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| Model School..... | \$3 |
| Normal Department..... | 5 |
| Collegiate..... | 6 |

EXTRA TUITION.

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| Book-keeping and Business Forms, with Penmanship, unlimited time..... | \$20 |
| Instrumental Music, course of 24 lessons..... | 10 |
| Mathematical Drawing and Tinting, 24 lessons..... | 10 |
| Incidentals, per term—\$1. Board, per month—\$10. | |

CALENDAR FOR 1881.

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| Winter Term begins..... | January 5th |
| Winter Term closes..... | April 25th |
| Spring Term begins..... | March 30th |
| Spring Term closes..... | June 15th |
| Commencement..... | June 16th |

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

ARKANSAS

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

HELD IN THE

Meeting-House of the Russellville Baptist Church,
November 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1880.

HON. J. P. EAGLE, *President.*

BENJ. THOMAS, *Secretary.*

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REV. J. D. JAMESON, *Hot Springs.*

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REV. O. M. LUCAS, *Little Rock.*

The next meeting of the Convention will be held with Calvary Baptist Church, at Little Rock, on Thursday, Nov. 3, 1881, at 10 A. M.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

RUSSELLVILLE, November 4, 1880.

The Convention met at 10 A. M. in the meeting-house of the Baptist Church. The President being absent, on motion of Benjamin Thomas, Hon. J. P. Eagle was called to the chair *pro tem.*

Voted, That Benjamin Thomas be Secretary *pro tem.*

The President *pro tem.* read First Psalm, and after singing "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood," the Convention was led in prayer by Rev. T. B. Espy, D. D., after which the Convention sang: "Awake My Soul in Joyful Lays."

The Secretary, Rev. J. R. G. W. N. Adams took his seat as Secretary.

On motion of Benjamin Thomas, voted that a committee of three be appointed by the President on Credentials.

The President appointed Benjamin Thomas, LL. D., O. M. Lucas and M. D. Early as said committee.

While the Committee were preparing their report the Convention engaged in devotional exercises.

Benjamin Thomas reported in behalf of the Committee on Enrollment, which was adopted, as follows:

- 1 - Alma Church—Col. M. F. Locke.
- 2 - Atkins Church—W. T. Box, Dr. D. J. Warren,
J. S. Pound, Alma, Ark., was received from a "Regular"
Baptist Church near Alma.
- Beebe Church—M. Green.
- Conway Church—E. N. Kitchins, G. E. Hilliard, E. J.
Hamilton.
- Charleston Church—M. L. Eggleston.
- Calvary Church, Little Rock—W. D. Mayfield, T. B. Espy,
Benjamin Thomas.
- 1 - Concord Association—R. H. McConnell, J. F. Burt, A. S.
Jackson.
- Caroline Association—B. W. Harmon, R. S. James, D. D.
- Columbia Association—G. G. Wise.
- Corinth Church—W. S. Jett, W. J. Williams, H. Clubb.
- 1 - Clear Creek Association—F. L. Kregel, M. S. Buckley,
Dardanelle Church—M. D. Early, M. M. McGuire.
- Dardanelle Association—J. R. G. W. N. Adams, G. W.
2 - Reeves, S. H. Blair.
- Friendship Association—W. W. Tinker.
- Fayetteville Church—John Mayes.
- General Association—J. B. Searcy.
- Liberty Association—J. D. Jameson.
- Little Red Association—H. A. Smith.
- Lonoke Church—Hon. J. P. Eagle.
- Morrilton Church—W. H. DeRochemont.
- Mount Vernon Association—B. F. Thomas, G. A. Grammer.
- New Hope Church—I. A. Huckaby, G. B. Drake, J. G.
Pendergrass.
- New Prospect Church—J. G. Hicks.
- Onachita Association—H. C. Ridling, J. M. Green.
- Prescott Church—O. M. Lucas, O. S. Jones, T. J. Butcher.
- Pine Bluff Church—W. W. Tinker.
- Russellville Church—G. W. Reeves, S. N. Evans, Dr. J. N.
Gray.
- Red River Association—R. G. Edwards.
- United Association—J. Mayall.

Voted, To go into permanent organization.

Voted, On motion of Bro. W. D. Mayfield, that Dr. Thomas
cast the ballot of the Convention for President. The ballot
was cast for Hon. J. P. Eagle.

Voted, On motion of Bro. T. B. Espy, that the ballot of the
Convention for Vice-Presidents be cast by Bro. W. D. Mayfield,
whereupon Col. M. F. Locke and Hon. R. H. McConnell were
elected.

There being three nominations for Secretary, the President
appointed W. D. Mayfield, G. W. Reeves and B. F. Thomas
tellers to take the vote.

Voted, On motion of W. D. Mayfield, that the one receiving
the largest vote for the office be the Secretary and the next
highest, Assistant-Secretary. W. D. Mayfield read the report,
showing that Benjamin Thomas was elected Secretary and S. N.
Evans Assistant.

J. R. G. W. N. Adams was elected Treasurer.

Adjourned to 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Dr. Mayfield.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 1:30 P. M. Prayer by Rev. R. H.
Graves, Canton, China.

Voted, That Bro. J. P. Weaver, of Milan, Tennessee, be
received as a Messenger from the Central Association of Ten-
nessee.

The President appointed the following committees:

On Devotional Exercises—G. W. Reeves, M. D. Early, S.
N. Evans and J. N. Gray.

On Documents—A. S. Jackson, M. L. Eggleston and T. J.
Butcher.

On Domestic Missions—Dr. Espy, M. Green, G. G. Wise
and John Mayes.

On Education—R. S. James, LL. D., J. D. Jameson, J. R.
G. W. N. Adams, J. B. Searcy and R. G. Edwards.

On Sabbath-Schools—R. H. McConnell, W. D. Mayfield, B. W. Harmon and J. Mayall.

On Finance—M. F. Locke, W. S. Jett, J. G. Hicks, R. H. McConnell and M. S. Buckley.

On Foreign Missions—J. B. Searcy, O. M. Lucas and W. T. Box.

On Publications—M. D. Early, G. G. Wise, G. A. Grammer, T. J. Butcher and W. W. Tinker.

On Obituaries—B. F. Thomas, I. A. Huckaby and H. C. Ridling.

On Nominations—W. D. Mayfield, R. H. McConnell and G. W. Reeves.

Voted, On motion of W. D. Mayfield, that R. H. Graves, of Canton, China, agent of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, be invited to a seat in the Convention.

