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—AT—

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J. R. Hall.

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W. A. Clark
W. T. Box,
Burt,
Maxwell
Martin.

MINUTES.

THURSDAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention met at 10 o'clock a. m., November 1st, 1883, with the Baptist Church at Fayetteville, Ark.

The President read the 19th Psalm, the congregation sang No. 45, in Gospel Songs, "Jesus keep me near the cross." Prayer by J. P. Eagle.

A Committee on Enrollment was appointed, viz: M. F. Locke, G. W. Reeves, M. D. Early.

The Convention engaged in singing and afterwards had an earnest talk by Dr. Clark on the needs of the State.

The Committee on Enrollment returned and made their report. See roll.

On motion of R. M. McConnell the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for J. P. Eagle as President of the Convention. This was done by unanimity.

On motion of J. Dunagin the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for M. F. Locke and W. T. Box as Vice Presidents, which was unanimous.

On motion of J. Dunagin the President was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for J. B. Searcy as Secretary of the Convention and W. A. Clark Assistant Secretary, which was unanimous.

On motion of M. F. Locke the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for J. M. King for Treasurer, which was done by a unanimous vote.

The following rule of meeting and adjourning was adopted, viz: Meet each day at 9 o'clock, a. m., adjourn at 12 m., meet at 1 p. m., adjourn at 4:30 p. m., meet at 7 p. m. and adjourn at will.

Mell's Parliamentary Practice was adopted as our rule of order.

The order of business adopted last year was adopted for the present session,

On motion the rule to adjourn was suspended ten minutes.

A Committee on Constitutional Amendments was appointed consisting of McConnell, Locke and Dunagin.

On motion adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by G. G. Wise.

THURSDAY 2 P. M.

The Convention met. Prayer by J. S. Thomas.

On motion, H. Hatcher and S. W. Marston, of the General Association of Missouri were invited to seats in the Convention, Dr. Ray of the *Flag* and J. A. Moore of Texas, were invited to seats. Each of these brethren made talks.

The President retired to make up his report of Committee, Brother Locke took the chair, Dr. Marston made a good speech.

The President returned and read out the following Committees:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICE.

O. W. Callahan, C. W. Walker, J. D. Fletcher, S. S. Graham, J. F. Burt.

EDUCATION.

J. P. Hearne, G. C. Harris, R. D. Casey, G. T. Wise, O. J. White.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

S. Cornelius, O. M. Lucas, A. J. Maxwell, W. E. Atkinson, O. W. Harvey.

STATE AND DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

W. A. Clark, J. Dunagin, R. H. McConnell, John Hobbs.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

J. S. Thomas, G. W. Reeves, B. N. Hultsman, W. H. Davis.

RESOLUTIONS.

J. M. King, N. O. Denson, J. E. Vaughan, J. D. Bowling.

PUBLICATIONS.

W. D. Mayfield, W. T. Box, M. C. Harris, Frank White, J. I. Martin.

FINANCE.

W. N. Ayers, J. S. Renfroe, J. O. Roberson.

WOMANS' WORK.

M. D. Early, J. S. Thomas, A. J. Kincaid, J. D. Permenter.

OBITUARIES.

P. A. Hamon, J. B. Hall, W. D. Moffit.

NOMINATIONS.

M. F. Locke, J. M. King, R. H. McConell.

On motion adjourned till 2 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Rev. A. J. Kincaid.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met. Prayer by Rev. O. M. Lucas.

On motion the business of the Convention was suspended to hear the conventional sermon by Dr. W. D. Mayfield who preached. Text, "But Christ is all, and in all." Col. (iii), 11. The sermon was one of sweetness and power.

The President called the Convention to order.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow 9 o'clock a. m. Prayer by M. D. Early.

FRIDAY.

FRIDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention met for business. Prayer by Rev. O. M. Lucas.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

The President called Rev. S. J. Thomas to the chair and asked permission of the members for the State Mission Board to retire and prepare their report.

During the absence of the Board, the Convention spent the time in devotional exercises.

The members of the State Board returned and the President resumed the chair.

Rev. O. W. Callahan offered a resolution that the State Convention send a telegram of condolence to Rev. B. Thomas, D. D., of Little Rock, former Secretary of the Convention, who is nearing death's door with cancer. The resolution was adopted, and a voluntary contribution raised to pay for the telegram.

The Corresponding Secretary read the report of the State Mis

slon Board, which on motion was made the special order for Saturday night at 7 o'clock p. m.

Rev. O. W. Callahan reported that he sent the telegram to Brother Thomas, and that he paid \$1.25 for the same, the receipt for which he presented to the Secretary. He also reported \$2.85 still in his hands as an over plus of the voluntary contribution for telegraphing. On motion Brother Callahan was ordered to turn over that amount to the Ladies' State Central Committee of Womans' Work.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments read their report which was discussed and on motion re-committed with Rev. M. D. Early added to the Committee.

Rev. S. Cornelius read the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, which was on motion made the special order for 7 o'clock p. m.

On motion adjourned till 7 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Dr. Marston.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Rev. W. D. Mayfield read the report on Publications, pending which, an invitation from the President and Faculty of the State University was received, asking the Convention to visit that institution of learning instanter, which invitation was on motion accepted, and the Convention visited this grand metropolis of learning for the State.

At 3:35 o'clock p. m. the Convention returned and resumed business.

The report on publications was further discussed, 275 subscribers to the EVANGEL was pledged, and the report adopted. (See report.)

On motion adjourned till 7 o'clock p. m. Prayer by Rev. G. C. Harris.

7 O'CLOCK P. M.

Met for business. Prayer by G. W. Reeves.

