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OF THE

ARKANSAS
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

→Thirty-Sixth Annual Session.←

—HELD WITH—

Broadway Baptist Church,

PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS, OCT. 30 TO NOV. 2 1884.

—OFFICERS.—

J. P. EAGLE, Pres. JOHN G. HOLLAND, Sec'y.
A. W. FILES, Treas.

—OFFICERS.—

Next Session to be held with the Baptist Church in Hope, Ark.,
Oct. 29th, 1885.

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PROCEEDINGS.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., Oct. 30th, 1884.

THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION assembled with the Broadway Baptist Church of Pine Bluff, at 10 o'clock A. M., and, after devotional exercises, conducted by Eld. J. M. Hart, was called to order by the President, Eld. J. P. Eagle, who read the 46th Psalm, the congregation then joined in singing, "My faith looks up to thee," after which prayer was offered by Dr. S. W. Marston.

The president appointed, as a committee on Credentials, W. E. Atkinson, John G. Holland and Eld. W. F. Box, who retired to attend to their duties; during their absence, the congregation engaged in singing, and Dr. Marston made a good talk on "Work for the Master."

The Committee on Credentials then appeared and made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

We, your committee on Credentials, beg leave to report the following messengers entitled to seats in the Convention, from the Churches and Associations named, respectively:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Bartholomew—Eld. N. C. Denson, S. T. W. Meek and D. E. Barker.

Bentonville—Eld. J. W. Duckworth.

Caroline—B. D. Turner and Elds. R. J. Coleman, J. G. Doyle and A. J. Kincaid.

Columbia—Eld. A. J. Wharton.

- Friendship*—J. M. Wharton, W. J. Cope and D. W. Campbell.
Grand Prairie—Eld. P. A. Haman, and Deacon E. T. Mitchell.
Judson—Elds. B. N. Hultsman, L. O. Miers and J. B. Yeager, and R. Files.
Liberty—Eld. J. U. H. Wharton and W. F. Owen.
Mt. Vernon—Elds. W. H. Paslay and G. A. Grammer, and J. L. Wilson.
Red River—H. J. P. Horne.
Russellville—Elds. B. R. Womack and J. B. Searcy.
Union—Elds. J. W. Harriss and J. J. Haynes.
United—Eld. J. Mayall.

CHURCHES.

- Atkins*—Eld. W. T. Box.
Bethel No. 1—T. J. Varnell and B. F. Moody.
Bethlehem—J. H. Gumbles.
Blooming Grove—Eld. G. Lively.
Broadway, Pine Bluff—J. T. Marsh, A. O. Edwards and Eld. A. J. Fawcett.
Cabot—Eld. R. J. Coleman.
Carlisle—Eld. G. G. Thomas and Mrs. Mary A. Muzzy.
Charleston—Eld. Frank White.
Clear Creek—James L. Thomasson.
Des Arc—W. G. Frith, F. M. Green and Mrs. E. Shnively.
Eldorado—Eld. J. M. Hart, W. C. Langford and R. A. Faulkner.
First, Eureka Springs—Eld. W. A. Clark, of Little Rock, by special request of the church.
Forrest City—Mrs. V. B. Iazard, Mrs. F. M. Prewett and Mrs. N. L. Fondren.
Helena—Eld. J. D. Jameson.
Hope—Eld. J. W. Harriss.
Hopewell—R. P. Moore.
Lake Village—M. F. Carlton.
Lonoke—Elds. J. M. King and J. P. Eagle.
Monticello—S. T. W. Meek.
Morrilton—Eld. M. D. Early.
Prescott—W. E. Atkinson.
Providence—Eld. L. Quinn and N. Coker.
Russellville—Elds. B. R. Womack and J. B. Searcy.
Searcy—J. W. Conger and John G. Holland.
Second, Little Rock—B. D. Turner, and Miss Sallie McColloch representative of A. W. Files.
Spring Hill—Mrs. Ella Owen.

- Toledo*—J. H. Anderson and W. P. Tomme.
Warren—Elds. Sol. Gardner and N. C. Denson, and J. H. Reynolds.

WOMAN'S STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. M. K. Eagle and Mrs. D. A. Early:

Respectfully Submitted,

W. E. ATKINSON,
 JOHN G. HOLLAND, } Committee.
 W. T. BOX,

The Convention then proceeded to a permanent organization, by the election of the following officers—the election being conducted by Elds. M. D. Early, A. J. Kincaid and J. G. Doyle, who were appointed to that duty by the President: Eld. J. P. Eagle, President; Elds. J. M. Hart and W. H. Paslay, Vice Presidents; John G. Holland, Secretary; Eld. J. W. Harriss, Assistant Secretary; A. W. Files, Treasurer.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.; prayer being offered by Eld. R. J. Coleman.

THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M., and after singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," prayer was offered by Eld. M. D. Early.

On motion of Eld. Early, the Order of Business, used at the last session of the Convention, was adopted for the present session.

On motion of Eld. Grammer, the following was adopted: That the Convention meet at 8:30 o'clock A. M., adjourn at 12 M., meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at 4:30 P. M., meet at 7 P. M. and adjourn at will.

The President appointed the following

STANDING COMMITTEES:

Divine Services—Eld. A. J. Fawcett, B. D. Turner, W. G. Frith and J. T. Marsh.

Education—Eld. B. R. Womack, J. W. Conger and Eld. P. A. Haman.

Sunday-Schools—Eld. G. A. Grammer, W. E. Atkinson and Eld. J. U. H. Wharton.

State and Domestic Missions—Elds. W. A. Clark, J. M. Hart and W. T. Box.

Foreign Missions—Elds. J. B. Searcy, Sol. Gardner and J. M. King.

Resolutions—Elds. W. H. Paslay and J. Mayall, and W. F. Owen.

Publications—Elds. A. J. Kincaid, J. G. Doyle and J. B. Yeager.

Finance—W. C. Langford, Eld. L. Quinn and M. F. Carlton.

Woman's work—Elds. M. D. Early, J. W. Duckworth and B. N. Hultsman.

Obituaries—Elds. R. J. Coleman and Frank White, and J. H. Grumbles.

On motion of Eld. Searcy, Dr. George W. Jarman, of the S. W. Baptist University, Jackson, Tenn., was invited to a seat in the Convention, as corresponding messenger from the Tennessee Baptist State Convention; which was accepted.

On motion of Eld. Grammer, all visiting brethren were invited to seats in the Convention. The invitation was accepted by Dr. S. W. Marston, District Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and Eld. J. W. Lumbly as corresponding messenger from the Mississippi Baptist State Convention.

On motion of Eld. Early, a committee on Constitutional Amendments was appointed, consisting of Eld. M. D. Early, W. C. Langford and Eld. G. A. Grammer.

Eld. J. B. Searcy, Secretary of Foreign Missions, submitted his report, which was, on motion, referred to the committee on Foreign Missions.

On motion of Eld. Early, Mell's Parliamentary Prac-

tice was adopted for the government of the Convention:

On motion of Eld. Grammer, a committee was appointed to devise a plan for ascertaining correct statistics of the Baptist Denomination of Arkansas, and to report the same to the convention; said committee consisting of Elds. Grammer, Clark and Early.

On motion, Eld. Frank White was permitted to address the Convention in behalf of Buckner College, which he did in a short speech.

On motion, the convention adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.; prayer being offered by Eld. G. A. Grammer.

THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 7 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Eld. P. A. Haman.

Eld. A. J. Fawcett, in behalf of the Baptist Church and citizens of Pine Bluff, extended a cordial and hearty welcome, to the convention, its messengers and visitors, which was appropriately responded to by Eld. M. D. Early, for the Convention, by request of the President.

The convention then suspended business, and Eld. A. J. Kincaid preached the Convention sermon, from John vi, 35—"And Jesus said unto them. I am the bread of life; he that cometh to me shall never hunger." The discourse was an able one, and was attentively listened to by the members of the convention and a large congregation.

On motion, the convention adjourned until Friday morning, 8:30 o'clock; benediction by Eld. Searcy.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and prayer was offered by Eld. J. D. Jameson.

The proceedings of Thursday were read and approved.

Messengers appeared, and were enrolled, from Red River and Columbia Associations, and Helena and Blooming Grove churches.

Eld. E. M. Parks, from the Big Hatchie Association of Tennessee, was invited to, and accepted, a seat in the convention.

The committee on State and Domestic Missions made their report, which, on motion, was made the special order for 7 o'clock P. M.

The committee on Publications made their report, which was, on motion, adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Publications, would report as follows.