Voted, That the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions be made the special order of Friday evening at 7 o'clock, and that Bro. R. H. Graves, of Canton, China, be requested to address the Convention at that time on Chinese Missions.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Mayfield, that the next meeting of the Convention be held at Little Rock, with the Calvary Baptist Church, on Thursday, November 3, 1881, and that J. B. Searcy be appointed to preach the annual sermon and O. M. Lucas be his alternate. An animated discussion, participated in by many of the brethren, took place before the adoption of the motion. The vote was finally almost unanimous.

On motion, Article 6 of the Constitution was so amended as to read as follows: "Article 6. The Convention shall elect by ballot, annually, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; and also appoint twenty or more Trustees who shall hold office until their successors are selected, who shall compose the Executive Board, five of whom shall constitute a quorum."

Voted, On motion of Dr. Espy, that the Convention shall meet at 9 A. M. and adjourn at 12 M., and meet at 2 P. M. and

adjourn at 4:30 P. M. Devotional meetings to be held from half past eight to nine each morning.

Voted, That the annual Introductory Sermon by Bro. J. D. Jameson be preached at 7 P. M.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. to-morrow.

Prayer by Bro. J. B. Searcy.

NIGHT—PREACHING.

At 7 P. M. Rev. J. D. Jameson, of Hot Springs, preached, to a large audience, the Introductory Sermon from I Thes. ii: 4, "But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, who proves our hearts." The sermon was listened to with marked attention throughout.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention met at 9 A. M. Prayer by Bro. M. Green.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Voted, On motion of Bro. M. D. Early, that the vote adopting the report on Nominations be reconsidered and the report recommitted to the same committee with instructions to decrease the number of Trustees and such other changes as the committee may deem best.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Espy, that Rev. W. H. Vernon be allowed, on to-morrow, fifteen minutes to make a statement on the Bible work in this State.

Voted, That the letter from the Hot Springs Baptist Church to this Convention, just read by Bro. J. D. Jameson, be referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Bro. F. L. Kregel offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Board of this Convention be instructed to correspond with the several Associations

of the State, urging them to become auxiliary and co-operative with this body, and through their Missionaries or Executive Board to furnish this Convention with a statement of the mission labor in their bounds. Adopted.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. G. A. Grammer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2 P. M. Prayer by W. W. Tinker.

The Committee on Nominations, to whom their former report had been recommitted, reported as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A BOARD.

We recommend that the Board of Trustees be increased to twenty; that five of this number constitute a quorum, and that the Board be located at Little Rock. That in accordance with this recommendation we suggest the following brethren as such Board: T. B. Espy, B. W. Harmon, J. M. Hart, R. M. Thrasher, Benjamin Thomas, J. D. Jameson, J. P. Howard, J. K. Brantley, Harry Edmonson, W. W. Tinker, J. A. Bounds, M. D. Early, J. P. Eagle, R. S. Wallis, W. T. Box, J. M. King, R. H. McConnell, G. A. Moffatt, M. F. Locke and J. R. G. W. N. Adams.

We further recommend that the Board appoint such Secretaries as may labor in the interest of Sunday-Schools and Foreign Missions. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. MAYFIELD,
R. H. MCCONNELL,
G. W. REEVES,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Espy, that G. W. Rogers, D. D., of Texas, be invited to a seat in the Convention.

Voted, On motion of W. D. Mayfield, that certain resolutions offered by M. F. Locke, of Alma, be referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the President.

The President appointed W. D. Mayfield, M. Green and T. B. Espy.

B. F. Thomas offered certain resolutions on Temperance

which, on motion of B. W. Harmon, were referred to a committee of three to be appointed by the President.

The President appointed B. W. Harmon, B. F. Thomas and J. D. Jameson.

M. Green offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we most respectfully suggest to the Trustees of the Arkansas Industrial University the propriety of having the Baptist denomination represented in the Faculty of the State Institution.

J. B. Searcy presented the report of W. E. Paxton, as Secretary of Ministerial Education, which was read by the Secretary. The Secretary had been very closely confined by his duties as teacher and Editor of the Baptist Cyclopaedia so he could not devote much time in the special work. He had written several articles and done what he could.

Hon. R. H. McConnell moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Education, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

M. D. Early, Chairman, reported as follows: That we are not slow to recognize the ability of the various publications in the country, such as *The Baptist* and the *Reflector*, which we recommend as worthy of our patronage; also for our Sunday-schools *Kind Words*, and as a source of Missionary intelligence the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and other papers circulating in our State from various Baptist presses, yet we feel the necessity of a State Paper to foster our Educational, Missionary and other vital interests of the State. We can never agree among ourselves what paper published beyond our State we shall adopt as a medium of communication, yet we must have such a medium. We are glad to say that influential men of the State have united themselves together under the title of "The Arkansas Baptist Printing and Publishing Company," the capital stock to be between \$2500 and \$10,000. As yet but little has been done to secure the capital stock, still a good beginning has been made and we can say with confidence that the enterprise will succeed, and we ask all our men to rally to the aid of the enterprise so it may at once be a signal success and a credit to the fifty thousand Baptists of the State of Arkansas. Subscribe stock and subscribe for the paper! Respectfully submitted.

M. D. EARLY,
Chairman of Committee.

After remarks were made by various persons the report was adopted.

Voted, That as an addition to the above report, it be made the duty of all the Officers and Missionaries of this Convention to labor for the success of the "Arkansas Evangel."

Adjourned to 7 p. m. Prayer by Bro. J. B. Searcy.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention met at 7 p. m. Prayer by Bro. F. L. Kregel, of Charleston.

The special order being Foreign Missions, Bro. W. W. Tinker read for information the report on Foreign Missions.

R. H. Graves, returned Missionary from Canton, China, delivered a very interesting address on Chinese Missions.

Bro. M. D. Early, by common consent, was authorized to take up a collection for Foreign Missions, which resulted in cash and subscriptions as follows: Cash—J. D. Jameson \$20, Mrs. Emma Wise \$5, J. F. Burt \$2, M. F. Locke \$20, J. P. Eagle \$20, G. W. Ford \$10, T. J. Butcher \$5, M. M. McGuire \$2.50, Dr. Warren \$1, R. G. Edwards \$1, others unknown \$28.30; total cash, \$96.80. Subscriptions—W. W. Tinker, for Pine Bluff church, \$25; Mrs. Emma Wise, Magnolia, \$15; G. W. Ford, \$10; M. D. Early, \$5; A. S. Jackson, Sub Rosa, \$5; total subscriptions, \$60.

