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THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO.,

ORGANIZED APRIL, 1880.

Since the suspension of the *Western Baptist*, in the Spring of 1879, the demand for an Arkansas paper, to represent the great interests of the State Convention, and of the Baptists of this State, appears to have become stronger than ever before. Many brethren have expressed the wish to the editor of the suspended paper, that they might have been notified of the threatened calamity in time to have come forward with the needed aid. They are not yet reconciled to the suspension of that paper. The demand is made upon the Baptists of this State to have a paper of their own, and one of which every Baptist, who sees and reads it, will be justly proud. There are several good outside papers, that have a small circulation in this State; such as the *Baptist Reflector*, *The Baptist*, the *Baptist Flag*, the *Central Baptist*, and others; but the language of the Report on Publications before our late State Convention, of which Rev. M. D. Early was Chairman, to the effect that the brethren of this State "never will unite on an outside paper," was not a whit too strong. It was just what every man of observation sees and knows.

The new enterprise is intended to meet the present increasing demand for a State Baptist paper. We know it is every way deserving the confidence and patronage of our brethren in this State. Every carper can find a multitude of objections, but where is there one valid one against the praiseworthy object of this Company? There is, there can be, none.

A share is \$25, of which \$15 will be due the 1st day of January, 1881, and the remaining \$10 at or near the close of the same year. Show your love of the cause of Christ in this State, and of the principles you hold dear as Baptists, by sending forward your note, duly signed, and place a credit of \$15 on the back of it, sending the money along with the note, to the office. Every one who takes a share will be entitled to the paper for ten years, and, besides this, he will have an additional interest in the publishing concern. But the great matter is, and will be at present, to make a good paper—like the sample number sent out by the Company in November last.

We expect to commence the publication of the paper regularly in a few days. The price of the paper is \$2 a year. Send your \$2, brethren, and get one of the most handsome, newsy, and sprightly papers in the Southwest. Send also for specimen numbers.

The following brethren constitute the Board of Directors, with the present officers of the Company:

J. P. Eagle, President; Benj. Thomas, Secretary and Treasurer; T. B. Espy, General Agent; J. M. King, W. D. Mayfield, J. P. Howard.

Address all letters to

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T. B. ESPY,
Little Rock, Ark.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY
OF THE
ARKANSAS
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

HELD IN THE

Meeting House of the Calvary Baptist Church, Little
Rock, November 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, 1881.

Hon. J. P. EAGLE, President.
BENJ. THOMAS, Secretary.

LITTLE ROCK:
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PRESIDENT:

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W. D. Clark, D. D., State Evangelist.

O. M. LUCAS, Missionary to the Colored Baptists.

S. Cornelius, D. D., Sunday-School Missionary.

M. D. Early, Secretary of Foreign Missions.

The next meeting of the Convention will be at Lonoke, Lonoke County, Arkansas, Thursday, 10 A. M., November 2, 1882.

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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The Committee on Order of Business reported through Col. M. F. Locke, which was adopted, after discussion and amendments, as follows:

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

Second—Opening services.

Third—The appointment of a Committee on Credentials, to whom all evidence of eligibility as Messengers shall be referred and from whom the same shall be reported back as early as practicable.

Fourth—Election of permanent officers of the Convention.

Fifth—Appointment of the Standing Committees, including the following, to-wit:

1. Committee on Divine Service.
2. Committee on Education.
3. Committee on Sunday-schools.
4. Committee on State and Domestic Missions.
5. Committee on Foreign Missions.
6. Committee on Resolutions.
7. Committee on Publications.
8. Committee on Nominations.
9. Committee on Finance.
10. And a committee to prepare obituaries on deceased members.

Sixth—Hear the Report of the Board of the Convention.

Seventh—The Convention Sermon shall be preached on Thursday night.

Eighth—Reports of Standing Committees.

Ninth—Miscellaneous business.

Tenth—Farewell address of the President, and extend the parting hand.

Eleventh—Benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. LOCKE,
A. W. FILES,
R. H. MCCONNELL.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION.

LITTLE ROCK, November 3, 1881.

The Convention met at 10:30 A. M., in the meeting-house of the Calvary Baptist Church. Called to order by the President of last year, Hon. J. P. Eagle. Sung, "Nearer my God to Thee." The President read the 133d Psalm, and led in prayer.

Voted, That a committee of three, consisting of Hon. R. H. McConnell, G. W. REEVES, and B. W. HARMON, be appointed on Credentials.

The Convention engaged in devotional exercises while the committee was preparing their report.

On motion adjourned to 2 P. M.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met at 2 P. M. Prayer by M. GREEN. The Committee on Enrollment not being ready to report.

Voted, That the time be spent in devotional exercises until the committee was ready to report.

The President called Dr. Mayfield to the chair to conduct the exercises.

Sung, "We need Thee every hour." Prayer by J. B. SEARCY.

Sung, "I am so glad that Jesus loves me." Prayer by J. M. KING.

Sung, "Blest be the tie that binds." Prayer by G. A. Grammer.

The Committee on Credentials reported by G. W. REEVES, as follows:

We, your Committee on Enrollment, would report the following names as bonafide Messengers, and are entitled to seats in the Convention, viz.:

J. D. Davis and J. T. JENKINS, Arkadelphia Church.

Wm. Merrill and W. J. Cook, Austin Church.

R. J. COLEMAN, Cabot Church.

Geo. B. Davis and R. M. Sanders, DeVal's Bluff Church.

B. W. N. SIMMS, Fayetteville Church.

R. S. James, L. L. D., V. POWELL, and P. L. Barker, Judsonia Church.

P. J. JACK, C. R. Ray and Joseph Perry, Eureka Springs Church.

T. Carroll, H. F. Bradford and F. C. Robinson, Pleasant Hill Church.

DR. W. D. MAYFIELD, J. K. Brantly and DR. BENJ. THOMAS, Calvary Church.

DR. B. R. WOMACK and Dr. M. M. McGuire, Dardanelle Church.

A. J. FAWCETT, S. W. Meek, Hon. A. W. Files and J. F. GRIFFIN, Hamburg Church.

J. W. PEARCY and T. M. Battle, Beebe.

L. GUINN and S. N. Cocker, Providence Church.

O. M. LUCAS and J. M. WEEKS, Prescott Church.

T. H. Granberry, Jacksonville Church.

J. P. WEAVER, S. N. Evans and W. P. Wooten, Russellville Church.

J. P. Copeland, W. H. Hicks and R. White, Ozan Church.

W. H. Cash, J. M. Wharton and W. G. Arington, Zion Church.

G. G. Wise, Magnolia Church.

W. W. Support, Friendship Church.

All the members of State Board, as published last year.

C. W. Callahan and Miss Jennie S. White, Hope Church.

Dr. J. T. Jelks and J. D. JAMESON, Hot Springs Church.

M. S. Buckley, Lafayette Street Church, Ft. Smith.

W. P. FLETCHER, W. F. Johnson and J. P. EAGLE, Lonoke Church.

W. W. ACREE, Friendship Church.

J. S. THOMAS, T. R. WILLHOIT and Ben. C. Black, Searcy Church.

W. D. S. Morris, E. Wooddard and G. J. Rose, Greenwood Church.

J. R. Jones, Mount Pleasant Church.

R. T. Sanders and P. A. Hamon, Grand Prairie Association.

D. THORN, Bethlehem Association.

J. P. Bledsoe, White River Association.

Geo. M. MAXWELL and J. P. Brown, Independence Association.

H. D. P. Horn, Red River Association.

A. R. STEVENSON and G. M. Wolfe, Blue Mountain Association.

J. R. Vick, J. B. SEARCY, L. QUINN and W. H. Cash, Friendship Association.

G. LIVELY, Bethlehem Association.

J. J. Martin, Rocky Bayou Association.

Col. M. F. Locke, F. L. KREGEL and J. C. CRUDUP, Clear Creek Association.

G. A. MOFFAT and Dr. E. W. McCrary, Southwestern Association.

J. T. WEBB and J. J. Spinks, Little Red River Association.

OLIVER S. JONES, Union Association.

H. H. Clinton, Big Creek Association.

J. P. Copeland, Red River Association.

J. DUNAGIN, Bentonville Association.

Hon. R. H. McConnell and J. W. Burt, Concord Association.

G. A. GRAMMER, Mt. Vernon Association.

J. M. HART, Liberty Association.

W. T. BOX, J. H. PARKER and A. M. Sarsby, Russellville, Association.

M. D. EARLY, J. P. EAGLE, J. M. KING and M. GREEN, Caroline Association.

We would further report that we have received a letter *purporting* to be from the Eighth Street Baptist Church, Little Rock, and as we are not prepared to say whether such a church *exists*, we are therefore unable to make any recommendation with regard to the same.

R. H. McCONNELL,
G. W. REEVES,
B. W. HARMON.

The report was adopted.

Voted, That we now proceed to the election of officers for the ensuing year.

The President appointed G. W. REEVES, O. M. LUCAS and J. T. Jelks, M. D., tellers.

The vote resulted in the election of the following officers:

Hon. J. P. Eagle, President; W. D. Mayfield, D. D., and Col. M. F. Locke, Vice-Presidents; BENJ. THOMAS, Secretary; J. B. SEARCY, Assistant Secretary; J. M. KING, Treasurer.

Voted, That the order of business be referred to a committee of three.

The President appointed Hons. M. F. Locke, A. W. Files and R. H. McConnell.

Voted to adjourn to 7:30 P. M. Prayer by M. GREEN.

THURSDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Convention met at 7:30 P. M. Prayer by J. DUNAGIN.

Voted, On motion of M. D. EARLY, That visiting brethren be invited to seats with us, and that they be requested to give their names to the Secretary.

