all three places at once, the first named to be President, the second Secretary and the third Treasurer.

Other tellers were appointed, to-wit, Kitchens, Doyle and Denson, and the election was ordered to proceed for two Vice-Presidents. Brethren R. J. Coleman and M. F. Locke were nominated, and, there being no other nominations, the Secretary was ordered to cast the ballot of the body for these two brethren for the offices named—Brother Coleman for First Vice-President and Brother Locke for Second—and this was done, and they were declared duly elected, respectively.

The tellers appointed to hold the election for President, Secretary, and Treasurer, reported the election of Brother J. P. Eagle as President, J. G. B. Simms as Secretary, and W. A. Clark as Treasurer, each of whom entered upon his duties at once.

On motion of Brother Locke, the following order of business was adopted :

- Meet at 8:30, adjourn at 12 m.
- Meet at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at 4:30 p. m.
- Meet at 7 p. m., adjourn at will.

The order of business was declared to be the appointment of committees, and, by resolution, the order of proceeding thereafter was referred to a committee of Moody, Box and Medaris, and they were directed to report at once.

The Chair announced Brothers Gardner, Wood, Cox, Bussey and Curry as Committee on Devotional Exercises.

The President here retired to select the committees, Brother Locke in the chair.

The Committee on Redfield Church made the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of receiving messengers from two Churches claiming to be the Redfield Baptist Church, report that, after hearing the case fairly stated by both sides, and other observers as well, recommend to the State Convention that the messengers from both of said Churches be refused enrollment as members of this body, but that they be invited to remain and enjoy the usual privileges accorded to visiting brethren, the representatives of both parties having agreed, before your Committee, to re-submit the whole matter to a new council, mutually chosen, and to submit to the decision of said council as a final settlement of the question.

- E. B. MILLER,
- HOGAN ALLEN,
- J. W. LIPSEY,
- W. E. ATKINSON,
- J. B. MOODY.

The Convention here decided to determine at once where this body shall meet next year. Ordered that all places desiring it be nominated, and the vote be taken by rising and counting.

Speeches limited to two minutes.

Following places nominated: Dardanelle, Hot Springs, Bentonville, Hope, Pine Bluff, Jonesboro.

The vote was as follows :

	1st Ballot.	2d Ballot.
Dardanelle.....	9	..
Hot Springs.....	33	60
Bentonville.....	2	..
Hope.....	11	..
Pine Bluff.....	39	42
Jonesboro.....	12	..

The election of Hot Springs was then made unanimous.

The statistical report, prepared by W. A. Clark, was read and ordered printed with the minutes in the appendix hereto.

The following resolution, by W. E. Atkinson, was adopted by a rising vote :

*Be it resolved by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, That the conduct of Governor James P. Clarke, as Governor of the State of Arkansas, and of Judges Duffey and Martin, in exercising the whole power of the commonwealth in the suppression of the carnival of crime so recently imminent at Hot Springs, be heartily commended as worthy to characterize the representatives of a Christian people; and that, in our opinion, this sense of decency, so manfully enforced, will mark an epoch in our State's history in anticipating and preventing organized resistance to law, aided by criminal official indifference or connivance, and that every follower of Christ should pray and labor for its realization.*

The Secretary was ordered to furnish Little Rock papers a copy of these resolutions.

The Committee on Programme, or Order of Business, made the following report, which was adopted :

1. Plans and recommendations.
  2. Nominations.
  3. State missions and executive board.
  4. Publications.
  5. Home missions.
  6. Foreign missions.
  7. Sunday schools.
  8. Temperance.
  9. Education.
  10. Orphans' Home.
  11. Obituaries.
  12. Central committees.
- Ministerial education after the sermon to-night.

The President resumed the chair and announced the following

COMMITTEES :

*Plans and Recommendations*—Penrod, Clark, Locke, Kitchens, Atkinson, Sain and Denson.

*State Missions*—Files, Strickland, Box, Webb, Swafford, Allen, Medaris, Autry and Turner.

*Foreign Missions*—C. E. Smith, O. U. Owen, M. M. Smith, McKinney, Hartly, Peebles and Street.

*Home Missions*—Lipsey, Battle, Hiatt, Kime, Haynes, Bell and Lawson.

*Education*—Joiner, Conger, Johnson, Lile, McClure, Taylor and Crawford.

*Nominations*—Atkinson, Doyle, Miles, Pine, Cox, Andrews and Neely.

*Sunday Schools*—Thomas, Walls, Sutton, Yeargen, Tucker, Dew and Brewer.

*Publications*—Moody, Vick, W. M. Jones, Clements, J. W. S. Gardner, Young and Wells.

*Temperance*—Moffet, Moody, Hawkins, Fox, P. N. Taylor, J. W. Sims and J. R. Rice.

*Orphans' Home*—Hogg, S. A. Davis, Cash, Mann, Donham, Riley, Blythe and Baker.

*Obituaries*—Gambrell, Finley, Berry, Campbell, Lindsay, S. A. Davis, Cole, Conley.

Visiting brethren being invited to seats, the following responded :

J. M. Berry, Oklahoma T.; S. H. Ford, St. Louis; W. P. Harvey, Prof. W. J. McGlofin, Louisville; W. C. Golden, Nashville; E. Y. Mullins, Richmond, Va.; A. C. F. Kiger, David Blankenship, W. A. Tibbit, M. D. Early, Texas.

Prayer by N. C. Denson. Recess till 7 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Called to order at 7 o'clock. Prayer by Brother J. J. Haynes. The chair announced the following committee :

*On Finance*—Harris, Beavers, Biggs, Massey, Garrison.

The hour having arrived for preaching the Introductory Sermon, the pulpit was occupied by Elder E. B. Miller, who selected as his text 6th chapter of Ephesians, 11th verse, "Put on the whole armor of God." After which prayer was offered by Dr. S. H. Ford.

Brother Conger read the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, as follows :

This report is intended to be limited to the work of the scholastic



year of 1894-95. The Board is located at Arkadelphia, and its constituent members are J. W. Conger, F. D. Baars, W. A. Forbes, J. J. Haynes and E. B. Miller.

We lift our hearts in grateful praise to our God for his goodness, vouchsafed to us in the Lord's work. The matter of ministerial education was received more enthusiastically and supported more liberally last session than ever before. We do not deem it out of place to report that quite a large number of older and more honored ministers who were deprived of college training expressed themselves at the district associations as heartily favoring the training of our young preachers. All honor to these noble men for their work's sake and for their sound encouragement of ministerial preparation. We have encouraged the district associations as far as could be reached to introduce reports on ministerial education and to render, in a systematic way, such aid as young men in their own bounds should need. Several churches have sustained a man each during the past year. And, as we think best, having no salaried agent to represent our work, we have trusted collections to our pastors; and right nobly have they come to our help. Then we had good friends among the churches who sent in personal donations in time of great need. One such man has been taken home, and we shall miss him. Major W. E. Penn was one of our most liberal supporters. We would like to mention others like him now with us. Then we find benevolent bands of women all over the State who help in this work by prayers and contributions.

