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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.
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- 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.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

ARKANSAS

Baptist State Convention.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

HELD WITH

FORREST CITY BAPTIST CHURCH,

November 4th to 7th, 1886.

OFFICERS:

J. P. EAGLE, President. JOHN G. HOLLAND, Secretary.
A. W. FILES, Treasurer.

Next Session to be held with Baptist Church, in Morrilton, Ark., November 3, 1887.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FORREST CITY, ARK., November 4, 1886.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention assembled with the Forrest City Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Eld. R. J. Coleman, who read the 44th Psalm, the congregation singing "Work, for the Night is Coming," and Eld. A. B. Miller offered prayer.

The Convention was called to order by the President, and prayer was offered by Eld. G. W. Reeves.

The President appointed, as a Committee on Credentials, W. E. Atkinson, Eld. G. W. Reeves and Eld. R. A. Lee, who retired to attend to their duties, and the convention took a recess of fifteen minutes.

At the appointed time the convention was called to order, and the Committee on Credentials 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 this Body:

ASSOCIATIONS.

BARTHOLOMEW—Eld. N. C. Denson.

CAROLINE—Eld. A. B. Miller, Eld. J. P. Eagle, A. W. Files and John G. Holland.

CLEAR CREEK—Eld. A. S. Pettie and M. F. Locke.

CONCORD—Eld. O. M. Lucas.

DARDANELLE—Eld. J. B. Searcy.

FAYETTEVILLE—Eld. M. L. Ball.

FRIENDSHIP—Eld. L. Quinn.

GAINESVILLE—Eld. D. Thorn and J. D. Markham.

GRAND PRAIRIE—Eld. P. A. Haman and Eld. John H. Armstrong.

GREENBRIER—Eld. J. D. Rasberry.
 INDEPENDENCE—Eld. J. I. Martin.
 JUDSON—Eld. J. B. Lumbley.
 LIBERTY—Eld. J. R. Hughes and Eld. J. U. H. Wharton.
 MT. VERNON—Eld. W. H. Paslay, S. H. King, Eld. B. F. Thomas,
 Eld. R. A. Lee and Eld L. K. Obenchain.
 MT. ZION—Eld. J. W. Bell and Eld. E. P. Minton.
 PINE BLUFF—Elds. Frank White, Joshua Halbert, Alexander
 Tucker and Wm. Tucker.
 RUSSELLVILLE—Eld. J. M. Hart and Eld. D. E. Gambrell.
 SOUTHWESTERN—W. H. Briggs.
 WHITE RIVER—Eld. T. W. Wright.

CHURCHES.

ARKADELPHIA—Eld. G. W. Reeves and J. W. Conger.
 BATESVILLE—W. E. Maxfield.
 BEEBE—Eld. J. G. Doyle.
 BELLEVUE—Eld. John H. Armstrong.
 BLANCHARD SPRINGS—T. M. Davis.
 CABOT—Eld. R. J. Coleman.
 CARLISLE—B. D. Muzzy.
 CENTER POINT—C. W. Baldwin.
 CLARKSVILLE—Eld. D. E. Gambrell.
 DARDANELLE—R. E. Cole.
 FORREST CITY—Elds. G. A. Grammer and J. D. Barnett, V. B.
 Iazard.
 HAZEN—R. T. Sanders and J. B. Sanders.
 HELENA—L. J. Wilkes and G. O. Dickson.
 HOPE—Elds. W. T. Box and J. W. Harriss.
 HOPEWELL—W. N. Atkins.
 HOT SPRINGS—Eld. W. A. Clark.
 JONESBORO—Jacob Sharp, J. V. Bell and Miss Sophice Klapp.
 LIBERTY—C. M. Myrick.
 LONOKE—Eld. W. A. Forbes, and W. P. Fletcher.
 MAGNOLIA—Eld. J. B. Perminter.

MARIANNA—E. L. Black and John P. Farrar, Sr.
 MORRILTON—W. F. Toombs and J. W. Mitchell.
 PARAGOULD—Dr. C. Wall, Miss Elma Wall and Miss Ethel
 Tansil.
 PRESCOTT—J. C. Young and W. E. Atkinson.
 PROVIDENCE—H. B. Wright.
 RUSSELLVILLE—Eld. J. B. Wise.
 SECOND CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK—Eld. M. D. Early and W. F.
 Blackwood.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. LEE,
 G. W. REEVES,
 W. E. ATKINSON,
 Committee.