Profoundly impressed with the power and far reaching effects of the Printing Press as a most valuable auxiliary in disseminating the principles of truth and right, we would therefore report, that, the times in which we live most urgently demand that we as the true people of God, contending for the faith as once delivered to the saints, should seize upon this potential means—the Printing Press, and by religious publications meet, counteract, and drive back all encroachments of evil and error now so widely spread, and so insidiously invading our homes. Error armed with deceitful hostility of intention, inflicting its heaviest and most fatal blows upon Christianity and fraught with such evil and destructive tendencies upon the young and unsuspecting mind of the rising generation, is most frequently introduced through the aid of the Printing Press publications. All orders, societies, organizations, corporations, etc., recognize the power and advantage of the Press, and have each their publications.

Then shall we of all people quietly sit still and not seize upon this powerful instrument and use it to disseminate truth with all its life giving power, and golden fruitage of bliss and glory?

Though it be true that ours is a reading age, a reading generation, yet it is painfully true that a large number of our people are not a reading people. In the new era of things Baptists ought to be foremost among all people in using the printing press in evangelizing the world. The rapid growth of our principles in the centuries just past, through what partial use we have made of the printing

press, shows what might yet be done by a greater use of it. As a people we occupy a considerable portion of this great state, and we are able to lift our eyes and see in many directions the golden web-work of truth, with its light, life and salvation threading its way to the centers, thence to the borders, till this great state itself is becoming cross-lined and girdled with this shining net work of holy labor upon which sparkles the dews of heavenly blessing to such an extent as should strengthen, encourage and stimulate us to yet greater sacrifice and effort in the use of the Printing Press as one of the God-given instrumentalities of our day for untold good.

But it is a painful fact, that while all this growing prosperity is true of us in this state, as a people, in respect to letters and that character of education which comes through the reading of religious literature we are comparatively ignorant, destitute and far behind what we ought to be, and what under God and our advantages we are required to be, and what we will doubtless be held accountable for not being and doing what we could, by industry, economy and self denial, have accomplished. Now we claim to be a free and independent people under God. But in the nature of things it seems true that no people can be an independent, free, prosperous people, a people powerful and felt in a community without an aggressive, bold, fearless and independent press, aided by a thorough, intellectual development, and a lofty moral culture.

Such a community holding the pure truth as we do, aided by such a press, becomes a bulwark under God, against which the tide of popular, loosening liberalism and error must recoil, to come no more. The times urgently demand; and the vital importance of our principles to the salvation of men and the perpetuity of Christ's truth and kingdom obligate us, as God's only true people, to make yet greater development of all our resources, greater use of this potential instrument, and thus keep pace with the pushing enterprise and advancing intelligence of the world around us.

As a great state in our denomination we must not remain indifferent, passive, undeveloped and subservient, without a pure and individual spirituality, a sound theology and a distinctive denominationalism publicly, intelligently and faithfully propagated. To do this most effectively now we must seize upon and use most extensively the printing press, the great instrument of denominational and religious publications, to inform our people, faithfully resist error,

and to thrust our views upon others as they do upon us

We your committee would report, that, from observation and investigation, we are led to believe that the benefits and advantages accruing from the reading of religious publications are not generally appreciated by a large number of our people. It is sadly true that many of our church members do not read any religious paper—not even our own state paper—and therefore that many families in our churches know but little if any thing of our denominational plans, methods and enterprises, the consequence of which is they are not in sympathy with any of our work in the state and therefore they withhold their support. The neglect upon the part of a christian, or a church, to have a leading source and means of information on all legitimate enterprises of the denomination, and the neglect to use such a means, must ever be attended with disastrous results. Your committee feel that the mere statement of these facts is enough of itself to arouse every pastor and member to action, earnest persistent action, to correct this evil, until every family in our great state is supplied with a sound, bold, fearless religious paper—sound in its teachings, clear in its utterances, christian in its spirit, and strong in its thought.

Such a paper in every family would assist greatly in utilizing the power of our churches, and in quickening into life the indolent faith of all such of God's children. There is faith, but it needs to be made more fruitful; there is power, but it needs to be set in motion. Sanctified force and spiritual energy are especially needed. We have numbers and wealth, but the great living question is, how shall they be utilized and made to honor Christ, and conducive to the furtherance of his kingdom? How shall they be converted into gracious forces? Now it is manifest, that in the answer the religious publication holds a leading place, especially the religious newspaper as the main channel of communication. In commerce, in politics, in religion, in every thing, are we not dependent upon the newspaper for information, etc.? So in our denominational work, are we not mainly dependent upon our papers for a knowledge of events, methods, enterprises, and their success which concern the kingdom of Christ? And as a general rule, is he not ignorant of these—behind concerning his duty in these things—and out of sympathy with them, who does not read our papers? We, therefore, as your committee, to bring this important matter before this convention, would recommend that so far as it lies within the power of this conven-

tion, such measures shall be urged as will tend to the correction of this evil and the placing of as much good, sound religious literature as possible—such as books, tracts and papers, in every house of our great State. And that the voice of this Convention shall be to urge the churches constituting the same to use our denominational papers, with all diligence, as a means of informing all of our people on the living issues and urgent duties of the day—stirring their hearts and sympathies into more earnest practical action. To this end, we your committee, would recommend our State denominational paper, "The Arkansas Evangel," as every way worthy of the support of the great Baptist family of this State. Because it is our own home enterprise, and is in hearty sympathy with all our State enterprises as a denomination. We can not do without it. To have it and to have it such a paper as we would like and be proud of, we must subscribe for it.

We do not by this mean to undervalue and not recommend other denominational papers which are well conducted, and sound in the faith, but that we need and want, and must have, a home State paper. Therefore we urge all to give the EVANGEL the support it needs and deserves, and permit it to do the good it proposes and can do.

In addition to the EVANGEL, we most heartily recommend The Tennessee Baptist. It needs no word of recommendation from us. And we would recommend the Publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, together with the Publications of the Baptist Book House, Memphis, Tenn. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. KINCAID,

J. G. DOYLE,

JOHN B. YEAGER.

Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, appeared in the Convention, and was invited to a seat therein

The Committee on Woman's Work made their report, and in connection therewith submitted the report of Mrs. D. A. Early, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's State Central Committee; also presented to the Convention a Missionary, egg, contributed by the Mission Band of Ozark Baptist Church, upon which the following was in-

scribed: "For Foreign Missions, from Ozark Mission Band. The five loaves.

"The press is great," he might have said;
 "For food the thronging people call;
 I only have five loaves of bread,
 And what were they among them all?"

"If from his home the lad that day
 His five small loaves had failed to take,
 Would Christ have wrought—can any say?
 That miracle beside the lake?"

What if the little Jewish lad
 That summer day had failed to go
 Down to the lake, because he had
 So small a store of loaves to show?

The President appointed W. E. Atkinson to break the egg and ascertain the contents. It was found to contain twenty quarters, fourteen dimes, fourteen nickles, one half-dime and one three-cent piece—aggregating, \$7.18.

On motion the consideration of the reports was postponed, and made the special order for 3 o'clock next Sunday evening.

Eld. G. A. Grammer presented a communication from Marianna Baptist Church, asking assistance in the completion of their house of worship. After some discussion of the subject, a collection was taken up among the messengers and visitors, and the sum of \$15.60 raised for the purpose.

Eld. A. J. Fawcett read a communication from the Treasurer of the Convention, who was prevented by sickness in his family from being present, authorizing Miss Saffie McCulloch to represent him in the Convention, and on motion she was received and enrolled as representative of Bro. Files during the session of the Convention.

Dr. Tichenor addressed the Convention for a few minutes.

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments reported an amendment to Article 6, and its adoption was moved. Pending the consideration thereof,

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.; prayer being offered by Eld. Frank White.

FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock; and prayer was offered by Eld. J. M. King.

The unfinished business being the consideration of the proposed amendment to Article 6 of the Constitution;

On motion of Eld. Early, it was laid upon the table until after consideration of the reports of the committee on State and Domestic Missions and of the Executive Board of the Convention.

Dr. Jarman addressed the Convention on behalf of the South Western Baptist University of Jackson, Tenn.

The Committee on Sunday-Schools made their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

We, your Committee on Sunday-Schools, beg leave to report as follows:

Owing to a lack of statistics we can not state with exactness the progress made during the last year in this department of labor; but think that some advancement has been made, and that the same is natural and not ephemeral. We believe a fine spirit has been excited and exists in this work, and that what we need, is, the education of our teachers and superintendents. We believe that the most important measure that we could inaugurate for the permanent development of this work would be the employment of a skilled educator, to labor in normal schools, held in connection with the Sunday-School conventions, or otherwise, as he might deem best, and train the workers therein. They need especial training in the art of teaching—the suggestion and exemplification of practical methods. In addition we think he should collect Sunday-school statistics, and we recommend this course. We also recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, and of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Let us fling our banner to the breeze, bearing the inscription—"The children of Arkansas for Christ." And then when the great joyous day shall come, when our state shall be vocal with the praises of our Lord, the hosannahs

of the saved children shall be heard in the chorus, "Crown Him Lord of all."