The invitation was accepted by I. B. CHEVIS, Editor of the "Baptist Reflector," Nashville, Tenn; B. F. THOMAS, Forest City; A. J. MARLAR; J. F. SHAW, W. A. Clark, D. D., Bristol,

Tenn.; C. C. Smith, Financial Agent of Judson University, and Prof. L. Bates, of Judsonia.

At this point, W. D. Mayfield, D. D., Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, rose to a question of privilege, and delivered an eloquent address of welcome to the Convention to the house of worship and homes of the Calvary Baptist Church, and to the homes of generous citizens of Little Rock. W. T. BOX responded, in a suitable manner, in behalf of the Convention.

Voted, On motion of BENJ. THOMAS, That business be now suspended to hear the Introductory Sermon.

After singing "There is a fountain filled with blood," B. R. Womack, D. D., led in prayer. After which J. B. SEARCY preached from Acts, first chapter, seventh and eighth verses: "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you; and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

After prayer by R. S. James, D. D., adjourned to 9 A. M., to-morrow.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY MORNING, November 4.

Met at 9 A. M. Prayer by M. GREEN. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Voted, To suspend the rules and adopt Mell's Parliamentary Practice as our rules of government.

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the past Conventional year presented their report, which was read by BENJ. THOMAS, the Secretary, and, after discussion, was adopted as follows:

Dear Brethren of the Convention:

We are reminded by your presence, that the trust committed to us a year ago, must now be surrendered into your hands. This we do with mingled feelings of joy and sorrow—joy and gratitude in view of the signal success that has attended our efforts in the Master's cause—sorrow and deep humiliation as we realize that imperfection has characterized all our labors. We confess before you and our Master that we may not have "done what we could." But the

record, good or bad, is sealed up to the judgment of the great day. We can change it in no respect.

Nor can we proceed far in detailing the way in which we have been led by Divine Providence without stating that the "World to come" came very near to us in the early part of the Conventional year. It seemed as if we could hear the whispers of angels in the dying chamber of our lamented Dr. T. B. Espy. You miss his genial face in your assembly to-day. He was unanimously elected President of the Board at the first meeting, November 11, 1880. To quote from the Record: "T. B. Espy, D. D., was unanimously chosen President of the Board for the Conventional year." God determined that he should be a "King and Priest unto Him" before the close of the "Conventional year." On February 8, 1881, the Board met—we had just returned from the burial of our dear brother—when the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted, while all eyes were tearful:

WHEREAS, T. B. Espy, President of this Board for three years, has been called to his reward in heaven;

Resolved, That we bow with profound sorrow to the will of God in removing from our midst our beloved brother and co-worker.

Resolved, further, That we record our conviction, that a better, or more consecrated, or more devoted man of God, has never lived or died in the State.

Resolved, still further, That we recommend his stricken family, a wife and six children, helpless children, to the loving care of the denomination in the State.

"The workmen die, but the work goes on," The great Head lives through all the ages to nerve the arm and strengthen the hearts of the laborers. The suggestions made to aid the family was seconded in an earnest and noble manner by the secular press. They sought and obtained the sanction of your Board to make the effort in their own way. The amount from all sources contributed was \$1,000. The contributions of the secular press were deposited, as received, in bank, and your Board saw it all turned over to the order of Sister Espy. The contributions from the churches, received by the Board, were placed on the minutes of the Board, and Sister Espy receipted for the same to the officers of the Board.

On the death of T. B. Espy, Dr. W. D. Mayfield was elected President of the Board. No man has shown a greater interest, or has labored more successfully, as figures will show, in this report.

APPOINTMENTS.

At the first meeting, on the nomination of Hon. J. P. Eagle, your President of last year, B. W. HARMON, was elected "Superintendent of Missions," an office created by the last Convention.

O. M. LUCAS was elected Sunday-school Missionary for the State. A full report of the labors of these brethren will be found in the report. At the same meeting, J. D. JAMESON was made Secretary of Foreign Missions. On April 5, 1881, he resigned the office. His reason stated was that his labors at Hot Springs were such as to require all his time. No further appointment was made. At the first meeting, also, a Board of Ministerial Education was elected, pursuant to an order of the last Convention. No report was made to the Board worthy of record up to this time.

At the Second meeting of the Board, December 20, 1880, W. W. Tinker was appointed Missionary at Pine Bluff. He continued his labors until August, 1881, when ill health forced him to leave the State. We pray God to speedily restore to health our dear Brother Tinker. We regret to lose his valuable labors in our State. The other appointments will be reported in connection with the reports of the appointees.

LABORS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

In giving a summary of his reports, we would do so substantially in his own words:

At the beginning of the year the Evangel commanded much of my attention. It became my main business to perfect the organization of the company so as to secure success. This was made my duty by a vote of the last Convention. While doing this work the collections for missions suffered. But the paper I regarded as essential to final success of Convention work.

I was also hindered in mission work by the unusual severity of the winter and the low

price of cotton, so far as raising great sums of money was concerned. Another difficulty in my way was a feeling that the churches were imposed upon when called to contribute for any general work. They thought they should give only to their own Associations. Until our brethren feel that we owe it to Christ to cultivate our whole State, our success will be limited. We should consolidate our labors in one organization, so we can get credit for doing what we really do. Then, and not till then, can we compare what we do with our sister States, with any credit to ourselves. Then we can compare our labors with Mississippi, that raises about \$11,000 per annum.

Your Superintendent would like to recommend a number of additional Missionaries, if suitable men, who are willing to enter the field, could be found. The work is opening before us. We are trying to lay, and not without success, a broad and deep foundation. We are beholding the dawn of a brighter day. We have deeply earnest and pious men, who labor and pray for grand results. We have succeeded in starting a religious paper we are all proud of. By it we can preach the gospel already to thousands of people each week. This is truly a missionary enterprise. All this is due to the labors of the Convention and its Board. God has been good to us in giving us the noble men who have wrought this good work in our midst. Let us "thank God and take courage." Let us leave discord and dissensions to the dead past, and let our motto be, "Go forward."

In concluding the labors of the year he suggests that the name of the office he fills is unfortunate—"Superintendent of Missions"—as some regard it as indicating undue authority over ministers and churches. Further, he suggests that the State be districted, and one able man be placed in each district. All the work a man can do can be found in each district, and four could raise, in four districts, as much as any one could in the whole State.

The people are anxious for unification of the work by co-operating with the State Convention. All the Associations I have visited have become auxiliary to the State Convention. They will hereafter report all their work to the State Board. We ought to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." The general Financial work and Sunday-school work should be continued, and the interests of our young paper demands this. The formative work, so well begun, should not be abandoned.

The collections have been small. The year has been exceedingly unfavorable. The general Financial manager should not be compelled to raise any of his own support on the field, but give all his energies to aiding others. He should be so well sustained that he could afford to be liberal so as to inspire liberality in others.

I submit this report, feeling grateful for the kind reception I have received from the brethren. I have been joyful in the last few months, and received great encouragement. I hope the brethren will look over my poor efforts, and unite in prayerful efforts for grander results during the coming Conventional year.

The following is a summary of my work:

Churches visited.....	65
Other Stations.....	25
Sermons preached.....	165
Other addresses.....	64
Prayer meetings.....	43
Religious visits.....	365
Other religious meetings.....	32
Baptisms.....	17
Received by letter.....	25
Miles traveled.....	5189
Churches constituted.....	2
Number of professions.....	45
Restored.....	14
Sabbath-schools organized.....	2
Collected on salary.....	\$403 80
Collected for support of others.....	176 40
Total collections, including \$2 for Foreign Missions.....	592 20

O. M. LUCAS,

General Sunday-school Missionary, has devoted the year to the Sunday-school work. His labors have been arduous and unremitting during the period of service. His work was every way most important. We have no definite knowledge of what our people are doing in this direction. His report, dated October 4, 1881, is, in substance, as follows:

I feel gratified in presenting my report, that I can say, so far as I know, I have enjoyed the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the entire Board. Each of its members, with whom I have personally come in contact, have manifested a lively interest in the progress of the work; and while I may not have accomplished all that the brethren had anticipated, as the results of the year's labors, yet I feel that *something* has been done towards lifting up our people to a higher appreciation of the Sunday-school work.

I am also impressed that quite a large number of our churches and Sunday-school workers have been quickened to a more lively zeal.

On entering the work I was not ignorant of its toils and sacrifices. I entered it with fears, as my family was entirely dependent on my exertions for support. How well-grounded were these fears the results, in figures, will show. As to the work itself, I feel that it is a grandly important one, one that all our people ought to feel an abiding interest in, and as far as possible, labor to support.

I have no accurate data from which to give the number of Sunday-schools or the number of scholars in the schools. I can only give my *observations* on the field.

In conclusion, I will say that the Convention should, by all means, follow up the advantages gained by pushing the work more vigorously, if possible, during the coming Conventional year. The Convention would do well to adopt some vigorous plan of operation, and secure, if possible, a more hearty co-operation among the churches and Sunday-schools throughout the State. Nothing would be easier than for Arkansas Baptists to support one or two Sunday-school Evangelists in this good work, if they would only unite their efforts. I feel that opportunities, grand and glorious in their results, are now offered to Arkansas Baptists. The Convention should seize this our favorable time, and never relax the effort until the shouts of victory are heard all along the line.

I return again my thanks to the Board for the kindly interest ever manifested in my work.

The following will give some idea of the results of my labors during the year:

Number of Sunday-schools.....	150
Number of Scholars	6000
Number of Institutes and Conventions held.....	14
Number of Sunday-school lectures.....	77
Number of Sunday-school sermons.....	85
Number of Sunday-schools visited.....	35
Distance traveled in miles.....	5339
Collected from all sources.....	\$575 00

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONVENTIONS NOW OPERATING IN THE STATE.