The Convention then proceeded to a permanent organization, by the election of the following officers, the election being conducted by Eld. M. D. Early, Eld. J. B. Wise and J. W. Conger, who were appointed to that duty by the President: Eld. J. P. Eagle, President; M. F. Locke and W. E. Atkinson, Vice Presidents; John G. Holland, Secretary; Eld. J. W. Harriss, Assistant Secretary; A. W. Files, Treasurer.

On motion, the order of business used at the last session, after several amendments, was adopted for the present session.

On motion, the following was adopted: That the Convention meet at 8:30 o'clock a.m.; adjourn at 12:30 p.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 to 2 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Elder D. B. Ray, of St Louis.

THURSDAY.
 AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. Frank White.

The President extended an invitation to visiting brethren to take seats in the Convention, and the following responded: Eld. T. P. Bell, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Eld. W. B. Bagby, Missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention to Brazil, representing

the five Baptist churches of that empire; Eld. H. L. Finley, of the Mississippi Baptist Convention; Eld. D. B. Ray, of St. Louis; Eld. Frederick Howard, of Tennessee; Elds. W. I. Hargis, W. K. Bryant and W. T. Lowrey, of Mississippi; Eld. W. D. Moffit, of Russellville, Ark.

The President announced the appointment of the following:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

DIVINE SERVICE—Eld. G. A. Grammer, V. B. Izard and Eld. M. D. Early.

EDUCATION—Eld. J. M. Hart, Eld. W. A. Clark and Eld. L. Quinn.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Eld. O. M. Lucas and Frank White and J. P. Farrar, Sr.

STATE MISSIONS—Eld. M. D. Early, Eld. G. W. Reeves and Eld. T. W. Wright.

HOME MISSIONS—Eld. A. B. Miller, Eld. M. L. Ball and Eld. W. H. Paslay.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Eld. J. B. Searcy, Eld. W. T. Box and Eld. W. A. Forbes.

WOMAN'S WORK—Eld. A. S. Pettie, Eld. R. A. Lee and Eld. J. R. Hughes.

PUBLICATIONS—W. E. Atkinson, Eld. J. G. Doyle and Eld. J. I. Martin.

NOMINATIONS—M. F. Locke, A. W. Files and J. W. Conger.

FINANCE—W. F. Blackwood, W. P. Fletcher and W. E. Maxfield.

OBITUARIES—Eld. R. J. Coleman, C. W. Baldwin, and Eld. J. B. Wise.

On motion, an invitation was extended to Eld. W. B. Bagby to address the Convention after evening services.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. R. A. Lee.

THURSDAY.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7 o'clock p.m., and after devotional services, followed with prayer by Eld. M. D. Early, was called to order by the President.

The Convention sermon was then preached by Eld. A. B. Miller, of Little Rock, from Matthew vii:33: "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Eld. G. A. Grammer, on behalf of Forrest City Church, in an appropriate address, extended a cordial, loving and hearty welcome to the messengers and visiting brethren and sisters in attendance upon the Convention—welcoming them to the hearts and homes of the generous brethren and friends, the citizens of Forrest City and vicinity.

Brother W. E. Atkinson, in behalf of the Convention, made suitable acceptance of the welcome proffered, acknowledging with grateful heart the kind reception and generous hospitality being bestowed by the people of Forrest City.

Eld. W. B. Bagby, Missionary of the Southern Baptist Convention to Brazil, addressed the Convention upon the subject of Foreign Missions—especially the large and important field in which he is laboring.

On motion, consideration of the subject of Foreign Missions was made the special order for Saturday evening, at 7 o'clock.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until Friday morning, at 8:30 o'clock. Prayer by Eld. J. B. Searcy.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 8:30 o'clock. After singing, prayer was offered by Eld. J. D. Anderson, of Tennessee.