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. GRAMMER, Chm.

On motion, Saturday morning, from 9:30 o'clock until 10:30, was set apart for Dr. Tichenor to address the Convention on the subject of the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Committee on Education made their report, which was laid on the table to await the report of the Educational Commission.

The Educational Commission made their report, and its adoption was moved; pending discussion on the same, the hour of adjournment arrived, and

The Convention adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.—benediction by Dr. Tichenor.

FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION:

The Convention reassembled at 7 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Eld. G. A. Grammer.

The special order for this hour, the report of the Committee on State and Domestic Missions, was taken up, and discussed by several brethren; after which contributions were solicited for State Mission, and the sum of \$20.25, in cash, collected, besides a number of pledges made, which will be reported hereafter. Pending the further consideration of the report,

On motion, the Convention adjourned until Saturday morning at 8:30 o'clock—benediction by Eld. W. H. Paslay.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and prayer was offered by Eld. A. J. Wharton.

The proceedings of Friday were read and approved.

The unfinished business, the report of the Committee on State and Domestic Missions, was taken up, and after discussion, on motion, it was laid upon the table until 2 o'clock P. M.

On motion of Eld. Kincaid, a special committee of five was appointed to devise a plan for securing the organization and co-operation of the Associations and churches of the State in raising means for the missionary work of the Convention; said committee consisting of Elds. A. J. Kincaid, J. D. Jameson, M. D. Early and G. A. Grammer, and W. E. Atkinson.

The report of the Educational Commission was taken up, the motion to adopt declared out of order, and the report ordered spread upon the minutes of the Convention, as follows:

The Educational Commission, to whom was referred the State College enterprise, beg leave to submit the following report:

On Dec. 6th, 1884, soon after our appointment, we met in Little Rock.

It came to the knowledge of the Commission that Eld. J. P. Weaver was about to leave the State; it therefore became necessary to fill his place, which was done by the election of W. E. Atkinson, of Prescott.

At this meeting a communication from Eld. M. D. Early, of Morrilton, was before the Commission, with regard to buying a school building, in that town, owned by the Catholics.

Attention was also called to the fact that St. Johns' College, in Little Rock, was for sale. Rev. W. D. Mayfield was requested to look after the matter, and report to the Commission at some future time.

Eld. A. J. Fawcett, as Secretary of the Commission, was requested to agitate the State College question, and to use every possible exertion to arouse an interest in the great enterprise; and to correspond with any person who might offer inducements, or suggest a location.

On Sept. 3rd, 1884, the Commission met in Little Rock again, at which time Eld. W. D. Mayfield offered his resignation, as president of the Commission, which was accepted; the Commission adjourned to meet at Pine Bluff, October 30th.

Your Commission desires to state further, that the best and only thing that could be done was, to bring the various phases and features of the State College question prominently before the Baptists of the State, which we attempted to do by asking teachers and prominent brethren to give, in The Evangel, their matured thoughts with regard to the following questions:

- 1, How shall we proceed to locate?
- 2, When shall we begin to build?
- 3, What amount of endowment shall we attempt to raise?

These questions were all discussed, and many valuable suggestions made. The papers containing these "school articles," are now on file, for future reference. Your commission regards these articles as so many stones in the foundation of the future Arkansas Baptist College. It is the opinion of your Commission, that the time has not yet come in our denominational history in Arkansas when we may judiciously begin the building and endowment of such a school as will meet the wants of our growing State. We believe that THAT time will come; and in order to speed on its coming and to be prepared for any possible emergency, and to accept any donations which are offered—we suggest that a Commission of wise and prudent brethren be appointed by your body, at this session, who will take under their supervision all matters pertaining to a denominational school in the state.

All of which we submit,

J. P. EAGLE,

W. E. ATKINSON,

A. J. FAWCETT.

D. E. Barker, messenger from Bartholomew association, and D. W. Campbell, Messenger from Friendship Association, appeared and were enrolled as members of the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken up, amended, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Education beg leave to report:

For the results of what has been done during the past year looking towards the establishment of a State Baptist College in Arkansas, your committee refer you to the report of the Educational Commission appointed at your last

session. Your committee do not feel justifiable in consuming your time to the extent it would be necessary to discuss at length, the part Christian schools have taken, and to show the vast influence they have wielded in shaping, directing and making permanent, Christian civilization in North America and the great trans-Atlantic States. Suffice it to say that the greatest and last command of Christ to "go, teach all nations" will not, cannot be carried out without the aid of Christian learning. That which has given permanency and immortality to the political, social and religious institutions of England and Continental Europe in their great schools. And had it not been for the wise forethought of our fathers in preparing for the propagation and defense of Christianity in the professor's chair and in the school room, the civilization and morals of our own nation had been little better, if any, than that of pagan Greece or Rome; yea, papal Rome's cloven foot had sent its venomous talons to the very heart of the infant Republic and all that makes us happy, honorable and great had been unknown to the historian's pen and beyond the realm of the poet's dream.

Knowledge is power. So it has proven itself to be in all history. No truer is it that a nation's bulwarks of defense are its schools, than it is true that a great religious denomination with its tens of thousands of adherents must find in its institutions of learning its invincible rock of defense, its impregnable tower of strength. This proposition is denied by none and is granted by all. It is seriously urged therefore, that if our brethren deem this the time, effective measures be taken at once, looking to the establishment of a State Baptist College in Arkansas for the following reasons:

1. Without the aid of education a great religious community can not hope to protect itself from disintegration and absorption, much less defend its doctrines and practices and cope with its competitors in aggressive works. The only question is: Shall we live or shall we consent to die? If it be decided that our principles are worthy to be perpetuated, nay that God has obligated us to give our principles to the world, because they are saving principles without which the world will be lost, then we must employ the very best means of discharging that obligation, or be recreant to our trust. A well-equipped State College is confessedly the mightiest engine, the most potent agency that can possibly be employed to secure such an end.

2. This movement is urged because of the great bene-

fits that would indirectly accrue to our people (1.) It would be a powerful stimulus to State pride. A man who has no pride will never come to anything great. He receives no respect, wants none, is entitled to none. A community, church or denomination with no pride, no ambition, will never be progressive or worthy of itself. Without a college we are destitute of the mightiest leverage for good. (2) It would be a powerful factor tending to unify our people and superinduce co-operation. Having more State pride, we would think more of ourselves and one another. The four quarters of our State would come together in mutual sympathy and confidence, feeling a common interest in the great work.

3. Such an institution being in our midst, and sustained by our own people, by far a greater number of the young people of our churches would seek and gain an education. This would have a direct and very powerful influence upon our churches and consequently upon our denominational life. Every Baptist young man educated in our State School, would be worth to his church and Association more than thousands of dollars in gold in the influence he would wield after his return home. It is impossible to estimate the amount of good that would thus accrue to the denomination every year.

4. Such a school would greatly increase the number of educated ministers in the State. This is a point the importance of which can not be calculated. Our future is in the hands of a ministry, able to meet the demands of the times.

5. Such a school would attract patronage from other than Baptist ranks. This would make friends not only for the school, but for the founders of the school. The sooner such an enterprise is inaugurated, the better it is, for the reason that every graduate who would go out from the school, would be not only a traveling advertisement, but an active agent working to advance the interests of his Alma Mater.

6. Such an enterprise would attract to our State learning and culture. Learning elevates a people; reading makes a great people. A few men of learning and piety connected with the school and in full sympathy with the denomination, would be a power in this Convention heretofore unknown. The number of such men would constantly increase and our Convention would soon begin to be the power it ought to be.

7. A much larger per cent. of those we educate would remain in the State and at the same time our resources and

power would be increased by every year's work. Not so if we send our young men out of the State to be educated. This would not, could not develop our own resources, nor increase our power for doing good to a degree to be compared with what would naturally result if we were patronizing a school of our own. Besides this our young men thus sent run the risk of being educated out of sympathy with us and our work. They are put in the range of other influences, to which in many instances they yield; they settle down in another State, and we sustain a heavy loss.

B. R. WOMACK,
Chairman;
J. W. CONGER,
P. A. HAMAN.

The Committee on Foreign Missions made their report, which was laid on the table, and made the special order for 7:30 o'clock P. M.

At the suggestion of Eld. R. J. Coleman, the convention engaged in special prayer, led by Eld. A. J. Kincaid, in behalf of our missionary brethren and sisters in China.

The Committee on Divine Services, made the following report of services for Sunday:

Broadway Baptist Church—Dr. S. W. Marston, 11 o'clock A. M.; Dr. I. T. Tichenor, 7 P. M.

Presbyterian Church—Eld. J. M. Hart, 11 A. M.; Eld. B. R. Womack, 7 P. M.