Voted, On motion of W. W. Tinker, that the report on Foreign Missions lie on the table until to-morrow.

Adjourned to 9 a. m. Saturday. Prayer by R. H. Graves.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention met at 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. J. D. Jameson, of Hot Springs.

Minutes read and approved.

The report on Publications being the order of business at the adjournment yesterday, the discussion was resumed. Remarks on the report were made by J. D. Jameson, M. M. McGuire, M. Green, F. L. Kregel and President Eagle.

Voted, On motion of Bro. T. B. Espy, that the special order of the day be now taken up, which was hearing from Rev. W. H. Vernon on the Bible work in this State.

Bro. Vernon made an address full of interesting statistics of Bible work in this State and the United States.

Adjourned to 2 p. m. Prayer by B. W. Harmon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. G. G. Wise, of Magnolia.

The report on Publications being the subject before the Convention, it was voted that Bro. J. B. Searcy be heard a second time on the report.

Remarks were also made by J. D. Jameson and T. B. Espy, after which the report as amended was unanimously adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Dr. Espy, Chairman, reported as follows:

We recognize this as the greatest of all the matters claiming the attention of the Convention. It is altogether a common-sense suggestion that this interest should be prosecuted with greatly increased energy and zeal. The field is vast and important, the cry for help is becoming longer and louder, delay is growing more and more dangerous, the ingress of population is largely on the increase, a considerable part of which is corrupted by a false and pernicious system of religion, of close kin to idolatry; consequently, it is plain that there is a present demand for money, talent and systematic effort to make this work largely successful. The Baptists of Arkansas cannot afford to be indifferent to these claims. They are upon us, and there is but one of two things that we can do: either, first, to recognize and put forth a stronger effort to meet the demands of the hour; or, second, vainly attempt to throw off the responsibilities from which there is no

escape, but in manifest neglect of known and clearly defined duty.

Your Committee recognizes a suggestion made at the last meeting of the State Mission Board, to the effect that a Superintendent of State Missions be appointed for the next Convention year, whose duty shall be to take the oversight of this work for the entire State, and in connection with the State Board and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to make a diligent effort to supply the destitution within our State.

Your Committee calls special attention to Hot Springs, Fort Smith, Fayetteville, Camden, Brinkley, Van Buren, Washington and Pine Bluff, as points needing help and which we hope the Convention will aid to the extent of its ability. Besides this there is much destitution in town and country which ought to be supplied.

In respect to the letter referred to your Committee, from the Church at Hot Springs, by the hands of Bro. Jameson, as we recognize this as second in importance to no locality in the State, we would respectfully recommend that a special collection be taken up and forwarded to the Church by the hands of Bro. Jameson.

With strong confidence in the wisdom of the plan of Mission work, which has been prosecuted with some measure of success for a few years past, and believing that energy and zeal are more needed than a change in our plans of operation, we recommend that the Convention renew its strength and strike for grander, wider and more glorious results in this department of Christian activity.

T. B. ESPY,
G. G. WISE,
JOHN MAYES,
M. GREEN,
Committee.

Voted, That the report be made the special order for Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock.

The report on Foreign Missions was taken from the table and read by W. W. Tinker. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report that this is a subject that demands increased attention on the part of Arkansas Baptists. We have been trying for years to do something in this connection, but for some time past we have been retrograding. The report of Dr. Tupper at the last Convention showed that our State had contributed less than two hundred and fifty dollars in the preceding twelve months. This falling

off is not because our membership are unwilling to contribute to Foreign Missions so much as it is a neglect of the Pastors to bring the subject before their people and urge them to do their duty on this as well as other important subjects. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has under its charge Missions in China, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico. The latter two Missions have just been established. But what are these among the millions of benighted Heathens? Reports show that our Foreign Mission work has succeeded well during the past year. Seventy-nine were baptized in connection with the work in Canton, China. There are now four or five hundred members in connection with our three stations in China. We learn from our Bro. R. H. Graves, who is now with us, that other important stations could be opened at the small cost of about \$150 per year. Bro. Graves wishes, if possible, to raise as much as \$2000 to establish new Missions in this way. A brother in Baltimore promises \$500 of this amount if the other can be raised. We urge that our delegates present this matter to their respective Churches and Associations and urge them to co-operate in this work, and when it is practicable to get an Association to engage to establish a Mission and support it. Now, brethren, we have a broad field and ample means of cultivating it, and the Master says, "Ye are my friends if ye will do whatsoever I have commanded you," and he has commanded, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." We would suggest that our brethren urge their Churches to take up collections for Foreign Missions, particularly during the months of October, November and December of each year, and it is our earnest hope that more will be accomplished in this direction than has been heretofore.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. SEARCY, Chairman.

W. W. Tinker offered the following amendment which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of Foreign Missions be instructed to call the attention of the Associations to this report, especially the feature which suggests that Associations undertake to establish and sustain a station in China.

The report, as amended, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would report, That we deem Christian education of the utmost importance to the full development of Church efficiency. While the State, for its own protection, provides for the elementary education of its youth,

we should be no less anxious to supplement that purely secular training by the founding and support of Christian schools of high order. The servants of Jesus Christ ought to be the more earnestly stimulated to this work by the fact that almost everywhere the powers of evil are striving to obtain the control of the Academies and Colleges of the land. Baptists, especially, should rally around the higher schools which they have established. There are three such institutions now in active operation belonging to the denomination in Arkansas, in convenient locations, all of which are worthy of confidence. We beg leave to submit the following in regard to each of them:

The school located at Judsonia, White County, is working under a most liberal charter, which confers upon it privileges equal to those possessed by any College in the United States. It has struggled with the difficulties usual to young institutions, but is now developing renewed vitality. Opportunities for acquiring an education are furnished by it, which, for moderate cost, for comprehensive and thorough instruction, and for the moral and religious atmosphere which prevails, commend Judson University to the confidence and patronage of Baptist families. The Theological department connected with this school embraces the substance of the course adopted in our best Seminaries.

The Baptist High School, located at Arkadelphia, has been established for the promotion of education in the southwestern part of the State. We regard it as eminently adapted to become a power in that portion of Arkansas, where the subject of education has hitherto been so much neglected. Although in its infancy, it is under such efficient and energetic management that success must crown the enterprise if the encouragement and co-operation which it deserves be extended.