The special order for that hour was taken up and the report on Sunday Schools was most eloquently discussed for more than two hours, when a motion prevailed to re-commit the report adding Rev. J. S. Thomas and J. B. Permenter to the Committee.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by J. M. King.

SATURDAY.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Convention called to order at 9:30 Eld. J. B. Hall led in prayer. Minutes of Friday read and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday School work was read, and after amendment was unanimously adopted.

The report on Constitutional Amendment read and was discussed by Brethren Reeves, Dunagin and Mayfield. Adopted.

Under question of privilege a telegram was read from Dr. B. Thomas as follows: "Dispatch received, your prayer is answered, 91st Psalm 3rd verse. My prayer for you, Ephesians 3rd chapter 16th to 21th verses inclusive." This was followed by a prayer by W. D. Mayfield.

Report of Committee on State Missions read and adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions read and after remarks by Brethren Eagle and Walker was adopted.

Report of Committee on Woman's Mission Work read, and after discussion by Brethren Early, Searcy and Reeves was adopted by a rising vote, and the State Central Committee of Ladies Mission Society received to seats in the Convention.

Report of Committee on Education read, and after discussion by Brethren Searcy, Lucas, Mayfield, Weaver, Thomas and White.

Pending the vote the hour of adjournment arrived, adjourned with prayer by J. B. Permenter.

SATURDAY P. M.

Session opened with prayer by P. A. Haman.

The discussion of the report on Education was resumed, speeches by Elds. Harris and Moore, of Texas; Eld. White of Eureka, and Brother Atkinson. Report adopted.

The appointment of five commissioners to execute the purposes of the report on Education was referred to the Committee on Nominations.

Report on Obituaries read, and recommitted with instructions.

A special resolution concerning the St. Louis Publishing Company was read, and after remarks by Dr. Ray was adopted.

A resolution was offered by Eld. M. D. Early, referring to the employment of a Financial Secretary, and discussed by Brethren M. D. Early, G. W. Reeves and Dr. Mayfield; and was adopted.

On motion Brother J. O. Crudup and Sister A. L. Crudup was

invited, as visitors, to seat in the Convention.

Report on Foreign Missions read and after remarks by Dr. H. Hatcher.

The time of adjournment having arrived, the adjournment was by vote postponed at will, and the consideration of the report was also suspended in order to take a collection for Foreign Missions. Collections amounted to \$61.00 cash and \$220.00 in pledges as per list.

Order of business resumed, and the Foreign Mission report was amended and adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted.

Report on Obituaries read and adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 7 p. m. Prayer by Eld. B. N. Hultman.

SATURDAY 7 P. M.

Opened with prayer by Rev. J. A. Moore, of Texas.

The special order being the report of the State Board. A summary of the report was read; and after remarks by Brethren W. D. Mayfield, H. Hatcher and J. B. Searey.

Pending the vote a collection amounting to \$1,010.00 in pledges and \$10.40 in cash, total \$1,020.40 was taken up. \$62.00 of the pledges were cashed. Report adopted.

Report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted.

Resolution by W. D. Mayfield on Education read and adopted. (See resolution No. 1)

Communication from Van Buren church read and referred to the Board.

On motion appointed messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, viz: Rev. J. P. Eagle, W. E. Atkinson, G. W. Reeves, M. D. Early, Frank White, J. B. Searey, W. D. Mayfield, Mrs. E. L. Mayfield, Mrs. M. K. Eagle, Mrs. N. A. Locke, Mrs. D. A. Early, Mrs. Hattie Atkinson, Mrs. R. P. Davant, Mrs. Cindup, W. A. Forbes, Mrs. Forbes, M. F. Locke, W. A. Clark, W. T. Box, J. S. Thomas, R. D. Casey, S. Cornelius, O. M. Lucas, C. W. Walker.

On motion the State Board was authorized to fill vacancies.

A letter from Rocky Bayou Association read, stating their desire to co-operate with the Convention.

The following correspondents were appointed to

TENNESSEE CONVENTION.

J. P. Weaver, A. J. Fawcett, A. J. Kincaid, M. D. Early.

MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION.

J. B. Searcy, P. A. Hamon, R. A. Lee, J. D. Eletcher, Frank White.

LOUISIANA CONVENTION.

J. P. Eagle, W. D. Mayfield, G. G. Wise, J. B. Searcy, B. N. Hults-amp.

MISSOURI GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

Frank White; J. P. Eagle, C. W. Callahan, R. D. Casey, J. B. Searcy, W. T. Box, J. Dunagin, M. C. Harris, O. J. White.

TEXAS GENERAL ASSOCIATION.

J. M. King, C. W. Walker, O. M. Lucas.

TEXAS STATE CONVENTION.

M. D. Early, W. A. Clark, J. P. Weaver, C. W. Walker, O. W. Callahan, J. P. Eagle, Mrs. M. K. Eagle.

TEXAS CONVENTION.

W. T. Box, C. W. Walker, J. Dunagin, W. A. Clark.

On motion the funds of the Convention were all turned over to the disposition of the State Mission Board.

On motion adjourned. Prayer by W. T. Box.

SUNDAY.

SABBATH MORNING.

At 9 o'clock a. m., C. W. Walker, Superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school at Fayetteville, called his school to order, and read a portion of the Scriptures, W. T. Box led in prayer. The Superintendent announced that there would be no recitations this morning, but that a number of the visiting brethren would make Sunday school talks. W. E. Atkinson, of Prescott, was called on, he made a very sweet and interesting talk on the deportment of teachers and scholars and the end of Sunday school teaching.

