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MINUTES

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention, held its fourth annual meeting with the Princeton Church, in the Town of Princeton, Dallas County, Arkansas, (pursuant to adjournment) on Friday, October 3, 1851.

The introductory sermon was delivered by J. HARTWELL, D. D., from Luke, c. xix., 17 v. No one, who heard that discourse, will read the portion of the scriptures from which the text was selected, without reference to the events of this day—coherent in argument, clear in illustration, and impressive in manner, the old preacher stood the earnest advocate of his masters cause. There was one circumstance that imparted additional interest to the sermon, and that evinced the difference between this world and that to come. While the faithful servant of the text was made the lord over ten cities, this poor and aged preacher was deprived of his home, by the cupidity of a *steamboat Captain*.

The delegates having repaired to the Methodist Church, were called to order by the Rev. S. STEVENSON: whereupon Dr. HARTWELL, was chosen Chairman, and S. STEVENSON Secretary, for the purpose of organization. Upon the presentation of their credentials, the delegates were enrolled as follows:

ASSOCIATIONS.

DELEGATES.

Saline, - - - H. H. Coleman, J. T. Craig, J. C. Tomme, E. W. Russell.
Red River, - - B. L. Wright, D. M. Cochran, M. Langley,* W. Hardage.*
Liberty, - - - J. Hartwell, J. Lewis, T. H. Compere.
Bartholomew, - Robert Pulley, W. H. Parker.

CHURCHES.

Temperance Hill. W. L. Estis, J. V. M'Culloch, W. H. Wyatt.
Brownsville, - J. Byrd, Wm. Daniel.
Mt. Bethel, - W. C. Randle.
Princeton, - - R. G. Coleman, M. W. M'Craw, P. H. Thomas.
Gilgal, - - - J. Hartwell.
Holly Springs, - R. Pulley.
Union, - - - W. P. Stovall, John Alexander.
Arkadelphia, - J. M'Cargo, S. Stevenson.
Bluff Spring, - J. T. Craig, H. H. Coleman,
New Harmony, A. Yeager, T. S. Mullins,
Samaria, - - E. M. Harris.

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTORS.

P. Watts, D. G. Stokes, J. Ketchum, D. W. Heard, R. M'Cargo, A. Cobb
William Yancy, John A. Verser, Thomas Evans.

On motion, after an election by letters,

J. Hartwell, was elected President, and H. H. Coleman, Secretary.

The following committees were appointed by the President.

On Arrangement of Business.—S. Stevenson, H. H. Coleman.

On Nominations.—D. M. Cochran, W. C. Randle, J. T. Craig.

On Agencies.—U. H. Parker, R. J. Coleman, J. Byrd.

On Ministerial Education.—H. H. Coleman, W. L. Estis, M. W. M'Craw.

On Colored Population.—B. L. Wright, W. P. Stovall, R. M'Cargo.

Bible Cause.—T. H. Compere, D. M. Cochran, R. Pulley.

On the Distribution of Books.—S. Stevenson, W. Yancy, T. H. Compere.

On Finance.—D. G. Stokes, J. Lewis, E. W. Russell.

Auditing Committee.—J. M'Cargo, J. Alexander,

Adjourned to 8 o'clock A. M., to-morrow. Prayer by ———

SATURDAY, 8 o'CLOCK.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by U. H. Parker.

The Committee on arrangement made their report which was adopted.

Corresponding messengers were appointed.

To Red River Association.—U. H. Parker, J. T. Craig, R. J. Coleman, H. H. Coleman.

Saline Association.—D. M. Cochran, T. H. Compere R. Pulley, S. Stevenson,

Liberty Association.—B. L. Wright, J. C. Tomme, S. Stevenson, D. M. Cochran.

Bartholomew Association.—J. V. M'Colloch, J. Hartwell, J. C. Tomme, T. H. Compere.

North Alabama and Tennessee General Association.—T. H. Compere.

Baptist Convention of N. Louisiana.—J. Hartwell, B. L. Wright, F. Courtney,

Texas State Convention.—Asbury Daniel.

The committees on Foreign Missions and on Temperance appointed at the last session of this body, made the following reports, which were adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The heathen are ignorant of the true God, and are perishing in their sins. Idolatry, with all its attendant abominations, prevails universally among them. But God, in the plenitude of his mercy, commanded his disciples and servants, saying, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

This commission though obeyed at first, was, with the corruption of the dark ages, long neglected. It, however, has, within the last half century, been heard, and, in some measure, regarded by the evangelized world. Yet, its importance is not sufficiently felt, nor its extent adequately measured.