The proceedings of Thursday's sessions were read and approved. Eld. B. F. Bartles, financial agent of Ouachita College, was enrolled.

Messengers, who arrived since the organization, were enrolled, and their names added to the report of the Committee on Credentials.

The following visiting brethren accepted seats in the Convention: Elds. J. D. Anderson and W. L. Anthony, of Tennessee; Eld. R. A. Venable, from Big Hatchie Association, Tennessee; Eld. I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary H. M. B., S. B. C., Atlanta; J. C. Cobbs, Lacrosse, Ark.

On motion, Eld. T. P. Bell, Assistant Corresponding Secretary of F. M. B., addressed the Convention.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and a short time was spent in devotional exercises.

The Executive Board made its annual report, as follows :

REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD.

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention :

The State Executive Board, soon after its appointment, met and organized, by the election of Eld. J. P. Eagle, President; John G. Holland, Secretary; A. W. Files, Treasurer. The Board held one meeting at Hope, six at Little Rock, and have held one at Forrest City since our meeting here.

RECORDING SECRETARY.

One of the first and most important measures after organization, was the selection of some one to put in the field, to arouse the churches, associations and individuals to a greater interest in the State work, and a co-operation with it in missionary work in the future. After careful and prayerful consideration, the board selected and called Eld. M. D. Early to this important work, denominating his position, Corresponding Secretary. The appointment was accepted by Eld. Early, and the work entered into with vigor.

From the report of the Corresponding Secretary we take the following :

"About the 1st of September I was directed by the Board to visit as many associational meetings as possible, and secure the adoption of such plans as were best suited to their fields, thereby bringing them into practical co-operation with the State work. The Liberty Association agreed to make an earnest effort to raise twenty-five cents per member within its bounds for the State work. The same was done in the Red River, Saline and Fayetteville Associations. Friendship and Mt. Vernon Associations pledged fifty cents per member, and Clear Creek twenty-five cents per member, one-third to be given to the State work; Caroline and Pine Bluff Associations twenty-five cents per member, to be divided between State and Associational missions. The Secretary feels justified in saying all that is needed to bring into hearty co-operation with this work the entire denomination of the State is time, patience, system and faithful work, and in a few years, with right efforts, Arkansas will take her stand by the side of her sister States, where she properly belongs."

APPOINTMENTS.

At the organization of the Board there were in the State, appointed by its predecessor, the following missionary pastors; Eld. A. B. Miller, Second Church, Little Rock; Eld. A. J. Fawcett,

Broadway Church, Pine Bluff; Eld. W. A. Clark, First Church, Hot Springs; Eld. J. G. Doyle, Beebe; Eld. W. T. Box, Atkins. All of such appointments were for the year 1885, and expired on the 31st of December, 1885.

At the last session of the Convention, held at Hope last year, there were about \$2,000 in pledges, made by Churches, Associations and individuals, for State Mission work, and upon faith of that Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, pledged \$1,000 on behalf of such Board. Taking these pledges as a basis, this Board made the following appointments :

Eld. M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary, one year from November 7, 1885. Salary, \$1,200.

Eld. A. B. Miller, Second Church, Little Rock, one year from January 1, 1886. Salary, \$600.

Eld. J. D. Rasberry, Conway and Perryville Churches, same time. Salary, \$200.

Eld. J. B. Perminter, Camden Church, same time. Salary, \$150.

Eld. Jasper Dunagin, Bentonville Church, same time. Salary, \$150.

Eld. D. E. Gambrell, Clarksville Church, from February 13, 1886. Salary, at rate of \$150 per annum.

Eld. J. C. Grosh, Eureka Springs Church, one year from January 1, 1886, Salary, \$150. After the end of second quarter Eld. Grosh resigned the work.

Eld. W. H. Barksdale, Marianna Church, same time. Salary, \$100.

Eld. J. B. Lumbley, Kingsland Church, same time. Salary, \$75.

All of said salaries to be paid for by the two Boards—two-thirds by this Board, and one-third by the Southern Board.

The Board made further appointments, to be paid for from its own collections, as follows :

Eld. J. W. Bell, Paragould Church, six months from April 1, 1886. Salary, \$75.