J. B. Permenter, of Falcon, was also called on for a speech, he followed in the line of Brother Atkinson, and said many good things. J. S. Thomas, W. A. Clark and H. Hatcher made a few remarks and the school adjourned for preaching.

The following appointments were filled:

BAPTIST CHURCH.

11 a. m., Rev. D. B. Ray, D. D., 7 p. m. Rev. A. J. Kincaid.

METHODIST CHURCH.

11 a. m., Rev. Harvey Hatcher, Rev. O. M. Lucas.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

11 a. m., Rev. S. W. Marston, D. D., 7 p. m. Rev. W. D. Mayfield, D. D.

DISCIPLE CHURCH.

11 a. m., Rev. J. P. Weaver, 7 p. m., Rev. G. G. Wise.

7 p. m., Rev. M. C. Harris, at colored people's church.

At 3:30 o'clock p. m., Rev. W. D. Mayfield preached at the University building.

Collections were taken for State and Foreign Missions at 10 o'clock a. m. At the Baptist church, \$10.00, at the Presbyterian church, \$3.60, at the Methodist church, \$11.40, at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, \$3.25, at the Disciples' church, \$4.25. Total \$32.50.

All the services were well attended. A good religious feeling seemed to prevail, and we are encouraged to believe that the Master's cause was greatly advanced, for which we thank the Lord.

After the sermon at the Baptist church Sunday night the President called the Convention to order but owing to the lateness of the hour, it was thought best to postpone the closing exercises till tomorrow, hence the Convention adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow. Prayer by W. D. Mayfield.

MONDAY.

MONDAY 9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention met for business. Prayer by J. Danagin.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and adopted.

Vote of thanks were extended to the rail roads that give us reduced rates, and to the different churches for their invitation to occupy their places of worship during the session.

We tender the thanks of this Convention to the brethren of Fayetteville and vicinity for their hospitality during the session.

J. B. Searcy was chosen Foreign Mission Secretary for the State Convention.

On motion adjourned to meet at Pine Bluff as per report of the Committee on Nominations. Prayer by J. B. Searcy.

J. B. SEARCY,
Secretary.

J. P. EAGLE,
President.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD.

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Your State Mission Board would respectfully report that we met at Lonoke immediately after our appointment. Organized by electing J. P. Eagle President, and J. B. Searcy Corresponding Secretary. During the year the Board has met twice at Lonoke, twice at Little Rock, once at Morrilton, once at Pine Bluff, once at Russellville and once at Fayetteville.

APPOINTMENTS.

At the first meeting we appointed W. A. Clark, State Evangelist, at a salary of \$100 per month, one half to be paid by the New York Home Mission Society.

We also continued the appointment of S. Cornelius, as Sunday School Missionary for the State under the same conditions of the previous year.

Both these brethren accepted, and entered at once upon their work, and have pushed it vigorously during the year with good success.

J. S. Thomas was appointed missionary pastor at Batesville, at a salary of \$200 per quarter. The Home Mission Society of New York to pay half the amount.

Brother Thomas entered upon the work, and although the New York Society discontinued its co-operation with us in June, leaving our missionaries under the appointment of that Society without the support coming from that quarter the hardest time of the year, yet the little aid they received in the first part of the year stimulated them and Brother Thomas and his noble little band have worked through and kept their heads above water, i. e. the old members, while many of the new ones have gone beneath it.

J. S. Morris was appointed as missionary of Grand Prairie Association, with his headquarters at De Witt. His commission was approved by the Home Mission Society of New York for \$20.00 per quarter, one half of which they were to pay.

He did good and faithful service, but suffered the same disappointment in June, as that mentioned in the case of the pastor at Batesville. He continued work however upon the meager salary left him.

G. G. Thomas was appointed missionary pastor at Carlisle and

commissioned by the Home Mission Society at a salary of \$50 per quarter one half of which they agreed to pay.

Brother Thomas, like the other two brethren under the appointment of this Society entered upon his work and did well, but was greatly embarrassed by the withdrawal of the co-operation. We might state here that the State Board was powerless to relieve the wants of these brethren. But they have battled on and held the fort.

B. W. N. Simms was continued under his appointment of the previous year as missionary pastor at Fayetteville under the support of the Home Mission Society.

The Board approved the application to reappoint Brother Simms, but the New York Society declined upon the ground that their liabilities were too great, and Brother Simms left our State, much to our regret, for he was beloved by all who knew him.

W. E. Paxton was appointed by our Board as missionary pastor at Fort Smith. But the Home Mission Society declined to approve the appointment as in the case of Brother Simms. Brother Paxton, however, entered upon the work, and believing that relief would arise from some quarter he worked on with most delightful results till the 9th of June, when our dear Lord said to his weary servant, "It is enough, come up higher." Like a noble soldier he died on the field.

T. H. B. McAlister was appointed by our Board as missionary pastor of Concord Association. But the New York Society declined to approve him also for the reason mentioned above. He continued his work however with success.

A. J. Fawcett was appointed missionary pastor at Pine Bluff and commissioned by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at a salary of \$150 per quarter, half of which they agreed to pay. Brother Fawcett entered upon the work, and has met with encouraging success. He has received his pay with promptness and is continuing his work.

I. M. Wise was commissioned by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as missionary pastor at Camden at a salary of \$100 per quarter, half of which the Board agreed to pay. Brother Wise did good work till the close of the quarter, September 30th, 1883, but feeling that he needed to continue his education, resigned at Camden and is now in the Seminary at Louisville, Ky. at school. He received his pay promptly.

T. E. Jasper was commissioned as missionary pastor at Helena by the Home Mission Board at a salary of \$50 per quarter to supplement the salary paid him by the church, one half of which that Board was to pay. He did good work, but his health and that of his wife failed, and he resigned and left. But he received his pay promptly.