Much has been done. The scriptures in whole, or in part, have been translated into nearly every language on earth, and, to some extent, printed and distributed. Ministers have been sent into most parts of the world, who have preached Christ and him crucified, as the only way of Salvation for lost sinners. Great have been their labors; great also their success. Thousands have been instructed, awakened, and converted to God, so that, where the abominations of idolatry once prevailed, now the songs of the redeemed ascend to the Lamb, who loved them, and gave himself for them.

Much yet remains to be done. Many have not heard of the Savior, and many, who have heard, are still "in the gall of bitterness, and bonds of iniquity." As in christendom, so in heathendom, the word of life must be repeatedly urged on the heart and the conscience. And when any hear, believe, and are baptized, we should rejoice and give glory to God.

The Southern Baptist Convention has a few Missionaries in China, both at Canton and Shanghai. These have labored with becoming zeal. They have preached the word. They have instructed the ignorant. They have translated and distributed the scriptures: "They have been "instant in season, and out of season," and the hand of the Lord has been with them, and some have been converted to God. The reception of encouraging intelligence has cheered and strengthened the heart, and influenced many to persevere with energy in the good work.

We have the utmost confidence in the Foreign Mission Board, that they will discharge their responsible duty according to the best of their ability, and faithfully disburse the funds committed to their trust, and, by every means in their power, advance the glorious cause.

Though we can afford but little pecuniary aid, yet we may unite our prayers with the thousands of Israel, who bow before the throne and cry, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is done in Heaven," and our hearts may rejoice over the multitudes who are saved from the wrath to come.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JESSE HARTWELL, Chairman.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following Report:

The reputed effect of the fabled Bohon Upas upon all who came within the range of its influence, is a very striking illustration, of the disastrous consequences, to those who once yield themselves to the dominion of the intoxicating cup. The serpent is not more insidious in beguiling his prey, nor the unbridled despot more

ernel and unrelenting, in forging his chains, then the demon, intemperance, is decoying and securing his victims.

The Wisdom, Virtue, and Religion of every land, have long arrayed themselves against the foe to humanity. His arts have been exposed, and his instruments of death blunted, but it has been only that he might resort to other and unsuspected modes of attack, and return to the charge, with his sword brighter and sharper still. But so long as the christian heart is moved by a feeling of benevolence, and so long as there remains in the human breast a sympathetic chord which may be touched by the wailing of suffering humanity, so long will the Godly and humane, put forth their energies, to stay the hand of the destroyer.

It becomes as then as a christian and benevolent body, to enquire something into the State of the invading forces, and the extent of the destruction wrought.

We suppose, that in Arkansas, there are at least two hundred regular retail dram shops, which annually, take in for liquor alone one thousand (\$1000) dollars each making a total of two hundred thousand (\$200,000) dollars. Then we suppose, there are one hundred stores, which sell annually by the quantity, liquors to the amount of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars, making a grand aggregate of two hundred & fifty thousand (\$250,000) dollars, saying nothing of the large amount purchased by individuals, out of the State, as in New Orleans &c. Added to this we suppose, that to this source may be traced, directly, or indirectly, at least two thirds of the crime, and one half of the pauperism of the State. Now if to all this, be added, the loss of time, wretchedness and suffering attributable to the same cause, how vast, the damage and how great should be the indemnity required by an outraged people. With the money and time thus squandered, every child in the State might receive an education, sufficient for any and all purposes. The word of Life might be placed on every man's table, and every neighborhood might have its church and Minister.

But to what extent is the church involved in this ruinous evil? How many Baptist Ministers in Arkansas, take the social glass? Let each one answer in view of his responsibility, as a Herald of the Cross. Let him when on his knees, in retirement, enquire of his Master for the mind of the spirit.

How many Baptists in the State; not only use the liquid fire as a beverage, but forgetting the force of example, enter the dram-shop, then take the deadly cup and put it to their neighbors' mouth, also? Let such, ask themselves, if they thus glorify God, and remember the injunction. "*Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*" But we are free men, and this is a land of liberty. Is the christian at liberty to do what endangers his own soul and that of his neighbor? Brethren let us put away the evil from among us. Verily, the Christian name will become a reproach, if its professors pursue a course so utterly at war with its plainest Maxims.

F. COURTNEY.

Adjourned to 3 o'clock P. M., Prayer by W. H. Wyatt.

