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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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

Second—Opening services.

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

Fourth—Election of permanent officers of the Convention.

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

1. Committee on Divine Service.
2. Committee on Education.
3. Committee on Sunday Schools.
4. Committee on State and Domestic Missions.
5. Committee on Foreign Missions.
6. Committee on Resolutions.
7. Committee on Publications.
8. Committee on Nominations.
9. Committee on Finance.
10. Committee to prepare Obituaries on deceased members.

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

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

Eighth—Report of Standing Committees.

Ninth—Miscellaneous.

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

Eleventh—Benediction.

1885

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ARKANSAS

Baptist State Convention.

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION,

HELD WITH

Baptist Church,

HOPE, Ark., October 29 to November 4, 1885.

OFFICERS.

J. P. EAGLE, *President.*

JOHN G. HOLLAND, *Secretary.*

A. W. FILES, *Treasurer.*

Next Session to be held with the Baptist Church, in Forrest City, Ark.,  
November 4, 1886.

## PROCEEDINGS.

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HOPE, ARK., Oct. 29, 1885.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention assembled with the Hope Baptist Church at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the President, Elder J. P. Eagle, who read the 103d Psalm; prayer was offered by Elder R. J. Coleman, after which the congregation joined in singing: "I gave my life for thee."

The President appointed as a Committee on Credentials, Elder A. J. Kincaid, Elder A. J. Fawcett and M. M. McGuire, who retired to attend to their duties. During their absence the congregation engaged in singing, and Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the convention for a short time upon the history of the Baptists: their trials, their unyielding adherence to the principles of the Faith of the Gospel, the blessings God has bestowed upon us, and the little we have done, and are doing, for Him. Prayer was then offered by Elder A. B. Miller. Elder B. F. Thomas, of Forrest City, who had been prevented, by ill health, from attending the last meeting of the convention, in a few words expressed his pleasure at being present once more, and his thankfulness to God for the blessed privilege. Feeling and appropriate talks were also made by Elder R. J. Coleman (one of the two present at this session who took part in the organization of the convention—Bro. T. A. Heard being the other); Bro. J. B. Miles, of Helena, the youngest member of the body, who testified as to what Jesus did for him less than one month ago—he up to that time being a confirmed infidel; and Elder Frank White.

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

*To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:*

We, your Committee on Credentials, beg leave to report the following messengers, entitled to seats in the convention, from associations and churches named, respectively:

#### ASSOCIATIONS.

*Bartholomew.*—Elders N. C. Denson, W. T. Lumbley and Sol. Gardner.

*Bentonville.*—Elder Jasper Dunagin.

*Caroline.*—Elder A. J. Kincaid, Elder R. J. Coleman, Elder A. B. Miller, A. W. Files and John G. Holland.

*Clear Creek.*—Elder A. S. Pettie, Elder O. M. Lucas, M. F. Locke, Willie S. Webb.

*Columbia.*—L. W. Baker, Robert Jones and A. J. Brewer.

*Concord.*—R. H. McConnell.

*Dardanelle.*—Elder J. B. Searcy.

*Fudson.*—Elder J. B. Lumbley and J. S. Mann.

*Liberty.*—Elder J. M. Hart.

*Mt. Vernon.*—Elder B. F. Thomas, Elder B. W. Hultsman, Elder J. H. Fitzgerald and S. H. King.

*Pine Bluff.*—D. M. Cloud.

*Red River.*—T. A. Heard.

*Russellville.*—Elder W. T. Box.

*South-Western.*—Elder J. H. Bennett, Elder H. C. York, J. H. Black, Elder B. W. Milwee and Elder B. F. Cannon.

*Union.*—Elder I. R. B. Davis, Elder J. J. Haynes, T. J. Butcher and W. R. Barham.

#### CHURCHES.

*Arkadelphia.*—Elder G. W. Reeves and D. S. Williams.

*Benton.*—Elder Frank White.

*Bethlehem.*—J. H. Grumbles and Z. Collins.

*Cabot.*—Elder R. J. Coleman.

*Center Hill.*—Elder J. M. Wood.

*\*Shover Springs.*—C. G. Laseter and H. C. Dixon.

*Dardanelle.*—Elder J. B. Searcy and M. M. McGuire.

*El Dorado.*—W. C. Langford and Elder J. M. Hart.

*Ephesus.*—T. J. Bennett, J. J. Byers, Jr., J. M. Munn and A. B. Luck.

*First Church (Helena).*—J. B. Miles.

*First Church (Little Rock).*—Elder S. Cornelius, J. K. Brantley and C. B. Davidson.

*Hamburgh.*—J. D. Rasberry.

*Harmony.*—W. A. McKee.

*Hope.*—Elder I. R. B. Davis, J. W. Doty and J. W. Hill.

*\*Hopewell.*—

*Hot Springs.*—Elder W. A. Clark.

*Hickory Plains.*—Elder Josephus Cheany.

*Liberty.*—Thomas Moncrief and Alvis Stone.

*Lonoke.*—Elders J. P. Eagle and J. D. Fletcher.

*Magnolia.*—Elder J. B. Perminter.

*Monticello.*—Elder R. A. Lee.

*Morrilton.*—W. A. C. Sayle and Elder M. D. Early.

*Nashville.*—J. H. Black, R. S. Cypert and Elder J. H. Bennett.

*Ozan.*—Elder J. J. Byers.

*Pine Bluff.*—Elder A. J. Fawcett.

*Pleasant Grove.*—A. G. Meadow.

*Pleasant Hill.*—James Robertson.

*Prescott.*—O. S. Jones, B. F. Amonett and W. E. Atkinson.

*Providence.*—O. L. Moncrief and J. A. Robinson.

*Searcy.*—Elder A. J. Kincaid and John G. Holland.

*Second Church (Little Rock).*—B. D. Turner, Elder B. R. Womack and T. C. Black.

*Shover Springs.*—

*South Fork.*—W. A. Ingle.

*Shady Grove.*—J. J. Mays and J. S. Davis.

*Stephens.*—S. E. Hale.

*Hopewell.*—James M. Shepherd.

*Unity.*—H. J. P. Horn, J. A. Hardage and F. J. Edwards.

*Warren.*—Elders Sol. Gardner and N. C. Denson.  
*Russellville.*—Elder B. R. Womack.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. KINCAID,  
 M. M. MCGUIRE,  
 A. J. FAWCETT,  
 Committee.

The convention then proceeded to the election of the following officers: Elder J. P. Eagle, President; John G. Holland, Secretary; A. W. Files, Treasurer.

On motion, adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder O. M. Lucas.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M., and, after a song by the congregation, "Jesus, keep me near the cross," prayer was offered by Elder J. M. Hart.

The convention then proceeded to complete the organization, by the election of Elders B. R. Womack and M. D. Early Vice-Presidents, and Elder W. A. Clark, Assistant Secretary.

The President announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

*Divine Services.*—M. F. Locke, T. A. Heard and Elder I. R. B. Davis.