Main St. Methodist Church—Eld. W. A. Clark, 11 A. M.; Eld. G. A. Grammer, 7 P. M.

St. Paul Baptist Church—Colored—Eld. A. J. Kincaid, 11 A. M.; Eld. J. B. Searcy, 7 P. M.

First Baptist Church—Colored—Eld. B. N. Hultsman, 11 A. M.; Eld. J. W. Lumbley, 7 P. M.

A. M. E. Church—Colored—Eld. J. W. Harriss, 11 A. M.; Eld. J. D. Jameson, 7 P. M.

Northern Methodist Church—Colored—Eld. A. J. Wharton, 11 A. M.; Eld. R. J. Coleman, 7 P. M.

The President appointed as a committee on Nominations: B. D. Turner and Elds. R. J. Coleman, J. M. Hart,

W. T. Box and G. A. Grammer.

On motion adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.; prayer being offered by Eld. J. W. Duckworth.

SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M., and prayer was offered by Eld. J. G. Doyle.

The report of the committee on State and Domestic Missions was taken up and adopted, and is as follows:

Our State has almost a million people, eternity bound, their destiny to be decided within fifty years. What part will the fifty thousand Baptists of the state take in shaping their destiny? This question will be in great part solved by the action of this Convention. Will we be true to truth and to the souls of men? or, will soul blood be on our hands at the end?

If Arkansas Baptists fill their mission, it must be through unity, piety, and earnest work.

By unity we mean perfect harmony between city and country—east and west, north and south.

By piety, that love for the cause that will eclipse all personal preferences and opinions, and enlist all our energies in the execution of any method that may be adopted.

If our convention ever occupies the whole state, it must reach that end through the co-operation of the associations, and enlist the support of all sections.

We therefore recommend:

1st. The continuance of our aid to the points now being helped, until they not only stand alone but begin walking.

2nd. That one or more Evangelists be employed for general work, whose duty shall be to canvass the state by Associations—spending if need be a month within the bounds of each—and work in harmony with the wishes of the Associational boards, unless real antagonisms of plans are developed.

This general missionary should endeavor to secure systematic missions contributions in each church, by enrollment of members on mission roll, and by aiding in organization of Women's Mission circles. He should patiently and thoroughly collect statistics and information for the State Board.

3rd. In making appointments of Missionaries, the first object should be "the best permanent results."

The second object, the approval of all sections, so that no jealousy will develop between country and towns—hill country and valley districts.

4th. Co-operation with either Southern Baptist convention, or American Baptist Home Mission Society, or both. We need all the help possible, and should invite it from every source.

Earnest, patient, loving labor will give us Arkansas for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. CLARK, Chm.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported back, with sundry corrections and additions, the report of Eld. J. B. Searcy, Secretary of Foreign Missions, and on motion the report was received, and ordered spread upon the minutes of the Convention, as follows:

Your Foreign Mission Secretary would report, that there has been a very encouraging increase in this department of our work during the past year. Our apportionment by the Foreign Mission Board (\$1000 00), was exceeded very nicely; the same apportionment has been made for this year.

The following are the amounts that have been paid since October, 1883—during the conventional year, viz:

From October 23rd to November 19th, 1883—Union Asso., by Jas. E. Askew, \$15.50; T. N. Estes, collected in churches of Rocky Bayou Asso., \$18.50; C. A. Gowin, Cedarsville, \$5; State Central Committee for Woman's Work, by Mrs. Mary K. Eagle, Lonoke, \$11; Ozark Mission Band, by Mrs. A. L. Crudup, Frest, \$2.50; Fines Spring ch., collected by W. R. McLane, \$1.25. Total, \$83.75.

From November 10th to December 18th, 1883.—By M. D. Early, Morrilton, (of which \$5, from Sunday-school, \$5 from W. M. Soc., and \$5 from S. Cornelius,) \$20; Gen. Asso. West Arkansas and Indian Territory, by E. L. Compere, \$37.90. Total, \$57.90.

From December 18th, 1883, to January 14th, 1884.—Searcy ch., by A. J. Kincaid, \$12.50; Zoar ch., by C. A. Gowin, \$2; N. C. Denson, Warren, \$3; by J. P. Eagle, Lonoke, \$10; Cabot ch., by R. J. Coleman, pastor, \$7.40; Ozark Mission Band, by Mrs. A. L. Crudup, \$12.50, R. W. McLane, from his churches, by same, \$7. Total, \$54.40.

From January 14th to February 18th, 1884.—By Miss Josie Scaife, Missy Society, Salem ch., \$10; and S. S. classes of same, \$5; John Nichols, Ozark, by Mrs. A. L. Crudup, \$5; W. M. Soc., Morrilton ch.,

M. D. Early.

by Mrs. D. A. Early, sec., \$10; by J. M. King, Tr. A. B. C. Board, \$155.20; N. C. Denson, Warren, \$2; by J. B. Searcy, cor. sec., Russellville, \$8.85. Total, \$276.05.

From February 18th to March 17th, 1884.—Gen. Asso., W. Ark. and Indian Territory, by E. L. Compere, Witcherville, \$10.35; Center Hill ch., by R. J. Coleman, \$4.25. Total, \$4.60.

From March 17th to April 30th, 1884.—M. S. Miller, Ozark, \$20; Miss Roberta Buckner, by C. W. Cahahan, \$2; Springdale ch., by B. F. Wilson, \$10; sundry parties, by J. A. Johnson, Morrilton, \$5.40; Shoyer Spring ch., by J. J. Byers, \$8.40; N. C. Denson, Warren, \$5; J. K. Brandaway, Rondo, by J. A. Johnson, \$4.90; Mt. Zion ch., by S. W. Cochran, \$25; Lake Village ch., by J. G. B. Simms, \$59.75; Mrs. E. Tucker, Bryant, \$2; Bartholomew Asso., by Hogan Allen, \$10; Mrs. P. Lynch Lee, Camden, \$2; Hope ch., by J. D. Jameson, pastor for support of J. H. Eager, \$2; El Dorado ch., by J. M. Hart, \$5; Spring Creek ch., by I. C. Robertson, \$7.50; Atkins ch., by D. J. Warren, \$5.30; Ozark Miss. Band, by Mrs. A. L. Crudup, Pres. \$10; Lonoke ch., by J. D. Fletcher, \$18.50, by J. B. Searcy, F. M. S., \$50; Lake Village ch., by Miss Mattie McCord, \$21; Mrs. S. M. Morton and M. L. Morton, \$2; Gen. Asso. West Ark., and Indian Territory by E. L. Compere, \$51.75; C. A. Gowin, Cedarville, \$2; Carrie and Josie Scaff, from their S. S. classes, Marvell, 75c each, \$1.50; First ch., Fort Smith, by John Ayers, Tr., \$3.45; G. Norsworthy, New London, \$10. Total, \$382.45.

From May 1st to 19th, 1884.—Ladies' Miss. Soc., 1st ch., Little Rock, by Mrs. E. M. Phillips, Tr., \$20; by J. B. Searcy, Sec., \$26.56; R. A. Lee, Monticello, and sister Mary Remly, \$1 each, \$2; Zoar ch., by C. A. Gowin, \$2; Hopewell ch., by J. M. Hart, \$6.55; S. School Judsonia ch., \$10; and L. M. Soc., Alma, by J. M. King, Tr. A. B. C. Bd., \$3.50; B. C. Hyatt and wife Monticello, by R. A. Lee, \$10; by Mrs. A. L. Crudup, Ozark ch., \$10; and Mission Band of same, \$10; Slover ch., for support of brother Smith, G. W. Burns, \$2; East Point ch., by same, \$3. Total, \$105.61.

From May 19th to June 16th, 1884.—Hamburg ch., by J. Byron Wise, \$19.10; Oakland ch., by A. J. Estes, clerk, \$1.25. Total \$20.35.

From June 16th to July 21st, 1884.—D. W. Hanover, Magnolia, \$9.90, by J. B. Searcy, Cor. Sec. \$36.90; by A. J. Kincaid, for ladies of Searcy ch., \$5. Total, \$51.80.

From July 22d to August 18th, 1884.—Arkansas, Warren, \$2.

From August 18th to September 15th, 1884—"Busy Bee" Miss. Band, Morrilton ch., by Mrs. D. A. Early, for Miss Roberts, \$4; Mary A. Lux, Gainesville, by J. S. Mahaffy, \$2.97; Arkansas, Warren, \$2. Total, \$8.97.

For the month of October, 1884.—Bentonville Asso., by Eld. J. Dunagin, \$12.00; Union Asso., by W. E. Atkinson, \$63.15; A. C. Pyburn, Lonoke ch., \$1.00; Mt. Vernon Asso., by W. H. Paslay, \$24.45; Russellville Asso., \$3.50; United Asso., by M. D. Early, \$2.00; Darda-

nelle Asso., by Eld. Adams \$1.25; Eld. J. F. Price, \$1.00; Sundry collections, \$2.25; Caroline Asso., by Eld. J. G. Doyle, Treasurer, \$9.00. Total for the month, \$119.90.