1. Sunday-school Convention, Columbia Association.
2. Sunday-school Convention, Union Association.
3. Sunday-school Convention, Saline Association.
4. Sunday-school Convention, Caroline Association.
5. Sunday-school Convention, Mt. Vernon Association.
6. Sunday-school Convention, White River Valley Association.
7. Sunday-school Convention, Independence Association.
8. Sunday-school Convention, Big Creek Association.
9. Sunday-school Convention, White River Association.
10. Sunday-school Convention, Russellville Association.
11. Sunday-school Convention, Friendship Association.
12. Sunday-school Convention, Pine Bluff Association.

H. A. SMITH.

The above-named brother was elected Missionary on the recommendation of Superintendent Harmon, and others, for Howard and half of Clark counties. He was with us last year at Russellville, and took part in the exercises. His salary was fixed at \$40 per month. His appointment was dated May 16. He reports finally on August 17, and resigned, with the statement that his views had so changed that he intended to leave the denomination. His resignation was gratefully and unanimously accepted.

He reports time of labor, in months.....	3
Money collected.....	\$28 25
Sermons preached.....	41
Miles traveled.....	464

T. NUTT.

The Missionary of the United Association, was appointed as our Missionary September 1, 1881. He reports two and a half months of labor. He sums up his work as follows:

Assisted at the ordination of one minister and five deacons.

Baptized.....	20
Received pledges to read the Bible from penitents.....	200
Traveled in miles.....	700
Collected	\$3 60

W. W. TINKER.

In his letter of resignation, says: "Permit me to give a few words of information about Pine Bluff. I am confident there is a possibility of a great future before this church; though small in number they are reliable. I would not advise sending a Missionary until fall, but until that time, encourage ministering brethren to visit Pine Bluff. When the fall comes sustain a good man if you should have to pay half of his salary. Encouragement from beyond does the small member great good. Do, by all means, send a man physically and mentally able to fill the bill. Please find a receipt which I enclose. I received \$25 from Bro. Searcy, and \$35.50 from J. D. Jamison, so I have received all that is due, and more."

He acknowledges the receipt of eighty-five dollars and fifty cents, in all, beyond his field.

E. L. KREGEL.

Whose field is Clear Creek Association, undertook the work with much misgiving, but grand results were realized during seven months of labor. It is a bright period in the history of the Association.

His report sums up his labors as follows:

Months of labor.....	7
Miles traveled.....	1200
Sermons.....	168
Churches organized.....	1
He baptized (Pastors generally baptized).....	4
Professed conversion.....	60
Collected in money.....	\$212 30

Bro. Kregel is to continue, we are glad to say, in the mission work. We need more of such able laborers.

C. T. CAGLE AND W. J. PATTERSON.

The field of these brethren was the Concord Association. The Missionary first appointed declined the work. This caused a delay, and these two brethren were put into the work and labored with great energy.

Time of labor of both in months.....	6
Miles traveled.....	543
Sermons preached.....	135

Baptized.....	12
Sunday-schools organized.....	1
Assisted in ordaining one minister. Collected in money, \$65.	

DONATED LABOR.

The President of the Board, DR. W. D. MAYFIELD, by permission of his church, donated valuable labor.

Miles traveled.....	1200
Sermons preached.....	85
Conversions at meetings held.....	100
Assisted in organizing churches.....	2
Time of labor in weeks.....	8

The labor of this brother is a bright page in the history of the year's work.

M. D. EARLY,

of Lonoke, was granted a leave of absence by his church, because he needed rest. But the demand for labor at Eureka Springs, and other places, was so great that he could not rest. His labors he reports as follows:

Miles traveled, about.....	500
Weeks of labor.....	4
Amount collected for State Missions.....	\$41 00
Sermons preached.....	19
Addresses.....	2
Baptisms.....	3
Received by letter and restoration.....	10
Families visited, about.....	20

CONCLUSION.

Such has been the labor performed during the year. We are glad to believe that progress has been made. Union and brotherly love are generally enjoyed by churches and Associations.

THE FIELD WE CULTIVATE

Is the State of Arkansas. It is a grand field—grand in her mountains and plains, in her forests and rivers, in her healing waters and climate, in her quarries and mines, in her people and prospects. This field has been largely Baptist ground. We have been a leading denomination in the State. But now everything is in a State of transition. The rapidity with which changes are affected is simply startling. Populous settlements are made in a few months. Towns grow to importance as if by magic. These settlements and towns have a civilization and religion, often, as we believe, far removed from the simple teachings of Christ and his Apostles. Is it not wisdom for us to see the danger to which our Christianity is exposed? Let us open our eyes and we shall see that thousands on thousands of dollars are sent here to build up colleges and schools in which our youths will be educated to under value your views of the Bible, or subvert the Bible, entirely, if possible. There is a conflict between the old and the new order of things already inaugurated. If we are alive to our dangers and meet error with truth, the darkness that comes to us from foreign shores with the "true light," the pretended ordinances with the significant emblem of the burial and resurrection of Christ, all will be well. We must meet college with college, school with school, false philosophy with the true, and actively use all the means God has given us in his service, and he will give us the victory. But, if we are "lukewarm, He will spew us out of his mouth." Darkness broods over the territory once occupied by the churches of Asia. Let us take a lesson from this fact.

How shall we maintain our present ratio in numbers, and how shall we make progress and keep abreast with the age in which we live? We must realize the changes going on around us—realize that we do not live in the past, but in the present, and act in view of present facts. Circumstances were not favorable, in the time of our fathers, to bring people in a few days from the remotest parts of the earth to dwell among us. Now the oceans are bridged by

steamers. We hang the roadway of thought in air and stretch it in the depths of the oceans, and we whisper to distant nations, bringing all earth close together like the occupants of adjoining rooms in the same building. The teachers of the past were good men, but they would not answer our purpose now. Learning did not die with them, but is going right on with an accelerated power. For us who are forty or fifty years old, to remain where we were when boys, is to fail.

"New occasions teach new duties;
Time makes ancient good uncouth.
They must upward still and onward
Who would keep abreast with truth.
Go! before us gleam our watch-fires:
We ourselves must Pilgrims be.
Launch our Mayflower and steer boldly
Through the desperate winter sea,
Nor attempt the future's portal
With the past's blood-rusted key."

The world will run away from us, and we can do them no good, for they are gone. "Go forward" is God's command to us, as indicated in his providence. The past is dead; let us keep up with the living. The world is educating. Let us educate—especially our ministry. Ignorant ministers will not build up intelligent churches. Intelligent churches only will bless a cultivated age. Let us rub off the rust of the past by restless toil. We must have men to maintain the truth of equal advantages with the enemies of the cross. They must "study to show themselves approved unto God." When means are at hand we must use them. Paul was called, already prepared, when His church could not prepare a man by any means at hand. So God gave Israel manna when they could not raise crops in the desert. When they reached the land flowing with milk and honey, no manna came from heaven. We "are God's stewards," and he requires of us to use his means, placed in our hands, to prepare men to do his work. The dead Lazarus the disciples could not raise, but they could roll away the stone, and that they were required to do, and Christ did what they could not do, exclaiming with Divine energy "Lazarus, come forth."

We must also have "the love of Christ shed abroad in our hearts" to awaken our zeal, devotion and benevolence. Can we be cold and formal at the cross with his precious blood poured out for us in view? If we look at what he did for us, we will love him with all our hearts. We will then do, cheerfully, all within our power to do. "I delight to do thy will, O God," said Christ, though it lead him to the bloody sweat and the accursed tree; though his "soul was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto the death." This love that sustained Him he has given as a legacy, to all who are born from above, to sustain them in conflicts, to succor them in trials even as he was sustained and succored. This love will make trials light. Paul realized this when he said, "I take pleasure in infirmities, in necessities, in persecution, in distresses, for Christ's sake." He rejoiced to be "counted worthy to suffer for the name of Christ," and exclaimed, "I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Jesus Christ, my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things." Inspired and sustained by this love the Apostles took the world as their field of labor, bursting old national fetters, rushing over old borders, went everywhere preaching the word. May this love be ours, which, in Christ, was so active and in his Apostles so victorious. This love will yet thrill all the hearts of earth. "Yea, Lord Jesus, come quickly." Come to "make all things new." O soon may it be said, "The Tabernacle of God is with men." "To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever." Amen.

The report was discussed by a number of persons.

Voted, That the various subjects of the report be referred to the appropriate committees for their guidance in making their reports, and that the report of the Executive Board be adopted.

The President appointed the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE.