*Education.*—Elder B. R. Womack, Elder A. S. Pettie and J. M. Shepherd.

*Sunday Schools.*—Elder S. Cornelius, Elder O. M. Lucas and S. H. King.

*State Missions.*—Elders J. B. Searcy, M. D. Early and B. N. Hultsman.

*Foreign Missions.*—Elder W. T. Box, Elder J. Coleman and W. E. Atkinson.

*Resolutions.*—Elders W. A. Clark, G. W. Reeves and J. B. Perminter.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed on Constitutional Amendments: Elders M. D. Early, J. M. Hart and J. Dunagin.

On motion, Dr. I. T. Tichenor was invited to a seat in the convention, and tendered an opportunity to present his views upon subjects as he may desire, and occasion offer.

Dr. Tichenor accepted the invitation, with thanks, and presented some views of the work, prospects and objects of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The President announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

*Publications.*—Elder A. B. Miller, M. M. McGuire and Elder Frank White.

*Nominations.*—Elder J. M. Hart, Elder J. Dunagin and A. W. Files.

*Finance.*—W. C. Langford, Elder J. D. Fletcher and J. H. Black.

*Obituaries.*—T. J. Butcher, Elders Sol. Gardner and Josephus Cheany.

Elder A. B. Miller addressed the convention a short time upon the subject of the work of the State Convention in the city of Little Rock, especially the *Second Church*.

Elder S. Cornelius also addressed the convention, detailing the progress and successes of the *First Church*. The remarks of these brethren elicited the gratifying fact that the two churches in Little Rock are working peacefully and harmoniously in the cause of the Master—there being no rivalry between them, except the commendable one, of "which can best work and which best agree" in the work of upbuilding the Kingdom of Christ.

On motion, the order of business, as published on the cover of the proceedings of the last session of the convention, was adopted as the order of business for the present session.

On motion, the President appointed, as a special Committee on Temperance, O. S. Jones, Elder J. Cheany and Elder J. B. Lumbley.

On motion, 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.

On motion, the convention adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Elder J. B. Searcy.

#### THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 7 o'clock P. M., and, after a song, "We're marching to Canaan with banner and song," the convention suspended business, and Elder A. J. Fawcett preached the convention sermon from John xvii., 18: "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world," and John xx., 21: "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The sermon was delivered in a clear, logical and impressive manner, and was listened to with marked interest by the members of the convention and a large congregation besides.

Elder J. B. Searcy offered the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, This convention feels a deep interest in the work of the Second Baptist Church in Little Rock; and

WHEREAS, There is some misunderstanding in regard to the action taken this afternoon, therefore,

*Resolved*, That we reassure our brethren of that church of our hearty sympathy and cordial co-operation in their work.

*Resolved*, That we, as a body, renew the invitation to the representatives of that church to take a collection here and now to aid in the building of a suitable house of worship in our Capital City.

After which a collection in cash and subscriptions was taken up, amounting to \$290.40.

On motion, adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Friday morning. Prayer by Elder J. D. Fletcher.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 8:30 o'clock, and, after singing by the congregation, prayer was offered by Elder A. S. Pettie.

The proceedings of Thursday's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

On motion, Sister M. K. Eagle, a member of the Ladies' State Central Committee, was enrolled as a member of the convention.

Elder Searcy moved that Elder B. R. Womack be enrolled as a messenger from Russellville Church, by special request of that church.

Elder Fawcett moved to refer the subject to the special Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

On motion, the two motions were laid upon the table.

The Committee on Credentials made further report of messengers present from churches, which was adopted, as follows:

*Forrest City*.—Elder G. A. Grammer and V. B. Izard.

*Salem (Columbia County)*.—J. T. Hawkins.

*Salem (Nevada County)*.—John F. Nichols, W. J. Walthall and Thomas Young.

The Executive Board were granted leave of absence to consider their report.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, which, after discussion by a number of brethren, was adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Bible study, Sabbath observance, missions, revivals, Christian work and church prosperity are directly and continuously promoted by the establishment of Sunday Schools, and where no Sunday Schools have been established these, and all the interests of our churches, are correspondingly depressed.

All this being true, your committee regard it as of great importance to the best interests of our denomination that our State Sunday School work, as formerly carried on by this con-

vention in combination with the American Baptist Publication Society, be resumed at the earliest practicable period. In this way we may secure a Sunday School Missionary, and, through him, the distribution of the Scriptures and other religious publications by grant or sale, and the establishment of Sunday Schools, at new points, together with the holding of Sunday School institutes and conventions, and the better organizing of our forces, for more effective, and more extensive Sunday School work.

• This method, approved by the best wisdom of our denomination, and justified by the most satisfactory results, especially in those States where it has had the longest trial, if perseveringly followed by us year after year, may be expected to produce here, as elsewhere, most blessed results.

S. CORNELIUS, *Chairman.*

On motion, the convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.  
Benediction by Elder A. B. Miller.

#### FRIDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M., and prayer was offered by Elder D. S. Williams.

The special Committee on Temperance made their report, which, after discussion by several brethren, was adopted, as follows:

Your special Committee on Temperance would beg leave to report as follows: That in our opinion there is no instrument of evil in the universe being used so successfully to blight the prospects and blast the hopes of mankind as the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. It produces intemperance, which is the prolific source of sorrows, suffering, poverty, crime and sin. It stands as a wall of fire between millions of deathless and immortal souls, and the gospel of the blessed Son of God. Therefore

*Resolved, 1st.* That as the sense of this convention, the only safe rule for individual practice is total abstinence.

*Resolved, 2d.* That we believe the object which should be kept constantly in view is the absolute prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks, and to this end our churches, pulpits and Sabbath Schools should each give the weight of its influence.

Respectfully submitted,

OLIVER S. JONES,  
JOSEPHUS CHEANEY,  
*Committee.*

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

Your Committee on Publications would respectfully submit the following:

It being just as important and essential to the health and strength of the mind that it should be supplied with the proper character of food, as suitable food is for the health and strength of the body, it can not be too earnestly insisted upon that our denominational literature should be fully circulated and carefully read; and we take pleasure in recommending the books, periodicals, etc., approved by our Boards of Publication, especially our papers generally, all of which are good and useful, and more especially our State paper, the *Evangel*, now published at Little Rock, and edited, by Elder B. R. Womack, as eminently worthy of our earnest and generous support, and we insist that it should be placed in the hands of all our people.

We would recommend, and insist upon the importance of pastors, superintendents of Sunday schools, teachers and others taking occasion from time to time to call attention to our publications and use their influence in circulating them.