Your board has recommended that the class work of each beneficiary be reported by the faculty to the Board of Ministerial Education. Also that a course of Bible Lessons be inaugurated in the college for the benefit of young preachers and others. Such course of Bible study is now in progress and promises great usefulness under the instruction of Dr. A. G. McManaway.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Received from all sources.....	\$1,008 06
Paid out for beneficiaries.....	992 53
Balance on hand June 8, 1895.....	15 53
Benefits in tuition.....	800 00
Total benefits to students.....	\$1,792 53

#### AS TO THE PRESENT SESSION.

There are now (November 14) twenty-four students for the ministry in our college. Out of this number eighteen have applied for financial aid. Eight of these require full board for the session, at \$10 each per month—\$760; and ten will need, on an average, \$52.50 each—\$525.50. Total needed for the session, \$1,285.50. Besides, two men who have applied for help have not as yet been promised help.

They will enter college at once if we secure the means. And two men desire to enter college January 1, 1896. We will need, for these twenty-two men, at least \$1,500.

In conclusion, we report that the matter of establishing a boarding house, in which all our beneficiaries may be cared for at the lowest possible rates, is now under consideration. Elder W. A. Forbes is our agent, under appointment, to collect funds and establish the proposed ministers' boarding house.

After the same had been spoken to by a number of brethren, the following subscriptions were taken for the aid of young and indigent ministers:

Fort Smith Church.....	\$ 100 00
Arkadelphia Church.....	100 00
W. E. Stevens.....	100 00
J. P. and Mrs. Eagle.....	100 00
J. B. Moody.....	25 00
H. H. Street, DeWitt.....	25 00
O. U. Owen, Lonoke.....	25 00
T. M. Battle, Hope.....	25 00
Monticello Church (Gardner).....	25 00
J. P. Henry, Hamburg.....	25 00
Star City, D. E. Gambrel.....	10 00
W. H. Cash, Toledo.....	5 00
I. R. Vick, Garnett.....	5 00
First Church, Little Rock, W. E. Atkinson.....	25 00
Pine Bluff Church, W. K. Penrod.....	25 00
W. K. Penrod.....	10 00
Bentonville Church, M. M. Smith.....	5 00
Judsonia, C. E. Smith.....	5 00
J. C. Young, Prescott.....	10 00
Hillsboro, J. N. Hartley.....	5 00
El Dorado, J. N. Hartley.....	10 00
Argenta, A. M. Lee.....	5 00
N. C. Denson, Warren.....	5 00
E. J. A. McKinney, Junction City.....	15 00
Helena, B. Y. P. U.....	10 00
Conway, R. C. Medaris.....	10 00
Liberty Church, R. F. Sutton.....	5 00
Camden Church, W. A. Moffett.....	10 00
Cash.....	24 00
Total.....	\$ 739 00

The report was then adopted.  
Prayer by W. C. Golden. Adjourned.

## SATURDAY'S SESSION.

Called to order, President in the chair; after singing, prayer by Brother McGloflin.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

The Chair proceeded with the order of business prescribed, and the Committee on Publications reported as follows:

## PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications recognizes a deplorable decline of interest in religious literature. The immense capital invested in secular papers, with their marvelous cheapness and lamentable corruption, are flooding the land, and many of our people have unwisely allowed this immoral and secular literature to monopolize their reading hours, and the effect is a vitiated taste that has disqualified them for religious and devotional literature.

Your committee recommends that the convention urge our preachers and teachers to warn our people against the dangers of such corrupting literature, and to urge, in lieu thereof, that they supply themselves and their families with wholesome religious literature, offered by our own publishers.

The first among the many excellent periodicals deserving our patronage is our own State paper, the *Arkansas Baptist*. It is with shame that we have to state that the 63,000 Baptists of our prosperous State do not give sufficient patronage to enable our editor to give us a paper that could be furnished by better support. The editor is largely dependent on the co-operation of our preachers, and it is certain that our preachers do not discharge their full obligations to the paper. Patrons and editor should come to a mutual understanding of the needs of the paper, and a little improvement on both sides will get the difficulties out of the way.

To those of our brethren who may wish additional papers, we cordially recommend such as are represented in this convention, viz.: *Western Recorder*, *Christian Repository*, our *Missionary Journal*, the *Baptist Missionary*, *Baptist and Reflector* and the Sunday school literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

J. B. MOODY, *Chairman*.

After much discussion and a prayer by Brother Conger, the report was adopted.

## REPORT OF DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows:

Sunday, mass meeting at Baptist Church at 9:30 a. m., conducted by Brother Stearns, of Helena. All Sunday schools of the town are invited.

At Baptist Church—At 11 a. m., S. H. Ford; at 7 p. m., W. P. Harvey.

At Presbyterian Church—At 11 a. m., J. H. Peay; at 7 p. m., W. E. Stevens.

At Methodist Church—At 11 a. m., J. B. Moody; at 7 p. m., J. M. Joiner.

At Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church—At 11 a. m., W. K. Penrod; at 7 p. m., J. W. Lipsey.

Colored Baptist Church—At 11 a. m., J. G. Doyle; at 7 p. m., W. A. Clark.

Colored Methodist Church—At 11 a. m., T. C. Swofford; 7 p. m., A. H. Autry.

Mass meeting of Convention and citizens on Orphans' Home grounds at 3 p. m. Addresses by J. P. Eagle, W. E. Atkinson, W. A. Clark and others.

At the conclusion of the sermon at 7 p. m. in this house memorial services will be held in honor of Brother Penn, and also of Porter Clay, brother of the great Henry Clay. Speeches by Brother Ford and others.

GARDNER AND OTHERS, *Committee*.

Ordered that speakers on all questions be limited to ten minutes, except the first one, who shall be granted twenty-five minutes.

Tonight at 7:30 was fixed to hear Bro. McGloflin concerning the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The report of the Executive Board was called for and read, and on motion was recommitted.

Prayer by Brother Lipsey. Recess till 1:30.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:30 by the President. Prayer by Brother Joiner.