W. D. Mayfield, D. D., J. K. Brantly, Dr. J. T. Jelks and O. S. Jones.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

R. S. James, D. D., L. F. KREGEL, A. J. FAWCETT and B. W. N. Simms.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

O. M. LUCAS, J. T. JENKINS, J. D. JAMESON, L. QUINN and M. S. Buckley.

COMMITTEE ON STATE AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

B. W. HARMON, W. C. CALLAHAN, D. THORN, J. M. KING, B. W. N. SIMMS and Dr. Ray.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

J. B. SEARCY, J. S. THOMAS, J. F. GRIFFIN, G. A. MOFFAT and M. T. WEBB.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

R. J. COLEMAN, B. W. HARMON, J. P. BLEDSOE and G. M. MAXWELL.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

B. R. Womack, D. D., J. M. HART, M. GREEN, G. A. GRAMMAR and Dr. M. M. McGuire.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

W. T. BOX, R. H. McConnell, G. G. WISE, J. DUNAGIN, G. W. REEVES and J. P. COPELAND.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

W. P. Fletcher, A. W. Files, J. W. PEARCY and Benjamin C. Black.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

M. D. EARLY, F. M. Locke, Dr. E. W. McCrary and Dr. M. M. McGuire.

The Secretary of Ministerial Education, R. S. JAMES, LL. D., presented his report, which was read, and during the discussion, adjourned to 2 P. M. Prayer by J. P. WEAVER.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2 P. M. Prayer by J. B. SEARCY. The discussion on ministerial education report was continued. The report was adopted as follows:

The Board of Ministerial Education report, that at their first meeting, Rev. J. S. Thomas, of Searcy, was elected President, Rev. R. S. James, Secretary, and P. L. Barker, Esq., Treasurer. Several hundred circulars were sent out through the State soliciting aid, to which but about twenty responses were received, and only three of them spoke of money. It was found, however, that several churches were aiding young men preparing for the ministry, thus accomplishing, to some extent, the object of our appointment. We can but think it would tend to stimulate the churches generally throughout the State to a more active interest in the work of aiding worthy young men to prepare for the ministry, were the contributions to pass through the hands of the Secretary of Ministerial Education. One young man, Bro. Charles E. Smith, of Judsonia, applied for help. He was a graduate of the Normal Department of Judson University, and preached some years with acceptance. Last summer he went to Louisville, and with the aid furnished by our Board and the Seminary, is pursuing his studies in that excellent institution. We are gratified to state that he is diligent in his work at Louisville.

He has received twenty dollars from our Board, all that has been raised. This is small, but compared to last year, with fifty cents collected for this purpose during the Conventional year, it shows an encouraging increase. Hoping that progress will be enjoyed in this direction the coming year, we close by recommending the following:

Resolved, That all churches and Associations aiding students for the ministry, in any way, be requested to report the amounts to the Secretary of Ministerial Education.

The Committee on State and Domestic Missions reported, which was discussed. In the discussion, letters from Hot Springs Ladies' Aid Society, and Lafayette Street Baptist Church, of Fort Smith, were read for information. Pending the discussion,

Voted, That the report be made the special order for 7:30 to-night.

Dr. S. W. Marston, of the Baptist Home Mission Society, was introduced to the Convention.

Voted, That Dr. Marston be requested to address the Convention.

The Doctor delivered a very interesting address.

At the close of the address the following was introduced and passed:

Resolved, That Brethren W. D. MAYFIELD, M. D. EARLY, B. W. HARMON, O. M. LUCAS and M. M. McGuire, be appointed a committee to confer with Dr. Marston, looking to co-operation

between this Convention and the Home Mission Society of New York.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock to-night. Prayer by J. T. JENKINS.

FRIDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Met at 7 P. M. Prayer by G. G. WISE.

The Committee on Sunday-schools reported through O. M. LUCAS, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Sunday-schools are grateful to note the marked and growing interest in relation to this important work in many parts of our State.

We are also rejoiced to note the evident marks of progress during the past Conventional year. But while something has been done by this Convention to meet the ever increasing demands of the work, much remains yet to be done. While some of our people enjoy the advantages of Sunday-schools, hundreds and thousands within our borders are absolutely destitute.

In view of which fact, your committee would urgently recommend that this Convention, not only do not relax their efforts, but rather redouble them, and continue to press on in the good work until there be found within every Baptist church in Arkansas, a live, efficient and ever-green Sunday-school.

Your committee desire to call attention to the fact that the American Sunday-school Union is making vigorous efforts within our State in the prosecution of its peculiar mission, etc.

If Baptists are content with its work—if Baptists are content to fold, supinely, their hands while others go forward in the occupancy of the field—if, in a word, Baptists can afford to leave the training and instruction of their children to others, then this Convention and the great Baptist brotherhood of Arkansas can afford to disregard the claims of the Sunday-school work, and not till then.

Our children will be taught. The question that now presses for an answer is, Who shall teach them?

Your committee think that Baptists ought to teach their own children.

Furthermore, we have had, during the past year, the efficient labors of our brother, O. M. LUCAS, and as his work has been of great assistance in Sunday-school work, we would recommend the continuance of such Evangelistic work among the schools.

We also urge that all the pastors co-operate with said Evangelist, giving all the assistance in their power, and take collections for the Sunday-school work, and turn the same over to the Evangelist to be used by the Convention in supplying the Sunday-schools in destitute places.

The special order for 7:30 o'clock was taken up, being the report on State and Domestic Missions. The report was again read for information. Short addresses were delivered by several brethren.

Voted, To suspend the further discussion of the report, and that W. A. CLARK take the lead in raising a collection for the State Mission work.

Dr. Clark made a brief speech. Seven hundred and fifteen dollars were pledged, and \$25.50 cash, making in pledges and cash, \$740.50.

The report was recommitted to the same committee.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock A. M., Saturday. Prayer by J. F. GRIFFIN.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Convention met at 9 A. M., November 5th. Sung, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Prayer by the venerable R. T. Sanders.

Minutes of all previous sessions read and approved.

The report recommitted last night was reported back by the chairman of the committee, B. W. HARMON. The report was again discussed, the following brethren participating: G. A. Moffat, B. W. Harmon, and others.

Voted, On motion of J. B. Searcy, That the report (State and Domestic Missions) be laid on the table until the Special Committee, to confer with Dr. Marston, shall report.

The Special Committee reported through the chairman, Dr. W. D. Mayfield, as follows:

The committee appointed to confer with Dr. Marston, District Secretary of the "American Baptist Home Mission Society," beg leave to report:

We have great destitution in the State. Cities are springing up in every direction. The country is filling up also with a dense population, the number of inhabitants in the State having increased about sixty-seven per cent. in the last decade. The State Convention, with the means at its disposal, find it utterly impossible to occupy the field. The Marion Board, though it has done what it could, is also without the means to occupy this vast territory. We therefore recommend that the Board apply to the American Baptist Home Mission Society for help on the following terms:

The American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention feeling the importance of cultivating more thoroughly the vast mission fields in Arkansas, agree to engage unitedly in this work upon the following

PLAN OF CO-OPERATION:

1. The prosecution of the work, as the raising of money and the general administration of affairs, shall be in the joint name of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.
2. In the matter of missionary appointments the Convention or its Board, after due exami-

nation, shall express its judgment concerning the missionaries to be appointed, their fields, their period of service and their compensation, and shall make nominations accordingly to the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, which shall appoint those so nominated in so far as such nominations and terms meet the approval of the Society, the commissions to missionaries shall bear the imprint, "The American Baptist Home Missionary Society in cooperation with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention."

3. All missionaries shall make quarterly reports of their labors in duplicate to the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention according to blanks provided for this purpose.

4. A general missionary or superintendent of missions shall be appointed in accordance with the provisions of Article 2, who shall be regarded as the joint representative of the Society and the Convention; and whose duties shall include the general supervision of the missionary work, the raising of funds for the same, the education of churches in systematic benevolence and the dissemination of information about the work of the Society and of the Convention. He shall also make quarterly reports in duplicate to the Society and to the Convention, giving detailed statement of receipts and of labor performed according to blanks provided for the purpose.

5. The American Baptist Home Mission Society shall appropriate to missionary work in the field of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at the rate of one dollar in addition to every dollar raised on the field for the missionary work aforesaid; provided, however, that the liability of the American Baptist Home Mission Society shall not exceed \$3,000 for the year, beginning November 1, 1881; it being agreed, also, that money paid by a church or by a community, for services rendered by a missionary pastor appointed to that field, shall not be reckoned in the State's quota of missionary contributions nor enter into the *pro rata* calculations, but funds paid to a missionary, and designated for the general work of the Convention, shall be reckoned in its quota.

6. The salaries of superintendent and of missionaries shall be paid quarterly through the American Baptist Home Mission Society, upon the reception of satisfactory quarterly reports from these appointees, and upon the reception of the State's quota for that period, either by direct remittance from the treasurer of the Convention or by receipts from missionaries, or by both; the missionaries to receipt in duplicate to the Society and to the Convention for all money paid them on account of salary, excepting the appropriations from the Society and the stipulated salary of any field. The sources from which funds are derived shall be stated in said receipts.

7. It is jointly recommended by the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, that all contributions for missionary purposes in the field of the Convention be made to these bodies direct in order that the Convention may have the means for determining on what scale missionary operations can be conducted, as well as to avoid irregularities and inequality in the use of such funds.

8. All applications from churches for aid from the Ch. Ed. fund of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, whether from the Loan Fund or from the Gift Fund, shall be considered by the Board of the Convention, and if approved, shall be forwarded with their endorsement to the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, as in the case of missionary appointments.

W. D. MAYFIELD, *Chairman.*

After remarks by a number of brethren the report was unanimously adopted.

Voted, On motion of J. B. SEARCY, That the report on State and Domestic Missions be now taken from the table.

Dr. J. F. Jelks offered the following amendment to the report, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Baptist pastors of Arkansas be requested to preach a missionary sermon and take a collection for the State Convention on the first Sabbath in December, March, June and September, or as soon thereafter as possible.

J. M. HART offered the following amendment, which was also adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of this Convention be instructed to make a vigilant effort to secure the services of a good efficient minister, or missionary, to work among the colored people of the State.

With these amendments the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

We regard the Home Mission work as the prime work of the Convention, and recognize that this cause should be prosecuted with greater zeal and efficiency.

The field is one of vast extent, and is continually assuming greater importance on account of the great increase of our population. This increase includes many foreigners, who cherish a religious faith little better than idolatry, or who have embraced a God-defying infidelity.

The great duty of giving a pure gospel to the people of Arkansas rests upon us, and we cannot afford to be indifferent to the demand. If we have the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, the Master holds us responsible for its dissemination, and requires us to consecrate all our powers in giving to others what we ourselves enjoy.