A. B. MILLER,  
M. M. MCGUIRE,  
FRANK WHITE,  
*Committee.*

Elder J. B. Searcy, Secretary of Ministerial Education, made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Secretary of Ministerial Education would report that some little is being done in this important work. We have had during the past year under our support, in connection with the Bartholomew Association, Bro. F. M. Wells, at the Southwestern University, at Jackson, Tenn. Bro. Wells is regarded at home as a young man of piety and promise, and is highly spoken of by the President and faculty of the college. In addition to what Bartholomew Association paid, your Secretary paid for Bro. Wells' last session \$60.10. Bartholomew Association has raised in cash \$56, and will perhaps pay \$25 more this year. Bro. Wells has returned to college, and your Secretary has instructed him to go on and he would see him through this year. There is a very promising young brother by the name of Brown, in Yell county, who has just entered the ministry a month ago, and your Secretary is disposed to encourage him in getting an education. New Hope Church has already agreed to pay \$25 towards his education. There will doubtless be other young ministers needing assistance to obtain an education, and your Secretary would urge the brethren throughout the State to take collections for this purpose and forward the same to the Secretary of Ministerial Education. Our Bro. B. W. Martin paid the money back to the Secretary that had been expended in his education. Your Secretary has now on hand for this work \$103.40, and a collection taken in cash and subscriptions for ministerial education, amounting to \$432.

*Resolved*, That the Ministerial Education Board be instructed to render such aid to Bros Wells, Brown and Jeff D. Bennett, now at Jackson, Tenn., and J. M. Lawrence, of Buckner College, and any others, as the means in its power may justify.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, *Secretary*.

Elder H. G. Estill, of Red River Association, North Louisiana; and Elder H. Woodsmall, of Little Rock, were invited to seats in the convention as visiting brethren.

The convention then adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M.

#### FRIDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 7 o'clock P. M., and prayer was offered by Elder B. F. Thomas.

Elder D. B. Ray, of St. Louis, was invited to a seat in the convention.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report, that, in our humble opinion, in no department of our dear Master's work are the necessities greater or the demands more pressing upon us than this. While we fully recognize, as we believe, the importance of thoroughly cultivating our home fields—that is to say, the fields within our own beloved country—we most earnestly insist that much, if not the greater part of our work is demanded in fields that lie beyond the ocean waters of the south and west; fields in which millions of precious souls are starving for the bread of life, and must perish in their superstition and idolatry, unless it be furnished them by those to whose care this work has been committed. For centuries of the past those foreign nations have been covered with gross darkness, and the people thereof have been sitting in the region and shadow of death, and until within the last few years they have been inaccessible to the heralds of the cross, and hence comparatively little has been done in rescuing them from this terrible condition. We are, however, glad to know that within the last few decades the gospel of the Blessed God has found its way into many of those countries, and as the gracious results thereof, many of those precious souls have been gathered within the folds of the Redeemer's



Kingdom, and that hundreds and thousands of others are with anxious hearts and outstretched hands piteously begging for the bread of life.

Of course, some valuable work has already been done in the way of saving these precious people, but as yet this work of such wonderful magnitude, has been little more than commenced. In view of these facts and considerations, your committee would most earnestly recommend that this convention do all in its power to aid and push forward the work of Foreign Missions.

W. T. Box, *Chairman.*

During the discussion upon the report, a collection of cash and pledges was taken up for Foreign Missions, amounting to \$1,011, including amounts paid since the first of May last, as follows:

PLEDGES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

*Associations.*—Bartholomew, \$200; Dardanelle, \$100; Union, \$100; Liberty, \$75; Columbia, \$50; Judson, \$50; Southwestern, \$50; Friendship, \$50; Russellville, \$50; Mt. Vernon, \$50.—\$775.

*Churches.*—Hope, \$25; Lonoke, \$25; Second, Little Rock, \$25; First, Little Rock, \$20; Prescott, \$10; Cabot, \$10; Pleasant Hill, \$10; Arkadelphia, \$10; Liberty, \$5; Benton, \$1.—\$141.

*Ladies Aid Societies.*—Monticello Church, \$10; Broadway Church, Pine Bluff, \$10; Alma Church, \$10; Mineral Springs Church, \$10; Dardanelle Church, \$10; Brinkley Church, \$10; New Edinburgh Church, \$5.—\$55.

*Individuals.*—O. M. Lucas, \$5; J. H. Wood, \$5; J. W. McDonald, \$5.—15.

*Cash.*—Dr. W. A. C. Sayle, \$5; Helena Church, \$5; Benton Church, \$4; Dr. McCrary, \$1.—15.

On motion, the President appointed a special committee on the subject of Woman's Work, consisting of Elder O. M. Lucas, W. A. C. Sayle and Elder A. J. Kincaid.

On motion, the convention adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Elder J. B. Searcy.

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 8:30 o'clock A. M., and after singing by the congregation, prayer was offered by Elder A. B. Miller.

The proceedings of Friday's sessions were read and approved.

The Executive Board presented their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD.

The Executive Board, soon after its appointment, organized by electing Elder J. P. Eagle, President; John G. Holland, Corresponding Secretary, and A. W. Files, Treasurer. The Board held three meetings in Pine Bluff, three in Little Rock, one in Hot Springs, and have held two at Hope since our meeting here.

MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

Soon after the organization of the Board, it made preparations to carry into effect the plan of missionary work adopted by the convention at its last session, and adopted such further plans and regulations as was deemed necessary for its practical working. The Board then elected Elder A. J. Kincaid to the position of Missionary Secretary, but his work was such at Searcy Church, that after careful consideration of the matter, he could not consent to give it up, and take the work of this Board. The Board then, by correspondence and otherwise, endeavored to procure the services of some other suitable person, but were unable to do so in time to do anything during last winter and spring. Finally, about the first of May, last, finding the great necessity of some one being in the field, the Board elected Elder G. W. Reeves to the position, somewhat

modifying the plan of work, regulations, etc., at a salary of \$83.33 per month, and necessary traveling expenses—said salary to be collected from the field—the Board not to be in any way responsible for the same.

The lateness of the appointment prevented, in a great degree, the work of organizing the Associations and churches, as contemplated by the convention in the plan adopted at the last session—little more being accomplished by the Missionary Secretary than assisting in revival meetings and stimulating contributions to the work in the principal towns along the railroads in the State. The report of Elder Reeves shows that much good was accomplished at these revivals, and no doubt we shall yet reap still greater blessings from the points visited by him.

APPOINTMENTS.

At the organization of the Board, there were in the field, appointed by the preceding Board, the following Missionary Pastors: Elder W. T. Box, at Atkins; Elder A. J. Fawcett, at Pine Bluff; Elder O. M. Lucas, at Alma and Van Buren; Elder G. G. Thomas, at Carlisle and Hazen; Elder M. D. Early, at Morrilton. The appointments of the first four expired December 31, 1884; that of Brother Early, June 30, 1885.

By negotiations with Dr. I. T. Tichenor, the Board made arrangements by which the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was to pay one half the salaries of the missionaries put in the field by this Board, till the whole amount should reach in the aggregate \$2,000.

Upon this arrangement, and relying upon the pledges made for the State Mission work, at the last convention, the Board made the following appointments:

Elder A. B. Miller, Second Church in Little Rock, at a salary of \$600 per year.