O. M. Lucas was approved as missionary pastor at Alton and commissioned by the Home Mission Board at a salary of \$50 per quarter, half of which that Board agreed to pay. Brother Lucas entered upon the work and has met with amazing success, and is receiving his pay.

R. A. Leo was approved as missionary pastor at Warren and com-

missioned by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at a salary of \$50 per quarter, half of which that Board agreed to pay. Brother Lee is succeeding well and is receiving his pay.

G. C. Harris was approved as missionary in the Bentonville Association and commissioned by the Home Mission Board at a salary of \$75 per quarter, half of which that Board agreed to pay. Brother Harris is doing a noble work and is receiving his pay.

J. B. Barry was approved as missionary of Russellville Association, and commissioned by the Home Mission Board at a salary of \$50 per quarter, half of which that Board agreed to pay. Brother Barry has occupied the field with a good degree of success and is receiving his pay.

R. T. Yates was approved as missionary of Friendship Association for three months, at a salary from the Home Mission Board of \$50 per month, half of which that Board agreed to pay. Brother Yates did faithful work and has received his pay.

M. D. Early was approved as missionary pastor at Morrilton and commissioned by the Home Mission Board at a salary of \$125 per quarter, half of which that Board is to pay. Brother Early is on the field meeting with signal success and is receiving his pay.

For additional account of the work we refer you to the accompanying statistical table.

SUMMARY OF MISSIONARIES' REPORTS.

R. T. Yates, missionary of the Friendship Association reports:

Weeks of labor, 12; sermons delivered, 53; baptized, 1; miles traveled, 763; families visited, 61; received for services, \$150.

J. B. Barry, missionary of the Russellville Association reports:

Weeks of labor, 24; churches supplied, 4; other stations, 5; sermons delivered, 83; addresses delivered, 2; other religious meetings attended, 86; baptized, 4; received by letter, 51; Sabbath schools organized, 2; pupils, 169; teachers, 9; pupils converted, 2; miles traveled, 1,006; religious visits, 128; received on salary, \$100.

G. C. Harris, missionary of the Bentonville Association reports:

Weeks of labor, 36; sermons, preached, 119; baptized, 40; accessions otherwise, 46; conversions, 75; churches constituted, 2; schools organized, 1; received on salary, \$186 50; miles traveled, 586.

J. S. Thomas, missionary at Batesville church, reports:

Weeks of labor, 52; sermons, 16; baptism, 11; received by letter, 1; religious visits, 81; salary, first and second quarters, \$225 per quarter, third and fourth quarters \$125 per quarter, \$700 for the year's labor; one Sunday school, 116 on roll, average attendance 68; amount contributed, \$98.40; church repairs \$50.

W. E. Paxton, missionary pastor at Warren, Ark., for the quarter ended December 31st 1882:

Weeks of labor, 12; sermons preached, 34; churches supplied, 2;

average attendance on Sabbath, 150; prayer meetings visited, 10; families visited, 53; paid for Local Missions, \$10; paid for Home Missions, \$2.50; paid for Ministerial Education, \$12.50; collections for church repairs, \$50; pupils in Sunday schools, 85, teachers in Sunday schools, 6; papers taken 63; contributions for Sunday school literature, \$5; received on salary as missionary, \$100.

B. W. N. Simms, missionary pastor at Fayetteville reports for one quarter:

Weeks of labor performed, 13; sermons preached, 41; churches supplied, 3; prayer meetings attended, 12; religious visits, 175; whole number of members, 101; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 22; pupils in Sunday schools, 120; teachers, 10; papers taken 80; contributions for Sunday school, \$11.30; paid for Local Missions, \$31; value of church property \$1,700; received on salary, \$52.75.

G. G. Thomas, missionary pastor at Carlsle, reports:

Weeks of labor, 24; sermons preached, 53; churches supplied, 3; prayer meetings attended, 34; religious visits, 122; baptized, 1; received by letter, 4; received on salary, \$200; paid for State Missions, \$8; pupils in Sunday schools 70; teachers, 6; contributions for Sunday school literature, \$1.

J. S. Morris, missionary of Grand Prairie Association, reports:

Weeks of labor, 34; sermons preached, 92; churches supplied, 1; out stations supplied, 5; prayer meetings attended, 37; religious visits, 247; received by baptism, 2; received by letter, 5; pupils in Sunday school, 44; teachers, 4; contributions for Sunday school literature, \$9.20; received on salary, \$205.08.

T. E. Jasper, missionary pastor at Helena, reports:

Weeks of labor, 13; sermons preached, 26; prayer meetings attended, 13; religious visits, 150; baptized, 14; received by letter, 2; paid State Missions, \$17; paid for State paper, \$20; paid Sunday school Missions, \$15; paid for evangelic labors, \$100; paid church expenses, \$12; paid for Sunday school expenses, \$20; paid on church debt, \$500; pupils in Sunday school, 50; whole number of members, 80; received on salary \$50.

R. A. Lee, missionary pastor at Warren, reports:

Weeks of labor, 21; churches supplied, 1; sermons delivered, 34; addresses delivered, 11; prayer meetings attended, 25; baptized, 6; by letter, 4; pupils in Sunday school, 70; teachers, 4; pupils converted during the year, 3; miles traveled, 60; received on salary, \$100 10

O. M. Lucas, missionary pastor at Alma, reports:

Weeks of labor, 26; sermons delivered, 103; lectures delivered, 12; received by letter, 20; baptized, 27; religious visits 316; whole number of members, 82; received on salary \$201.80; other evangelistic labors, \$00.