The Committee on Sunday Schools submitted their report, as follows:

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

To catch, hold, indoctrinate and train the children is of great importance to our denomination here and elsewhere. Much work has been done in this State in that direction, but an unlimited field remains to be occupied; therefore, we recommend:

1. That this Convention, through its Executive Board, co-operate with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and encourage any work it may undertake in the State under its present methods and plans of operation.
2. That this Convention co-operate with and encourage the Sunday School Mission and colportage work of the American Baptist Publication Society and through its Executive Board cultivate such relationship as will bring all work done into this body.

J. S. THOMAS.

Consideration of which was postponed until after the Committee on Plans and Recommendations shall have reported.

Said committee then reported at once, as follows:

## PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Board be instructed to select a competent brother as Secretary and Treasurer, whose duty it shall be to keep the churches and pastors informed as to the needs of the board. This information is to be given through circular letters and columns of our State paper. For his services he shall receive a salary not to exceed twenty-five dollars per month.
2. *Resolved further*, That the State Board be urged to co-operate with each association in their method of mission work as far as practicable, and that the State Board endeavor, through each of its associational members, to keep in touch with the pastors and churches of each association, and in this way keep constant and systematic work in progress.
3. *Resolved further*, That each association in our bounds be and is hereby urgently requested to select some suitable place and build a camp ground, with a suitable tabernacle, and hold a regular camp meeting at least once each year, and that the Board of State Missions and each employe thereof be instructed to press this suggestion for adoption and practice.
4. *Resolved further*, That the mission work, Sunday school work and colportage work be continued under the management of the State Board, as directed last year.

5. *Resolved further*, That it is the sense of this Convention that no member of the State Board should be an employe thereof.
6. *Resolved further*, That each association be requested to pay the expenses of its member of the board in attending the State Board meetings.
7. *Resolved further*, That, if practicable, the board organize a system of evangelistic work by the pastors in the State.
8. *Resolved further*, That the convention request that our State paper publish these resolutions, give them a conspicuous place therein and keep it in place for a period of twelve months.

W. K. PENROD, *Chairman*.

Consideration of above was had, section by section, and, after alterations and amendments, was adopted.

A letter was read from the Church at Bayou Meto, stating that they had pledged \$5 for State Missions and regretting that they could not be represented in person.

Prayer by J. H. Peay. Adjourned.

## EVENING SESSION.

After call to order at 7 o'clock, prayer was offered by Brother Kiger.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was then resumed as a special order for this hour, and said report was amended and adopted.

Brother Clark read a communication from Brother E. Y. Mullins, of the Foreign Mission Board, stating that he was delayed, but would be here tomorrow night.

Brother Booker, President of the Colored Baptist College at Little Rock, was introduced and addressed the Convention in the interest of his school, after which a collection was taken for Brother Booker amounting to \$35.15, and the following resolution, offered by Brother Simms, was adopted:

We have heard with great interest and admiration the address of Prof. Booker of the Colored Baptist College at Little Rock. We commend Brother Booker most heartily to all our people. We indorse his principles and methods and take great pleasure in giving him all the help we can morally and financially.

The hour of 7:30 having arrived, the special order was an address by Professor McGloflin, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and after the address a subscription was taken to aid the young ministers at Louisville, to-wit:

J. M. Joiner.....	\$10 00
First Church, Little Rock.....	25 00
Arkadelphia Church.....	10 00
El Dorado.....	10 00
W. A. Moffett.....	10 00
J. W. Lipsey.....	10 00
J. H. Peay.....	10 00
Mountain Home Church.....	10 00
J. P. Eagle.....	10 00
Judsonia Church.....	5 00
C. E. Smith.....	5 00
Mrs. J. P. Eagle.....	10 00
Jonesboro Church.....	10 00
W. K. Penrod.....	15 00
S. A. Davis.....	5 00
Conway Church.....	10 00
Monticello Church.....	10 00
C. W. Strickland.....	10 00
Ladies' Missionary Society, Hope.....	5 00
Bentonville Church.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Arkadelphia.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, El Dorado.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Russellville.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Jonesboro.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Prescott.....	5 00
W. A. Tippet, Waco, Texas.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Conway.....	5 00
W. P. Kime.....	1 00
B. Cox.....	(paid) 1 00
Sister F. P. Walker.....	5 00
Mrs. M. H. Remley.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid Society, Little Rock.....	(paid) 5 00
Other cash.....	(paid) 4 50
R. C. Medaris.....	28 00

The Committee on Nominations made its report, as follows, which was adopted:

Executive Board—J. P. Eagle, A. W. Files, C. W. Strickland, W. E. Stevens, Frank White, W. E. Atkinson, J. S. Thomas, J. S. Majors, J. H. Peay, A. G. McManaway, J. B. Moody, J. J. Beavers, Andrew Lee.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL NOMINATIONS.

Bartholomew Association—N. C. Denson.  
 Greenbrier Association—R. C. Medaris.  
 Mount Zion Association—T. B. Kitchens.  
 Friendship Association—W. K. Penrod.  
 Dardanelle Association—A. H. Autry.  
 Big Creek Association—W. H. Bowling.  
 Current River Association—F. C. Neal.  
 Liberty Association—J. N. Hartley.  
 Caroline Association—J. G. Doyle.  
 White River Valley Association—A. A. Anderson.  
 Grand Prairie Association—W. Theo. Smith.  
 Stephens Creek Association— ——— Goode.  
 Spring River Association—Dr. N. Townsend.  
 State Line Association—J. S. Anderson.  
 Pine Bluff Association—Wm. Tucker.  
 Saline Association—W. A. Clark.  
 Red River Association—J. J. Haynes.  
 Union Association No. 2—Henry Black.  
 Howard Association—J. W. Grumbles.  
 Columbia Association—H. E. Harris.  
 Judson Association—  
 Mount Vernon Association—H. C. Rosamon.  
 Osceola Association—John B. Driver.  
 Gainesville Association—John Burton.  
 Independence Association—T. B. Padgett.  
 Rocky Bayou Association—W. M. Duren.  
 Fayetteville Association—B. J. Dunn.  
 Clear Creek Association—D. C. Yeargen.  
 Carroll County Association—S. W. McClure.  
 Concord Association—O. L. Hailey.  
 Blue Mountain Association— ——— McAlister.  
 United Association—J. Mayall.  
 Russellville Association—W. T. Box.  
 Little Red River Association—W. P. Prewitt.  
 Bentonville Association—I. R. Hall.  
 Southwestern Association—C. M. Powell.

Buckville Association—S. D. Taylor.

Fourche Valley Association—A. Owen.

White River Association—J. W. Hyatt.

Crooked Creek Association—J. M. Berry.

To Preach the Conventional Sermon—W. K. Penrod; alternate,  
A. H. Autry.