Grand-total for the year, \$177.47.

Respectfully Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Sec'y.

Eld. J. B. Searcy presented the report of the Executive Board of the convention, accompanied by the account of Eld. J. M. King, Treasurer, which was received and ordered spread upon the minutes of the convention, as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD.

The State Mission Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention organized at Fayetteville, immediately after the adjournment of last convention, by re-electing J. P. Eagle, Pres.; J. B. Searcy, Cor. Sec.; and J. M. King, Treas. We held one meeting at Fayetteville, one at Van Buren, one on the train, one at Russellville, and four at Little Rock—in all eight meetings during the year.

APPOINTMENTS.

Eld. A. J. Fawcett was reappointed Missionary pastor at Pine Bluff, at a salary for the year, of \$600.00—half to be paid by the H. M. B. of the Southern Baptist Convention, and half by this Board.

Eld. R. A. Lee was reappointed Missionary pastor at Warren, for six months, at a salary of \$50.00 per month—to be paid by the two Boards.

Eld. C. W. Callahan was appointed Missionary pastor at Fayetteville, for one year, at a salary of \$50.00 per quarter—to be paid by the two Boards.

Eld. W. T. Box was appointed missionary pastor at Atkins, at a salary for the year of \$200.00—to be paid by the two Boards.

Eld. J. B. Permenter was appointed Missionary pastor at Prescott, for one year, at a salary of \$200.00—to be paid by the two Boards.

Eld. O. M. Lucas was appointed Missionary pastor at Alma and Van Buren, for one year, at a salary of \$200.00—to be paid by the two Boards.

Eld. G. G. Thomas was appointed Missionary pastor at Carlisle and Hazen, for one year, at a salary of \$150.00—to be paid by the two Boards.

Eld. M. D. Early was reappointed Missionary pastor at Morrilton, for six months, at a salary of \$62.50 per quar-

ter—to be paid by the two Boards. At the expiration of his term he was reappointed for one year, on same salary, etc.

Eld. R. T. Yates was appointed Missionary pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Little Rock, at a salary of \$125.00 per quarter—one half of which this Board agreed to pay.

Eld. W. A. Clark was appointed Financial Secretary, in June, at a salary of \$100.00 per month, to be collected from the field, and the Board not to be liable for any part thereof; he to labor under the directions of the Board, and report his collections, monthly, to the Cor. Sec. and Treasurer.

Eld. G. C. Harris was appointed Missionary of the Bentonville association, for six months, at a salary of \$75.00 per quarter—to be paid by the two Boards before mentioned.

MISSIONARIES' REPORTS.

Eld. W. A. Clark reports, for four months' services, ending October 30th, 1884: Places visited, 61; miles traveled, 3066; sermons preached, 109; conversions witnessed, 55; persons baptized, 11; others approved for baptism, 14, received by letter, 8; contributors enrolled, 886; total collections, \$496.11; salary received \$400.00.

Eld. W. F. Box, pastor at Atkins, reports, for three quarters' services, beginning January 1st 1884: Sermons preached, 60; addresses delivered, 30; prayer meetings attended, 37; pastoral visits, 175; conversions, 3; accessions to the church, 4; received on salary, from the church, \$200; for Home Missions, \$37; Foreign Missions, \$13.50, for church repairs, \$187.50; incidental expenses, \$5; from State Board, on salary, 75; from S. B. C., \$75. Total finances \$592.50. The work is in a prosperous condition, and the church is engaging a revival spirit. We are very hopeful of success.

Eld. G. G. Thomas, pastor at Carlisle and Hazen, reports: At Carlisle, 39 sermons; at a mission station near Carlisle, 16 sermons; at Hazen, 36 sermons, 2 conversions and baptisms. At a meeting five miles away, another mission station, there were three conversions. A mission station 12 miles away has been organized into a church, with 14 members; they have a fine school, and the future prospects are very bright. Neither Hazen nor Carlisle churches have houses of worship, but each is struggling to get one. Carlisle has some prospect of being able to purchase a

good house at greatly reduced rates. Altogether the outlook for this field is very encouraging indeed. Salary from Board, paid, \$112.50.

Eld. C. W. Callahan, pastor at Fayetteville, reports: Weeks of labor, 22; sermons preached, 90; prayer meetings attended, 57; pastoral visits, 230; baptized, 2. Received on salary, from Boards, \$150.00. For some time Bro. Callahan has been confined to his bed with acute rheumatism, and is at this time unable to write, but Bro. C. W. Walker, one of his deacons, writes for him, that his labors have been greatly blessed, not only in Fayetteville, in building up the Master's cause, but also in the surrounding country, and it is our earnest prayer, that this dear brother may soon be restored to health, and to his useful labors.

[Soon after the adjournment of the Convention, on the 7th of November, Eld. Callahan was called from labor on earth to his reward in Heaven.—Sec'y Convention.]

Eld. R. T. Yates, pastor at the Second Baptist Church at Little Rock, reports: Sermons preached, 33; prayer meeting and lectures, 12; Sunday-school attendance and lectures, 15; funeral services conducted, 1; baptized, 3; received by letter, 15; pastoral visits, 100. Bro. Yates only spent his vacation, at this church; since that time the church has been without a pastor. Our Board paid him our *pro rata* of his salary, \$62.50.

Eld. G. C. Harris, Missionary of Bentonville Association, reports: Weeks of labor, 24; sermons, 105; addresses 125; baptized, 9; received by letter, 15; churches organized, 1; religious visits, 5; tracts distributed, 500; bibles and testaments distributed, 7; miles travelled, 426; salary received, \$150.00.

Eld. R. A. Lee, Missionary at Warren, reports: Weeks of labor, 24; sermons preached, 39; pastoral visits, 53; prayer meetings and S. S. addresses, 21; received by letter, 1; miles traveled, 392; teachers in S. S., 5; pupils, 43; members in the church, 62. Salary received from Boards, \$100.00.

Eld. O. M. Lucas, Missionary pastor at Alma and Van Buren, reports: Weeks of labor, 37; churches supplied, 2; no. of S. schools, 2; sermons preached, 115; addresses delivered, 35; prayer meetings attended, 45; baptized at Alma, 1, by letter, 6; by letter at Van Buren, 4; pastoral visits, 264; miles traveled, 375; salary paid by Boards, \$150.00.

Eld. J. B. Permenter, pastor at Prescott, reports: Sermons, 78; addresses delivered, 25; prayer meetings attended 50; pastoral visits, 200; accessions, 6; paid to Home Missions, \$30; to Foreign Missions, \$25; incidental expen-

ses, \$50; received on salary, from church, \$300; from Boards, \$150.00. The church has been much strengthened, and is in good working order.

Eld. M. D. Early, as Missionary pastor at Morrilton, reports for the year ending Nov. 1st, 1884: Sermons, 402; addresses, 54; prayer meetings, 59; religious visits, 1113. Financial report: on pastor's salary, \$550; State Missions, \$62.50; Foreign Missions, \$20; Home Missions, for Mrs. Sanford, \$10; ministerial education, \$45; interest on church debt, \$30.85; cash on hand for church repairs, \$50; paid on church debt, \$500.; for S. S. purposes, \$42.01; paid sexton, \$25. Total collections, \$1035.36. Accessions during the year: by baptism, 6; by letter, 8; total membership, 80; enrolled in S. S., 93; average daily attendance, 70.

Eld. A. J. Fawcett, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, reports: Weeks of labor, 48; sermons preached, 96; lectures delivered, 60; prayer meetings attended, 45; baptized, 1; by letter, 9; S. S. pupils, 65; salary by church, \$500; by Boards, \$450; church repairs, \$250; lot for parsonage, \$350. We feel very hopeful of success. Our people are united, congregations, good; and when we shall have built our parsonage, the material for which is now partly provided for, we hope we will be not only self-sustaining, but able soon to help others.

THE FIELD.

Your Board has labored during the year, under the painful conviction, that the limited amount of means at their control would scarcely permit them to enter the field at all. Out of the many places calling earnestly for aid, we have been compelled to confine our labors to a few. Nor would we say, that those we have assisted were more deserving than those passed by unaided; but we have aimed to do the greatest amount of good with the means at our control. We have sought to make no more appointments than we could sustain, nor offer more salaries than we could pay.

The Board has given special effort in trying to aid our cause at Little Rock. The Second Baptist Church of that city was organized, with the members of the Board acting as a Presbytery. Different members of the Board preached to the church gratuitously, until the services of Bro. Yates were secured. Some success has attended our efforts there. But the cause is still far from being in a prosperous condition. Immediate aid needs to be rendered, in order to save what has already been done.