T. H. B. McAlister, missionary pastor of Concord Association reports for one quarter:

Weeks of labor, 13; sermons preached, 46; religious visits, 16; received by letter, 7; churches constituted, 1; miles traveled, 611; received on salary, \$30.

A. J. Fawcett, missionary pastor at Pine Bluff, reports:

Weeks of labor, 3; sermons delivered, 60; addresses delivered, 7; prayer meetings attended, 75; baptized, 2; received by letter, 10; pupils in Sunday school, 40; teachers, 7; paid for Sunday school literature, \$15; whole membership, 33; religious visits, 80; conversions under my ministry, 17; received on salary, \$150.

M. D. Early, missionary pastor at Morilton, reports:

Weeks of labor, 1; sermons delivered, 42; prayer meetings attended, 35; religious visits, 408; baptized, 14; received by letter, 22; pupils in Sunday school, 106; Sunday school paid missionary for State \$10; Sunday school paid Foreign missions \$10 Sunday school has on hand mission money, \$5; Ladies' Aid Society Home Mission money, \$15; paid on church repairs, \$14; paid Brothers Reeves and Fawcett, \$39 25 received on salary, \$200.

W. A. Clark, State Evangelist, reports:

Churches visited, 90; miles traveled, 7,353; sermons preached, 354; religious visits, 450; conversions, 240; baptized, 158; by letter, 50; restored, 18; local additions, 226; collections for State Missions, \$922.42; received on salary from Home Mission Society, \$600; received on salary from State Board, \$500; total salary, \$1200; net gain to State Board, \$322.42.

S. Cornelius, Sunday school missionary, reports as follows:

This year, as last, I have given the body of my labors to the more destitute places, spending my Sundays chiefly with the country churches and visiting the railroad towns for the most part between Sundays. It has seemed to be my duty to devote my attention mainly to portions of the field not heretofore reached by me. For this reason, I have attended no Associations this year which I attended last year, preferring to go where no Sunday School Conventions have heretofore been organized.

My increased knowledge of the nature and wants of the field have enabled me through the divine blessing, to accomplish much larger results than last year, especially as regards the number of Sunday schools organized, and the amount of money collected.

The statistics of my labors are as follows:

Miles traveled, 3,300; sermons and addresses, 258; prayer meetings attended, 42; families visited, 500; churches visited, 94; schools organized, 50; institutes held, 10; associations and conventions attended, 18; Sunday school conventions organized, 5; pages of tracts distributed, 12,000; books sold to the value of \$400; gifts of books secured for ministers and others to the value of \$75; bibles and testaments sold or given away to the value of \$200; collections to the amount of \$350.24.

The Corresponding Secretary has performed evangelic labors as follows:

Miles traveled in evangelic labors, 2,150; sermons preached, 117; baptized in connection with my labor, 56; amount raised for State Mission, \$161.78; salary for services, \$300.

Aggregated summary of State Mission work:

We have had for a part or the whole of their time during the past year eighteen missionaries, who report 382 weeks of labor, they have preached 1,852 sermons, delivered 358 addresses, made 2,779 religious visits, attended 300 prayer meetings, organized 3 churches, organized 53 Sunday schools with 870 pupils, organized 5 Sunday school conventions, expended for Sunday school literature \$180.00; paid for church repairs \$700, received from Woman's Work \$168.80, conversions reported 338, number baptized 337, by letter 521, miles traveled 15,829, paid missionaries \$4,971.13, cash on hand \$337.11, total \$5,308.25.]

EXTENT OF THE FIELD.

Nearly the whole field cultivated last year will need assistance another year to make them self-sustaining. While scores of important places that we have not yet aided are calling loudly for assistance and we cannot afford to turn a deaf ear to these calls it means to relieve them are placed within our reach.

OUR RESOURCES.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention continues to give us assurance that they are willing to help us if we are willing to help ourselves. But it would be an absolute injury to Arkansas Baptists for that or any other Board to supply all our mission funds and leave us to do nothing. We have the numbers and the wealth and if we had the consecration we could easily raise a handsome fund for our State work. We want twenty brethren to give \$25 each to this work the coming year, twenty-five to give \$20 each, fifty to give \$10 each, one hundred to give \$5 each, two hundred to give \$2.50 each, five hundred to give \$1 each one thousand to give 50 cents each, two thousand to give 25 cents each, five thousand to give 10 cents each, which will make \$5,000. Let a roll book be kept in which the name and amount of each donor be enrolled.

In addition to the foregoing amounts we want every friend of missions, especially the children to send a nickle each, and have their names recorded in the roll book.

AGENCIES FOR RAISING FUNDS.

We have at present only three principle sources of raising these missionary funds.

1st. The pastors of the churches. They are the men above all others best capacitated to do this work if they were only alive to its importance.

4,571.13
1,200
3,771.13

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BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION.

2nd. The organization for Womans' Work. From this source one one or two thousand dollars ought to flow into our treasury next year, and we are hopeful that such will be the case.

3rd. The State paper is, and should be a most active agent in using this fund by telling the brethren what is being done, and what needs to be done, and how they can do it. Other agencies may in the judgment of the Convention or the Board in its future work be employed.

CONCLUSION.

Let the watch word all along the line be "work for the Master," and when he comes may we hear his welcoming well done, is our prayer.

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY,
Cor. Sec.