Elder A. J. Fawcett, Broadway Church in Pine Bluff, at a salary of \$400 per year.

Elder W. A. Clark, at Hot Springs, at a salary of \$200 per year.

Elder J. G. Doyle, at Beebe, at a salary of \$200 per year.  
Elder W. T. Box, at Atkins, at a salary of \$200 per year.

All of said Missionary Pastors being appointed for one year from January 1, 1885.

Elder H. C. Rosamond, at Prescott, for one year from March 1, 1885, at a salary of \$300.

Elder M. D. Early was retained at Morrilton, till June 30, 1885, at \$250 per year.

All of the salaries were to be paid by the two Boards—one-half each.

These appointments were made after a full consideration of the whole field, and the small amount of funds at the command of the Board. Other places and points making application to the Board for help, were not given assistance, because it was out of the power of the Board to render it.

THE WORK DONE.

The Missionaries' reports show the following:

PASTORS.	M. D. Early, Morrilton.	W. T. Box, Atkins.	A. J. Fawcett, Pine Bluff.	A. B. Miller, Little Rock.	W. A. Clark, Hot Springs.	J. G. Doyle, Beebe.
Month's Labor .....	9	12	12	9	9	9
Churches Supplied .....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sermons Preached .....	57	84	114	159	70	31
Addresses .....	12	43	33	17	12	12
Prayer Meetings .....	40	67	33	29	51	6
Baptisms .....	28	10	14	67	30	4
Received by Letter .....	16	11	9	1	1	1
Sabbath Schools .....	1	1	1	1	1	1
Religious Visits .....	275	280	289	669	332	198
Pages of Tracts Distributed .....	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	.....

\*Total receptions.

Handwritten calculations:  
 28  
 10  
 14  
 5-1  
 6  
 160

Handwritten numbers: 137, 248

In addition to the above consolidated reports, Elder O. M. Lucas, at Alma and Van Buren, for the fourth quarter of 1884, shows: Months of labor, 3; churches supplied, 2; sermons delivered, 14; addresses, 6; prayer meetings attended, 10; religious visits, 50; salary received, \$100.

Elder G. W. Reeves, Missionary Secretary, for five months—May 28, to October 28—shows: Miles traveled, 2,156; sermons and lectures delivered, 195; conversions, 155; baptized, 51; received by letter, 32; collections, \$438.30; traveling expenses, \$77.45; paid to State Board, \$10; on hand for the Board, \$29.50; balance applied to salary, \$321.35.

After four month's services at Prescott, Elder Rosamond resigned the position, and removed to Texas.

These figures, as statistics, always do seem dry and uninteresting, and do not show the work accomplished in full. Morilton Church made satisfactory progress in numbers and financial ability, and is now self sustaining. Atkins has done the same, and will not need the assistance of the convention after the end of the present year. Pine Bluff has also progressed satisfactorily, and will be self sustaining after the present year. Hot Springs has advanced beyond the most sanguine expectations, and although it was a new point of work, it will be able to sustain its own pastor after the thirty-first of December next. The Second Church at Little Rock is doing finely, and were it not that the brethren are straining their finances to build a new house of worship, which is an absolute necessity, the church would be self supporting by the first of January next. As it is, the Board deems it necessary to give the church assistance for another year.

#### FINANCES.

The means at the command of the Board have been small. Enough has been collected from the pledges made at the last convention, and from other sources, to pay about nine month's expenses of the work in the State. There is yet due, for the past quarter's work, something over \$200, and there is unpaid

on the pledges to the convention, nearly the same sum, but unfortunately unpaid pledges do not pay wages and support missionaries.

The report of A. W. Files, Treasurer of the Board, submitted as a part of this report, will show the receipts and expenditures during the year.

The funds promised by Dr. Tichenor, from the Southern Board, have been supplied promptly in quarterly instalments, and the glorious results of the efforts of the Board are due in a great measure to the help received from that source.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. EAGLE, *President.*

JOHN G. HOLLAND, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Dr. S. W. Marston, District Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, was invited to a seat in the convention.

The Committee on State Missions made their report, which was discussed by a number of brethren. A collection in cash and pledges was taken for State Missions, resulting in \$88.47, cash; \$1,967, pledges. Total, \$2,055.47.

#### PLEDGES FOR STATE MISSIONS.

*Associations.*—Union, \$200; Liberty, \$125; Columbia, \$117.50; Southwestern, \$100; Dardanelle, \$100; Russellville, \$100; Judson, \$50; Red River, \$50; Friendship, \$50; Clear Creek, \$50; Concord, \$50; Bartholomew, \$50; Mt. Vernon, \$50.—\$1,092.50.

*Churches.*—Monticello, \$50; Dardanelle, \$25; Second, Little Rock, \$25; Lonoke, \$25; Searcy, \$25; Hot Springs, \$20; Benton, \$20; Broadway, Pine Bluff, \$20; Helena, \$10; Washington, \$10; Hamburg, \$10; Amity and Liberty, \$10.—\$250.

*Individuals.*—J. P. Eagle, \$150; Mrs. M. K. Eagle, \$35; W. A. C. Sayle, \$25; T. C. Black, \$25; A. J. Brewer, \$25; Mrs. T. C. Black, \$25; W. A. C. Sayle, \$25; R. J. Coleman, \$20;

G. A. Grammer, \$20; Fletcher family, \$17; T. J. Butcher, \$15; M. D. Early, \$15; John G. Hoiland, \$12.50; B. N. Hultsman, \$10; N. C. Denson, \$10; L. A. Society, Forrest City, \$10; J. H. Black, \$10; J. Dunagin, \$10; W. C. Langford, \$10; W. T. Box, \$10; S. E. Hale, \$10; Josephus Cheany, \$10; D. B. Ray (books), \$10; James Robertson, \$10; Sol. Gardner, \$10; Mrs. W. A. C. Sayle, \$10; Mrs. A. Yates, \$10; J. H. Bennett, \$5; B. F. Thomas, \$5; R. J. Bettis, \$5; W. N. Johnson, \$5; W. T. Lumbly, \$5; J. W. Conger, \$5; J. D. Raspberry, \$5; A. B. Miller, \$5; J. D. Fletcher, \$5; I. R. B. Davis, \$5; M. M. McGuire, \$5; R. A. Lee, \$5; O. M. Lucas, \$5; J. W. Duckworth, \$5; A. J. Kincaid, \$5; J. M. Shepherd, \$5; Mrs. V. B. IZARD, \$5; Mrs. I. R. B. Davis, \$5; Mrs. J. B. Miles, \$5; Mrs. J. B. Searcy, \$5; Mrs. J. Dunagin, \$5.—\$654.50.