Eld. J. A. Bowers, Shady Grove Church, (Fordyce) same time. Salary, \$50.

Eld. Frank White, Benton Church, same time. Salary, \$50.

Elder G. G. Wise, Columbia Association, (Walnut Hills and other points) one year from January 1, 1886. Salary, \$100.

These appointments were made after full consideration of the necessities of the whole State, the funds at our command, and the applications made to the Board—believing them to be the best, and all that could be done with the means at the Board's command.

THE WORK DONE.

The following table, taken from the reports, will give some idea of the work done by the Missionaries:

Totals.	17	973	300	615	110	187	836	14	653	3298	8023	3595	2
J. G. Doyle.	3	1	12	7	1	1	50	1	1	1	1	1	1
W. T. Box.	3	1	13	11	6	1	1	1	1	50	1	1	1
W. A. Clark.	3	1	26	21	4	6	142	1	1	220	1	1	1
A. J. Fawcett.	3	1	20	13	1	1	61	1	78	114	220	40	1
G. G. Wise.	6	1	25	21	1	4	1	1	23	257	1	1	1
W. H. Barksdale.	6	1	12	6	3	6	1	1	30	168	685	1	1
Frank White.	6	1	48	47	15	70	1	85	30	438	2500	1	1
J. A. Bowers.	6	1	35	25	87	53	1	80	25	1	1	1	1
J. W. Bell.	6	1	76	15	43	16	18	1	1	125	400	120	1
J. B. Lumbley.	9	1	52	7	14	8	12	35	1	100	190	150	1
J. C. Grosh.	6	1	51	10	40	1	13	96	60	429	285	1	1
J. Dunagin.	9	1	44	18	17	17	46	45	113	200	500	1	1
D. E. Gambrell.	74	1	104	25	28	20	24	1	302	1	1	1	1
J. B. Perminter.	9	1	36	8	11	7	42	1	35	720	500	1	1
J. D. Rasberry, Conway and Perryville.	9	2	91	57	58	32	71	1	50	498	395	1	1
A. B. Miller, Little Rock.	12	1	176	57	21	47	145	1	125	548	5116	1	1
M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.	11	1	132	55	10	47	145	1	125	548	5116	1	1
Months' Labor.....	17												
Churches Supplied.....	17												
Sermons Preached.....	973												
Addresses Made.....	300												
Prayer-meetings Attend'd.....	615												
Baptisms Received.....	110												
Otherwise.....	187												
Total Membership.....	836												
Sabbath Schools.....	14												
Scholars.....	653												
Religious Visits.....	3298												
Miles Traveled.....	8023												
Pages Tracts Distributed.....	3595												
Churches Organized.....	2												

THE FIELD.

With reference to the field occupied the present year, the Corresponding Secretary, who has been over all of it, says:

"Of the places now occupied by our missionaries I would first mention the Second Church, Little Rock. Never in the history of that city was our cause so hopeful. One more year, and this field will be far more than self-sustaining. Indeed, to-day, with one exception, the Second Church has made the largest contribution to the work of Missions of any Church in the State.

Camden is a hard and difficult field, but one worthy of help sufficient to keep a pastor for all of his time. Kingsland, Fordyce and Marianna are all important points, and are, so far as I know, building up.

Eureka Springs, one of our very best towns—in fact, a city—is greatly in need of immediate help. They need a strong man. With such a man it would be but a few months, as I believe, until that field would be all we could ask.

Bentonville. No field, in my opinion, is more deserving than this. Here that noble, Godly woman, Sister A. N. Hobbs, has for years been praying and struggling to build a house for God. When completed, the house will be one of the most beautiful in the State.

Conway, Clarksville, Benton and Paragould are all important fields, and a good beginning has been made towards building up the Master's cause at each of them.

THE COST.

The work now being carried on, is at a cost of about \$750 per quarter—nearly one-third of which we receive from the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The remainder, in a large part, has been collected by the Corresponding Secretary from the field—a very small proportion, the Board is sorry to say, having been paid on the pledges for the work made at the last Convention.

The amount of receipts and expenditures by the Board are shown in detail in the Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, being in the aggregate \$2,322.93 received, and \$2,092.02 expended. There is due the missionaries, on the third quarter's work, about \$150.