Board of Ministerial Education—E. B. Miller, J. D. Baars, W. A. Forbes, J. W. Conger, J. J. Haynes.

Delegates to the American Baptist Educational Society—J. W. Conger, J. G. Lile, W. S. Johnson, J. J. Doyne, S. H. Allen.

Central Committee Ladies' Aid Society—Mrs. James P. Eagle, Mrs. E. Longley, Mrs. Charles Davidson, Mrs. C. R. Schaer, Mrs. J. L. Hawkins, Mrs. Fannie Neely, Mrs. Carroll D. Wood.

Orphans' Home—R. F. Hyatt, D. T. Hyatt, Z. T. Wood, L. E. Morgan, J. A. Cason, N. C. Denson, W. K. Penrod, Hogan Allen, W. W. Gardner.

Board of Ministerial Education, Mountain Home—T. W. Wright, J. W. Hiett, W. S. Johnson, M. S. Kennard, H. F. Vermillion.

Possible Trustees for Central Baptist College—H. P. Edmonson, Frank White, W. B. Peeples, G. C. Taylor, W. P. Kime.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—J. P. Eagle, J. N. Hartley, W. E. Stevens, W. E. Atkinson, A. G. McManaway, W. T. Box, W. C. Strickland, J. G. Doyle, J. W. Lipsey, E. B. Miller, W. K. Penrod, J. B. Moody, J. W. Conger, J. G. B. Simms, S. L. Pine.

Submitted,

W. E. ATKINSON, *Chairman.*

The Secretary then read, by direction of the Executive Board, the report of work done by the laborers of that board, as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

In submitting a final report of the important work committed to them twelve months ago, your Executive Board would make mention, first of all, of several gratifying facts: 1. The lives of all your laborers have been precious in the sight of the Lord, and not one has been cut off by death. 2. The contributions from the State to the treasury of your board have been larger in amount than ever before. 3. The blessings of the Lord have been upon the labors of all your missionaries, as will be found abundantly indicated in the report hereto attached. 4. Your board is able to report enough money on hand to satisfy all existing obligations and leaving a small balance with which to begin the work of another year. We have passed through periods of anxiety, depression and gloom, when there seemed

to be no prospect of paying out by the end of the year, but, by sacrifices on the part of some of the churches and by the liberal assistance of our staunch friends, the Home Mission and Sunday School Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, we are able to make this gratifying statement.

We have received during the year urgent calls for assistance from many important and worthy fields, which we were unable to heed. Ten times the amount expended this year could have been profitably used in our State mission work. There are many important towns and prosperous communities that ought to be helped at once by our denomination. New towns are springing up and new fields are opening almost every day. The harvest is great and the laborers are willing, but the means are lacking. We trust you may devise plans at this session by which the work may be greatly enlarged.

We point with gratitude to the blessed results of the chapel car work. We trust it may be the pleasure of the Convention, and of the American Baptist Publication Society, to continue the present arrangement until there shall be a Baptist church and house of worship in every railroad town in the State. The work has progressed under this arrangement without a particle of friction between our board and the Publication Society.

Our Sunday school and missionary evangelist, Brother R. C. Medaris, has filled the year with arduous labors, the particulars and results of which, together with those of the seventeen other missionaries under the employment of the board, will be found in the table hereto attached.

Our attention has been called to the fact that some years ago there was paid to Brother Manard, then our secretary, \$100 by Brother Ferguson, a balance of money remaining from proceeds of sale of the church house at Augusta. We are now asked to refund that money. We refer the matter to you for action.

We have also been called on to note the condition of things as to the work of the Home Mission Board in Western Arkansas and Indian Territory. We suggest that you appoint a committee to look into and fully consider the situation and lay it before the Home Mission Board, with the view of getting all donations from it to be used in Arkansas to pass through the hands of this board.

A. G. MCMANAWAY, *Secretary.*

#### REPORT OF CHAPEL CAR WORK.

The car has visited twenty-five points and remained from four days to three weeks at each place.

There have been 131 professions.

Eight Churches organized, viz.: Bradford, Sherrill, Keo, Clarendon, Vincent, Marvel (re-organizd), Garner (re-organized), Earle.

Eight church houses have been built and are now being constructed as a direct result of the work, viz.: Garner, Gurdon, Sherrill, Keo, Clarendon, Vincent, Cotton Plant, Tupelo.

The car has organized twenty-four Sunday schools, and distributed 27,000 pages of tracts. We have given away 300 New Testaments and 100 Bibles.

Many other points have been visited by the car in passing, and one or two services held. We have held from one to five services each day during the entire year, except for a short period when we were both sick. We now have invitations from enough places to keep the car busy for another year.

We held some interesting meetings at points of destitution where Churches could have been organized, but we regarded it unwise to organize them to die on the hands of the denomination.

We made some disgusting failures (especially at Fulton and Bald Knob) so far as human observation could grasp results. The car has been confined to destitute points.

J. S. THOMAS,

J. G. DOYLE.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF R. C. MEDARIS,

STATE MISSIONARY AND EVANGELIST.

*Brethren of the Executive Board and State Convention:*

I herewith submit my annual report:

##### SUMMARY OF WORK.

Days labored, 379; miles traveled, 6,840; sermons preached, 365; addresses, 111; conversions witnessed, 159; baptisms witnessed, 110; additions, 176; Sunday schools organized, 39; prayer meetings organized, 2; family visits, 356; churches visited, 100; revivals held, 9; Bibles and Testaments sold 62, value \$96.45; other books sold 55, value \$28.40; Bibles and Testaments donated, 92; number pages tracts donated 16,330, value \$23.36; number Bibles and Testaments sent out to missionaries, 738; number pages tracts sent out to missionaries, 15,000; letters sent out, 1303; articles written for the *Arkansas Baptist* 45, columns 45; prayer meetings attended, 23; institutes held, 2; subscriptions *Arkansas Baptist*, 18; amount raised on the field for State missions, \$1,012.47; amount sent to the treasurer, collected through my special direction and effort, \$167.80; amount collected for district missions, \$30; for foreign missions, \$30; for home missions, \$8; for Orphans' Home, \$800. I received as a donation from the American Baptist Publication Society, 150 Bibles, 350 Testaments and 10,000 pages of tracts; also 100 Bibles and 200 Testaments from the Nashville Sunday school Board, as well as many dollars' worth of literature

for needy mission Sunday schools. There are abundant reasons for great rejoicing in that our Sunday school work has prospered greatly the past year. Many new Sunday schools have been organized, hundreds of Sunday school pupils have been converted, and a large percent of the schools have fallen into line in contributing for our State work and for other objects. May God's abundant blessings rest upon the Board and the Convention in the future.