The Centennial Institute at Warren, though named last is by no means the least of the Baptist schools in the State. It is well managed and wields a wide influence in the region where it is located. We rejoice in its merited prosperity, and most heartily commend it to the further patronage of the denomination. The General Association of Southeast Arkansas holds its annual session in connection with the commencement exercises of this school.

In addition to the above, Buckner College, a chartered Baptist institution, has a large and handsome building in course of construction at Salem City, Sebastian County, a healthy location and productive part of the State. We hope it will soon be in effective operation.

Your committee would recommend the appointment by this Convention, of a Board of Ministerial Education, whose duty shall be to foster the work of education by the employment of an efficient agent, or by any other means which may seem to

them most suitable, and the above-named institutions be requested to co-operate with said Board.

R. S. JAMES,
J. B. SEARCY,
J. D. JAMESON,
R. G. EDWARDS,
J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS,
Committee.

After remarks by Dr. R. S. James, J. B. Searcy, Dr. W. D. Mayfield and M. D. Early, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Special Committee on Temperance would present the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, There are now being made great efforts in Great Britain and the United States to suppress the traffic and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that it is the duty of all Christians to aid in the suppression of this great evil; therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of all proper efforts to procure the enactment of a rigorous prohibitory liquor law in the State of Arkansas.

B. W. HARMON, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Voted, On motion of M. S. Buckley, that we, as a Baptist State Convention, urge this great question of prohibition on the next Legislature of our State.

The Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions presented the report of the Board.

Voted, On motion of J. B. Searcy, that the report be made the special order on Sunday at 7 p. m., at which time we will have a mass-meeting on Domestic Missions.

Adjourned to 7 p. m. Sunday. Prayer by W. T. Box.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. Rogers, D. D., Mat v: 24.
M. E. Church, South, Rev. W. D. Mayfield, D. D., 1 John ii: 1.
M. E. Church, Rev. B. W. Harmon, 2 Cor., v: 14.
Baptist, 3 p. m., a mass Sunday-school meeting, in which

short and interesting speeches were made by six or more brethren.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention met at 7 P. M. Prayer by Bro. W. D. Mayfield. The President called up the special order—a mass-meeting on Domestic Missions.

Voted, That all speakers should be limited to ten-minute speeches.

Voted, On motion of M. D. Early, that the report of the Board be read for information.

The Secretary of the Board, Bro. Benjamin Thomas, read the report.

Bro. T. B. Espy read the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Remarks on the two reports were made by Brethren Harmon, M. Green, Jameson, Mayfield, and others.

Voted, On motion of G. W. Reeves, that the further consideration of the reports be postponed, and that we now take up a collection for State Missions.

A subscription was taken, as follows:

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| Hon. J. P. Eagle, Lonoke, (paid)..... | \$50 00 |
| J. D. Jameson, Hot Springs, (for H. P.)..... | 50 00 |
| B. W. Harmon, Conway..... | 25 00 |
| W. D. Mayfield, Little Rock..... | 25 00 |
| M. M. McGuire, Dardanelle (\$5 paid)..... | 25 00 |
| W. W. Tinker, Pine Bluff..... | 25 00 |
| G. A. Grammer, Forrest City..... | 25 00 |
| R. S. James, Judsonia (\$5 paid)..... | 25 00 |
| G. W. Reeves, Russellville..... | 25 00 |
| M. D. Early, Lonoke..... | 25 00 |
| G. G. Wise, Magnolia..... | 25 00 |
| G. W. Ford, Plummerville..... | 25 00 |
| Dr. Warren, Atkins (paid)..... | 10 00 |
| H. A. Smith, Judsonia..... | 10 00 |

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| J. Mayall, Lick Mountain..... | 10 00 |
| S. N. Evans, Russellville..... | 5 00 |
| B. Perry, Russellville..... | 5 00 |
| B. W. Harmon, for Des Arc Church..... | 10 00 |
| P. R. Jeff, Knoxville..... | 5 00 |

The cash and subscriptions amounted to \$291, which was afterward increased.

Adjourned to 9 A. M. Prayer by J. D. Jameson.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention met at 9 A. M. Prayer by O. S. Jones.

The President stated the reports on State Missions were before the Convention at adjournment.

Remarks on the reports were made by Brethren Jameson, Harmon, Benjamin Thomas, Reeves, Mayfield, Mayes, Early and M. S. Buckley.

The reports were adopted.

R. S. James, D. D., offered the following:

Resolved, That the Board of Ministerial Education, provided for in the report of the Committee on Education, consist of nine members, three of whom shall form a quorum, and that the State Board be directed at its first meeting to appoint said Board, and notify the members of their appointment.

Adopted.

A special committee on certain papers from Charleston having been appointed, the Committee reported and the report was adopted, as follows:

The paper in regard to the trouble in the Concord Association having been referred to us, we beg leave to report: We learn that the Church at Charleston (not the minority so styling itself) called a council to consider certain of its actions, which council unanimously sustained the said Church in the course which it had taken. It seems to this Convention that when the action of a Church is called in question by other Churches, a council should be called to settle the differences involved, and that the decisions of such council should be accepted as final by

all the Churches. This Convention disclaims any intention of interfering with the discipline of the Churches, but would advise that the decision of the above-named council be regarded as final.

W. D. MAYFIELD,
M. GREEN,
T. B. ESPY.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report, that we have embodied herein all the information obtained. The report, of necessity, must be brief.

With profound sorrow we record the death of Rev. T. P. Boone. He passed away a few days since at about the age of fifty. He was a native of Alabama, but had resided many years in this State. He was pastor at Searcy seventeen years. He served as pastor at Little Rock two years. The last two years of his life were spent at Fayetteville and Eureka in the pastoral work. Bro. Boone was for some time an editor of the *Western Baptist*. He was a man of good mind and of pre-eminent usefulness. He gave his life to the great work of evangelizing the State. He has left behind him a fragrant memory. May God bless his wife and children.

We also note the decease of Bro. C. P. Sweeney, of Hempstead County. He had been in Ministerial work in our State for about fifteen years. He was a man of eminent talent, a very earnest worker and a worthy brother. He was called to his reward about the month of June of the present year.

Bro. S. B. Green, of Logan County, died during the present year. He entered the work of the Ministry in this State about the year 1876. He was a man of great earnestness and exalted piety and died at the post of duty.