We rejoice to believe that we occupy a more favorable position for the prosecution of our work than ever before occupied, and especially in view of the fact that the several Associations of the State are becoming auxiliary to the Convention. We believe the present plan of conducting our work is the right one, and would therefore recommend a continuance of the same. We would further favorably recommend to the incoming Executive Board of the Convention the suggestions made by the Superintendent of Missions and embodied in the present report of our Executive Board, namely, that the State be districted or divided into at least four districts, and a good and efficient missionary put into each district as missionary and as superintendent of the work in said field.

B. W. HARMON,
J. M. KING,
D. THORN,
E. R. RAY,
B. W. N. SIMMS.

The Committee on publications made their report through M. M. McGuire, as follows:

PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications report:

The subject is important. We must read. A reading people make a thinking people, and a thinking people make a great people. The men who stimulate to thought and mould the thinking of mankind, rule the world. It is they who give character to cultivation, stability to governments, color to society, direction to history, and dignity and greatness to man. Further, as in the character of what a people read, so will be the character of their thought, and such as their thought, so will their history be. It is plain, therefore, not only we must read, but that it is of vast importance as to what we read.

Your committee further report that the move contemplated in the report on publications, made to this body last year, has, by the blessing of God, been entered upon with successful and gratifying results. The stock company to secure the publication of a denominational paper in this State has been organized, and such a paper has been published. It has not only been neatly and promptly published and judiciously edited, but it has met with a warm reception and a hearty support in every part of the State where it has gone. Arkansas Baptists have thus far been true to themselves; we believe they will continue to be so.

Their paper, the Arkansas Evangel, published at Dardanelle, is high-toned in bearing, Christian and kindly in spirit, newsy in make-up, progressive in character, faithful in its allegiance to Arkansas, able in its matter, and in doctrine, sound. In all of these respects we fear no unfavorable results, if it be compared with any Baptist paper published in the Southern States. We feel that our people may well congratulate themselves upon what has already been attained. Your committee recommend:

1. That every intelligent Baptist in the State, whether minister, deacon or layman, recognize their duty to the present and the future, to their people and their God, to cultivate in their children and among their neighbors, as far as they can, the habit of reading.

2. That the new and old versions of the Bible—God's infallible word and greatest gift to man—be read.

3. That every Baptist consider it his duty, not only to take and read, but also exert himself to extend the circulation of the Arkansas Evangel. Such a paper is a local necessity in the State. It is impossible for its place to be supplied in any other way.

For Sunday-school helps we recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, and Kind Words, Macon, Ga. For full information concerning mission work in heathen lands, we recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va., and The Home Mission Monthly, New York.

There are various publications of a general character from New York and Boston to Atlanta, Ga., which may be obtained at will.

J. M. HART,
G. A. GRAMMER,
M. M. MCGUIRE,
B. R. WOMACK,
M. GREEN.

At this point Dr. Mayfield introduced a little girl, eleven years old, Laura Longley, President of the Children's Missionary Society of the Calvary Baptist Church, of Little Rock, and who had been quietly asking for missionary money. The Doctor requested the Convention to fill her little hands with money for the mission cause. In a few seconds they ran over, and she went to the Bible, on the platform, and held her hands over that, and it was covered. We could see no tearless eyes in the congregation while it was announced she hoped to go to the heathen herself. The sum raised was \$24.50. Old men shook with emotion.

The Committee on Religious Services, by common consent, reported, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Your committee would beg leave to report that the pulpits of the city will be supplied as follows on Sabbath, November 6, 1881:

Cumberland Presbyterian, corner of Seventh and Arch streets, Rev. J. M. Hart, 11 A. M., and Rev. A. J. Fawcett, 7 P. M.

Presbyterian, corner of Fifth and Scott streets, Rev. J. B. Chevis, 11 A. M., and B. R. Womack, D. D., 7 P. M.

M. E. Church, South, Rev. F. L. Kregel, 11 A. M., and Rev. G. A. Grammer, 7 P. M.

Calvary Baptist Church, corner Louisiana and Eighth streets, Dr. Marston, 11 A. M., and Rev. J. P. Eagle, 7 P. M.

Centenary Methodist, Rev. J. P. Weaver, 11 A. M., and Rev. J. S. Thomas, 7 P. M.
First M. E. Church, R. S. James, D. D., 11 A. M., and W. A. Clark, D. D., 7 P. M.

Voted, On motion of M. D. EARLY, That Rev. W. H. Vernon, agent of the American Bible Society, be allowed five minutes to make a statement in regard to Bible work in this State, and scatter statistics of Bible work in the country at large.

Adjourned to 2 P. M. Prayer by J. B. SEARCY.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 2 P. M. Joined in singing, "There is a fountain filled with blood." Prayer by J. P. WEAVER.

A letter from Mrs. Haney was read, inviting the Convention to visit the Ladies' Benevolent Hospital.

Hon. R. H. McConnell offered the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to visit the said Hospital.

The President appointed Hon. R. H. McConnell, Hon. J. Dunagin and Dr. J. T. Jelks.

J. B. SEARCY, by common consent, offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, Rev. J. F. Griffin, a well-known minister of this State, desires to travel and sell our denominational books, and preach through this State and Texas; therefore,

Resolved, That this Convention highly commend Brother Griffin in this work, and most cheerfully commend him to the favorable consideration of the denomination wherever he may labor.

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the Report on Publications. Remarks were made by G. A. MCFAT, M. D. EARLY, G. A. GRAMMER, MARLAR and B. R. WOMACK, after which it was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education respectfully report:

The founders of this Convention had far-seeing views when they incorporated in the statement of its objects these words: "The events of every year proclaim with increasing earnestness the necessity of Christians taking the lead in the work of educating the young. Schools and school interests are growing in importance all over the land. The youth will be educated. If Christians do not educate their own children the world will. Unless the church keeps pace, at least with the world, in sustaining institutions of learning, she will lose the control of her young members, and thus cool her zeal, deaden her spiritually, and cripple her power. Learning, in the hands of the church, is an invincible weapon for good; but allowed to fall into the grasp of the world alone, it becomes an agent most destructive of the cause of Christ. What is true of the relations of education and Christianity generally, is pre-eminently true when the

duty of Baptists to that cause is under consideration. The truth, as Baptists hold it, depends upon sanctified learning for its support. Our separation from the rest of the Christian world can only be justified by the proper interpretation of the languages in which the sacred Scriptures were originally written. Sanctified learning, with the veil of prejudice removed from her eyes and the Greek Testament in her hand, invariably arrays herself on the side of Baptists. How important then that Baptists should, in their turn, take learning cordially by the hand and welcome her to their hearts, their homes and their fostering care!

We rejoice to know that Baptists of Arkansas have more than begun to awaken to the importance of sustaining schools of learning among themselves. During the past year their schools at Warren, Judsonia and Arkadelphia have shown marked signs of progress, while Buckner College continues its earnest struggle for a future. The history of colleges, and especially of male colleges, justify us in saying that we may not hope to have permanent, well-established schools, such as can weather the storm of financial crisis, till we endow them. We feel the necessity now of educating the great Baptist mind of the State up to the fact that our schools must be endowed in order to give them that permanency and dignity which the present and the coming events of our State so urgently demand.

The following communication from the President of the Board of Trustees of Judson University, at Judsonia, was handed your committee:

"To the Committee on Education of the Arkansas Baptist Convention:

"DEAR BRETHREN—In behalf of Judson University, I would respectfully request you to inform the State Convention that it is the desire of the Trustees of the above school that the Convention appoint annually an Examining Committee of five members of Baptist churches in Arkansas, whose duty it shall be to visit the University at any time during the scholastic year, to investigate its condition and make such suggestions as may in their wisdom be desirable.

"RICHARD S. JONES, *President Judson University.*"

Your committee received the above communication with pleasure, the more so as they were led to believe that it was but the forerunner of further movements tending to bring into still fuller sympathy with the Convention this institution, already baptistic by virtue of the provisions of its charter, which requires that the President and a majority of the Board of Trustees shall forever be members of the Baptist denomination. We heartily recommend that the request be granted. We hope that the other Baptist schools in the State will pursue a similar course.

It will be remembered that the Convention, at its last session, unanimously passed the following resolution:

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.

Your committee are informed that no attention has been paid to the above request, but, on the contrary, that a majority of the professors are members of a particular denomination, and that, in consequence, the Industrial University is considered as practically belonging to that church. Is this right? Ought a State Institution, depending for its support upon the co-operation of all denominations of Christians, be controlled by a particular denomination and made especially promotive of its interests? No candid man will say yes. Sectarianism should be excluded from the higher institutions belonging to the State as rigidly as from the lower schools. Your committee recommend that the above resolution be brought respectfully but distinctly to the attention of the Trustees of the Industrial University, by the President and Secretary of this Convention. We also recommend that the Baptists throughout the State give attention to this matter, and by all proper methods, make themselves felt in this as in all the public interests of Arkansas.

R. S. JAMES,
F. L. KREGEL,
A. J. FAWCETT,
J. P. WEAVER,
B. W. N. SIMMS.

Remarks were made by R. S. James, LL. D., on the report, after which it was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported through J. B. SEARCY, as follows:

Your committee would report that the day is passed to argue the importance of this work with Baptists, who are apprised of the vastness of the field and the success that has attended our efforts. "The field is the world." The uttermost parts of the earth "is its bounds." Preach the gospel to every creature is the behest of the Master. Forty or fifty years ago the finger of Providence pointed American Baptists to the foreign field, when the Missionaries Judson and Rice were converted to our faith by reading the Scriptures, while on their voyage to their field of labor. Many long dreary days, weeks and months and years of labor, toil and suffering were endured by Judson and his noble wife before there was any sign of fruit from their labors. But by and by, the first fruits were gathered. Other noble laborers entered into the harvest. Year after year, the Lord has been opening new fields to us. Our Northern brethren have outstripped us in the cultivation of these fields. But still, under all the circumstances, many of our people have acted nobly. It is, perhaps, not so desirable that those who habitually contribute to this work should give more, as it is that *more* should contribute. Your committee have no statistics before us, and cannot, therefore, tell what has been contributed by Arkansas Baptists during the past year, nor who in the State have done the work. About \$100 has been reported to the Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board, for the State of Arkansas, during the past month. We feel sure that this is, by no means, all that has been paid during that time. It is sad that so little is done by our people in the "regions beyond," and that that little cannot be reported through the State Convention, that we might appear before the world as truly Missionary Baptists.