Your servant in Christ,

R. C. MEDARIS.

NAME OF MISSIONARY.	Visits.	Services.	ADDITIONS.			Contributions.
			L.	B.	Total.	
E. P. Minturn .....	298	61	14	10	24	
W. B. Peebles .....	141	32	5	..	5	
J. M. Hunt .....	76	58	8	17	25	
W. P. Kime .....	40	17	..	8	8	
D. Cox .....	97	65	20	13	33	
F. D. Baars .....	150	58	14	6	20	
V. Turner .....	50	48	..	..	..	
R. P. Baine .....	66	38	6	2	8	
J. J. Haynes .....	83	77	3	9	12	\$ 34 00
C. W. Strickland .....	150	60	7	14	21	
N. C. Denson .....	103	112	7	9	16	
J. W. Wright .....	115	84	4	5	9	
E. J. A. McKinney .....	464	250	38	20	58	393 60
T. H. Westbrook .....	233	160	7	5	12	
W. B. Walls .....	50	12	1	1	2	
M. A. Wilson .....	492	299	14	6	20	
R. C. Medaris .....	356	476	..	110	176	1,180 27
J. G. Doyle .....	..	1200	..	131	131	

NOTE.—This table is imperfect because the reports of the missionaries were all sent to Dr. McManaway at Arkadelphia, and an accident prevented his utilizing them. I wrote for them, but they have failed to reach me in time to perfect the table and furnish it to the printer without delaying the publication of the minutes.

JOHN G. B. SIMMS, *Secretary.*

#### STATE MISSIONS.

Brother Files read the report of the Committee on State Missions, to be considered along with that of the board, which is as follows:

Your Committee on State Missions submits that the construction given the action of the Convention in creating a Committee on Plans and Recommendations relieves it of nearly all its duties and functions.

The report of the State Mission Board, in which are embraced the details of the year's work, furnishes the results of the labors of

the State evangelist, the chapel car and the several missionaries. To this report we invite your attention.

It is evident that some progress has been made, but when we view the unoccupied and destitute fields we are reminded that renewed energies, means and labors are demanded, and we trust all possible efforts will be made to the end that the gospel may be had by all the people of the State. While we realize that there are many cities and towns in which we have small, struggling churches, some of which we have been aiding, and many other points where assistance is deemed necessary, yet your committee does not feel authorized to discriminate as between these and other points equally as needy and deserving. We will have to rely upon the wisdom of the State Board in regard to these matters.

We invite the attention of the board specially to several county seats in which there are no Baptist churches. We favor the prosecution of the co-operative system with associations until all are brought in line.

We feel that the co-operative system has not been carried into, and with, the rural churches as it deserves to be, but are compelled to relegate this and similar questions, such as Sunday school and colportage work, to the State Board.

We believe that the will of God is that the Baptists of Arkansas should "go forward" and that if we obey His will, victory will crown our efforts.

A. W. FILES, *Chairman*,  
C. W. STRICKLAND,  
W. T. BOX,  
T. C. SWOFFORD,  
R. C. MEDARS,  
A. H. AUTRY.

After discussion, it was adopted, and the report of the Executive Board was also adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

On motion of Brother Strickland, it was ordered that the question of the \$100 received by Brother Manard be referred to the new State Board, with directions to inquire whether the money was used in State work, and, if so, to refund the same.

The matter of the condition of things existing in Western Arkansas and Indian Territory was also referred to the new board, with power to investigate and

act thereupon, making any communication to the Home Board which may be deemed advisable.

Prayer by Brother Miller. Adjourned to meet on Monday at 8:30 o'clock.

### SABBATH EXERCISES.

On Sabbath day the various pulpits of the city were occupied by ministers from this body, at the usual morning and evening hours. At 9 a. m. a Sunday school mass meeting was held at the Baptist church, led by Brother S. A. Stearns. At 3 o'clock p. m. a mass meeting was held in the interest of the Orphans' Home at Monticello and a collection taken up amounting, in cash and pledges, to about \$600.

### MONDAY'S SESSION.

Called to order at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by Brother O. U. Owen. Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Home Missions, which, after some discussion, was adopted, as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Home Missions, submit the following:

There is a great influx from all parts of the world now to our Southern States. All creeds are being introduced. The truth of God's word must be the antidote for these evils. The Home Mission Board is one of our most potent instruments to meet this demand. The following is a summary of the last year's work:

Number of missionaries, 425, an increase of 44 over last year, and more than in any year of the board's history.

Baptized 5,921, an increase of 1,451 over last year, and 572 more than have been baptized in any year since the organization of the convention.

Cash receipts, \$88,640.20, being \$15,319.29 larger than last year, and greater than any previous year except the Centennial.

The board began the year with a debt of \$6,763.54; has paid on house of worship in New Orleans \$9,476.50, and for church buildings at other points, \$2,386.62, a total of \$11,862.12.

After paying missionaries, April 1, its indebtedness was \$23,000,

which, May 1, had been reduced to \$1,100, with a balance of \$109.06 in the treasury.

Increase of missionaries has been nearly 12 per cent; of receipts, 20 per cent, and of baptisms, 32 per cent.

This Board has, for several years, taken considerable interest in our State. Last conventional year we received \$1,200 from this Board. We are of opinion that our State has neglected this Board. Therefore we recommend that our churches take especial collections to maintain and further the work of our Home Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LIPSEY,  
W. P. KIME,  
W. I. LAWSON,  
J. W. HIETT,  
J. J. HAYNES,  
J. V. BELL,  
T. M. BATTLE.

The report on Foreign Missions was made special order for 7:30 this evening.

The Committee on Temperance, through its chairman, Brother Moffett, reported as follows:

Your Committee regards intemperance as one of the chiefest sins today affecting humanity, and one of the greatest evils today tormenting the Church of Christ, and one of Satan's greatest agencies for the destruction of the souls of men, and one of Rome's greatest allies; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That we, as Baptists of Arkansas exert our influence to both *check* and *stop* the use of alcoholic beverages; that we co-operate with such legislation as has for its object the prevention of its sale and use as beverages; that above all this Baptists should not *touch, taste or handle* the unclean thing as a beverage; and that this committee recommends, through the Convention to the churches of the Convention, that they make the use of alcoholics as beverages, the sale of it, or the advocacy of its sale, in any way, or the conversion of Baptist property or money to the use of alcoholism, a test of church fellowship. Respectfully submitted,

WM. A. MOFFETT, *Chairman*.  
J. H. PEAY,  
— HAWKINS,  
— FOX,  
P. N. TAYLOR,  
J. W. SIMS,  
J. R. RICE.