Bro. W. m. Kitchens, of Ashley County, is also numbered among those who have gone to their rewards. He had labored faithfully among us for many years, having grown old in the work of the Master. He died during the past summer in the triumph of a living faith. Respectfully submitted.

IRA A. HUCKABY,
B. F. THOMAS,
H. C. RIDLING,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

This is one of the great enterprises which should rest on the hearts of the people. The enlightenment and elevation of the young is a work of such magnitude that it might well inspire the

hearts of all our people. Something has been done in the effort to develop an interest in this work during the past year. The Secretary of Sunday-schools has done what he could to awaken interest on this subject. A Sunday-school Convention for Southwestern Arkansas was organized. This Convention has put a Missionary in the field, who is doing a good work. So much interest has been awakened that quite a number of Sunday-school Conventions will meet in different parts of the State during the month of May next. We recommend that an effort be made to establish a Sunday-school in every Church in the State. And in order to secure this result we would recommend that a Sunday-school Missionary be put into the field, and that he hold Institutes and Conventions, and use every possible means, and put forth every possible effort, to organize a School in every church.

W. D. MAYFIELD,
B. W. HARMON,
J. MAYALL,
MCDONALD,
Committee.

The report was adopted.

Voted, On motion of Benjamin Thomas, that W. D. Mayfield and G. W. Reeves be added to the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

R. S. James, LL. D., called up the report of the Secretary of the Board of the State Convention, which was adopted, as follows.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD.

Brethren of the Convention:

It is with profound gratitude to God that we offer to the Convention this report, in this new house, in a new town, both good types of the State—progressive, prosperous, hopeful.

The Board appointed by the last Convention, at Hope, adopted at its session at this place, October 4, the following, (copied from the minutes): "M. D. Early moved, that the Secretary of the Board be requested to prepare a report, to be read at the State Convention, urging the claims of Arkansas as a Mission Field, and detailing the labors of this Board during the year, and prepare as perfect a list of the Ministers of the State and their postoffices as possible."

THE FIELD.

In obedience to instruction we call the attention of the present Convention to Arkansas as a Missionary Field. Arkansas has an area of 52,198 square miles, or 33,406,720 acres, space

enough, with its varied resources, for three millions of people. In years to come that number may be found here with means of adequate support. We, as Christian people, are very anxious to know the character of the people who will cultivate the farms we now open and live on, the sites we have selected for our homes. Abraham, "Father of the faithful," impressed all Canaan with his spirit for centuries. The first Puritan settlers of New England have impressed their peculiarities in education and religion on their descendants from that day to this. The character of the first settlers of California is perpetuated, in an irreligious way, in that State yet.

Palestine, in area a small country, yet no great seat of Empire has been adored so much. Calvary gave proof of the disinterested goodness of God, and whose soul has not been thrilled with Calvary and its crimson cross. These places are ever remembered because God there displayed his eternal love. Fill this goodly State with love to God and acts of disinterested benevolence and it will fill all eternity with a sublime history! God's presence makes all places sacred, Ornan's threshing floor or the crags of Sinai. His presence awakens human intellect, giving birth to great Christian thoughts, each one of which will beget thousands of others, the most prolific of anything known in the universe! They never die. In this new country, especially, the present generation will mould the character of the succeeding one and that the next, as each succeeding wave of the sea affects the one which follows. Now, the thousands are coming to us, and we owe it to Christ and his cause that we meet them on their arrival with the pure truth, and many of our foreign population have never heard it in its purity.

That we will have, in the near future, a vast population will be seen from the character of the territory and the rapid increase of the last decade. Look at the census—sixty-seven per cent.—and not a dollar from the State treasury to advertise the advantages of our State! In Kansas, Nebraska and other States, hundreds of thousands have been spent in telling of their resources! Still we need not wonder at our growth. Our lands are cheap, and we have such marvelous variety of soils, such unsurpassed forests, in more than one-half of the State, such pure rivers, such health-restoring springs, such rich minerals, such matchless climate and such an era of peace and good will prevailing, generally, over the State. To see these resources is to be impressed with the conviction that greatness as a State is certain. The capital and enterprise of the crowded east seek homes in the rich and inviting west. The flood is pressing westward bearing "the Star of Empire." Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas and Texas have of late years absorbed it. But the return of prosperity over our country, and an unseen hand pressing on

the millions, have augmented the flood from the east by vast numbers from the northwest, and they have spread out over the vast western plain and forced the gorges of the Rocky and Sierra Nevada mountains and filled the few rich valleys of the golden State. Within the two years past the flood has turned southward to a sunnier clime. They come along the great southern artery of commerce, the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railway, and fall in love with the foot hills of the Ozark and Boston range of mountains. This great fruit region captivates many. From this great route going westward they reach the elevated table lands of the mountains and choose these as homes. Others love our rich alluvial river bottoms. Still others are attracted by our marble, limestone, kaolin, lead, copper, zinc, silver and iron—our coal fields draw many. The hum of activity is upon us. As the thousands come let us, in the name of Christ, beg you, the successors of those who were true to Him through the dark ages, to meet the people with an open Bible and preach Christ crucified. Your brethren in the past preached Him through iron bars to a dying world.

As a Convention we are pledged to promote education. Our boys and girls will need training in our Christian schools to prepare them for the conflict between truth and error. The battle will surely come, and dark and fierce will it surely be. The clustering locks on their brows will not be touched with silver gray before their training will be called into active service for the truth. Comparatively little infidelity is now found in our midst. Our people have "a zeal for God." The rude wit, full of blasphemy, enjoyed in some other sections of our country shocks even our irreligious men. There is now much religious conviction in our State. Let us teach them "the way of the Lord more perfectly." "There is a tide in the affairs of men," and let us avail ourselves of the tide. The active infidel is coming in upon us from abroad and the press is pouring in the poison. Nothing can harm us if Christian men and women are prepared by culture to meet cultured error. Let us see to it that our young "grow up in the knowledge of Christ."

O, if the forty or fifty thousand Baptists of this State would wake up to all that Christ has in His vineyard for them to do, what, with God's help, could they not accomplish? "Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world." He leads them—places the "sword of the Spirit" in their hands and if they but follow they will soon be heard shouting "Arkansas is for Christ."

THE BOARD.