Respectfully submitted.

J. P. EAGLE, President.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Secretary.

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A. W. FILES, TREASURER.
IN ACCOUNT WITH STATE BOARD.

1885-6.	RECEIPTS.	AM'T.
Oct. 31	Balance on hand.....	\$ 38 45
	From Pleasant Hill Church (R. J. C.).....	6 15
	" Nashville Church (Milwee).....	5 00
	" D. M. Cloud.....	5 00
	" Ladies' Aid Society, Morrilton Church.....	6 00
	" J. J. Mays, 5; A. J. Fawcett, 5.....	10 00
	" Z. Collins, 5; J. W. Hill, 3.....	8 00
	" J. C. Holt, 3; F. J. Edwards, 1.....	4 00
	" V. B. Izard, 5; J. W. Duckworth, 5.....	10 00
	" J. H. Grumbles, 5; J. J. Haynes, 5.....	10 00
	" J. H. Black, .85; Mrs. W. A. Clark, 5.....	5 85
	" Colored man, .50; cash collected, 15.75.....	16 25
	" Mission egg, 7.72; Mrs. Watts, 10.....	17 72
	" T. A. Heard (minutes) 2.....	2 00
	" Dardanelle Church (J. B. S.) 1.....	1 00
	" Girls of Russellville Church 2.25.....	2 25
	" Mrs. N. D. Neal, 2; Sunday collection, 31.05.....	33 05
	" W. A. C. Sayle and wife.....	35 00
Nov. 7.	" S. S. First Church, Helena.....	2 75
Nov. 9.	" Spring Hill Church No. 2, Union county.....	7 65
Nov. 10	" J. P. Eagle, 50; Mrs. M. K. Eagle; 35.....	85 00
Dec. 10	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	41 45
	" R. D. Casey.....	5 00
	" R. D. Casey, Foreign Missions.....	5 00
Dec. 18	" Miss Carrie Scaife, for Mt. Vernon Ass'n.....	10 00
Jan. 4.	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	131 60
Jan. 6.	" Ladies' Mission Band, Mrs. Crudup.....	10 00
Jan. 11.	" S. S. First Church, Helena.....	3 30
Jan. 15.	" Jacob Sharp.....	2 00
Jan. 25.	" S. S. Morrilton Church.....	5 00
Feb. 4.	" G. W. Reeves.....	20 00
Feb. 9.	" G. W. Reeves.....	9 50
Feb. 15.	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	20 00
Feb. 19.	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	75 00
Mch. 4.	" J. W. Conger.....	5 00
	" J. G. Holland.....	5 75
	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	77 50
Mch. 11	" Sunday School Second Church, Little Rock.....	6 75
Mch. 12	" J. M. Wood, (Minutes).....	25
Mch. 25	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	135 05
Apr. 1.	" Ladies' Aid Society, El Dorado Church.....	6 00
Apr. 8.	" Helena Church.....	10 00
Apr. 9.	" J. A. Bowers.....	2 50
May 4.	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	80 00
	" Columbia Association.....	15 00
	" A. J. Brewer.....	10 00
May 16	" Second Church, M. D. Early, C. S.....	15 00
May 22	" Second Church.....	3 60
May 27	" J. D. Rasberry.....	3 35
May 28	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	40 00
June 1.	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	10 00
June 15	" S. S. First Church, Helena.....	3 35