Much progress has been made at Pine Bluff; but still

more aid is necessary. It is needless to begin to mention the places that need our aid, for there is scarcely a town or city in the State that does not need help—to say nothing of the large rural districts that are destitute, and are likely to remain so till they get aid from some quarter.

OUR ENCOURAGEMENT.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has proven a friend indeed in this our time of need. What little we have been able to do, has been greatly stimulated by that Board. We are also encouraged as we note the fact, that pastors are becoming more consecrated to their "high calling," and the churches are more liberal and prompt in their support. This we regard as none other than the missionary spirit developing in preachers and people. We think this will result in largely increased contributions to this work.

PLAN FOR FUTURE WORK.

It is our opinion, that the State Board should employ one or more Evangelists, whose duty it shall be, to travel over as much of the state as possible, preach the Gospel, collect funds for the Board, seek to induce the preachers, churches and associations, throughout the entire state, to co-operate with the convention in its work—and to be under the direction of the Board.

OUR AIM.

We aim, through the agency of our state paper, the ARKANSAS EVANGEL, our Evangelists, Missionary pastors, as well as all the zealous preachers and laymen, and especially our consecrated sisters in the state, to steadily move forward, holding aloft the banner of the Captain of our Salvation, till nobody in our state shall say, "I never heard that Christ is the Savior of men."

SUMMARY OF WORK.

During the year, we have had, for a part or all of the time, nine Missionaries employed, who preached 803 sermons, baptized 39 persons, received 76 by letter, and organized two churches. Amount expended directly by the Board, \$2707.96—something more than one fourth of which was furnished by the H. M. B. of the S. B. Convention. Amount used in connection with our work, indirectly, \$1834.46. Total, \$4442.50.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Cor. Sec.

J. P. EAGLE, Pres.

J. M. King, Treasurer,

In acct. with Executive Board.

Dr.

To bal. on settlement, Nov. 1883,	\$337.11
" Sunday collections, "	34.00
" J. B. Searcy, from field,	5.00
" S. S. Cornelius, pledge,	10.00
" ———Reeves, Gumwoods ch.,	1.00
" Membership in Convention,	2.50
" Collections for Foreign Missions,	61.00
" " " Home " "	72.20
" J. C. Crutup, pledge, State "	25.00
" I. A. Marljar, for Oak Bowery	1.00
" Ozark W. M. Society, pledge,	10.00
" J. E. Turner, Foreign Missions,	10.00
" Ozark W. M. Society, Foreign Missions,	3.50
" J. B. Searcy,	25.00
" A. J. Kincaid, Searcy ch., Home Missions,	23.00
" Lonoke W. Aid Society, " "	5.00
" Helena ch., State S. S.	5.00
" Mrs. M. K. Eagle, State Missions,	5.00
" Judsonia S. S., Foreign "	10.00
" J. B. Searcy, May 1st, 1884	222.30
" same for R. A. Lee	25.00
" W. E. Atkinson, State Missions	10.00
" C. W. Walker, " "	3.00
" A. J. Kincaid, " "	5.00
" W. A. Clark, " "	120.00
" J. P. Eagle, pledge at Fayetteville,	110.00
" W. A. Clark, balance,	3.06
" J. B. Searcy, reported,	23.90
" Helena ch., for S. S.	6.40
" J. P. Eagle, " W. A. Clark,	139.95
" same " same	112.75
" Ladies, Gumwoods ch., State Missions,	3.66
" same Foreign Missions,	3.66
" W. A. Clark, reported Oct. 21, 1884,	120.00
" W. E. Atkinson, Foreign Missions,	63.15
" J. P. Fletcher, pledge,	20.00
" W. A. Clark, on collection,	30
" J. B. Searcy, pledges collected,	49.00

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By sundry payments, as per vouchers,	1656.15
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	<u>830.20</u>
Respectfully submitted,	
J. M. KING, Treasurer.	

The special committee on the subject of a plan of work, presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

We, your committee to suggest a systematic plan upon which to harmonize and organize our churches in their contributions to the Master's work, would report as follows:

I. That this convention recommend to the churches throughout the state, to determine, by church action, to take up a specified number of collections each year for the Master's work; these collections to be divided among the various departments of christian work, according to the wishes of the donors, or by the action of the church.

II. That each member of the churches be urged to agree to lay by in store, every week, a specified amount—say one cent per week, or more, as the Lord has prospered them, to be paid at these stated times of collection.

III. That each church devise some effectual means, in their judgment best suited to their people and methods of church work, to secure the prompt collection of all such sums as each has proposed in his heart to give.

IV. That all our Pastors be requested to co-operate earnestly in securing the adoption of this plan by all our churches.

V. That the state Board adopt such means and methods as they may think best, and through their corresponding secretary and the mails, the Evangelist and Pastors, bring this plan before all the churches in the state in printed form, followed by such explanations and appeals as may seem necessary to secure its adoption and execution, thereby informing the brotherhood, and assisting the churches in intelligently complying with the same.

A. J. KINCAID, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Constitutional amendments was taken up, amended, and, on motion, was laid upon the table.

The Committee on Obituaries made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of obituaries, report the following.

It is sad to us to know that so many of our co-laborers in the great work of the Master have been called from the walks of men. But, thanks be to God, they have left living testimony behind, that they have gone to a better land than this in which we are to dwell a little longer.

1. The name of Eld. M. Y. Moran is the first to claim our attention. From the best information we can get, he was brought up in Tennessee—born about the year 1818; entered the ministry in early life; was educated by that renowned Baptist, Henderson Owen, (now of Memphis) in Union University, Tenn.; came to Arkansas about the year 1858, and finally settled in Lincoln county, near where he died on the 8th of December, 1883. Bro. Moran was one of our leading men in the State; he was a good scholar, a good citizen, a good christian and an able minister of the Word, and made a good pastor.

Was moderator of the Friendship Association from its origin until 1883, at which time he declined the position. He had also filled the President's chair in this convention for several sessions. He was well beloved, and highly appreciated by all who knew him. Peace to his ashes.

2. Eld. Moses Green was also a native of Tennessee; was born the same year—1818. Educated by the same brother (Owen) at the same time and place with Moran, they being classmates. He preached several years in Tennessee, then went to the Indian Territory as Missionary, but did not remain there very long. He came to Arkansas about the year 1858; settled in Prairie county, (at a place now in Lonoke co.) where he spent the most of his remaining days, serving churches as pastor, and the Caroline Association as Missionary, several years. Bro. Green was an able preacher in the full sense of the term, and did a great work for years; he was also a very clear and pointed writer, and wrote much for the papers. He died in White county in March, 1884.

3. Eld. Benjamin Thomas, D. D., died in Little Rock, on the 3rd day of March, 1884, after a long and severe illness and intense suffering, from a cancer—which suffering he bore with great patience, and was never heard to complain at his lot. He was a native of Wales—born July 20th, 1884—and came to America when very young; he was educated at Granville College, Ohio. He was a man of fine natural ability, well educated, and a most excellent preacher. He filled many important places in the Denomi-

nation—such as Secretary of this Convention, and of its Mission Board; also President of Judson University, for which institution he strove hard, and sacrificed much time and means to build up.

4. Eld. William Thompson passed away, peacefully, during the night, in March, 1884, by the side of his aged companion, without the knowledge of any one, until about his last breath. Thus he died as he lived—peacefully and peaceably. We think he was a native of Tennessee—born about 1805 or 1806. He came to Arkansas many years ago, and settled in Prairie (now Lonoke) county, where he remained until his death. Bro. Thompson was never a very active or able minister, yet was one of the best men we ever knew—a true Baptist, a good citizen, and one of the best husbands and fathers the world ever produced.

5. Eld. William T. Cail was also a native of Tennessee, but removed to Arkansas about four years ago. We know little of his early life, but do know that he possessed some fine natural abilities, preached well for his age and experience. He had been preaching three or four years at the time of his death, which occurred in November, 1883, near Vilonia, Faulkner county.

He and his friends were making arrangements for him to enter Searcy College, at the time of decease. We are of opinion, that, had he lived and received the polish of educational training, he would have been vastly useful in the Master's Vineyard. But he was stricken down at about the age of twenty two years, just as he entered manhood. Oh! the mysteries of the providence of an all-wise God. As David said, "these things are too deep for us."

6. Eld. J. J. Huckaby was born, September 20, 1883, in Lawrence District, S. C.; united with New Hope Church in 1855; removed to Phillips County, Arkansas, in 1871; was ordained by Cypress Valley Church, in 1874—Elds. C. T. Scaife and L. K. Obenchain, presbytery. He was a most excellent man, a good and efficient minister, a faithful pastor, and a sound Baptist. He died July 26th, 1884.