Met at 3 o'clock P. M., Prayer by the President.

The following reports were submitted and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The subject of the education of the Ministers of the gospel of Peace, is one that admits of no variety of opinion. The revelation of the plan of salvation is in the language of men—shall we understand that language? shall we learn the will of our Saviour? To do this, we must know the import of the words, which he used in the expression of his will—words are the weapon, which the soldier of the Cross must use in fighting the battles of the kingdom. The efficient soldier is not unacquainted with the powers and uses of the weapons of his warfare.

Concurring in the opinion of the inestimable value of due preparation for the full discharge of the duty of the faithful Minister, the practical question recurs, how shall this preparation be attained? In our present situation, temporary expedients only can be adopted. When a young minister acknowledges the call to action in the service of his Master, let the members of the church contribute to his support while in the acquirement of knowledge. And should a church be unable to perfect, this good work, then the aid of other churches should be invited. This mode requires no preliminary measures, but may be carried into immediate operation. The Arkadelphia Institute, and the Mine Creek Seminary, present invitations to young Ministers to come and enjoy the advantages of instruction without charge for tuition—other institutions may and probably will present the same inducements.

H. H. COLEMAN, Chairman.

Your committee appointed to report upon Domestic Missions beg leave to submit the following: We have examined the reports of former committees upon the same subject, from which we find that the destitution of our State is truly deplorable, and that the destitute regions are so large, and the means and Ministers of this convention are not sufficiently able to cover the whole ground successfully at the same time. Therefore, we conclude that under these circumstances, it is most prudent to confine our Ministers and means within such bounds, as can be maintained permanently. That we begin at some central point between those churches who are aiding this convention, and that Missionaries be appointed to supply such churches within said bounds as have no pastors until they become confirmed in the faith once delivered to the saints, and enabled to aid the Board to cover ground beyond them. And in this way the convention may finally by the blessing of the great head of the church operate throughout the whole State successfully, otherwise we fear the convention will fail to realize the great objects for which it was organized. The above is respectfully submitted.

ROBERT PULLEY, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLORED POPULATION.

In order to effect the improvement of our colored population, it is requisite that some prejudices, on the part of owners, should be removed, that they may afford the facilities necessary to the end proposed. As a means of arousing a proper feeling on this subject, we recommend the distribution and perusal of the prize publications, written by Rev. J. S. Sturgis, of Greensborough, Alabama, a Baptist, and the Rev. Mr. Neate of New-Orleans, a Methodist. Their works are especially designed to enforce the obligations of masters to give religious instruction to their servants, and the best means of imparting that instruction.

B. L. WRIGHT, *Chairman.*

Your committee to whom was referred the business of agencies, beg leave to make the following report: After due consideration of the subject, and from past experience, we are of opinion that it is not of the most utility of the convention to employ a general agent in the field, but that we recommend, that every Minister within the bounds of the convention, act as agent and enforce the objects of the convention, solicit subscriptions and make collections. And further, where there is not a Pastor in a church, that the Deacons or some other member be requested to act as agents for the Convention, free of charge, and to report quarterly, all of which is respectfully submitted. The executive committee may employ an agency if they think proper, during the latter part of the year.

URIAH H. PARKER, *Chairman.*

Your committee on the Bible cause submit the following report: Feeling the great destitution in our country, and the scanty destitution of the word of Life, and knowing it to be an absolute fact, that a great number of our fellow travellers to eternity have not the word of God, we therefore recommend the following resolutions.

Resolved, That we recommend the Executive Committee to keep on hand at the points of its location, a sufficient supply of Bibles and Testaments, in some efficient hands, to supply the wants of South Arkansas.

Resolved, That we recommend every Minister in the bounds of this Convention, to act as colporteurs in the bounds of his Ministerial services, free of charge, in selling and distributing Bibles and Testaments, and report quarterly to the Executive committee.

THOS. H. COMPERE, *Chairman.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

This last official duty incumbent on your Committee, is performed with mingled feelings of gratitude and regret.

Gratitude to the great head of the church, for the experience of his goodness and the manifestations of his mercy during the past year; and the most profound regret, that so little has been done for the cause of truth and humanity in our extremely destitute state.