J. P. EAGLE,
Pres.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

The Committee on Sunday schools beg leave to report as follows: The Sunday school is an institution of many sided usefulness. The great mass of converts in revivals, and a very large proportion of pastors and of missionaries, both home and foreign, have been religiously moulded, more or less, by the Sunday school. It is the potent auxiliary of every Bible and missionary society, of every religious press, and of every religious seminary. We, as Baptists, have great reason to congratulate ourselves that in the American Baptist Publication Society we have a great Sunday School Society, as well as a great Bible and Book and Tract Society propagating by means of its Sunday school missionaries and colporteurs, as well as by its diversified literature, those denominational principles which are to us so dear. We are glad of the alliance existing between this Society and our Convention, and believe that it will continue to be productive of good. We also desire to speak in terms of the highest commendation of the Sunday school literature issued by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, so extensively circulated in our church.

From the best information we can get at present, we have about fifteen organized and working Associational Sunday School Conventions, and two more are soon to be organized. It is impossible to arrive at the number of schools or of members in the State, or to form a reasonable accurate estimate thereof. We learn from our Sunday school missionary that it is his opinion that there are not less than four hundred persisting Baptist Sunday schools in our State, with an average attendance of not less than thirty. We feel a need of statistics. We recommend therefore that the State Sunday school missionary be made statistical secretary for the Sunday school work.

S. CORNELIUS, Chairman.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to report:

There is but a single publication within the bounds of this Convention devoted to the work in which we are engaged, the **ARKANSAS EVANGEL**, which we heartily recommend as worthy of confidence and patronage. The **EVANGEL** has more than doubled its circulation in the last twelve months, and is now in a very prosperous condition. One of its editors, W. E. Paxton, D. D., passed away since the last meeting of this body. Dr. Paxton was a wise and good man. His loss to the paper and to the cause in the State is a great calamity; but we rejoice that Dr. Worrell, a man of sweet spirit and scholarly ability, has been called to take his place. The old editorial force is still retained. And we believe that Drs. Womack and Searcy understand the wants of the denomination in the State. Thus the **EVANGEL** is thoroughly prepared for the great mission of good before us. It is undoubtedly a great helper in our work. Missions, churches, the convention, everything in the State would suffer without the paper. We must have this journal. It is essential to our great prosperity, if not to our very life. It is our duty therefore, to support it, and to assist in extending its circulation. As members of this Convention, we pledge our assistance in securing its wider circulation, and earnestly recommend to our brethren throughout the State, that a faithful effort be made to put the paper into every Baptist family in the bounds of this Convention. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. MAYFIELD, Chairman.

W. T. BOY,

M. C. HARRIS,

FRANK WHITE,

J. I. MARTIN,

} Committee.

REPORT ON CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Your Committee on Constitutional Amendments beg leave to make the following report, to wit:

We recommend that all of Article 3, be stricken out after the word "three," and insert in lieu, as follows, to-wit: The State Central Committee of the Ladies' Aid Society shall be ex officio members of the Convention.

M. F. LOCKE, Chairman.

R. H. MCCONNELL,

J. DUNAGIN,

M. D. EARLY,

} Com.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The success of the past year, over that of previous years, impresses us with the thought that our methods have the divine approval. More money has been raised than heretofore, the spirit of missions is growing and more have been added to our churches under our mission work, the present year than were added under the entire work of the Southern Baptist Convention outside of Arkansas, the year before. Again we recommend and emphasize the necessity of Pauline evangelism, which includes the earnest presentation of giving, as well as soul winning. A continuance of our efforts to support missionary pastors, and the development of associational mission work. Let our watchword be "Arkansas for Christ." Praying, working and giving; until the walls are built up, and the waste places are blossoming.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. CLARK, Chairman.
 B. H. MCCONNELL,
 J. DUNAGIN,
 J. H. HOBBS; } Com.

REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions offer this as our report:

That whereas we see that the Committee appointed at the last meeting of this body, recommended that a fund for the support of indigent ministers, whose lives have been worn out in preaching the gospel, be duly considered. We would most earnestly insist that this matter be brought prominently before this body, not only by passing resolutions, but by taking contributions for the same. We further recommend that there be a Ministers' Institute organized to meet at the same time and place with this body, and that a committee consisting of the president and vice presidents of this body be appointed a committee to arrange the programme of this institution.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. KING, Chairman.

REPORT ON WOMANS' WORK.

We, your Committee on Womans' Work, report as follows:

At the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Waco, Texas, it was shown that a great and glorious work was being accomplished through the Womans' Mission Societies. Every State except Arkansas had stepped into life and was battling nobly for Christ

against darkness in our own and foreign lands. What is being done by our Christian sisters in other States can be accomplished in our own State. We know our sisters in Arkansas are willing to work for Christ if they are but shown some systematic plan upon which to operate. That adopted in other States is the appointing of a State Central Committee whose duty it is to organize as far as possible, Societies in the churches throughout the State, which Societies are expected to report all work done through this Central Committee, to the State Convention. Such a Committee was appointed at a meeting at Russellville, by the Vice President of the Home Mission Board of S. B. Con. with the following officers: President, Mrs. M. K. Eagle; Vice Presidents, Mrs. J. F. Reeves and Mrs. F. Langley; Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Early; Treasurer, Miss Mary Allen. Already good results are apparent as shown by the report to the Executive Board of this Convention. We therefore earnestly urge the pastors throughout the State to set about the work at once, organize these Societies in your churches, develop these yet untried resources, and glorious results will follow, a new impetus will be given to the cause of missions, and instead of the meager sum now reported, hundreds, and even thousands of dollars will flow into the treasury of the Lord.

We would further recommend that the objects fostered by these Societies, are as follows: State, Home and Foreign Missions and Ministerial Education.

Respectfully,

M. D. EARLY.

We would further recommend that the officers and employees of the Board be requested to do all in their power to further the work herein named

M. D. EARLY,
J. S. THOMAS.

We would further recommend that each Society send at least one messenger to the next annual meeting of the State Central Committee to be held in connection with the next meeting of the State Convention.