Your committee would therefore recommend, that each pastor in the State be addressed by the Foreign Missionary Secretary, and urged to preach at least once a year on the subject of Foreign Missions, and take a collection for the purpose, to be forwarded directly to Dr. H. A. Tupper, Richmond, Va., and that the amounts be reported at once to the Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Board for Arkansas—J. B. SEARCY, ANNOVER, ARKANSAS—that the same shall appear on his roll book, and that he be requested to report, at the next session of this Convention, an itemized account of all Foreign Mission funds reported to him, giving the names of the Associations, churches or individuals contributing.

If half of our people would contribute five cents each for this work, it would aggregate the nice sum of \$1250. Should we not set our work at least that high? We further recommend that each Messenger to this Convention be requested to act as a voluntary agent to represent this work in their churches, and try, if possible, to get each member to contribute something, if it be but a *nickel*, to this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, *Chairman.*

Voted, On motion of W. D. Mayfield, D. D., That the report on Foreign Missions be made the special order for 8 P.M., to-night.

By common consent Dr. Mayfield was allowed to read a communication from Otis Patten, inviting the Convention to visit the Blind Institute.

Voted, That the invitation be accepted.

Also, by consent, Dr. Mayfield read a communication addressed to the Convention, by Isaac Lawrence, asking the members of the Convention to furnish him with statistics of all Baptist Sunday-schools in the State.

Also, in the same manner, a communication from Dr. H. L. Morehouse, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, was read by Dr. Mayfield, in regard to the semi-centennial meeting of the said Society, in May, 1882, to devise means to strengthen and extend the Redeemer's kingdom on this continent, and inviting this Convention to appoint five Messengers to represent this State in a meeting composed of representatives from the other States.

Voted, The invitation was accepted.

Voted, That the President be authorized to name four of our representatives in said semi-centennial meeting.

The President appointed W. D. Mayfield, D. D., Benj. Thomas, R. S. James, LL. D., and J. B. SEARCY.

Voted, That the President, Hon. J. P. Eagle, be the other representative.

Voted, That B. W. N. SIMMS, J. M. HART, O. M. LUCAS, J. B. SEARCY and J. P. WEAVER, be appointed examiners, which was contemplated in the report on education for Judson University.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS:

Your Committee on Nominations would report, for State Board, the following brethren:

W. D. Mayfield, M. F. Locke, Benj. Thomas, J. S. Thomas, A. J. Fawcett, J. P. Eagle, J. M. Hart, G. A. Grammer, G. G. Wise, G. W. Reeves, M. D. Early, C. J. Low, Dr. J. F. Jelks, J. K. Brantly, J. P. Weaver, J. P. Howard, R. H. McConnell, M. S. Buckley, B. W. Harmon, J. T. Jenkins, B. W. N. Simms, O. M. Lucas.

The place for the next meeting of the Convention be Lonoke, Ark. B. R. Womack to preach the Convention sermon, and J. M. Hart, alternate. Respectfully submitted,

W. T. BOX, *Chairman*,
R. H. McCONNELL,
G. G. WISE,
J. DUNAGIN,
G. W. REEVES.

Voted, That W. T. Box, C. W. Callahan, J. M. King and M. M. McGuire be added to the Board. Report adopted.
Adjourned to 7 P. M. Prayer by G. A. MOFFAT.

SATURDAY—NIGHT SESSION.

Met Saturday evening, 7 P. M. Sung, "Jesus lover of my soul." Prayer by B. W. N. Simms.

By consent J. B. Searcy offered the following:

Resolved, That when the Special Order comes for 8 o'clock, Revs. J. B. Chevis, A. J. Fawcett and W. A. Clark, be invited to address the Convention, and that Dr. Clark take a collection.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report the following:

Since the last session of this body, our dearly beloved brothers, Elder Uriah H. Parker, T. B. Espy, D. D., and Elder A. Yates, had been called from their labors below to their rest above. To-day, all that we would like to say with reference to the lives and labors of these brethren, would make this report larger than the space in the minutes would allow. We very much desire to speak of each of these brethren, more specifically than we are able to do, for the want of facts pertaining to their lives.

Elder Uriah H. Parker died at his home in Bradley County, Arkansas, some time during the early part of this Conventional year. He was one of the pioneer preachers of southeast Arkansas, having come to this section when this country was one extended wild waste of forest. He was a true, noble man of God, endowed with a fine mind, good preaching capacities, and in his field of labor and in his Association, wielded a large influence for good.

T. B. Espy, D. D., with whose name is associated so many crowning Christian virtues, has also gone from among us. We quote from the report of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for 1881, the following: "On the 17th of February, 1881, Rev. T. B. Espy, D. D., Vice-President of this Board, for the State of Arkansas, after a fortnight's intense suffering, entered the 'rest that remaineth to the people of God.' One who knew him well says of him: 'As to the life of Dr. Espy, it was without spot or blemish. A purer man never lived in Arkansas. He gave his heart and life without division to Christ. How we missed him in the church! How we shall miss him as President of our Mission Board! How we shall miss him in the whole State! We are all crushed with great sorrow.' But the work at home and abroad is the work of the Master, who has called to his reward this faithful servant. 'Blessed are the pure in heart.'"

Elder A. Yates. This brother was born in Alabama, about the year 1814, and died October 11, 1881. He was baptized into the fellowship of New Hope Church, at the age of thirty years, by Elder J. T. Craig. We mention the fact that he was pastor of this church for about twenty-five years, as a mark of his efficiency in the ministry. Brother Yates was, for a number of years, the Moderator of Judson Association, and Vice-President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and died Moderator of the Red River Association. As a Christian and a minister, he was wholly consecrated to the cause of Christ.

We are not able to build a monument of marble to stand over the graves of these noble men of God. But in the archives of this Convention, we will deposit this faint expression of love and esteem for these brethren, and in our hearts we will entomb their memory. If they had their imperfections, as it is common for mortals to have, let us bury them in the tomb with their bodies. Let us imitate the many charming virtues which clustered in such rich profusion about their lives. Finally, let us, in the spirit of meekness, submit to this dispensation of God's providence in removing from earth to heaven these brethren.

A. J. FAWCETT,
M. D. EARLY,
M. M. MCGUIRE.

B. W. N. SIMMS offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That the Messengers and visitors to this Convention have received marked attention and courtesy from the citizens of Little Rock and from all railroad corporations in this State; therefore,

Resolved, That for the kind hospitality and sumptuous entertainment during the days of the Convention, we return our most hearty and sincere thanks to the Calvary Baptist Church, and the citizens generally.

Resolved, further, That for the promptness and cordiality with which the railroad companies have granted us reduction of fare, we return the said companies our heartfelt thanks.

Resolved, still further, That we are grateful to the churches of the city for the use of all their pulpits on the Sabbath, and to the city press for the accurate reports of our proceedings and the kind words used in regard to our meetings.

Voted, On motion of J. T. JENKINS, That the Secretary be requested to place by themselves, in the minutes, the last words of our departed and lamented A. YATES.

Last words of the venerable Yates:

"How can we best promote the advancement of the kingdom of God?"

Remarks of a very tender and interesting character were made on the report by J. B. SEARCY, A. J. FAWCETT, J. R. COLEMAN, DR. MAYFIELD and J. T. JENKINS.

The time for the special order on Foreign Missions having arrived, addresses were made by J. B. CHEVIS, A. J. FAWCETT and W. A. Clark, D. D., who took the pledges and cash, as follows:

Friendship Association, J. B. Searcy, \$50; Liberty Association, J. M. Hart, \$33.55, paid; Union Association, O. S. Jones, \$50; Fayetteville Church, \$5; Judsonia Church, \$10; Calvary Church, \$10; Eureka Church, \$5; Dardanelle Church, \$5; Hot Springs Church, \$10; Calvary Church, ladies, \$5; Calvary Church, men, add \$5, paid by J. K. Brantly; Hamburg Church, \$5; Monticello Church, \$5; Magnolia Church, \$5; Antioch Church, \$5; Judsonia ladies, Mrs. James, \$10; Mt. Olive Church, Webb, \$5; Shiloh Church, Webb, \$5; Conway Church, Mrs. Witt, \$5; Mt. Pisgah, Willhoit, \$5; ladies of Hope, Mrs. Callahan, \$5; Cedar Grove, Maxwell, \$5; White Church, Bledsoe, \$5; Searcy Church, \$10; ladies of Fort Smith, Mrs. Buckley, \$5; Russellville, Miss Hamilton, \$5; Lonoke Church, Mrs. Early, \$10; Holly Springs, J. B. Searcy, \$5; J. K. Brantly, \$5,

paid; A. L. Hyatt, \$2, paid; W. T. Box, \$5; J. P. Eagle, \$10; R. H. McConnell, \$5, paid; Dr. J. T. Jelks, \$5; A. J. Fawcett, \$5, paid; J. B. Searcy, \$5; B. W. N. Simms, \$5, paid; Fayetteville, Simms, \$10.

(In the rapidity with which the subscriptions were made some pledges may have been omitted).