7. Eld. T. J. Masner, whose home was in Batesville, Ark., was a very promising young preacher; he died in Jackson, Tenn., last Summer, while a student in the S. W. Baptist University. We learn, through the President of that institution, that he gave great promise of usefulness, but was cut down right in the beginning of it.

8. Eld. S. J. Fuller was born in Alabama, about the year 1818; removed to Louisiana, about 1850, and commenced preaching soon after; he was very useful in the minis-

terial work, especially in enlisting young men to enter the ministry. He came to Arkansas in 1866, and settled in Logan county, where he was quite successful in the ministry. Bro. Fuller was a man of good native abilities, but had poor school advantages. He was quite a sound Baptist. He died in December, 1883.

9. Eld. E. E. Monroe was born in Jacinto, Miss., March 24, 1856; professed religion and joined the Church in December, 1875; ordained April 15th 1878—Eld. T. B. Espy, presbytery. He served Union and Oak Hill Churches, St. Francis county; was a faithful and acceptable preacher. He died August 1st, 1883, of Pneumonia.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. J. COLEMAN, Chm

W. E. Atkinson offered the following:

WHEREAS we learn with sadness that our beloved brother, Eld. C. W. Callahan, lies at his home now, afflicted with a severe attack of acute Rheumatism, unable to be at his work which lies so near his heart; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our hearty sympathy with him, in this sad affliction, and that we pray earnestly for his restoration to health and to his work, if it be consistent with our Father's will. But if the suffering, designed for our brother's good, be not spent, that we pray the Father to give him grace for this his sad affliction.

To this resolution Eld. Kincaid offered as an amendment:

WHEREAS, Our beloved brother, Dr. J. R. Graves has been stricken down in his days of usefulness, purity and power, and now lingers upon his bed; be it

Resolved, That we include him in the resolution in regard to Bro. Callahan.

The amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended also adopted, unanimously, and the secretary was directed to send a copy of the same to each of the brothers mentioned.

The convention then united in prayer, led by Dr. Jarman, for Bros. Callahan and Graves.

On motion of W. E. Atkinson, it was

Resolved, That the secretary of this convention be instructed to have the Constitution of the Convention, and

its "Order of Business," published in the minutes of the Convention.

On motion, Eld. King, former Treasurer, was ordered to pay the balance of convention funds in his hands to A. W. Files, present Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion, adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.; prayer being offered by Eld. A. J. Kincaid.

SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Eld. Sol. Gardner.

Eld. J. B. Searcy offered the following resolution, which was adopted, and Eld. Searcy appointed to collect the funds and dispose of them as provided in the resolution:

WHEREAS, The State Convention aided Bro. B. W. Martin in school, at Clinton, Miss., some years, with the understanding that he would devote his life to the ministry, but if he should turn aside from it, that he would pay back to the Convention the amount spent in his education.

And whereas, Bro. Martin has decided that he was mistaken in his call to the ministry, and expresses a willingness to pay over to the order of the Convention the amount before mentioned. Therefore

Resolved, That the President appoint some brother to collect the money, and expend it in the education of young ministers who may be attending school from our State.

On motion of Eld. B. R. Womack, it was

Resolved, That we recognize with pleasure the work the Trustees of Buckner College, located at Witcherville, in Sebastian county, are doing, and recommend this school to the favorable consideration of our people throughout the state.

The special order, the report of the Committee of Foreign Missions, was taken up, and, pending its consideration, the following amounts were pledged for Foreign Missions:

Columbia Association,	\$124.40
Concord	100.00
Union	100.00

J. B. Searcy,	100.00
Ladies State Central Committee,	100.00
Liberty Association,	76.00
Russellville "	60.00
J. H. Grumbles,	25.00
Monticello church,	25.00
R. J. Coleman,	25.00
J. W. Duckworth,	25.00
Gainesville Association,	20.00
J. P. Eagle,	20.00
N. C. Deuson,	15.00
J. M. King,	15.00
W. T. Box,	10.00
J. Mayall,	10.00
Forrest City church,	10.00
Ladies Aid Society Broadway church,	10.00
J. H. Reynolds,	5.00
J. G. Doyle,	5.00
G. G. Thomas,	5.00
Mrs. Mary A. Muzzy,	5.00
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Cash collected,	890.40
	28.30
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Total,	\$918.70

The report was then adopted as follows :

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report, that we are glad to see the increased interest of our people in this important subject. The general rally last spring to raise our \$1000.00 apportionment aroused our people as they had never been before. We have long wished and prayed for the Lord to give us a Foreign Missionary from this State. Last year when Bro. Smith was approved as a Foreign Missionary we thought the time had come, and our people were hopeful throughout the state. But the seeming untimely illness of his noble wife, who had thought to accompany him in the work, prevented him from going, and the appointment was cancelled, to the sadness of many hearts in our State. But the Master makes no mistakes; Jesus took sister Smith to himself; now Bro. Smith is free to go to a Foreign field, with a sadder, yet with a more consecrated, heart.

The persecutions, through which our missionaries to China are now passing, on account of the French troubles with that country, call for our sympathy, manifested in

our prayers and contributions. These dear good men and women are suffering for Jesus' sake, and we should seek to help bear their burdens.

We are desirous that an impetus be given the work of Foreign Missions, at this session of the Convention, that shall send a tidal wave of work all over the State. We hope the brethren present from the different sections will become willing workers to raise money for Foreign Missions in their respective fields. It would be too sad, if we should fall behind our last year's report. Let us be up and doing, for these are the golden days to work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Chm.

Additional contributions were made for state missions, which, together with those made on Friday evening, were as follows :

PLEDGES.	
J. P. Eagle,	\$100.00
Liberty Association, by J. M. Hart,	100.00
M. D. Early,	100.00
Concord Association,	100.00
Caroline Association, by Doyle & Coleman,	50.00
Union " " Harriss & Haynes,	50.00
Friendship " " L. Quinn,	50.00
Second Church, Little Rock, by B. D. Turner,	25.00
Lonoke " by J. M. King,	25.00
Searcy " " Holland & Kincaid,	25.00
Columbia Association, by A. J. Wharton,	25.00
J. B. Searcy,	25.00
J. W. Duckworth,	25.00
W. A. Clark,	25.00
Mrs. M. K. Eagle,	20.00
Broadway church, by A. J. Fawcett,	10.00
Forrest City Church,	10.00
Ladies Aid Society, Broadway Church,	10.00
Ladies Aid Society, Russellville Church,	10.00
Ladies Aid Society, Carlisle Church,	10.00
R. J. Coleman,	10.00
R. A. Faulkner,	10.00
J. T. Marsh,	10.00
J. M. King,	10.00
G. G. Thomas,	5.00
Cash collections,	20.25
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Total,	\$800.25

The committee on Nominations made their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Your committee on nominations, respectfully report and recommend:

1st. That the next annual session of the Convention be held with the church at Hope, in Hempstead county.

2d. That Eld. A. J. Fawcett preach the Conventional sermon, with Eld. J. U. H. Wharton as his alternate.

3d. That Eld. A. J. Kincaid, Eld. W. T. Box and W. E. Atkinson, together with the officers of the Convention; constitute the Executive Board of the Convention for the next ensuing Conventional year.

4th. That Elds. B. R. Womack, A. J. Kincaid, R. J. Coleman, A. J. Fawcett, J. P. Eagle and J. B. Searcy constitute the Educational Commission, charged with the procurement of an endowment for a Baptist State College.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. TURNER, Chairman.

On motion, Eld. J. B. Searcy was selected as Foreign Mission Secretary for the ensuing year.

On motion, Eld. J. B. Searcy was appointed Secretary of Ministerial Education, to raise all the money he can for the purpose.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until Sunday at 3 o'clock P. M.; prayer being offered by Eld. B. R. Womack.

SUNDAY.

The appointments for 11 o'clock services at the various churches in the city, were nearly all filled, and were well attended by the people. At the close of services at St. Paul Baptist church (colored), a collection was taken up for state missions, and the sum of \$6.00 realized thereby.

SUNDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 3 o'clock, P. M., pursuant to adjournment, and prayer was offered by Dr. E. M. Parks.

The reading of the minutes of Saturday's proceedings was dispensed with.

The report of the Committee on Woman's work, was taken up, and discussion thereon had by Elds. Early, Kincaid, Fawcett, White and Duckworth and Dr. Tichenor; a collection was then taken up on behalf of the Woman's State Central Committee, for state Missions, and the sum of \$16.50 raised in cash. The report was then adopted, and is as follows:

It is with profound gratitude to God that it can be said, that woman is coming nobly forward, to take her stand by the side of her brother, in the work of the Master in spreading the Gospel at home and abroad. We are thankful that much of the prejudice which has existed toward this work has given way, and to-day it can almost be said she has an open field in which to use the noble faculties with which God has endowed her. Nowhere is her work more to be valued than in the foreign field, among her suffering sisters. To them she alone has access; to them it is the work of woman to break the Bread of Life; while at home she can do a glorious work in raising money with which to sustain our brethren and sisters abroad who are laboring to bring benighted souls to Christ.