J. B. PERMENTER,
J. S. THOMAS.

REPORT OF WOMANS' CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Womans' Central Committee of Arkansas was appointed by Eld. M. D. Early, Vice president of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, September 20th, 1883, at Russellville. The following officers were appointed: President, Mrs. M. K. Eagle; Vice-presidents, Mrs. J. F. Reeves and Mrs. F. Langley; Secretary, Mrs. D. H. Early; Treasurer, Miss M. Allen.

Amount raised by Committee as follows:

Russellville, \$1.75; Caroline Association, \$9.00; Individual contributions, \$10.15, Total \$23.90.

The disbursements are as follows:

State Missions, \$10.16; Foreign Missions, \$11.00; Reserved for use Secretary, \$2.75; Total, \$23.90.

The following Societies have been organized and promise to co-operate with the Committee:

Austin, Arkadelphia, Alma, Little Rock, Lonoke, Fort Smith, Morrilton, Ozark, Pine Bluff, Russellville, Searcy and Fayetteville.

Most of these Societies have but recently been organized, therefore but few financial reports have been received.

Lonoke reports \$2.50, not yet appropriated. Pine Bluff \$1.90 appropriated. Alma, Foreign Missions, \$6.50. Little Rock \$14.75, appropriated. Morrilton Society, \$15, Sunday school, \$20, Children's Band, 50 cents, total \$35.50.

Appropriated as follows:

State Missions from Morrilton Society, \$10, State Missions from Sunday school \$10, Foreign Missions from Sunday school, \$10, Foreign Missions from Children's Band, 50 cents, Foreign Missions from Morrilton Society, \$5; total \$35.50.

The above amount for Foreign Missions is for Miss Mattie Roberts, missionary to China.

Russellville Society for State Missions \$10, Foreign Missions, \$5, Ministerial Education, \$15.20, total, \$30.20.

Appropriated as follows:

State Missions to W. A. Clark, \$10, Foreign Missions to Convention, \$5, in treasury for Ministerial Education, \$15.20, total, \$30.20.

Ozark Society, \$15.70, Ozark Crescent Mission Band \$63.50, total, \$79.20.

Appropriated as follows:

Society for Home Missions \$15.70; Crescent Mission Band, for Foreign Missions, \$53.50, total \$69.20.

This Band has also sent to Mrs. Crawford, of Tung Chow, China, quilt, value not reported.

Total for State Missions, \$55.00, Foreign Missions, \$95, Ministerial Education, \$15.20, Incidentals; \$2.75, Grand Total, \$163.86.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. EARLY, Secretary.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Baptists of Arkansas cannot afford to lag behind the tide of enlightenment. We, your Committee would therefore suggest that this convention take steps toward the means and best plans of endowing

a first class institution of learning in this State. If we believe the Baptists hold the principles of God, why not send our children to those instructors who are imbued with these principles? We now have the following Baptist schools in the State which we recommend to the patronage of the brethren, Buckner College located at Wicher-ville, Sebastian county, Arkansa.; Centennial Institute, Warren, Bradley county; Arkadelphia High School, Arkadelphia, Clark county; Judson University, Judsonia; Eureka Springs Baptist College, a newly chartered institution, now is in successful operation, and its healthful location suggests at once the propriety of its establishment. At this school, nearly half of the States in the Union are already represented: It, therefore, is a point that we should guard carefully. This school has a corps of four experienced and successful teachers, and is chartered and owned by the Baptists of this State. We would also recommend that the Convention do all in its power to encourage the education of the Colored population of the State. In view of the great necessity of education, we would say, let us come up to the work, let us start now toward the endowment of a school, concentrate our energies upon it, pray for it and by the blessing of God, we will soon have schools that will be creditable to the denomination of the State. It is further recommended that an Educational Commission be appointed, consisting of five men, who shall consider the advisability of establishing a Baptist State College, and if thought advisable, to take steps at once to found and fully organize such an institute of learning.

J. P. WEAVER, Chairman.

G. G. WISE,

G. C. HARRIS,

R. D. CASEY,

O. J. WHITE,

} Committee.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on nominations would respectfully recommend:

1st. That this body hold its next session with the Pine Bluff church.

2nd. We recommend that the following brethren shall compose for the ensuing year, the Executive Board of this Convention, to-wit: J. P. Weaver, A. J. Fawcett and W. E. Atkinson, together with the officers of this Convention, as provided by the Constitution.

3rd. We recommend that the following brethren preach the next Conventional sermon, viz: A. J. Kincaid with M. D. Early his alternate.

Respectfully submitted.

M. F. LOOKE, Chairman.

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully recommend

to the convention that the following names shall constitute the Educational Commission charged with the endowment of a Baptist College, to wit: J. P. Eagle, A. S. Worrel, J. P. Weaver, W. D. Mayfield, and A. J. Fawcett.

Respectfully,

M. F. LOOKE, Chairman.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Educational Commission appointed by this Convention be authorized to organize under the laws of the State, and in this way be qualified to hold property, that as soon as possible said Commission establish a College; and that said Commission report annually to this body.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following:

The importance of Foreign Mission work, and the methods of doing it are well understood by this body, hence your Committee recommends that the funds raised for mission purposes during the sitting of this body be equally divided between the Home and Foreign work.

J. S. THOMAS, Chairman.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to report as follows:

Since the last session of this Convention, God in his wise providence has taken from us our dearly beloved brother, Elder W. E. Paxton, D. D. Dr. Paxton was a native of Arkansas, having been born where the State capital now stands. He was a man of fine ability. As a minister of the gospel he occupied stations of importance, in and out of our State and died in the work at Fort Smith on the 9th day of June, 1883. In his death Christianity has lost an earnest, warm and strong advocate, and the denomination a polished, noble and great man.