Ordered that this hour be devoted to consideration of the reports of the colleges, in the order of their seniority, allowing forty minutes for debate, to the consideration of each report.

W. E. Atkinson read the report of the trustees of Ouachita College, as follows, which was ordered printed as read:

We regret that an affliction of our Secretary has delayed our report. Since our last report we have sold eleven bonds and paid \$1,000 on the interest on the debts of the College. We have nothing further of a definite character to report, as we have respected the straightened conditions of our people and refrained from asking them for money. W. S. Webb, of Ozark, was elected to a vacancy on the Board of Trustees, on retirement of J. B. Wood. Several changes have been made in the faculty, and these changes have all been for improvement. We have now the strongest, best working and most loyal faculty we have ever had, and are doing the best work in the history of the College. From a bright beginning, with a fine corps of teachers, we have gained strength with each year, until today we believe we have a faculty, a curriculum, equal to the best colleges in the South. It means much to obtain a bachelor of art's degree here. The attendance is larger than it was last year, and the finest work ever obtained among the students is being had. The spiritual and intellectual atmosphere surrounding the school is more pronounced than ever before. There are twenty-four young ministers now in attendance. We ask that prayer be made by our people for our guidance.

Respectfully submitted.

A. W. Files Treasurer, in account with Ouachita College:

	<i>Dr.</i>
<i>1892.</i>	
Nov. 1... To balance on hand as per settlement.....	\$ 39 68
Nov. 7... To amount from J. B. Searcy.....	50 00
Nov. 18... " from J. B. Searcy.....	32 60
Dec. 31... " from C. E. Neely.....	50 00
<i>1893.</i>	
May 11... " from C. E. Neely.....	40 00
May 30... " from C. E. Neely.....	50 00
Sept. 9... " from C. E. Neely.....	50 00
<i>1894.</i>	
Nov. .... " from Convention collection.....	17 05
Nov. 20... " from J. B. Moody for bond No. 97.....	100 00
Nov. 28... " from L. M. Cobb for bond No. 99.....	100 00



1895.		Dr.
Jan. 7....	To amount from John Cox for bond No. 100.....	\$100 00
Jan. 16....	" from J. C. Crudup (A. G. McManaway).....	25 00
Jan. 16....	" from J. W. O'Kelly " ".....	10 00
Jan. 16. .	" from R. A. Clarkson.....	10 00
Jan. 16 . .	" from E. B. Miller for bond No. 102.....	100 00
Feb. 1....	" from W. E. Penn for bond No. 105.....	100 00
Feb. 7....	" from R. A. Clarkson.....	10 00
Feb. 11....	" from Webb Bros., bond No. 103.....	100 00
Feb. 12 . .	" from T. B. Kitchens bond No. 104.....	100 00
Mar. 16....	" from R. A. Clarkson.....	10 00
Apr. 25....	" from John B. Driver bonds No. 107-108..	200 00
Apr. 25....	" from W. P. Hale bonds No. 109-110.....	200 00
May 2....	" from R. A. Clarkson.....	20 00
June 7....	" from R. A. Clarkson.....	10 00
Oct. 4....	" from R. A. Clarkson.....	30 00
	Total.....	<u>\$1,558 33</u>
Nov. 18....	To balance on hand.....	\$ 198 33
<i>1892. Voucher By amount paid—</i>		
Nov. 17....	1 J. P. Eagle.....	\$ 75 00
Nov. 18....	2 J. B. Searcy.....	22 60
Dec. 3....	3 Telegram from M. D. Early.....	40
Dec. 13....	4 Secretary of State for copy of Charter....	2 00
<i>1893.</i>		
Feb. 14....	5 Mayal Green.....	51 35
May 24....	6 E. M. Hall, German National Bank.....	50 00
June 1....	7 " Bank of Little Rock.....	25 70
Sept. 11....	8 E. F. Friedell, Bank of Commerce.....	50 00
<i>1894.</i>		
June 4....	9 Brown Printing Co. for bonds.....	20 00
June 4 . .	10 C. S. Stiff for stamp.....	1 50
<i>1895.</i>		
Jany. 7....	11 J. G. Botsford on Hamlet claim.....	300 00
March 1....	12 " " " " " ".....	300 00
March 11....	13 A. G. McManaway.....	55 85
May 3....	14 Exchange on \$400, Bank of Osceola.....	1 00
May 6....	15 J. G. Botsford.....	400 00
Nov. 18....	Balance on hand.....	198 93
	Total.....	<u>\$1,554 33</u>

John G. B. Simms, as Secretary of the Board, read the report of the Board of Trustees of Central Baptist

College, which, after discussion, was ordered printed, as follows:

Since the last annual gathering of this body, we have had tendered to us, and have accepted, the resignation of Professor S. E. Thompson, as President of the College, who preferred laying down the work, though it had proven reasonably successful both financially and numerically.

We have given to Professor J. G. Lile control of the buildings and grounds under a lease covering a period of six years from last July, with a provision for extending the same long enough to cover possible outlays in completing the building.

Prof. Lile caused an active canvass to be made for pupils during the summer months, and as the result, has now in the building twenty-six young lady boarders (pupils) besides quite a number who have come to the town and are boarding elsewhere and attending as day pupils. The total enrollment to date is 103, exceeding by nine the entire enrollment for last year.

The faculty is composed of seven ladies, besides the President, who also teaches regularly.

Work in all departments is being done in a thorough and most satisfactory manner. The Art Department is being developed rapidly under Miss Hattie Blake, and the Department of Music, under Miss Phillips, has been so liberally patronized as to necessitate regular assistance.

Everything in connection with the school is moving with clock-like smoothness and regularity, and we have abundant reason to expect that the attendance next year will be such as to necessitate the completion of the third story of the building before the opening of the session.

The class of our trustees, consisting of Brethren H. P. Edmonson, Frank White and J. K. Penrod, will go out of office in February next, and we request that this body name the usual number of possibilities from whom their successors may be chosen.

Done by order of the Board.

W. T. Box, *President.*

JOHN G. B. SIMMS, *Secretary.*

Elder J. W. Hiatt read the report of the trustees of Mountain Home College, as follows:

*To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:*

We, the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home Baptist College, respectfully submit the following report:

The third year of our college work is now in progress under the management of President W. S. Johnson, assisted by an able faculty.

We have cause to congratulate the friends of the institution upon its success so far. The number of students enrolled for the first quarter of this collegiate year is greater than we have had at the same period of any preceding year, notwithstanding the stringency of the times. We have reason to believe that the reputation and usefulness of the institution is steadily increasing. We call the attention of the brethren of the Convention to the catalogue issued this year, which will give the number and the names of the faculty, the curricula of studies, the number of students enrolled the past year, and many other important facts concerning the institution which may be of interest to them.