Within the past few years Southern Baptists have awakened to the importance of this work, and to day, in most of our states, woman has become an important factor in pushing forward the cause of Missions. Indeed she has given a fresh impetus to the work. But a little more than a year has elapsed since woman's work was organized in Arkansas, and while we regret that more has not been done, yet we are glad to say a beginning has been made in what we hope and believe will prove a grand and glorious work. One year ago but six societies reported any funds raised for the work of the Convention, while this year we are able to report nineteen societies, which have reported to our State Central Committee.

Your Committee is of the opinion, that the importance of this work is not as fully recognized by our pastors as it should be. So far as we know, nowhere that the pastor has himself become interested in this work has there been a failure to enlist the sisters of his churches, and we feel safe in saying in every instance he has found them ready workers in the cause of Home and Foreign Missions.

We would therefore urge the ministry to enter earnest-

ly upon this work, and endeavor to organize societies in every church under their charge. It has proved a powerful lever in other states; it will be so in ours if we will but make the necessary effort. We would respectfully ask that this be made a part of the work of this Convention, and that Sunday afternoon be set apart to consider the work couched in this report.

The State Central Committee has been faithful in the performance of the duties assigned it, and surely deserves to have the hearty co-operation of every true lover of the truth, as held and taught by Baptists.

M. D. EARLY, Chairman.

The report of the Woman's State Central Committee, which accompanied the above report, is as follows:

In reviewing the work of the past thirteen months the brief period of the existence of your Central Committee, we find sadness and joy intermingled. Sadness that comparatively so few churches have been awakened to the fact that there lies within them a latent power which if once fully aroused would transfuse into the whole body new life, new energy, new zeal.

While this is true, we feel that we have some cause for encouragement. In the report presented to this body at its last session we had financial reports from but six churches, now we record twenty; instead of \$168 75, we have raised \$457.42—not the increase we had hoped, but still an increase.

Your Committee living in different parts of the State has been unable to perform the needed work. Still we have done something. Two hundred copies of the Constitution for Woman's Mission Society, furnished by Dr. Gwynn, Pres. Home Mission Board of S. B. C., have been printed. These we have endeavored to disseminate among the churches as best we could. We have also appealed to the pastors and sisters throughout the state by means of the Evangel. Our efforts have not been entirely in vain. We find in some places the fallow ground is slowly, but we trust surely, being broken up.

One thing that greatly retards our progress is that a great many of our churches are without comfortable houses of worship or are in debt; so much is needed at home that but little, if any is spared for Missions. To these, I would repeat the words of Holy Writ—"There is that scattereth and yet increaseth, and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty." The Jews, whether rich or poor, were required to bring in a tithe of all they

possessed. Only so long as they did this do we find them a prosperous nation. God speaks to us as he did to them of old: "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there be meat in mine house, and prove me if I will not pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." We look forward hoping that in the near future our churches will be free from debt, and with increased numbers, we will be able to aid more efficiently in sending the light of the Gospel to those who are living in darkness both at home and in foreign lands.

We would respectfully ask the Convention to give greater prominence than heretofore to Woman's Work, that the pastors on their return to their various charges, may go with their hearts burning with zeal in this holy cause so that they may be able to quicken the dormant powers of the many women of our churches, who live in apparent unconcern, while their heathen sisters are perishing for the want of the Bread of Eternal Life. We look forward with anxious desire, yet with hope and courage, to the labors of another year.

We herewith submit the following financial report:

Central Committee Home Missions Atlanta,	\$5.00
Austin Associational Missions,	\$ 9.00
" Ministerial Education,	10.00—\$19.00
Alma Foreign Missions	16.50
" State	13.50—\$30.00
Little Rock (1st Ch.) Foreign Missions	20.00
" Home Mission	20.00—\$40.00
Salem State Mission	3.50
" Foreign	50—\$ 4.00
Princeton Foreign Mission	2.50
" State	15.20—\$17.70
Russellville by Woman's M. S., State M.	5.70
" " " " Foreign M.	5.00—\$10.70
" " " " " Young Girl's M. B., State	1.70
" " " " " " Foreign	1.70
" " " " " " Home	1.60—\$ 5.00
Lonoke Foreign Mission	5.00
" State	10.00—\$15.00
Pine Bluff, State Mission,	5.00
Charleston Foreign	9.00
Fayetteville	2.00
Morrilton W. M. S. Foreign Mission,	\$15.00
" " " " State	15.50
" Ministerial Education	10.00
" Childrens M. B. Home, Mrs. Sanford	10.00

" " " " Foreign Mission	5.00	
" " " " State	22.00	—\$ 77.50
Ozark W. M. S. State Mission	10.00	
" " " " Associational Mission	25.00	
" " " " Home Mission (Atlanta)	10.00	
" " " " Foreign	10.00	
" Crescent Mission B. Foreign Mission	50.00	
" " " " Levering S In. Ty.	10.00	
" " " " Carrolton Chapel	3.00	
" " " " Home M. (Atlanta)	6.00	
" " " " Missionary Egg F.	7.18	—\$131.18
Salem, Foreign Mission	10.00	
" Associational Mission	12.60	—\$ 22.60
Batesville W. M. S., Home Mission (Atlanta)	\$ 10.00	
El Dorado Childrens M. B. H. M. Mrs. Nelson,	\$ 4.00	
Searcy, W. M. S. Foreign Mission,	\$ 5.00	
" " " " State	5.00	—\$ 10.00
Lake Village, Foreign Mission,	\$ 21.00	
Spring Hill, Foreign Mission,	\$ 9.00	
Forrest City, State Mission,	\$ 10.00	
Holly Springs, W. M. S. Foreign Mission,	\$ 20.00	
SUMMARY.—Foreign Mission,	\$214.08	
Home " (Atlanta)	\$ 59.65	
State "	\$117.10	
Associational Mission,	\$ 46.60	
Ministerial Education	\$ 20.00	
Total,		\$457.43
Respectfully submitted,	D. A. EARLY, Sec'y.	

On motion, adjourned until after services at 7 o'clock P. M.; prayer being offered by Eld. R. J. Coleman.

SUNDAY—EVENING SESSION.

After services, a collection was taken up for State Missions, amounting to \$16.10. The convention was then called to order by the President.

The Committee on Finance, made their report, which was adopted, showing \$95.83 collected during this session of the Convention, and paid to the proper parties.

The following messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention were then selected: Elds. J. P. Eagle, J. M. Hart, A. J. Fawcett, W. T. Box, A. J. Kincaid, Searcy, Clark,

Early, Grammer, Hultsman and Doyle, Bros. W. E. Atkinson, S. T. W. Meek, W. C. Langford, A. W. Files, V. B. Izard and B. D. Turner, and sisters M. K. Eagle, D. A. Early, J. B. Searcy and W. A. Clark.

On motion, the messengers attending said body were authorized to fill vacancies in the delegation.

The following corresponding messengers were appointed:

To Tennessee Baptist Convention—W. E. Atkinson, Eld. A. J. Kincaid and Eld. A. J. Fawcett, or any member of this Convention present at the meeting of that body.

To Mississippi Baptist Convention—Elds. Frank White, G. A. Grammer, J. W. Harriss and J. B. Searcy, or any member of this Convention whose name appears upon our minutes.

To Louisiana Baptist Convention—Elds. J. B. Searcy, J. M. Hart and J. U. H. Wharton

W. E. Atkinson offered the following, which was adopted:

RESOLVED, That we hereby express our thanks to the Railroad Companies that have given us reduced rates; to the different denominations, for their kind invitation to occupy their houses, and to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their hospitality in our entertainment.

On motion, the reading and correction of the minutes was dispensed with, and that duty was left to the Secretary and Eld. A. J. Kincaid.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to publish 1000 copies of the proceedings of the Convention, and distribute the same. And on further motion, it was ordered that the Secretary be allowed \$25.00 for his services.

On motion, and by unanimous vote, the thanks of the Convention were extended to the President, for the prompt, efficient and impartial performance of his duties.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, to meet with the Hope Baptist Church, on Thursday, October 29th, 1885, at 10 o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Dr. I. T. Tichenor.

ELD. J. P. EAGLE, President,
Lonoke, Ark.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Secretary,
Searcy, Ark.

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 the State Central Committee of the Ladies Aid Society shall be ex-officio members of the Convention.

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 undiluted 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 three Trustees, who shall hold office until their successors are selected, who shall compose the Executive Board, three 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.