*Cash.*—Collection, \$15.75; Mrs. Watts, \$10; Missionary egg from Morrilton Church, \$7.72; Pleasant Hill Church, \$6.15; L. A. S. Morrilton Church, \$6; Nashville Church, \$5; J. J. Mays, \$5; A. J. Fawcett, \$5; Z. Collins, \$5; V. B. IZARD, \$5; John J. Haynes, \$5; J. W. Duckworth, \$5; Mrs. W. A. Clark, \$5; J. H. Grumbles, \$5; J. W. Hill, \$3; J. T. Holt, \$3; Girls of Russellville Church, \$2.25; Mrs. N. D. Neal, \$2; F. J. Edwards, \$1; J. H. Black, 85 cents.—\$92.72.

*Sunday Collections.*—Baptist Church, \$20.15; Methodist, \$5; O. S. Presbyterian, \$4.30; Disciples, \$1.60.—\$31.05. Grand total—\$2,120.77.

The Committee on Credentials reported messengers present and entitled to seats, as follows:

*Mineral Springs Church.*—E. W. McCrary.

*Mount Pisgah Church.*—L. C. Pirtle, S. J. Robertson and J. W. Ghormley.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M., after prayer by Elder A. J. Kincaid.

### SATURDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 2 o'clock P. M., and prayer was offered by Elder J. D. Raspberry.

The report of the Committee on State Missions was adopted.

Your Committee on State Missions, would respectfully report that they feel profoundly impressed with the importance of this work. Our convention has done some good substantial work in this direction in the last few years, but not a tithe of what is urgently demanded. We believe, however, that a growing interest is beginning to be manifested by our people. Our State Board has earnestly sought to do the best they could with the limited means placed in their hands with which to prosecute the work. There may be some difference of opinion among our people as to the best plan of conducting this work. But about one thing we are all most happily agreed, *i. e.*, that the work must be done. Your committee after careful study of this question, are of opinion that the general plan adopted at the convention at Pine Bluff, is perhaps the best we could suggest for the development of systematic benevolence in our churches. We would therefore recommend that the State Board procure at the earliest practicable day, some efficient Corresponding Secretary, to vigorously prosecute this work in accordance with the plan above suggested.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY.

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

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education submit that Christian education is a subject of the very greatest importance, not only to the State and nation, but also to the permanent growth of our denominational interests. We are profoundly impressed with the fact that next to a denominational organ in the State, we

need a denominational college, and we therefore urge that this convention push on to ultimate completion the work it has already inaugurated, with reference to such an institution of learning in our State. The Educational Commission has spent another year in studying and planning the best methods of procedure in founding and building up a State Baptist College, and will herewith hand in a full report of their work, with suitable recommendations. For what this committee has to say on the particular subject, we refer you to the report and recommendations of the Educational Commission.

Touching the general subject of education, your committee would impress on your minds, the fact that public schools do not fill the place nor answer the wants of a Christian school, under denominational control. We believe in the public school system. It is a great blessing to our people, and deserves the moral support of all Christian people; but no matter how efficient it may be in its sphere, it can not take the place of a denominational institution. Nor can a State University, established by law and supported by the State, obviate the necessity of a denominational school. Christian people must have distinctively Christian schools. The Christian religion has given us our civilization, with all of its blessings, and has done it through its schools. It can not, must not, be that society shall disown its mother and the source of its support, and undertake what is contemplated in Christian education, apart from, and independently of Christianity. Christian schools, institutions of learning that are distinctively Christian and are under Christian control, are absolutely essential to the purity and perpetuity of the Church, or of Christian churches, and to the highest well-being of the State.

But even this is not enough. Distinctively Christian schools are necessary to Christian society at large, and the best interests of national civilization and government. Such institutions now in operation throughout the country, are shedding a thousand blessings upon both State and Church, that find no recognition in the public mind. But this is not all. Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal and other denominational schools may

abound, but all the demands in the case are not met, and can not be met till the Baptists have similar schools. They can not afford to be behind in such a work; they can not afford to be deprived of the benefits of such engines of truth and enlightenment; and the State, society, civilization, can not afford to be without the benefits accruing to them through Baptist institutions of learning, and that education, both of the ministry and laity, which is obtained in Baptist churches, and in distinctively Baptist schools. The truth is, and it is urged by every consideration of sound reason growing out of the nature of the case, that Baptists in Arkansas must have an institution of learning of high order under their own control.

From these and similar considerations, we recommend and urge:

First.—That the Baptists of Arkansas commit themselves to the work of establishing a State Denominational College; that we cut the bridges behind us, and push on with the determination to succeed, profoundly convinced that it is a solemn religious duty we owe to the present and future, to God and man.

Second.—That the recommendations of the Educational Commission, looking to the formation of an Educational Association, or Stock Company, obtaining a charter, taking notes payable in annual instalments, be prayerfully considered.

Third.—That we encourage the efforts of our brethren in the northwest, who are rallying around Buckner College, and commend that institution to all our people.

Fourth.—That we consider it our religious duty to urge upon all our people throughout the State to patronize Baptist schools, and keep their children at home rather than send them to Catholic schools.

Fifth.—That our whole people enthusiastically rally to the support of the one great enterprise, of establishing a college of our own.

Respectfully submitted,

B. R. WOMACK, *Chairman.*

J. M. SHEPHERD.

The Educational Commission made their report, which was amended and adopted as follows:

### REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL COMMISSION.

The Educational Commission, appointed at your last session, beg leave to make the following report:

Immediately after our appointment, we met and organized by electing Elder R. J. Coleman, President, and Elder A. J. Fawcett, Secretary.

The President and Secretary were requested to use their best exertion to stir up an interest and to arouse an enthusiasm in the college enterprise. During the first part of the year the columns of the *Evangel*, and private correspondence were resorted to as a means of giving information, and of eliciting interest in this most important project.

In the latter part of the year, an attempt was made to have a representative of the college to attend as many Associations as possible. We are happy to say by this means we succeeded in reaching many brethren, and explained to them our purposes and plans with reference to building the school.

The following Associations, Caroline, Friendship, Red River, Bartholomew, Union, Liberty, Judson, Columbia, Dardanelle, Southwestern and Mt. Vernon, passed resolutions most heartily indorsing the purpose of the convention to build a denominational school in the State.

It is the impression of the Commission that much good foundation work was done in this way, in preparing the minds of our people for the subsequent work of raising money and building the school.

The Commission felt the necessity of electing some one who should be specially charged with the general supervision of the college work. We therefore elected Elder Robert T. Yates to this position. Under date of September 22, in a letter to the Secretary, he signified his acceptance of the work in the following language: "I now accept the position with the feeling of the great responsibility involved in it, and with a

prayer to God that the work may be a success." The Commission feels that we have been peculiarly fortunate in securing the services of one so vigorous, enthusiastic, pious and learned as Robert T. Yates. We have ample reasons to believe that Brother Yates is thoroughly devoted to this work, and is willing and anxious to make the building, endowing and equipping of the college the work of his life.

### RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Commission recommends to the convention, the propriety of electing, at this session of the body, fifteen wise and prudent brethren, as a Board of Trustees, five of whom shall be a quorum; and that this Board shall have the power of self perpetuation, and that it shall be a body politic, having under its control the absolute management of the school for the convention. It shall be the duty of this Board of Trustees, to report to the convention, at its annual sessions, the material progress, financial condition and the internal workings of the school.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

B. R. WOMACK,  
A. J. FAWCETT,  
R. J. COLEMAN,  
J. P. EAGLE,  
J. B. SEARCY,  
A. J. KINCAID,

*Committee.*

Hope, Ark., Oct. 28, 1885.

The Committee on Divine Services, reported as follows:

### DIVINE SERVICES FOR SABBATH.

*Baptist Church.*—9:30 A. M., Sabbath School mass meeting, conducted by Elder W. A. Clark; 11 A. M., Elder I. T. Tichenor; 3 P. M., Elder S. W. Marston; 7 P. M., Elder A. B. Miller.

*O. S. Presbyterian Church.*—11 A. M., Elder B. R. Womack; 3 P. M., Elder R. A. Lee; 7 P. M., Elder J. M. Hart.

*Cumberland Presbyterian Church.*—11 A. M., Elder A. J. Fawcett; 3 P. M., Elder J. D. Fletcher; 7 P. M., Elder G. A. Grammer.

*Disciples Church.*—11 A. M., Elder W. A. Clark; 3 P. M., Elder R. J. Coleman; 7 P. M., Elder M. D. Early.

*Methodist Church.*—11 A. M., Elder G. A. Grammer; 3 P. M., Elder G. W. Reeves; 7 P. M., Elder Josephus Cheany.

*Colored Baptist Church.*—11 A. M., Elder H. Woodsmall; 3 P. M., Elder W. A. Clark; 7 P. M., Elder B. N. Hultsman.

*Shover Springs.*—Saturday night, Elder J. B. Permitter; Sunday, 11 A. M. and 7 P. M., Elder J. B. Searcy.

*Nashville.*—11 A. M. and 7 P. M., Elder A. J. Kincaid.

*Washington.*—11 A. M. and 7 P. M., Elder J. H. Fitzgerald.

*Prescott.*—11 A. M., Elder W. T. Box.

Respectfully submitted,

M. F. LOCKE, *Chairman.*

The following persons proposed by John G. Holland, for Trustees of the college, were elected:

Elders J. P. Eagle, A. B. Miller, B. R. Womack, A. J. Kincaid, J. B. Searcy, A. J. Fawcett, J. M. Hart and J. Dunagin, J. K. Brantley, C. D. Wood, W. E. Atkinson, M. F. Locke, V. B. Izard, W. A. C. Sayle and A. W. Files.

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

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

We herewith attach a statement of the funds received and disbursed by the Treasurer of the State Convention, which is made a part of this report—written Exhibit A.

There has been received during the meeting of this convention and placed in the hands of the Treasurer of the convention, cash and pledges as follows:

	Cash	Pledges.
Ministerial Education.....	\$52 00	\$ 380 00
Foreign Missions.....	15 00	996 00
State Missions.....	93 97	1,962 00
Minutes Fund.....	3 00	.....

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. C. LANGFORD, *Chairman.*

#### EXHIBIT A.

A. W. FILES, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1884-5.	RECEIPTS.	AMOUNT.
Nov.....	To amount received from J. G. Holland, Secretary....	\$ 60 35
.....	To amount received from J. M. King, late Treasurer..	30 30
Jan. 27....	To am't received from J. G. Holland, for H. M. Board.	149 00
Feb. 2....	To amount received from J. B. Searcy, for H. M. Board.	26 00
Feb. 11....	To am't rec'd from Morrilton Church, per M. P. Early.	10 00
Feb. 11....	To amount received from Mrs. M. K. Eagle.....	25 00
Feb. 19..	To am't rec'd from S. S. 1st Baptist Church, Helena....	4 50
March 8..	To am't rec'd from S. S. 2d Baptist Church, Little Rock.	10 00
March 30.	To amount received from J. P. Eagle.....	100 00
March 30.	To am't rec'd from Ladies Mis. Society, Searcy Church.	5 00
March 30.	To am't rec'd from G. G. Thomas, State Missions.....	5 00
March 30.	To am't rec'd from G. G. Thomas, Foreign Missions...	5 00
July 9....	To am't rec'd from W. A. Clark, State Missions.....	25 00
July 9....	To am't rec'd from M. D. Early, State Missions.....	25 00
July 9....	To am't rec'd from J. P. Eagle, State Missions.....	101 25
July 13....	To am't rec'd from 2d Church, Little Rock State Mis..	10 00
July 13....	To am't rec'd from A. B. Miller, State Missions.....	5 00
July 30....	To am't rec'd from S. S. 1st Bap. Ch. Helena, State Mis.	3 75
Sept. 8....	To am't rec'd from Caroline Association, State Missions.	27 20
Sept. 9....	To am't rec'd from Caroline Ass'n. Foreign Missions..	18 85
Sept. 28..	To am't rec'd from Liberty Association, State Missions.	75 70
Oct. 29....	To am't rec'd from J. Mayall, State Missions.....	1 40
.....	Morrilton Church, State Missions.....	8 00
.....	Prescott Church, State Missions.....	13 35
.....	J. M. King, State Missions.....	10 00
.....	Liberty Association, State Missions.....	18 95
.....	Lonoke Church, State Missions.....	25 00
.....	Friendship Association, State Missions.....	75 00
.....	Broadway Church, State Missions.....	55 00
.....	J. T. Marsh, States Missions.....	10 00
.....	J. B. Searcy, State Missions.....	11 25
.....	Searcy Church, State Missions.....	20 00
.....	Columbia Association, State Missions.....	30 00
.....	Ladies Aid Society, Broadway Church, State Missions.	10 00
.....	Total.....	\$1009 85

1884-5	EXPENDITURES.	AMOUNT.
Nov .....	By amount paid J. G. Holland, Secretary, voucher 1..	\$ 25 00
Nov. 12...	By amount paid R. T. Yates, voucher 2.....	20 80
.....	By amount paid M. D. Early, voucher 3.....	6 25
.....	By amount paid G. G. Thomas, voucher 4.....	18 75
.....	By amount paid A. J. Fawcett, voucher 5.....	19 85
Jan. 27...	By amount paid A. J. Fawcett, voucher 6.....	75 00
.....	By amount paid M. D. Early, voucher 7.....	31 25
.....	By amount paid W. T. Box, voucher 8.....	25 00
Feb. 4....	By amount paid O. M. Lucas, voucher 9.....	-25 00
Feb. 11...	By amount paid M. D. Early, voucher 10.....	31 25
March 9...	By amount paid A. J. Fawcett, voucher.....	5 15
.....	By amount paid G. G. Thomas, voucher 11.....	18 75
April 1...	By amount paid A. B. Miller, voucher 12.....	75 00
May 27...	By amount paid O. M. Lucas, voucher 13.....	25 00
July 9....	By amount paid W. A. Clark, voucher 14.....	50 00
July 9....	By amount paid M. D. Early, voucher 15.....	51 25
July 9....	By amount paid A. B. Miller, voucher 16.....	50 00
Sept. 9....	By amount paid A. B. Miller, voucher 17.....	15 00
Sept. 9....	By amount paid H. A. Tupper, For'gn Mis. voucher 18.	18 85
.....	By amount paid A. J. Fawcett, voucher 19.....	150 00
.....	By amount paid J. G. Holland.....	20 00
Oct. 30...	By amount paid J. P. Eagle.....	101 25
.....	By amount paid W. T. Box.....	75 00
.....	By amount paid J. G. Holland.....	40 00
.....	By balance on hand.....	36 45
.....	Total.....	\$1009 85
Oct. 31.	To balance on hand brought down.....	\$ 36 45