The Board of Trustees has appointed a Board of Ministerial Education, consisting of Elder J. W. Hiatt, pastor of the Baptist Church at Mountain Home, and Professor M. Shelby Kennard, teacher of Latin and Greek in the college, and we ask the convention to confirm the appointment. We have authorized them to receive contributions and to expend the same for the support and education of Baptist ministers attending the college. We already have three Baptist ministers in attendance at the college, and would have others if we had means with which to assist them, and we earnestly solicit contributions for this purpose from the Baptists over the State.

We regret to say that we have been unable as yet to liquidate the debt which the Board owes on the college building. There is yet a balance of \$6,000 against us, which is now due, and we will lose our building and the grounds on which it stands, unless the same is paid off or fully secured by the 1st of January next, which would indeed be a calamity, since the building is more than half paid out. We have recently had about \$4,200 subscribed toward the liquidation of this debt, but it is subscribed on the condition that we obtain, by the 1st of January next, enough further subscription to pay the entire debt. If the Baptists of this State will place \$1,800 at the disposal of the Board by the first of January next, this debt can be paid off, and the property will be released from all incumbrances and will be the property of the Baptists of Arkansas. We have done all in our power to secure this subscription in our immediate vicinity, and we have now to appeal to the Baptists elsewhere in the State.

As to the transfer of the College from the White River Association to the Baptist State Convention, we report that the matter was brought before the last meeting of the Association, and the body voted that the college be turned over to the Convention, and the Board of Trustees was authorized to make such change. At a recent meeting of the Board they authorized the Secretary of the Board to make such change, and this change has been made.

Signed this, the 15th day of November, 1895.

M. N. DYER, *Secretary.*

WILLIAM DENTON, *President.*

After discussion, report was ordered printed, and a conditional subscription amounting to \$250 was taken up to assist in paying off the debt of said institution. The subscription list follows:

MOUNTAIN HOME COLLECTION.

J. P. Eagle and wife.....	\$ 100 00
J. S. Thomas .....	50 00
J. C. Y. Kiger.....	25 00
W. P. Kime.....	25 00
Arkansas Baptist.....	25 00
J. W. Lipsey.....	10 00
W. E. Atkinson.....	10 00
Mrs. M. H. Remley .....	5 00

Brother Berry offered the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That this Convention most earnestly commends the sermon delivered on Sunday evening at the First Baptist Church of Monticello by Dr. Harvey, of Louisville, Ky., on the subject of Baptists in History, as a succinct, able and unassailable defense of the denomination now known as Baptist Churches of Christ, from the advent of our Savior to the present time, and that we request him to furnish the same to our State paper for publication.

Prayer by Elder Mullins. Adjourned till 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 2 o'clock. Prayer by Brother Thomas.

Ordered that the vote adopting the report of the Committee on Plans and Recommendations be reconsidered, and after an unsuccessful effort to strike out the fifth paragraph, on motion, the report was again adopted.

The Secretary read the report of the Committee on Orphans' Home, which was referred to the committee composed of Atkinson, Simms and Files, with instructions to inquire whether or not the directions given the committee a year ago had been complied with.

Brother Gambrell, from the Committee on Obituaries, reported as follows, which was adopted :

We, your Committee on Obituaries, would make the following report:

With a list of 795 ministers, it seems a marvel of grace that only seven deaths have occurred during the past year. These were Elders J. J. Adams, at Cedar Glades, in Montgomery County; J. P. Banks, at Bardstown, Mississippi County; J. W. Bell, at Jonesboro; R. W. Enzer, at Lanark, Bradley County; J. W. Harris, at Ozark; Thomas Hudson, at Alma, and W. E. Penn, at Eureka Springs. All of these were men of mark in the spheres in which they labored; all fell at their posts. They have gone to their rest. May God comfort and care for their bereaved ones, and may we all live so close to our Savior that it can be said of each of us when we too have passed away, "he died at his post." Respectfully submitted,

D. E. GAMBRELL,  
FINLEY,  
BERRY,  
CAMPBELL,  
LINDSEY,  
DAVIS,  
COLE,  
CONLEY.

Brother Joiner, Chairman of the Committee on Education, reported as follows, which report was adopted:

Your Committee on Education is deeply impressed with the feeling that we, as Baptists, have never fully appreciated the richness of our inheritance, and that we never will until we have learned to esteem mental and moral culture as vastly more important than physical. If the truths which Baptists hold theoretically were the living principles by which their lives were controlled, and if their multitudes were an army drilled in mind and heart, what other agency would the Holy Spirit need to convince the people of America, if not of the world, of the exceeding richness of God's grace? But, until we have shown our appreciation of this priceless legacy, we cannot hope to make it manifest to others. Therefore let us educate our sons and daughters in our Christian schools and colleges. We have a sufficient number of colleges; let us make them bigger and better by our patronage and fostering care.

J. M. JOINER, *Chairman.*

The committee, composed of Atkinson, Files and Simms, reported as follows, which report was adopted:

The Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home has been incorporated according to the counsel of the committee appointed by the Convention at Lonoke.

JOHN G. B. SIMMS, *Chairman.*

The report of the trustees of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home was called for and read by R. C. Medaris, for the Committee, as follows:

In making this our first annual report to the Convention, of our work as Trustees of this Home, we will simply give information about this institution.

We have secured the deed for the farm donated by Sister Hannah Hyatt. We have drawn up and have filed in the Clerk's office of this county articles of incorporation, and the Home is now properly incorporated under the law of this State. These articles of incorporation were submitted to your committee appointed last year to see that this institution was properly incorporated and to bring the same into organic connection with this Convention, and they have approved of these articles.

We have contracted for the construction of the first building of the Home, which when completed will accommodate about fifty orphans. This building will be completed by the first of February or earlier. The building is to be of brick and will be an elegant structure when completed.

Our finances are in a good condition. We have in cash and pledges about \$1,800; also a farm of 160 acres and one vacant town lot. All debts are paid, and all obligations are being met as they come due. We do not propose to create any debt. But we need several hundred dollars yet to put the buildings and farm in proper condition. Then the Home must be furnished and the orphans gathered in and cared for, and to do this we will have to raise many hundred dollars this year.

We ask that our people pray for this institution and support it liberally with their means.

We herewith submit the articles of incorporation as a part of our report and ask that they appear in the minutes of the Convention in connection with our report.