B. W. N. SIMMS offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention be, and he is hereby instructed, to pay any money in his hands upon the order of the Executive Board.

Voted, On motion of B. W. HARMON, That we send Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Voted, That the President of this Convention, J. P. Eagle, be one of the Messengers.

The President appointed the other Messengers, as follows:

W. D. Mayfield, D. D., Dr. J. T. Jelks, W. T. Box, M. D. EARLY, J. T. JENKINS, J. F. GRIFFIN, J. K. Brantly, O. M. LUCAS, A. J. FAWCETT, J. B. SEARCY, B. R. Womack, D. D., M. S. Buckley, G. A. GRAMMER, J. M. MAXWELL, J. M. KING and B. W. N. SIMMS.

Voted, That any vacancy that may exist in our delegation to said Southern Baptist Convention, those present, hereby appointed, will be authorized to fill of any Baptists of our State who may be present at the Convention.

G. A. GRAMMER offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary be directed to have one thousand copies of the minutes of the present session of this Convention printed, and that he be allowed \$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.

Voted, On motion of W. T. Box, That all facts that will be of interest to the public, transacted by the Board, be published in the Evangel.

Voted, On motion of J. B. SEARCY, That the Secretary be authorized to procure suitable advertisements, and appropriate the proceeds to the publication of the minutes.

Adjourned to Sunday night, 7 P. M. Prayer by W. A. Clark, D. D.

LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

S. W. Marston, D. D., preached at the Baptist Church in the morning.

C. W. CALLAHAN preached from Mat. 22:37.

G. A. GRAMMER preached from Zach. 4:10.

F. L. KREGEL preached from II. Cor. 12:6.

J. P. WEAVER preached from John 1:36.

J. M. HART preached from Gal. 3:26.

A. J. FAWCETT preached from Mat. 23:8.

W. A. Clark, D. D., preached from Mat. 1:21.

J. B. CHEVIS.

B. R. Womack, D. D.

R. S. James, LL. D., preached from Mark, 15:40.

J. P. Eagle preached at Baptist Church, 7:30 P. M. Isa. 40:39.

The Sunday-school exercises were highly pleasant and interesting at the Baptist Church.

SUNDAY—EVENING SESSION.

Convention met at 7 P. M. Prayer by B. F. THOMAS.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Arkadelphia Church—Convention.....	\$ 3 00
Pleasant Hill Church—Convention.....	10 00
Magnolia Church—Convention.....	2 50
Annual membership of I. R. B. Davis.....	2 50
Pleasant Hill Church—for Missions.....	5 00
Dardanelle Church—Convention.....	1 25
J. L. Brown, Oiltrough—Convention.....	1 00
Lonoke Church—Convention.....	5 25
Mt. Vernon Association—for Missions.....	5 00
Liberty Association (J. M. Hart)—Convention.....	5 00
Liberty Association—Foreign Missions.....	33 50
Liberty Association—Ministerial Education.....	18 00
Concord Association (M. L. Eggleston)—Convention.....	2 00
Bentonville Association—Foreign Missions.....	15 00
Friendship Association—Convention.....	2 50
Judson Association—Convention.....	2 50
Calvary Baptist Church collection—Convention.....	12 10
Ladies of Judsonia (Mrs. James).....	10 00
Total.....	\$136 21

Voted, On motion of W. T. Box, That the reading of the minutes be dispensed with, and that we trust the Secretary with the correctness of the proceedings.

Voted, On motion of W. D. Mayfield, D. D., That M. D. Early be made the Secretary of Foreign Missions for the Conventional year.

R. H. McConnell reported in behalf of the committee to visit the Ladies Benevolent Hospital, of Little Rock. A collection was taken for said hospital of \$8.50, while the Convention sang "Sweet Bye-and-Bye."

Report was adopted.

Voted, On motion of R. J. COLEMAN, That we take a recess for preaching.

Whereupon J. P. Eagle preached from Isa. 40:39.

Voted, That J. F. GRIFFIN be allowed to make some remarks.

The Brother made some remarks about his trip to Texas.

The President delivered a parting address, urging effort, united and prayerful, and predicted success. The parting hand was extended while singing the songs of Zion.

The Convention was harmonious and pleasant.

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

Resolved, That we now adjourn, to meet with the Lonoke Church, Lonoke county, on Thursday, 10 A. M., November 2, 1882.

J. P. EAGLE, *President*.

BENJ. THOMAS, *Secretary*.

ESPY FUND,

Received by officers of the Board. Published at the request of the Board:

To	W. D. Wayfield, in account with Espy Fund, Dr.
G. W. Richardson, Little Rock.....	\$ 1 00
B. D. Turner, Little Rock.....	5 00
Rev. J. S. Thomas, Secretary.....	19 40
H. Halliburton, DeWitt.....	50
Mrs. Castelberg, Little Rock.....	2 00
D. A. Smith, Benton.....	2 00
Rev. M. D. Early, Lonoke.....	53 00
Mrs. O. M. Lucas.....	25
Hope Church, C. W. Callahan.....	7 25
J. T. Jenkins, Arkadelphia.....	33 80
J. P. Howard, Little Rock.....	50
Dr. Wm. Thompson, Little Rock.....	5 00
M. D. Early, Lonoke.....	5 00
Mrs. Hilliard, Little Rock.....	70
Mt. Vernon Church, J. F. D. Fletcher.....	6 35
S. A. Wilcox, Nebraska City, Neb.....	25
Pleasant Hill Church, J. M. King.....	5 15
C. C. Webb, Ozark.....	11 70
Dr. E. W. McCrary, Mineral Springs.....	10 00
Students Commercial College, Little Rock.....	3 10
New Hope Church, J. D. Fletcher.....	3 50
G. A. Grammer, Forest City.....	10 40
Mrs. J. Stillwell, Hyman.....	1 00
Hon. H. H. Coleman, Arkadelphia.....	5 00
Total.....	\$191 85

Received of W. D. Mayfield, President of State Board, at various times, \$191.85.

September 3, 1881.

E. M. ESPY.

The Secretary received the following amount for the Espy Fund:

B. W. Harmon.....	\$ 2 00
Immoden Howe.....	25
M. A. Howe.....	25
Dr. Sayles.....	2 00
G. A. Moffat, collection.....	7 00
Total.....	\$11 50

Received the above amount from Benj. Thomas, the Secretary.

E. M. ESPY.

The total from all sources for the Espy Fund, was \$885.20.

BENJ. THOMAS, Secretary.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS IN ARKANSAS.

Aaron, John; Boughton, Nevada.	Britt, S. M.; State Line, Columbia.
Adams, J. R.; G. W. N.; Dardanelle, Yell.	Broady, J. H.; Cummins Landing.
Adams, J. J.; Harold, Montgomery.	Broadway, J. K.; Springfield, Conway.
Adams, J. M.; Ozark, Franklin.	Brown, A.; Bentonville, Benton.
Adams, James; Hurricane, Saline.	Brown, A. L.; Military Grove, Sebastian.
Allen, G. W.; Witcherville.	Brown, James; Pleasant Plains, Independence.
Allen, H.; Midway, Ashley.	Brown, J. L.; Oil Trough, Independence.
Allen, J. C.; Adler, Johnson.	Browning, J. O. Fairview, Clark.
Allen, T. J.; Clarksville, Johnson.	Brundridge, J.; Searcy, White.
Allen, R.; Fayetteville, Washington.	Bryant, G.; Springdale, Washington.
Appling, E. F.; White Oak.	Bryant, H.; Lamartine, Columbia.
Armstrong, A. H.; Prairie View, Logan.	Bryant, R. B.; Magnolia, Columbia.
Allen, J. L.; Clarksville, Johnson.	Bunch, F. A.; Paris, Logan.
Bales, J. H.; Spring Creek, Lee.	Burns, G. W.; Prairie View, Logan.
Baker, P. L.; Pea Ridge, Bradley.	Bunch, Wm.; Barber, Scott.
Baker, J. A. Mount Ida, Montgomery.	Butcher, T. J.; Prescott, Nevada.
Baker, L. W.; Magnolia, Columbia.	Byers, J. J.; Bodcaw, Hempstead.
Baldwin, G.; Swan Lake, Arkansas.	Cagle, C. T.; Hackett City, Sebastian.
Barry, J.; Richmond, Sevier.	Cary, E.; Ozan, Hempstead.
Barker, J. S.; Fayetteville, Washington.	Cannon, B. F.; Wallaceburg, Hempstead.
Barnes, J.; Poteaw, Scott.	Carnett, W. L.; Sulphur Rock, Independence.
Barnett, D. G.; Belfast, Grant.	Calaway, M. P.; Chambersville, Calhoun.
Bearden, B. H.; Solgohatchie, Conway.	Callahan, C. W.; Hope, Hempstead.
Bearden, J. R.; Green River.	Campbell, J. G.; Cadron, Faulkner.
Beesley, T.; Pastoria, Jefferson.	Carter, W. J.; Liberty, Ouachita.
Bell, M. B.; Boughton, Nevada.	Caudle, J. T.; Fayetteville, Washington.
Berner, F. H.; Mountainberg.	Clark, W. A.; Little Rock.
Blair, S. H.; Paris, Logan.	Chaudoin, Eli; Polk Bayou, Independence.
Blaylock, J. H.; Ozark, Franklin.	Clabourne, R. P.; Peoria, Sebastian.
Blakeby, W. F.; Springdale, Washington.	Clevenger, J. M.; Charleston, Franklin.
Biggsby, R.; Falcon, Nevada.	Clem, J.; Malvern, Hot Spring.
Blancett, J. L.; Newport, Jackson.	Clinton, H. B.; Union, Fulton.
Bishop, J.; Judsonia, White.	Craig, J. T.; Pine Bluff, Jefferson.
Booth, D. D.; Eldorado, Union.	Crawford, W. W.; Dardanelle, Yell.
Box, R.; Brock Town, Pike.	Creed, M.; Warren, Bradley.
Box, S.; Liberty, Ouachita.	Coleman, R. O.; St. Paul, Madison.
Box, W. T.; Atkins, Pope.	Coleman, H. H.; Arkadelphia, Clark.
Boydston, R. D.; Chismville, Logan.	Coleman, R. J.; Cabot, Lonoke.
Brannon, F. M.; Sulphur Rock, Independence.	Cochran, S. W.; Union, Union.
Brannon, W.; Cedarville, Crawford.	Compton, J. T. Harrison, Boone.
Brim, John; Alma, Crawford.	Cook, J. C.; Wheatly, St. Francis.
Bristow, Geo.; Bellefonte, Boone.	Cooper, T. D.; Indian Bay, Monroe.
Britt, H. T.; Three Creeks, Union.	Cornelius, B. A.; Dardanelle, Yell.