The Committee on Constitutional Amendments reported an amendment which was adopted—two thirds of the members present concurring in the measure, as follows:

We, the Committee on Constitutional Amendments, beg leave to report the following:

That the whole of article six, of the Constitution, be so changed as to read:

The convention shall elect by ballot, annually, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; and that the President, Secretary and Treasurer, together with four other brethren, elected by the body, shall compose the Executive Board, four of whom shall constitute a quorum. Said Board to hold office till their successors are elected.

The Special Committee on Woman's Work, made their report, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Woman's Work, beg leave to make the following suggestions:

First. The great harvest field awaits the sickle of the earnest reaper. The ripened grain must be gathered, or the harvest will be lost.

Second. The Master calls for the consecrated energies and talents of *all* His redeemed children; and since He has excused none, *woman* has her mission. Resolved, therefore, by this convention, that every encouragement should be given her in her work, and that every facility that can by any means aid her in that work, should be cheerfully and diligently employed. We are pleased to note the fact that increased activities have marked her work during the present conventional year, in the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies, and we think as a convention, we should give her our constant sympathy and encouragement.

The Central Committee report gratifying results the past year, which report is herewith submitted.

Respectfully submitted,

O. M. LUCAS, *Chairman.*

#### REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK, 1885.

In presenting the report of Woman's Work, for the year just closed, your Secretary is sadly conscious that there is comparatively little of interest to be placed on record. Indications of progress have not been as numerous as was hoped. At least, if much progress has been made, the Secretaries of many of the societies have failed to report to the Central Committee. We are willing to believe, however, that more has been done than we are aware of; that the Recording Angel has made entries of which we are not conscious.

We feel assured that one great cause of the seeming indifference on the part of our sisterhood, lies at the door of the pastors. They do not lay the subject of missions before their



people, especially the women of their churches, as they should. Dr. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C., calls these mission societies "the right arm of his strength;" while it is invariably true that these same sisters are the right arm of the pastor in his *home work*.

The first commission "go tell my disciples," was given by Christ to a woman, and down through the ages of the past to the present day, she has proved willing, when instructed, to tell the old, old story.

Another great hindering cause is the lack of information. One can not be interested in that of which but little is known. Mission leaflets should be scattered broadcast among our churches. I learned that this was one secret of the wonderful success of the Corresponding Secretary of Woman's Work in Florida; claiming a Baptist population of only ten thousand, while Arkansas boasts of her forty thousand. The sisters of that State raised over \$800 last year; more than double the amount raised by us.

"The mite box system," that is the distribution of mite boxes in those churches where it is found impracticable to sustain mission societies, has also proved very successful. To carry out these two objects, last summer I asked the State Board for a donation. But the reply came back "an empty treasury." I again ask the Board to allow, if possible, a small sum for these purposes. I feel sure that it will be "bread cast upon the waters," which will return multiplied many fold, not many days hence.

I have endeavored to circulate the *Heathen Helper*, published by Miss Agnes Osborne, Louisville, Kentucky, assisted by the Corresponding Secretaries of the various States. This is an important factor in the development of the mission spirit.

But what is most in the way of this work, is the condition of the churches; so many of them houseless, or in debt. Thus much money which would otherwise find its way into the Lord's treasury, and go for the spread of the gospel, is expended at home.

Many societies report funds raised, but disbursed for church building, church repairs, pastor's salary, etc. May the Lord hasten the time when His people will trust Him with their means, remembering that He has said "There is that scattereth that increaseth."

STATISTICS.

<i>Morrilton.</i> —Woman's Miss. Society, For'gn...	\$ 39 00	
State.....	15 00	
Ministerial Education.....	5 00	
		\$ 59 00
<i>Morrilton.</i> —Children's Band, Valence St. N. O.	\$ 10 00	
State Missions.....	15 00	
		25 00
<i>Ozark.</i> —Woman's Missionary Society, For'gn.	\$ 31 00	
Home.....	16 00	
Church Building.....	4 40	
Associational.....	10 00	
		\$ 61 40
<i>Searcy.</i> —Foreign.....	\$ 10 00	
State.....	6 50	
Educational.....	10 00	
		\$ 26 50
<i>First Church, Little Rock.</i> —Foreign.....	\$ 20 00	
<i>Pine Bluff.</i> —Foreign.....	\$ 10 00	
<i>Salem.</i> —Foreign.....	\$ 1 00	
State.....	2 00	\$ 3 00
<i>Magnolia.</i> —Unappropriated.....	\$ 12 20	
<i>Des Arc.</i> —Foreign.....	\$ 1 00	
Unappropriated.....	8 55	
		\$ 9 55
<i>Mrs. James.</i> —Foreign.....	\$ 2 00	
<i>Carlisle.</i> —Foreign.....	\$ 2 00	
Woman's C. C. State.....	16 00	
		\$ 18 00
<i>Brinkley.</i> —Woman's Miss. Society, For'gn...	\$ 11 00	
Home.....	5 00	
		\$ 16 00

<i>Monticello.</i> —W. Aid Society Miss'n, For'gn..	\$ 10 00
Pine Bluff Parsonage.....	5 00
Raised for Pastor.....	70 00
Not a full report.	
	\$ 85 00
<i>Fort Smith.</i> —L. A. S., 1st Baptist Church...	
Church repairs.....	\$ 62 00
Unappropriated.....	25 00
Partial report.	
	\$ 87 00
<i>Dardanelle.</i> —Woman's Home Mis'n, For'gn..	\$ 5 00
Ladies Aid Local.....	100 00
	\$105 00
<i>Des Arc.</i> —.....	\$ 1 00
<i>Hot Springs.</i> —Ladies Aid Society.....	\$225 00
<i>Forrest City.</i> —Gleaners, Home Missions.....	\$ 10 00
Home Work.....	\$ 80 00
	\$ 90 00
Grand total.....	\$855 65

D. A. EARLY, *Secretary.*

On motion, the convention adjourned until 7 o'clock p. m.  
Prayer by Elder G. A. Gramner.

#### SATURDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 7 o'clock p. m., and prayer was offered by Elder B. N. Hultsman.