R. F. HYATT, *President,*  
J. T. WOOD, *Secretary.*  
D. T. HYATT, *Treasurer.*  
W. W. GARDNER,  
L. E. MORGAN,  
J. B. HUNTER,  
L. L. MORGAN,  
J. A. CASON.

The report was ordered printed, including the articles of incorporation, which here follow:

*Articles of association for the management and government of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello, Ark.*

ARTICLE 1. The name of this Association shall be the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home. Its domicile shall be at Monticello, Drew County, Arkansas.

ART. 2. The object of this Association shall be to provide and maintain a home for the orphans of the State of Arkansas, under such rules and regulations as shall be adopted from time to time by the board of Directors of said association.

The funds for the maintenance and support of the Home shall be raised by voluntary contributions from the people.

ART. 3. This Association shall be managed and controlled by a board of nine directors, whose names appear subscribed hereto, and they shall continue in office until their successors shall be elected or appointed by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at its annual meeting in 1895. Three of said Board of Directors shall serve one year, three two years and three three years after said election, and at each annual meeting thereafter of said convention, or its successor, three directors shall be elected by said Convention to take the place of those directors whose terms shall have expired.

All directors elected or appointed as herein provided shall serve until their successors are elected or appointed, and said Board shall make a report of the condition, progress and management of said Home annually to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

ART. 4. In the event of the dissolution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention without a successor, then the management and control of said Home shall be in an association of Baptist Churches of the State of Arkansas designated by the acting Board of Directors of said Home.

ART. 5. The Board of Directors are authorized to adopt by-laws, rules and regulations for the government of the Home and to elect a superintendent and such other officers and assistants as shall be necessary for the proper management and support of said Home, and in case of vacancy, by death or otherwise, in the said Board it may fill the same till the next meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, when said vacancy may be filled by said Convention, which may be done by an approval and endorsement of the action of said Board as to the director selected by it, or by selecting another person in his stead.

ART. 6. The Board of Directors herein provided for shall, at their first meeting after each annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, elect one of their number president of said board and shall also elect a secretary and treasurer for said board.

ART. 7. These articles of Association may be altered or amended

at any annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, or its successors.

ART. 8. The first meeting of this Association shall be held at Monticello, Ark., on Friday the first day of November, 1895, at the office of the cashier of Monticello Bank at the hour of 5 o'clock p. m. of said day, when and where a majority who shall be present shall organize said Board by electing the officers hereinbefore named, and adopting by-laws for the said corporation.

R. F. HYATT,  
W. W. GARDNER,  
Z. T. WOOD,  
D. T. HYATT,  
L. E. MORGAN,  
J. A. CASON,  
L. L. MORGAN,  
R. L. HYATT,  
JAS. B. HUNTER.

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was again taken up, discussed, amended and adopted.

We, your Committee to gather information concerning this Home, would respectfully refer you to the report of the Board of Trustees of the same. And we would make the following suggestions concerning this enterprise:

1. That this Home is worthy of your support and fostering care, and that we recommend to all our Churches and Sunday schools, and other organizations, to take at least *one* collection for the support of this Home during the *next Conventional year*.

2. We further recommend that the Board of Trustees proceed systematically to place in intelligent Christian—and, if possible, Baptist—homes, all orphans collected by them, as fast as this can be done to their satisfaction.

L. J. HOGG,  
S. A. DAVIS,  
W. H. CASH,  
J. S. MASON,  
J. R. RILEY,  
S. BLYTHE,  
*Committee.*

CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Eagle submitted the report of the Ladies' Central Committee, which was discussed, adopted and ordered printed, as follows:

The Central Committee appointed by the last State Convention to have charge of the work of organizing and encouraging ladies aid societies in our churches, submit the following report:

We are encouraged to believe that the work is better established than it has been at any previous time.

The reports of work formally collected at the associations and at the Convention by the personal solicitation of the members of the Central Committee are now sent in by mail to the secretary of the Central Committee and systematically arranged in advance of the convening of the Convention. The number of societies reporting in this better way is not so large but much more reliable for stable and effectual work.

The Central Committee has endeavored to make missions and ministerial education prominent features in presenting the work to the various societies. State Missions have been given first consideration, from the fact that Arkansas is mission ground, and we believe in beginning at Jerusalem.

The recommendations of the foreign and home boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, submitted to and adopted by the Woman's Mission Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, are in turn adopted by the State Central Committee and submitted to the woman's societies in the State.

For the present year the Foreign Board asks the Woman's Mission Societies in the Churches of the South to contribute \$30,000 to foreign missions and the home board fixes the amount to be raised for that work at \$25,000. According to the apportionment to States, Arkansas women are expected to collect for the Foreign Board work \$800, or \$224.20 more than they reported last year. For the work of the Home Board we are asked to raise \$1,050, or \$72.08 more than was contributed last year. The amounts are inclusive of Christmas offerings, self-denial work, boxes to frontier missionaries, etc.

The State Board has not requested the women of the State to raise any specified sum, but it might stimulate the workers if this were done.

All work of Ladies Aid Societies is reported to their respective Churches, and is of course the work of the Churches, but it has been observed by the State, Home and Foreign Boards that this effort to arouse and stimulate this latent force in the Churches has largely increased the contributions for missions and has greatly aided in the spiritual development of the Church membership. This plan of work has been sanctioned by the blessings of God, and we most earnestly recommend its continuation. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JAMES P. EAGLE,

*President Central Committee.*

Report of Finance Committee was read and adopted, as follows:

Your committee submits the following report:

Collection for Colored Baptist College.....	\$ 35 15
Collection for Orphans' Home.....	70 00
Collection for State Missions.....	52 71
Ministerial Education, Ouachita.....	24 00
Minutes.....	3 45
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$185 31</b>

This is the cash collections only.

H. E. HARRIS, *Chairman.*

Following resolution, offered by the Secretary, was adopted:

*Resolved,* That W. A. Clark be continued as Historical Secretary and Statistician of this body, and that he be paid \$20 for his services during the year.

Brother Stevens offered the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That it be the sense of this Convention that the use of tobacco be discouraged among *all* Baptists.

Prayer by Brother Rosamon. Adjourned till 7 p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

Called to order at 7 o'clock. Prayer by C. E. Smith. Minutes of today read and adopted.

Brother E. B. Miller read the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That most hearty thanks are due and are hereby extended to the Monticello Baptist Church and the citizens of the town generally for their elegant and lavish hospitality; to the different Churches of the town for the use of their buildings; to the railroads for reduced rates; to the officers of this body for their courteous and prompt discharge of duty, and to all others who have shown us kindnesses whatsoever.

Brother B. Cox offered the following, which was adopted.

*Resolved,* That the hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered to the American Baptist Publication Society for the timely and valua-