The christian religion is a perfect system of benevolence. God so loved the world as to send his Son on a mission of mercy, to our ruined and benighted race. The Saviour, prompted by the same divine passion, left the realms of glory, saying, "Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me) to do thy will O God." The Holy Spirit, in unison with the Father and the Son, descended from Heaven to

earth, as the meek and gentle dove, dispensing love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. A multitude of the heavenly host, caught the flame divine and on swift pinions brought glad tidings of salvation, announcing the advent of Messiah with songs of "glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace, good-will toward men." The shepherds "made known abroad the saying that was told them, and returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen." "The voice of one was heard, crying in the wilderness and saying, "repent ye, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand." The Apostles forsook all earthly pursuits—sacrificed all terestial enjoyments, and severed the dearest kindred ties, to preach to "every creature" the unsearchable riches of Christ. The persecuted and dispersed disciples went out from Jerusalem, and ceased not to proclaim, life and liberty to a captivated world. Thus, in the halcyon days of the church, "the Spirit and the bride said come," God's word had free course and was glorified. The gospel was indeed the power of God in the salvation of multiplied thousands who have long since realized the blissful consequences of that Heavenly-born, Apostolic Missionary zeal which characterized the early ages of Christianity. But alas! for the multitudes, who have lived and died without the word of life, primitive christian benevolence was succeeded by dark and death-like ages of practical anti-missionism. But a brighter day has dawned upon the world. The Macedonian cry for gospel light has been heard, and the peaceful salutations of mercy have reached the distant nations of the earth. The church begins to be "the light of the world, and the salt of the earth."

Three years ago our Convention was organized under the benignant smiles of Heaven, in prayers and tears; for the purpose of arousing our Baptist brethren to greater activity and zeal in the cause of Christ—to unite the scattered strength of our denomination in this State, and as far as possible supply the great destitution in our own midst. The promptness and liberality with which the friends of Zion contributed during the first year, was truly encouraging; and our infant organization bid fair to accomplish a great work. Inspired with confidence in our plan of operation, and the Missionary zeal of the brethren, the duties of the second year were entered upon by the Executive Committee, with fond anticipations. New fields of labor were occupied, and more Missionaries employed. But unfortunately for some of our Missionaries the contributions during this year were not sufficient to meet the demand upon the treasury, and the year's labors were closed, leaving the Convention in debt \$402 40. It was thus under circumstances extremely discouraging that your committee entered upon the duties of the past year. Were it not for the consideration, that the highest interests of immortal souls are involved in these labors—that it is the cause of Christ for which we labor—and that our labors shall not be in vain in the Lord—your committee would have long since sought retirement from the duties incumbent on them in view of the accumulated discouragements with which they have been surrounded.

The friends of the Convention were encouraged, when Rev. I. C. Perkins accepted the general agency at our last annual meeting. But how uncertain are our earthly hopes. A severe dispensation of Providence prevented him from entering his field of labor.

Believing that the interests of the Convention demanded the labors of an agent Rev. B. L. Wright was appointed to this great work in March last. But your committee have been unwilling to bear the responsibility of appointing more missionaries, in view of the limited means in our hands. It is to be much regretted that our Missionaries, Brethren E. Haynes and W. H. Wyatt, are neither of them present at this meeting, and still more, do we regret that the report of their labors has not yet been received.

A communication from Rev. E. Haynes, Missionary in Red River Association, has been received since the Convention adjourned, from which we learn that in addition to his pastoral duties, he has travelled eleven hundred miles, preached seventy-five sermons, aided in constituting three churches, aided in the ordination of one minister and three deacons, baptized forty-seven converts, and labored in all seventy-six days.

The painfully embarrassing condition of our Treasury—the low State of religion in our churches—the great pecuniary embarrassment throughout our State—together with our want of a general agent during one half of the present year, were obstacles apparently insurmountable. Under these circumstances, and in view of the few laborers in the wide spread harvest, your committee have felt discouraged.

But, believing that the cause of Missions is the cause of Christ, and cannot fail and that seed sown in weakness will be raised in power they would confide in it

purpose of God; laboring and praying for Gospel light and liberty, not only within our State, but throughout the whole world, until the lofty battlements of infidelity and error shall be broken down, and "the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains," and the "desert shall blossom as the rose."