In reporting the work of the Board we cannot refrain from thanking God for the harmony and brotherly love that has

characterized all our proceedings. The meetings, eight in number, have been pleasant reunions. We will long remember them with pleasure. Our first act, after organizing, was to pass a resolution that all commissions should expire at the meeting of the State Convention; therefore, at this meeting the term of service of all the Missionaries closes.

Rev. W. A. Clark, D. D., was elected State Evangelist at the first meeting of the Board, November 3, 1879. After some delay he declined to enter the work and his resignation was accepted February 9, 1880. The best part of the year for making collections was thus lost.

Rev. O. M. Lucas was also elected State Missionary November 3, 1879. He labored faithfully for about one month and his resignation was accepted February 9, 1880. This he did to enter the pastorate at the thriving town of Prescott. In his letter of resignation he says: "I have entered soul and body into the work at Prescott. In tendering my resignation I devoutly pray that the work of the brethren may be abundantly prospered during the present Conventional year. He reports:

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| Sermons..... | 7 |
| Visits..... | 12 |
| Collections | \$57.35 |
| Places visited | 4 |

Rev. G. W. Rogers, D. D., was elected State Evangelist at the Board meeting held at Dardanelle, March 8, 1880. Much discouragement and disappointment were experienced by the brethren when he declined the work, which he did after some delay. Thus precious time was lost by the refusal of two brethren to engage in the work.

Rev. J. D. Jameson was elected to the same work at the April meeting at Atkins. He soon after entered the field. His correspondence with the Board exhibits promptness and activity. We much regret to state that he complains of poor health. His report embraces the time from May 1, to November 1:

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| Miles traveled..... | 2,005 |
| Sermons | 100 |
| Churches visited | 55 |
| Addresses..... | 20 |
| Cash and subscriptions for Missions..... | \$993.75 |
| Of which, were cash, | \$260.70 |
| For educational purposes, cash and subscriptions | \$642.65 |
| Received from Marion Board | \$166.66 |

He says, in his letter accompanying his report: "It may be that you and others will be disappointed in my report, but I have done what I could. Considering my feeble health, and the many difficulties in the way of such work, I hope my brethren

will readily look over a work so imperfect as mine has been. Sometimes I become much discouraged and feel like giving up the work. How hard it is when faithfully done! How impossible to please all! Yet if the Master smiles why need we care? I am resting a few days at the Springs for my health, to get ready for the Convention."

Rev. G. A. Grammer was elected Missionary on the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad and places adjacent thereto, at the April meeting of the Board at Atkins. He has labored very acceptably in many places in his field. He reports:

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| Miles traveled..... | 712 |
| Collections in cash..... | \$114.10 |
| Sermons preached..... | 105 |
| Additions to Churches..... | 4 |
| Visits..... | 150 |

His report is dated September 4, when he resigned to take the pastorate at Forrest City, we believe. The churches seem to have a partiality for our Missionaries. In his resignation he says: "Finding it impossible to do full justice to the work in consequence of inadequate support, and my health failing, I hereby resign as Missionary of your Board. The cause has and shall ever have my hearty sympathy and support. Trusting that the blessings of the Great Head of the Church may attend all your labors.

Rev. W. D. Mayfield, D. D., was elected, on March 4, 1880, Sunday-school Secretary, made vacant by the removal from the State of Rev. W. A. Clark, D. D. His labors have been of great benefit to the Sunday-school work. We herewith submit his report, as we think there are valuable suggestions made therein:

Dear Brother Thomas, Secretary of Mission Board:

As you requested, I herewith submit a brief statement of my work, as Sunday-school Secretary, under your Board. I have traveled about 650 miles in the interest of the work. I have delivered about twenty addresses, besides many sermons. I assisted in the organization of the Sunday-school Convention of Southwestern Arkansas, at Hope. I also attended the first regular meeting of this Convention at Mineral Springs. A round-trip ticket to Malvern, contributed by Brother Thrasher; and a round-trip ticket to Arkadelphia, contributed by Dr. Thomas; a collection at Hope amounting to \$5.55; and various sums from brethren at Mineral Springs, aggregating, say \$15, have been handed me, towards the payment of my traveling expenses. My traveling expenses have amounted to something more than the aggregate sum received. As you know, I have worked without salary; and I desire through you to express warm and hearty

thanks for the contribution towards the payment of my expenses. The Convention above-named has put a Sunday-school Missionary in the field, who is doing a good work. Several Sunday-school Conventions will meet in May next. In the middle and southwestern part of the State much interest has been awakened. I am of opinion that a good Sunday-school Missionary for the whole State, who would engage to hold a Sunday-school Institute, embracing at least every other Sunday in the year, in such localities as the Board might indicate, would both be very useful to the cause, and amply supported; but such Missionary, or indeed any other Missionary, appointed, and then turned loose, to work where and when he pleases, will do little or no good. The failure of the Mission work in this State cannot be charged up to the people. They are liberal and ready to support the cause. The work in the State has never been mapped out, and the Missionaries have never been directed and controlled by some responsible head. Until your Board is so located that you can have frequent meetings, and until some such plan as that above indicated is adopted, it is hardly worth while to put Sunday-school or other Missionaries into the field. The Mission work in this State in order to be successful must be wisely directed. Asking your pardon for making these suggestions, I am, truly and fraternally, yours,

W. D. MAYFIELD.

OTHER LABORERS ON THE FIELD.

The Associations of the State work, generally, independent of the Convention, though this is the thirty-second anniversary. This ought not so to be. The Associations ought to be auxiliary to this body, so all the work done on the field could be reported. As it is now, people beyond the State conclude we do nothing or next to nothing; as they judge by our reports in this body. Let us have the work consolidated, and we would make a very much more creditable showing.

Much unpaid work has also been performed by members of the Board and pastors in the State under direction of the Board. We have made a forward movement in our work this year in bringing the Convention work before the brethren, and by another year of labor we will see the result in our financial report. To do this work of uniting the State in the work of the Convention, the Board recommends the appointment of a

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

He, clothed with authority by the Board, can under instructions adopt such plans as will unite the work in the Associations and the Convention, so the Missionary of the one is the Missionary of the other. We need, also, the Superintendent, to

explore the field, to see where and when labor is most needed, and call the attention of the Board to such places.

The labors of the year, in paid and voluntary labor, may be stated in the aggregate about as follows: Sermons preached, 781; miles traveled, 6,616; money raised for various benevolent purposes, \$2,685.31. Had we reports from Associations the results would not be so meager. But it is a great improvement on any former year.