Cornelius, S. D. D.; Little Rock.
 Copeland, A. J.; Batesville, Independence.
 Copeland, A. P.; Alma.
 Copeland, J. P.; Ozan, Hempstead.
 Crow, G. W.; Oil Trough, Independence.
 Cunningham, J. W.; Elm Springs, Washington.
 Cummings, A. J.; Prescott, Nevada.
 Curnutt, D.; Van Buren, Crawford.
 Curry, F. M.; Waldron, Scott.
 Davant, R. P.; Mountain Home.
 Dale, W. L.; Little Rock.
 Davis, I.; Bellefonte, Boone.
 Davis, I. R. B.; Little Rock.
 Davis, J. B.; George's Creek, Marion.
 Davis, L. J.; Hindsville, Madison.
 Davis, N. J.; Arkadelphia, Clark.
 Debolt, W. P.; Little Rock.
 Denney, James; Cabin Creek, Johnson.
 Denson, N. C.; Warren, Bradley.
 Denson, J. H.; Lockesburg, Sevier.
 Denton, W.; Gassville, Baxter.
 Delaughter, D.; Liberty, Ouachita.
 Dildy, H.; Greenwood, Sebastian.
 Dobson, D.; Fayetteville, Washington.
 Dobbs, J. F.; Boonsborough, Washington.
 Downen, C. A.; Cedarville, Crawford.
 Downs, J. T.; Falcon, Nevada.
 Dover, E. B.; Cabot.
 Doyle, J. G.; El Paso, White.
 Dunagin, J.; Avoca, Benton.
 Dulany, T.; Centerpoint, Howard.
 Dunn, W. E.; Fairview, Dallas.
 Duncanson, J.; ~~La Crosse~~, Benton.
 Duren, J. E.; LaCrosse, Izard.
 Earle, F. W.; Pine Grove, Dallas.
 Eagle, J. P.; Lonoke, Lonoke.
 Earles, L. G.; Rover, Yell.
 Early, M. D.; Lonoke, Lonoke.
 Edwards, J. T.; Crowley, Greene.
 Edwards, S. C.; Magnolia, Columbia.
 Edwards, W.; Carrollton, Carroll.
 Ellis, B. F.; Shoal Creek, Logan.
 England, E.; Moscow, Nevada.
 Estes, A. J.; ~~Evansville~~, Washington.
 Faulkner, J. H.; Crowley, Green.
 Faulkner, J. D. J.; Crowley, Green.
 Fawcett, A. J.; Hamburg, Ashley.
 Fletcher, J. D.; Lonoke, Lonoke.
 Furguson, T. R.; Evansville, Washington.
 Fielding, J.; Dallas, Polk.
 Fields, J. S.; Greenwood, Sebastian.
 Fisher, M. M.; Harrison, Boone.
 Fitzgerald, Booneville, Logan.
 Forbes, W. A.; Arkadelphia, Clark.
 Ford, G. W.; Plummer's Station, Conway.
 Foster, T. J.; Calhoun, Columbia.
 Freeman, F. M.; DeWitt, Arkansas.
 Frost, G. W.; Midway, Hot Spring.
 Fuller, S. J.; Booneville, Logan.
 Funk, M. S.; Malvern, Hot Spring.
 Gathwright, W. H.; Nashville, Howard.
 Gardner, S.; Warren, Bradley.

Gartman, C. A.; Brooks, Grant.
 Gibson, S.; New Gascony, Jefferson.
 Gilbert, L. W. P.; Carlisle, Prairie.
 Givens, J.; ~~Magazine~~, Benton.
 Glass, G. W.; Washbourn, Sebastian.
 Goodwin, J. W.; Batesville, Independence.
 Gowen, C. A.; Cedarville, Crawford.
 Graham, J. W.; Wheatley, St. Francis.
 Grammer, G. A.; Forest City, St. Francis.
 Gray, E.; Shoal Creek, Logan.
 Gray, J. S.; Morrison Bluff, Logan.
 Green, M.; Beebe, White.
 Green, S. B.; Magazine, Logan.
 Greenlee; Charleston, Franklin.
 Griffin, J. F.; Annoner.
 Griffin, W. S.; Searcy, White.
 Gunn, S.; La Crosse, Izard.
 Gunter, J.; Curtis, Clark.
 Haley, H.; Maysville, Benton.
 Hall, R.; Greenbrier, Faulkner.
 Hardberger, Rover, Yell.
 Hamton, N. W.; Gainesville, Green.
 Haman, P. A.; Tyler, Prairie.
 Haman, L.; Alpine.
 Hamling, L.; Centerville.
 Harland, J. F.; Searcy, White.
 Harman, B. W.; Conway.
 Harley, N.; Shoal Creek, Logan.
 Harris, G. C.; ~~Benton~~, Saline.
 Harrison, J. B.; Boonsborough, Washington.
 Harris, M. C.; Magnolia, Columbia.
 Hart, J. M.; Eldorado, Union.
 Haskell, R.; Oakville, Jefferson.
 Harvey, H. M.; Little Rock.
 Hyatt, B. C.; Monticello, Drew.
 Haycraft, J. M.; ~~Arkadelphia~~.
 Hays, S. A.; Wittsburgh, Cross.
 Henderson, J. C.; ~~Blair~~, Saline.
 Hilton, H. H.; Mountain Home, Baxter.
 Hives, J. S.; Fayetteville, Washington.
 Herring, C. H.; Ree Branch, Van Buren.
 Hilton, H. H.; Gassville, Baxter.
 Hinkle, C.; Clifty, Madison.
 Hogan, C. C.; Shoal Creek, Logan.
 Hogan, E. J.; ~~Black Fox~~, Johnson.
 Holcomb, J. R.; Pollard, Clay.
 Holbert, J.; Prattsville, Grant.
 Hodges, W. H.; El Paso, White.
 Holland, F. M.; Longbridge, Logan.
 Holland, J. J.; Greenwood, Sebastian.
 Horn, W. M.; George's Creek, Marion.
 Holloway, G.; Hickory Plains, Prairie.
 Howard, J. H.; Social Hill, Hot Spring.
 Howell, T.; Boughton, Nevada.
 Huckaby, J. J.;
 Hudspeth, J.; Cabin Creek, Johnson.
 Hughes, Z. A.; Russellville, Pope.
 Hughes, J. J.; Rock Creek, Pike.
 Huftman, B. N.; Holly Springs, Dallas.
 Hurt, J. O.; Kensett, White.
 Ingram, W.; Fayetteville, Washington.
 Isaac, J.; Fayetteville, Washington.

Jackson, A. S.; Roseville, Logan.
 James, R. T. W.; Pine Bluff, Jefferson.
 James, R. S.; D. D., L. L. D.; Judsonia, White.
 Jennings, W. D.; Noe's Ferry, Marion.
 Jenkins, A.; Cane Creek, Faulkner.
 Jenkins, J. T.; Arkadelphia, Clark.
 Jones, C.; Billingsby, Washington.
 Jones, F.; Rob Roy, Jefferson.
 Jones, J. R.; Plummer.
 Jones, L.; Sugar Creek, Benton.
 Jones, R.; Fayetteville, Washington.
 Jameson, J. D.; Hot Springs, Garland.
 Johnson, J. G.; Maxville, Sharp.
 Johnson, N. B.; Pendleton, Lincoln.
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 Locket, E.; South Bend, Lincoln.
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 Lowery, E. M.; Alma, Crawford.
 Love, D.; Searcy, White.
 Lucas, O. M.; Little Rock.
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 Lumpkins, B. H.; Bradford, White.
 Marl, A. L.; Judsonia, White.
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 Marshall, N.; Booneville, Logan.
 Martin, E. C.; Jennings' Falls, Yell.
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 Maxwell, G. M.; Sulphur Rock, Independence.
 Mayall, J.; Lick Mountain, Conway.
 Mayes, J.; Fayetteville, Washington.
 Mayfield, C. H.; Gassville, Baxter.
 Mayfield, W. D., D. D.; Little Rock, Pulaski.
 McAllister, T. H.; Burksville, Franklin.
 McCarty, M. K.; Vinyard.
 McCain, J. G.; Champagnole, Union.
 McCleddon, L. H.; Charleston, Franklin.
 McCraw, D. E.; Prescott, Nevada.
 McCraw, J. L.; Maysville, Benton.
 McCool, W. B.; Turin, Grant.
 McCullough, J. A.; Altus, Franklin.
 McGovern, J. E.; Rockport, Hot Spring.
 McLane, W. R.; Ozark, Franklin.
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 Moore, E. L.; Gainesville, Green.
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 Nixon, A. E.; Batesville, Independence.
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 Patterson, L. F.; Enterprise, Sebastian.
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