God's signal blessing has attended our labors thus far, the people gladly receive the word of life—never were clearer indications of duty given to any people than we now have to labor for the spread of the gospel. The bread of life is in our hands: Its life-giving power is amply sufficient for the famishing in all lands. The Saviour's last command to his disciples was "preach the gospel to every creature." This is our design—our field the commonwealth in which we live. It is a pleasing reflection that there are those among the followers of the Saviour who delight in this good work—whose sympathies, and prayers and tears are given to our young and feeble organization. But it is no less painful on the other hand to contemplate the number of professed disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, who seem perfectly indifferent—who can look upon the effort of christians to save sinners and bear of their success with apparent heartlessness. We hope that the day is not far distant when more general information will be given, and more favorable opinions entertained with regard to our operations. And may the influences of God's Spirit descend like dew upon Hermon, and fertilize, and refresh our dry and barren churches—that they may be able with faith and fervency to pray, "let thy work appear unto thy servants and establish thou the work of our hands."

SAMUEL STEVENSON, *President.*

Adjourned to Monday 9 o'clock, Prayer by S. Stevenson.

SUNDAY.

The religious exercises of the day commenced with a prayer meeting at 9 o'clock. At this early hour, the congregation was large. But when the hour for preaching (10 o'clock) had arrived, the spacious building could not contain the assembly who wished to hear the word of the Lord. In the absence of the Rev. E. Haynes, heretofore appointed to this duty, the sermon on Missions was delivered by J. Hartwell D. D, from Romans chap. 5, v. 6, "Christ died for the ungodly." When the perfections of the christian system, were presented to the view in the complete adaption of Jesus Christ in his character of "God in union with man," the church rejoiced. When the sufferings of the sinless Savior, to whom no mercy was shown, that an atonement for the guilt of the ungodly might be made—when his sufferings, for such purposes, were described with the power and the pathos of one who spoke in the spirit, mingled feelings of grief, gratitude and joy pervaded the congregation.

Monday morning 9 o'clock, prayer by the President.

The committee on nominations reported the nomination of J. Hartwell, President, W. H. Wiatt and E. Haynes Vice Presidents of the Executive Committee, F. Courtney Secretary, N. S. Graves Treasurer. Managers E. A. Warren, Burns, S. Stevenson, P. Cole, J. Lewis, Aaron R. Pulley, U. H. Parker, J. C. Tomme, M. M. Corker, I. C. Perkins, T. H. Compere, J. T. Craig, B. L. Wright, which report was adopted.

The Treasurer, Auditing Committee, and Sabbath Schools, and on the distribution of books reported, and the several reports were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The importance of Sunday Schools as an auxiliary, in disseminating the gospel, and as a means of promoting the perpetuity of our free and Heavenly institutions; has been presented so often, and in so many different ways, that a lengthy report on this subject would seem unnecessary. Yet a great want of interest upon this subject is still found to exist in many parts of the State. And even some professing parents, instead of teaching their children to remember the sabbath day to keep it holy, allow them to roam abroad on the Lords day without restraint.

There are, however, several flourishing Sunday Schools within our bounds—and the signal blessings of Heaven, has attended the labors of their teachers in some cases. Many of the scholars of the Arkadelphia shool, have been hopefully converted to God. If instead of visiting on God's holy day, professing christians were engaged as Sunday school teachers such like results might frequently occur.

S. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON 'COLPOTUERAGE.

That books and other literature has a very great influence in forming the character of man, is a truth so obvious, as to be readily admitted by all. And the library of the man of letters, may serve, at least to some extent, as an index to his character. Reading not only does much in forming character; but it has a powerful influence in the general diffusion of knowledge and the consequent dispersion of ignorance. Indeed the greater part of our mental acquisitions are blamed through this channel. And who that is acquainted in our State, does not deplore the great destitution which exist in religious literature. Other denominations circulate their denominational books, and thus build up their churches. It seems to your committee of the utmost importance to our denominational interests that Baptist books be circulated. We would therefore recommend that measures be adopted as soon as possible by which the people may be supplied with religious books. This department of missionary effort has the signal blessing of God been more manifest than on the labors of Colportures.

S. STEVENSON, *Chairman.*

TREASURERS REPORT.

Oct. 1850.	To cash paid J. Matchet, per order,	\$94 30
" "	" " " W. H. Wyatt, per order,	30 00
March 1851	" " " B. S. Wright, " "	13 45
Oct. 3d	" " " S. Stevenson cash paid per order,	83 20
" "	" " " B. L. Wright, per order,	197 00
" "	" " " W. H. Wyatt " "	40 00
		\$458 90

CONTRA.