We are sorry to state that the effort made to induce the Publication Society, located at Philadelphia, to appoint and pay a Sunday-school Missionary for this State, was unsuccessful. We use the words of the Secretary to show how the correspondence, for the present Convention year, closed: "The circular explains the peculiar circumstances which render us unable to make as many grants as usual." We are so sorry that we, in our pressing need, should be left out when "peculiar circumstances" occur. While the field is "white for the harvest," and the thousands overwhelm our means, we very much regret we can not make our National Societies realize our emergency. It is not so with the Northwest. We hope it will not be so with us very long.

OUR FOREIGN POPULATION

Are flocking to the State in great numbers. Germans, Swedes and Welsh are forming large settlements. The pioneer settlers of most of our States are poor people. They need aid in establishing at once the institutions of religion on the formation of society. Many of these foreigners have never heard the mere Gospel, as we believe, in their native land. God has made us responsible if we fail to give it to them. Had they remained at home we would hear the cry for help to preach Christ to them. Now they are coming to our doors, and shall they go from Arkansas to the judgment and say, with truth, they have never understood the Gospel? Will you give them the truth? Christ demands it and the safety of the commonwealth demands it. In our country without the Gospel they will be a dangerous element. Let us labor to "preach the Gospel to every nation." If we have "the faith once delivered to the saints," let us be like those who received it at first, who "went everywhere, preaching the word" "in regions beyond."

BENJ. THOMAS, *Secretary.*

Voted, On motion of Benjamin Thomas, that Rev. W. D. Mayfield, D. D., be requested to prepare an order of business, for the guidance of the next Convention, and furnish the same to the Secretary for publication in the minutes.

Voted, On motion of B. W. Harmon, that the Secretary

be directed to have fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes of the Convention printed, and that he be allowed the sum of \$25 for his services, and that he is hereby empowered to draw on the treasury for so much as may be necessary to pay for printing and postage and services.

Adjourned to 2 p. m. Prayer by J. D. Jameson.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2 p. m. Prayer by M. Green.

Voted, On motion of Dr. Espy, that the Secretary be instructed to have printed in the Minutes the amended Constitution.

W. D. Mayfield, D. D., offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to Dr. Benj. Thomas, our Secretary, for his untiring efforts to secure reduced rates for Messengers to this Convention, and to the Railroad Companies which kindly granted these favors..

Hon. R. H. McConnell offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the citizens of Russellville and vicinity, for the kind and hospitable manner in which we have been entertained during the session of this Convention, and to the Methodist brethren for the use of their pulpits.

Rev. G. A. Grammer moved the following which was adopted:

Resolved, That we request all the Churches and Associations to send up money for Conventional purposes the next Conventional year.

The Finance Committee reported, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee would beg leave to report the following several sums, received from the parties and for the purposes specified, to-wit:

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| From O. M. Lucas, for Union Association, for Foreign Missions | \$53 50 |
| From G. G. Wise, Columbia Association, for Foreign Missions | 26 50 |
| From the same, for Convention purposes..... | 7 50 |
| From Arkadelphia Church, for Minutes..... | 1 50 |
| From Unity Church, for Minutes..... | 75 |
| From New Hope Church, for Minutes..... | 3 65 |
| Money raised for Foreign Missions at Convention..... | 96 80 |
| Mrs. D. A. Goldsby, for Foreign Missions, per Secretary..... | 5 00 |
| Concord Association, for Minutes..... | 3 50 |
| From Beebe Church, per M. Green, for Convention.. | 2 50 |
| Prescott Church, for Convention..... | 2 50 |
| Paris Church, for Convention..... | 1 00 |
| W. T. Box, for Foreign Missions..... | 5 00 |

Total..... \$209 70

Voted, On motion of M. P. Buckley, that the Secretary be instructed to call upon the former Treasurer for a report of his accounts as Treasurer, and request him to turn over all funds in his possession, if any, to J. R. G. W. N. Adams, the present Treasurer.

The Treasurer presented his report, which was adopted:

The Treasurer would submit the following report:

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| For Foreign Missions..... | \$90 00 |
| For Domestic Missions..... | 99 45 |
| For Convention purposes..... | 24 00 |

Total..... \$213 45

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. G. W. N. ADAMS, Treasurer.

Voted, On motion of J. D. Jameson, that we appoint the Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, to meet next May, at Columbus, Miss.

The Convention appointed the following brethren: J. P. Eagle, M. Green, J. D. Jameson, T. B. Espy, Benj. Thomas, M. D. Early, G. A. Grammer, J. B. Searcy, W. D. Mayfield, B. F. Thomas, R. S. James, A. J. Fawcett and G. W. Reeves.

Voted, That if any fail, so we have not as many as we may be entitled to, the brethren above-named, who may be present,

shall be authorized to fill any vacancy by appointment of any Baptist from this State who may be present.

Voted, On motion of M. D. Early, that J. D. Jameson be requested to turn over all his uncollected subscriptions to the Secretary of the Board.

B. W. Harmon offered the following:

Resolved, That the hearty thanks of this Convention be tendered our brother, Rev. J. P. Eagle, for the able and fair manner in which he has presided over this body during these sessions.

Adopted.

Voted, That we take an impromptu collection for Hot Springs, to show our interest in that Church if nothing more. J. P. Eagle, \$10; Espy, Benj. Thomas, Buckley, Box, R. H. Graves, \$1 each; cash, \$2.80; G. A. Grammer subscribed \$5, and G. B. Drake \$2.50. Received for by J. D. Jameson: cash, \$17.80; pledges, \$7.50.

Adjourned to 7 P. M. Prayer by B. W. Harmon.

NIGHT SESSION.

Convention met at 7 P. M. An able sermon was preached by Rev. R. S. James, LL. D., of Judsonia. The Convention joined in sweet songs and extended the hand of fellowship, while many eyes were moist.

The session was harmonious and profitable. It was deemed by nearly all, if not all, as the most profitable meeting we have ever had in the State.

Adjourned *sine die*. Prayer by Benjamin Thomas.

J. P. EAGLE, *President*.

BENJ. THOMAS, *Secretary*.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be styled the Baptist State Convention.

ART. 2. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of Messengers from Baptist Associations and Baptist Churches, on presentation of proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

ART. 3. Associations shall be entitled to five Messengers and Churches to three, and Baptists not delegated shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention on payment of \$2.50 into the Treasury.