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

#### ELDER J. W. LUMBLEY.

On Saturday, before the second Sunday in April, 1885, Brother Lumbley, who had a short time before removed from the State of Mississippi, and settled in his work at New Edinburg, Cleveland County, was on his way from that place to his appointment at Enon Church, across Saline River, and it is supposed he was drowned in an attempt to cross the river.

Brother Lumbley was born in Yazoo County, Mississippi, on the seventeenth day of July, 1855; graduated at Mississippi College in June, 1884, and after a brief experience of a few months in the pastorate, passed from the labors of this life on April 11, 1885.

#### ELDER J. J. DOWNS.

Brother Joe Downs was a noble, Christian man, who came to Arkansas at an early day, therefore was one of the pioneers of south Arkansas. He fought many battles for the Master, and for his earnest, noble work, his name will ever be dear in the memory of many people in that part of the State. Brother Downs died with the harness on, September 18, 1885.

#### ELDER C. W. CALLAHAN

was born in Alabama, in the year 1852, where he spent the early part of his life. He was educated at Union University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; was called to the care of the church at Monticello, in 1877; to the church at Hope, in 1879; to the church at Eureka Springs, in 1881, and to the church at Fayetteville, in 1883. He died at Fayetteville, in November, 1884.

#### DEACON H. P. SLAUGHTER

was born in Jasper County, Georgia, November 19, 1810; moved to Arkansas in 1859, and died at Marianna, Arkansas, July 11, 1885. He had been a deacon of the Baptist Church for forty years, and was the efficient and impartial Moderator of Mt. Vernon Association, about twenty years. The Committee on Obituaries in his Association, thus speak of him: "By his consistent, Christian life, his love for the Master, his consecration to the cause, had greatly endeared him to the brotherhood. We lament his loss, but not as those who have no hope. Let us imitate his virtues and liberality, and work for the Master he so greatly loved, that we may meet him in the mansions of glory."

Of these brethren it may be said: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: yea, saith the Spirit, they may cease from their labors, and their works do follow them."

The Committee on Nominations, made the following report, which was amended and adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations, respectfully report and recommend:

First.—That the next session of the convention, be held with the church at Forrest City.

Second.—That Elder A. B. Miller be appointed to preach the conventional sermon, and R. A. Lee his alternate.

Third.—That Elder J. P. Eagle, J. G. Holland, A. W. Files, Elders A. J. Fawcett, J. B. Searcy, B. D. Turner and W. E. Atkinson, constitute the Executive Board.

Fourth.—That the following named members be appointed delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention:

Elders J. P. Eagle, A. J. Kincaid, J. B. Searcy, A. J. Fawcett, Frank White, S. Cornelius, B. R. Womack, R. J. Coleman, G. A. Gramner, W. T. Box, W. A. Clark, G. W. Reeves, M. D. Early. Brothers, B. D. Turner, M. M. McGuire, V. B. Izard, J. M. Hart, A. W. Files.

J. M. HART, *Chairman.*

Secretary of Foreign Missions made the following report, which was adopted:

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions is happy to report a growing interest in this branch of our work. We have been able, without much effort, to raise the amount asked for by the Southern Baptist Convention. The following amounts have been collected during the past year:

Amount reported as received by Dr. Tupper, an itemized account of the same being published in the *Foreign Mission Journal.*

From Dec. 22, 1884, to Sept. 22, 1885.....	\$ 831 35
Amount sent by Secretary since, to Dr. Tupper.....	35 00
Amount sent by Union Association, to Dr. Tupper.....	51 95
Amount sent by Red River Association, to Dr. Tupper.....	25 00
Amount sent by Bartholomew Association, to Dr. Tupper.....	33 05
Amount sent by Grand Prairie Association, to Dr. Tupper.....	4 00
Amount sent by Gleaner's, Forrest City Church, to Dr. Tupper...	5 00
Cash collected at present session.....	15 00
Total.....	\$1000 35

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, *Secretary.*

On motion, Elder J. B. Searcy was continued as Secretary of Ministerial Education, and Foreign Missions.

On motion, the thanks of the convention were cordially extended to Sisters Eagle, Longley, Reeves, Allen and Early, for their efforts as members of the Ladies State Central Committee of Mission Work.

Elder Searcy offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved,* That the following named sisters be appointed as the State Central Committee on Woman's Work in Arkansas:

Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. M. D. Early, Mrs. J. C. Crudup, Mrs. W. A. Clark, Mrs. A. B. Miller.

Corresponding Messengers were appointed as follows:

*Mississippi State Convention.*—G. A. Gramner, M. F. Locke, J. W. Harris, J. B. Lumbly, W. T. Lumbly.

*Louisiana State Convention.*—G. A. Gramner, J. M. Hart, R. A. Lee, B. N. Hultsman, J. U. H. Wharton, W. J. Lancaster, J. B. Searcy.

*Tennessee State Convention.*—M. D. Early, A. B. Miller, A. J. Fawcett, B. D. Turner, A. J. Kincaid, G. W. Reeves, G. A. Gramner, B. R. Womack, W. A. C. Sayle, J. P. Eagle, John G. Holland, W. T. Lumbly, M. M. McGuire.

*Texas General Association.*—I. R. B. Davis, A. J. Fawcett, Josephus Cheany, J. B. Searcy, B. W. Milwee, B. N. Hulstman, G. A. Gramner, John G. Holland, J. P. Eagle, M. M. McGuire.

The subject of the representation of the Russellville Church was, on motion, taken from the table, and the motion to refer to the Special Committee was withdrawn, and the original motion was put and carried.

M. M. McGuire presented the following resolutions, which were 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 invitations to occupy their houses, and to the brethren and friends of this vicinity, for their hospitality in our entertainment.

*Resolved*, That the reading and correction of the minutes be dispensed with, and that duty be left to the Secretary and Elder A. J. Kincaid.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be directed to publish 1,000 copies of the proceedings of the convention, and distribute the same, and that he be allowed \$25 for his services.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the convention be extended to the President and Secretary, for the prompt, efficient and impartial performance of their duties.

On motion, thanks were extended to the Southern Board, for their assistance.

On motion, it was resolved that collections be taken up at all the churches on Sunday, at 11 o'clock, for State Mission purposes.

Elder Searcy offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we heartily sympathize with, and commend Elder H. Woodsmall, of the Home Mission Society of New York, in his efforts to build up the colored Baptists of our State in their denominational work.

Brother Woodsmall was invited to address the convention on Sunday afternoon, at the close of services, at this church.

On motion, adjourned until Sunday, at 7 o'clock P. M. Prayer by Dr. I. T. Tichenor.

#### SUNDAY—EVENING SESSION.

The convention reassembled at 7 o'clock P. M.

On motion, the Board of Trustees of the College, were authorized to add two more to their number.

After a sermon by Elder A. B. Miller, the President delivered an appropriate address, the parting hand was given, and the convention adjourned with prayer.

ELDER J. P. EAGLE, *Moderator*, Lonoke, Ark.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, *Secretary*, Little Rock, Ark.