October, 1850.	By cash received from former Treasurer,	\$13 45
" "	" " " from Finance Committee,	93 30
" "	" " " from S. Stevenson, Colporteur	31 00
Oct. 3d, 1851,	By cash from S. Stevenson on subscription,	101 50
" "	" " " from Finance Committee,	13 00
" "	" " " from B. L. Wright, general agent.	177 95
" "	" " " Red River Association,	20 00
" "	" " " E. M. Harris, Local Collector,	41 00
		\$491 30
		458 90

Cash on hand,	32 40
Contributions on Sabbath,	28 76

By Contribution,	61 10
	2 00

\$63 10

WM. C. RANDLE, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We your auditing committee beg leave to make the following report:			
Nathaniel V. Smith,	\$20 00	G. T. Collier,	2 50
I. C. Perkins,	10 00	M. McCraw,	1 00
Lewis Wicker,	10 00	J. C. Fomme,	1 00
John Beasing,	2 50	James Lockwood,	5 00
R. J. Coleman,	2 00	A. J. Phillips,	50
J. T. Craig,	2 00	A. W. Lisenby,	25
Joseph Bird,	2 00	W. L. Lisenby,	25
John Thetford,	1 00	W. Lavender,	50
D. Cunningham,	1 00	James L. Witherspoon	50
J. C. King,	2 00	T. A. Ross,	5 00
W. H. Hines,	5 00	J. T. Little,	2 50
R. M. Hardy,	2 50	Dudley Spence,	2 00
John Mak,	10 00	J. T. Green,	1 00
John W. Crisp,	2 00	Kingsbury & Co.,	1 00

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Thos. D. Sheppard,	5 00	B. F. Renfro,	10 00
John L. May,	10 00	R. H. Warren,	5 00
John Aron,	5 00	J. McCargo,	1 00
Samuel Meak	2 00	A. Cobbs,	1 00
J. H. Capers.	5 00	R. Matthews,	5 00
Mrs. Mary Heard,	2 00	D. L. Riggs,	50
F. J. Browning,	1 00	R. M. Scott,	50
Mrs. Sarah Browning,	1 00	T. M. Estes,	50
B. L. Wright,	5 00	T. H. Compere,	1 25
W. Bishop,	2 00	D. M. Cochran,	2 00
D. G. Cain,	2 00	Red River Association,	20 00
John Jarman	3 00	Saline Association,	11 05
Amelia Brantly,	1 00		

\$196 55

Amount by E. M. Harris, Local collector

41 00

Amount collected by S. Stevenson,

101 50

338 65

By amount paid B. L. Wright agent,

\$197 95

By amount paid S. Stevenson,

83 20

By amount paid W. H. Wyatt,

40 00

321 15

To amount Received by contribution at convention,

16 90

28 70

Total on hand,

45 60

Finance Committee

13 45

59 05

Individual Contributions

4 05

Total cash on hand,

\$63 10

Amount due B. L. Wright,

\$156-65

Amount due William E. Night,

110 28

Amount due B. L. Wright per order,

53 05

Amount of indebtedness,

\$319 96-

Resolved, That the next meeting of this Convention be with Mine Creek church, that Brother R. Pully be appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. A. M. Scott being his alternate. that J. Hartwell D. D., be appointed to deliver the Sermon on Missions; Rev. E. Haynes alternate.

Resolved, That 1200 copies of the minutes be printed, and that the Treasurer pay to the Secretary the balance in his hands for that purpose

On motion of T. H. Compere.

Resolved, That this Convention request all the brethren and friends in her bounds and elsewhere to talk and reflect upon the publication of a Baptist paper for this State, & that all interested make known the prospect at the next meeting of this body.

Resolved, That this convention commend the course pursued by bro. J. R. Graves, editor of the Tennessee Baptist, in defending the faith once delivered unto the saints.

Resolved, That this convention recommend all the brethren in her bounds to take, read and support the Tenn. Baptist, and put it into the hands of as many as they can.

Resolved, That this Convention recommend the Southern Bible board to employ its own agent to ride in our bounds.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren and citizens of Princeton and its vicinity for the kind hospitality which has been extended to this body during its present session, and also to our Methodist brethren for the use of their house.

Prayer by the President. Adjourned.

H. H. COLEMAN, Secretary.

J. HARTWELL, President.

† R. Puley, Lehigh P. O., Jefferson County.

Good Hope, Liberty.

† Union Church,

Salem, Freeo P. O.

† Bartholomew Asso. Warren, Bradley.

Temperance Hill, Stovers P. O.

† Gilgal, Wilmington.

Camden, Camden.

† Holly Springs, Warren.