1885-6.	RECEIPTS.	AM'T.
July 1.	From M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	\$ 57 00
	" J. P. Eagle.....	100 00
July 10	" Ladies' Missionary Society, Magnolia.....	3 00
July 11	" Friendship Association.....	10 45
July 21	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	50 00
Aug. 19	" J. Hansel Wood.....	5 00
	" J. Hansel Wood, ministerial education.....	5 00
	" H. L. Veazey.....	40
Aug. 25	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	50 00
Aug. 30	" J. Dunagin and wife.....	15 00
Sept. 9	" Mrs. W. A. White, Second Church.....	1 00
Sept. 22	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	132 65
Sept. 27	" Sunday School, Searcy Church.....	12 50
Oct. 1.	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	50 00
Oct. 4.	" Sunday School, Segrey Church.....	2 50
Oct. 5.	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	25 00
Oct. 7.	" Mrs. Harrison, Second Church.....	1 00
Oct. 12	" M. F. Locke.....	25 00
	" Mrs. M. E. Mack, 1; J. J. Sharp, .50.....	1 50
	" S. W. Kinard, .50; F. M. Veazey, .50.....	1 00
Oct. 14	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	25 00
Oct. 20	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	30 00
	" Caroline Association, by W. F. Blackwood.....	91 90
	" Caroline Ass'n, by W. F. Blackwood, Foreign.....	17 95
Oct. 27	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	50 00
Oct. 28	" Columbia Association.....	15 00
Nov. 2	" Mrs. Jennie Laurie, Second Church.....	5 00
Nov. 4	" W. T. Box.....	10 00
	" Dardanelle Church.....	20 00
	" Fletcher family.....	17 00
	" J. B. Lumbley.....	14 25
	" Pine Bluff Church.....	20 00
	" Kingsland Church.....	2 00
	" E. L. Black.....	7 50
	" J. A. Slaughter.....	7 50
	" Columbia Association.....	75 00
Nov. 5	" Collection on ring, etc.....	76 76
Nov. 6	" Red River Association (Minutes).....	5 00
	" M. D. Early, Corresponding Secretary.....	208 00
	" J. W. Bell.....	6 00
	Total debits.....	\$2322 93

A. W. FILES, TREASURER.
IN ACCOUNT WITH STATE BOARD.

1885-6.	CREDITS.	AM'T.
Oct. 31	By draft paid A. B. Miller.....	\$ 75 00
	" " W. T. Box.....	25 00
	" " W. A. Clark.....	25 00
Nov. 6	" " J. G. Holland.....	25 00
Nov. 14	" " M. D. Early.....	25 00
Jan'y 4	" " M. D. Early.....	25 00

1885-6.	CREDITS.	AM'T.
Jan'y 4	By draft paid M. D. Early.....	50 00
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Jan'y 5	" " A. B. Miller.....	75 00
Jan'y 8	" " J. B. Searcy, Foreign.....	5 00
Jan'y 9	" " J. G. Doyle.....	25 00
Jan'y 12	" " H. C. Rosamon.....	50 00
.....	" " W. T. Box.....	25 00
Jan'y 14	" " M. D. Early.....	25 00
Jan'y 18	" " W. A. Clark.....	12 50
Jan'y 19	" " B. R. Womack.....	20 00
Feb. 15	" " B. R. Womack.....	40 00
Feb. 16	" " J. G. Holland.....	8 00
Mch. 1	" " M. D. Early.....	50 00
Mch. 4	" " J. G. Holland.....	5 75
.....	" " M. D. Early.....	52 50
.....	" " J. G. Doyle.....	36 90
Mch. 25	" " M. D. Early.....	72 50
.....	" " M. D. Early.....	3 80
Mch. 31	" " J. G. Holland.....	55
Apr. 1	" " J. D. Raspberry.....	6 25
Apr. 12	" " A. B. Miller.....	62 50
Apr. 15	" " J. D. Raspberry.....	10 00
Apr. 19	" " J. C. Grosh.....	12 50
May 4	" " M. D. Early.....	50 00
.....	" " J. B. Perminter.....	25 00
May 8	" " D. E. Gambrell.....	13 35
.....	" " W. H. Barksdale.....	16 65
May 17	" " A. B. Miller.....	15 00
May 27	" " J. D. Raspberry.....	17 10
June 1	" " A. B. Miller.....	22 50
.....	" " M. D. Early.....	25 00
July 1	" " M. D. Early.....	57 00
.....	" " M. D. Early.....	68 00
.....	" " J. B. Lumbley.....	10 45
Aug. 18	" " J. D. Raspberry.....	10 00
Aug. 19	" " A. B. Miller.....	25 00
Aug. 25	" " M. D. Early.....	50 00
Aug. 27	" " D. E. Gambrell.....	12 50
Aug. 30	" " J. Dunagin.....	15 00
Sept. 1	" " J. Dunagin.....	22 50
Sept. 8	" " J. C. Grosh.....	25 00
.....	" " J. B. Searcy, ministerial education.....	5 00
Sept. 23	" " M. D. Early.....	75 00
Oct. 5	" " Frank White.....	20 00
Oct. 6	" " M. D. Early.....	50 00
Oct. 13	" " A. B. Miller.....	75 00
Oct. 27	" " M. D. Early.....	50 00
Oct. 28	" " J. B. Perminter.....	15 00
Nov. 4	" " J. B. Lumbley.....	36 25
.....	" " W. H. Barksdale.....	15 00
.....	" " G. G. Wise.....	75 00
.....	" " J. B. Perminter.....	10 00
Nov. 6	" " J. B. Searcy, Foreign Missions.....	17 95
.....	" " M. D. Early.....	41 65
.....	" " J. D. Raspberry.....	33 35
.....	" " J. W. Bell.....	36 00
.....	" " Frank White.....	30 00