ART. 4. It is distinctly understood that this Convention shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction, nor in any way interfere with the Constitution of any Church or Association.

ART. 5. The object of this Convention shall be to supply the destitute regions within its bounds with the unadulterated Word of Life, and a living ministry, and to aid by appropriate and scriptural means all destitute and feeble Churches, and also supply communities with such books as may be approved by this body, and as may be thought best calculated to communicate information as to the distinctive doctrines and ordinances of the Gospel of Christ as received by our denomination, and to aid and encourage ministerial and Gospel and general education, Mission and Sunday-school work, and to gather denominational statistics.

ART. 6. The Convention shall elect by ballot, annually, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer; and, also appoint twenty or more Trustees, who shall hold office until their successors are selected, who shall compose the Executive Board, five of whom shall constitute a quorum.

The Executive Board shall transact all business during the recess of the Convention, and disburse the funds, fill all vacancies in its own body, and submit a report of its proceedings to the Convention. Each member of the Board shall be, ex-officio, a member of the Convention.

ART. 7. The Convention shall convene on Thursday before the first Sabbath in November each year.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Convention, two-thirds of the members present concurring in the measure, except the fourth article, which shall forever remain unaltered.

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN ARKANSAS.

- Aaron, John; Boughton, Nevada county.
 x Adams, J. R. G. W. N.; Dardanelle, Yell county.
 Adams, J. J.; Harold, Montgomery county.
 Adams, Jas.; Hurricane, Saline county.
 Allen, H.; Hamburg, Ashley county.
 Allen, T. J.; Clarksville, Johnson county.
 Allen, R.; Fayetteville, Washington county.
 Appling, E. F.; White Oak.
 Armstrong, A. H.; Prairie View, Logan county.
 Allen, G. W.; Witcherville, Sebastian county.
 Allen, J. L.; Clarksville, Johnson county.
 Bales, J. H.; Spring Creek, Lee county.
 Baker, P. L.; Pea Ridge, Bradley county.
 Baker, J. A.; Mount Ida, Montgomery county.
 Baker, L. W.; Magnolia, Columbia county.
 Baldwin, G.; Swan Lake, Arkansas county.
 Barry, J.; Parraclifta, Sevier county.
 Barker, J. S.; Fayetteville, Washington county.
 Barnett, D. G.; Belfast, Grant county.
 Bearden, B. H.; Solgohatchie, Conway county.
 Bearden, J. R.; Green River.
 Beesley, T.; Pastoria, Jefferson county.
 Bell, M. D.; Moscow, Nevada county.
 Blair, S. H.; Paris, Logan county.
 Blakeby, W. N.; Springdale, Washington county.
 Bigsby, R.; Falcon, Nevada county.
 Blancett, J. L.; Newport, Jackson county.
 - Bishop, J.; Judsonia, White county.
 Booth, D. D.; Eldorado, Union county.
 Box, R.; Brocktown, Pike county.
 Box, S.; Liberty, Ouachita county.
- x Box, W. T.; Atkins, Pope county.
 Boydston, R. D.; Chismville, Logan county.
 Brannon, F. M.; Sulphur Rock, Independence county.
 Bristow, Geo.; Bellefonte, Boone county.
 Britt, H. T.; Three Creeks, Union county.
 Britt, S. M.; State Line, Columbia county.
 Broady, J. H.; Cummins Landing.
 Broadway, J. K.; Springfield, Conway county.
 Brown, A.; Bentonville, Benton county.
 Brown, James; Pleasant Plains, Independence county.
 Brown, J. L.; Oil Trough, Independence county.
 Browning, J. O.; Arkadelphia, Clark county.
 Brundridge, J.; Searcy, White county.
 Bryant, G.; Springdale, Washington county.
 Bryant, H.; Lamartine, Columbia county.
 Bryant, R. B.; Magnolia, Columbia county.
 Bunch, F. A.; Paris, Logan county.
 Burns, G. W.; Prairie View, Logan county. — *Board.*
 Bunch, Wm.; Barber, Scott county.
 - Butcher, T. J.; Prescott, Nevada county.
 - Byers, J. J.; Hope, Hempstead county.
 Cagle, C. T.; James Fork, Sebastian county.
 Cary, E.; Ozan, Hempstead county.
 Carnett, W. L.; Sulphur Rock, Independence county.
 Calaway, M. P.; Chambersville, Calhoun county.
 x Callahan, C. W.; Hope, Hempstead county.
 Campbell, J. G.; Cadron, Faulkner county.
 Carter, W. J.; Liberty, Ouachita county.
 Caudle, J. T.; Fayetteville, Washington county.
 Chaudoin, Eli; Polk Bayou, Independence county.
 Childs, W. B.; Gravel Ridge, Bradley county.
 Clevenger, J. M.; Charleston, Franklin county.
 Clem, J.; Rockport, Hot Spring county.
 Clinton, H. C.; Melbourne, IZARD county.
 - Craig, J. T.; Edinburg, Dorsey county.
 - Crawford, W. W.; Dardanelle, Yell county.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

Having been appointed by the Convention to prepare an Order of Business, to be printed with these Minutes, and thus reported to the next meeting of this Body, I submit the following:

THURSDAY MORNING.

First. Call Convention to order. The former President, or in his absence, the Clerk, or, in the absence of both officers, any member of the Body will preside during the preliminary organization.

Second. Enrollment of Messengers.

Third. Election of permanent officers.

AFTERNOON.

Fourth. Reading Report of the Board.

Fifth. Appointment of committees on various subjects discussed by the Board, viz: On Education, Sunday-schools, State Missions, Domestic Missions of S. B. C., Foreign Missions, and on Resolutions.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Convention sermon.

FRIDAY MORNING.

Sixth. Report on Education. Discuss, and make it special order for Friday night Mass-meeting.

AFTERNOON.

Seventh. Sunday-schools. Discuss, and order it read in Mass-meeting Sunday evening.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Eighth. State Missions. Discuss, and refer to Mass-meeting on Sunday night.

AFTERNOON.

Ninth. Reports on Domestic and Foreign Missions. Discuss, and refer both reports to Mass-meeting Saturday night.

Tenth. Report on Resolutions.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

Eleventh. After Mass-meeting, farewell address of President, and Right Hand of Fellowship.

By this arrangement the Convention will close on Sunday night; and it is believed that if the discussions are strictly confined to the legitimate work of the Body, ample time will be given to each subject.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. MAYFIELD.