Elder F. L. Seward, of Clear Creek Association has also been taken from his labors on earth. He died at Alma, his home, on June, 30th, 1883, aged 63 years. He labored successfully as a minister in Alabama, Mississippi and Arkansas. A good man called to his rest.

Elder Jno. Aaron, one of the pioneer preachers of Southwest Arkansas has died during the year. He preached successfully in our State for thirty or forty years. A strong man has fallen asleep to await the resurrection morn.

Elder A. J. Vaughan, another pioneer preacher who lived and labored in Northwest Arkansas, is no more with us. He did much to

build up the cause in that section. A noble soldier has laid off his armour and is more than conqueror. We humbly submit to the will of him who doeth all things well.

Respect uly submitted,

P. A. HAMAN,
W. D. MOFFIT, } Com.
J. R. HALL,

REPORT ON CREDENTIALS.

We, your Committee on Credentials, report the names of the following brethren as entitled to seats in the Convention:

W. T. Bax, Russellville Association; N. C. Denson, Bartholomeus Association; B. N. Hutzman, Jud on Association; J. P. Weaver, Russellville church; J. P. Eagle, Lonoke church, Mrs. M. K. Eagle, Lonoke church, J. M. King, Carolina Association; J. D. Fletcher, Gunwoods church; J. F. Burt, Concord Association; Frank White, Charleston church; O. W. Walker, O. W. Callahan, J. E. Vaughan, Fayetteville church; W. N. Ayers, Ft. Smith church by payment of \$2.50, M. D. Early, D. A. Early, Morrilton church; M. F. Locke, Clear Creek Association and Alma church; O. M. Lucas, J. S. Benfro, Alma church; A. J. Maxwell, Pleasant Hill church; G. W. Reeves, Pleasant Hill church by payment of \$2.50; A. J. Estes, J. C. Roberts, J. H. Hogan, Springtown Association; R. D. Casey, Mountain Home church and White River Association; R. H. McConnell, Oak Grove church and Concord Association; W. A. Clark, S. Cornelius and W. D. Mayfield, Calvary Baptist church, Little Rock. M. C. Harris, G. O. Harris, R. O. Bone, J. R. Hall, S. S. Graham Bentonville Association; J. B. Bolling, Charleston church by payment of \$2.50; J. B. Searcy, Friendship Association; G. G. Wise, Magnolia church; Johnson, Cave Springs church; O. J. White, Eureka Springs church; J. S. Lonze, Independence Association; C. W. Harvey, Pen Ridge church; A. N. Hobbs, John Hobbs, Bentonville church; J. B. Permenter, Union Association; A. J. Kincaid, Searcy church; P. A. Haman, Grand Prairie Association; W. D. Moffit, J. I. Martin, W. H. Davis, Pleasant Grove church; W. T. Atkinson, Prescott church.

M. F. LOCKE, Chairman.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

DEBIT.

1882 Nov 5th, To collection at Baptist church, Lonoke.
" " " " " Methodist " " "

\$12 00
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1883	Feb	18th	"	"	"	Morrilton	"	10	75
"	"	20th	"	Cash from	Treasurer			45	00
"	"	26th	"	"	"	M. F. Locke on pledge		10	00
"	"	"	"	"	"	J. S. Renfro, Alma,		5	00
"	April	21st	"	"	"	J. P. Egle,		10	00
"	"	"	"	"	"	Treasurer on services.		30	05
"	"	"	"	"	"	J. B. Searcy on pledge.		10	00
"	"	22	"	collected	at Louoke.			17	00
"	"	"	"	"	"	Ft. Smith church		7	50
"	"	28	"	"	"	Toledo church,		5	00
"	"	"	"	cash from	G. T. Tindall, Pine Bluff.			1	00
"	June,	14	"	"	"	General Association churches,		7	18
"	"	"	"	"	"	Monticello Baptist church		6	81
"	"	"	"	"	"	"	(col.)	5	00
"	July,	1	"	"	"	Treasurer on services		52	35
"	Sept.	9	"	"	"	Liberty Association		13	35
"	"	"	"	"	"	Friendship church, No. 1.		5	00
"	"	24	"	"	"	Concord Association,		14	15
"	Oct.	8	"	"	"	Birthelemew Association,		22	50
"	"	14	"	"	"	Judson Association,		16	00
"	"	21	"	"	"	Mrs Zellhart, Conway.		50	
"	"	22	"	"	"	New Hope church, I. A. Huckaby		5	00
Total,								\$321	48

CREDIT.

1882	Nov.	25	By printing	Convention	Minutes,		\$35	00	
"	"	"	"	freight on	"	"	5	50	
"	"	"	"	Secretary of	"	salary	25	00	
"	"	"	"	postage on	"	Minutes,	5	00	
1883	Jan.	25,	"	stationary for	Corresponding Secretary,		5	00	
"	"	"	"	stamps	"	"	3	00	
"	Feb,	5	"	cash on	"	salary,	75	00	
"	May,	5	"	"	"	"	75	00	
"	Aug	5	"	"	"	"	75	00	
"	Sept	25	"	for railroad tickets			2	50	
"	"	"	"	telegram,			35		
"	"	28	"	envelopes and stamps			5	00	
"	Nov	"	"	on Corresponding Secretary's salary,			75	00	
Total,								\$383	00

Balance due Secretary, \$82 12
Respectfully,

J. B. SEARCY, Cor. Sec.

P. S. Nov. 5, 1883, By cash from treasurer, \$52.12
J. B. S.