1885-6.	CREDITS.	AM'T.
Nov. 6	By draft paid A. B. Miller.....	100 00
.....	" " W. H. Barksdale.....	18 30
.....	" " D. E. Gambrell.....	37 50
Total credits.....		\$2092 02
By balance cash on hand.....		\$230 91

Respectfully submitted,

A. W. FILES, Treasurer.

The Board of Trustees of Ouachita College made a report, which was laid on the table subject to call.

The Committee on Education made the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Education would report : 1st. Education is power. But to simply be educated in the literary sciences and languages of the day is not enough. If we develop the physical and mental faculties only we increase their power for doing evil. Hence, we should look to the moral training of children in our schools. 2d. Ministerial education is a duty we can no longer afford to neglect. The masses are demanding it, and our own people are demanding it, and the time has come when we must educate our preachers or suffer for the sin of neglect. 3d. The college at Arkadelphia, established by your Board of Trustees, is now in successful operation, prepared to give our sons and daughters a collegiate education, and we hope the time is not far distant when it will compare favorably with any school in the South ; and we therefore indorse and cordially recommend it to the people of our great and growing State.

W. A. CLARK,

L. QUINN,

J. M. HART,

Committee.

On motion, the report of the Board of Trustees was called up and recommitted with instructions.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, pending the consideration of which the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Convention adjourned to 2 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. I. T. Tichenor.

FRIDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Eld. R. J. Coleman.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools, and the report was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on Sunday Schools would beg leave to urge upon the attention of this Convention the need of more vigorous efforts in the prosecution of this department of our work. It is a sad reflection upon this Convention that instead of going forward in the occupancy of the field for the Master, it is simply standing still, doing nothing, and thus giving over into the hands of others work that fealty to Christ requires should be done by us. In order to meet the pressing claims of this work upon us, your committee would urge the employment of a State Sunday-School missionary, whose duty it shall be to hold Sunday School Institutes, organize Sunday Schools where they do not exist, and to infuse the spirit of this work into the rank and file of the Baptist brotherhood of Arkansas.

And, whereas the H. M. B. S. B. C. is publishing a series of Sunday School helps at Atlanta, Ga., equal to those published elsewhere in point of cheapness, neatness and soundness in the faith, we therefore recommend that our people in Arkansas give these publications the preference.

LUCAS, Chairman.

The Board of Trustees of the College made the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE.

We, the Board of Trustees of the Ouachita College, appointed by your body at your last annual Convention, submit the following as our first report:

Immediately after our appointment and organization as a Board of Trustees we took into prayerful consideration the claims of various places in the State desirous of securing the location of the College, and finally selected Arkadelphia as the seat of this institution of learning. In locating the school at Arkadelphia, we secured the use and possession of a building belonging to the Arkadelphia Baptist High School, which enabled us to open the school the 6th of September last. We have also perfected such arrangements with the trustees of Arkadelphia Baptist High School that when we lay the founda-

tion of a new College building the said building now occupied by the school, together with the thirteen acres of land upon which it stands, shall be legally transferred to the Board of Trustees. Said land and buildings are estimated to be worth \$5,000. We have also secured from the citizens of Arkadelphia, in good subscription, about \$10,000, to be used in the erection of new buildings—the first installment to be paid when the work begins. It is all important that we erect, as soon as possible, a larger and more commodious College building. For this we need at least \$50,000. That we want to agree upon a plan and contract for the building by next spring, but have concluded not to take any step till we have secured at least \$25,000. That this be obtained by cash collections and in subscriptions secured by bonds payable in five equal annual installments, the first to be paid on or before February 1, 1887.

In order to successfully and speedily prosecute the said work of erecting adequate and sufficient College buildings, we have secured the services of Bro. B. F. Bartles, of Chattanooga, Tenn., who has moved his family to Arkadelphia, Ark., and is now with us in this Convention, to begin his canvass and labors as Financial Secretary under the direction of the Board. We most cordially recommend him to the favor and prayerful consideration of the denomination of the State.

It was decided by the Board of Trustees, with great unanimity, that the school should be a coeducational institution. We secured the services of Prof. J. W. Conger for the term of two years, who, assisted by a faculty of five teachers, proceeded, with appropriate ceremonies, to open the school on the 6th of September last, enrolling the first day one hundred pupils. It is a great pleasure to us to say that the success of the school is a marvel in College history. Now, at the beginning of the third month, another teacher has been added to the faculty. One hundred and sixty-six pupils, representing four States, are now in attendance, of whom fifty-three are boarders, and three young Baptist ministers. The Board has held one meeting at Arkadelphia since the opening of the school, and were pleased to find that the organization, methods, discipline and general management were highly satisfactory. Such has been the cordial demonstration of the people of Arkadelphia that we are convinced that the College is surrounded by a favorable, moral and intelligent people that will contribute largely to its success. The hands of the Board have been strengthened and our hearts have been cheered by the favorable reception that our work has received at the hands of the denomination of the State. The approval has been most pronounced by those who have visited and acquainted them-

selves with the school. The Board of Trustees feel more and more every day that we were fortunate in securing the services of President Conger, and that we can most cheerfully recommend him to our people as eminently qualified for the position that he occupies. Many difficulties have confronted us in our work, and in the midst of our labors we have often sought the hand of the Heavenly Father to lead us; and we now feel that in giving an account of our work that we can say hitherto the Lord hath helped us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. HART, President.

A. J. FAWCETT, Secretary.

Pending consideration of the report, a subscription was taken for a building fund for the College, and \$3,600 raised.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 7 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. B. F. Bartles.

FRIDAY.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7 o'clock p.m., and prayer was offered by Eld. J. M. Hart.

The Committee on State Missions made its report, pending the consideration of which a collection and subscriptions were taken for State Mission purposes, as follows:

Proceeds of "the Fletcher ring," many years ago devoted to Missions, which was presented to the Convention by Eld. H. L. Finley, on behalf of Chickasaw Association, of Mississippi: Cash, \$26.75; pledge, \$5. Proceeds of a beautiful quilt, donated to the Convention by the Ladies' Aid Society of Beebe Church, cash, \$25. Subscriptions taken, \$706. Cash collected, \$24.01. Total, \$786.76.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning. Prayer by Eld. Frank White.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled pursuant to adjournment, at 8:30 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Eld. M. L. Ball.

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

Consideration of the report of the Committee on State Missions was resumed, and it was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on State Missions would submit the following:

Never, perhaps, in the history of our Convention has this department of our work been more hopeful than at present. All the fields occupied by the Board during the past year have done well, and in the near future we hope and believe most of them will be self-sustaining. For the above success we most profoundly thank God and take courage.

The success of the work during the past year, in the opinion of your Committee, is sufficient to recommend the continuance of the present plan for the year to come. Our Churches, Pastors and Associations are becoming more and more acquainted with the present plan of work, and whatever opposition may have existed is giving way, and in the near future we believe the entire State can be brought into hearty co-operation with the work of the Convention. We have a great State, and the time has fully come when we must rise up and possess the land for Christ. The field is now white unto the harvest. To gather this ripened grain we need men and money. The men we can get, if we can but manage to get the money. This we can secure if, through the Pastors, we can get the Churches to take regular collections for this work. This we most heartily recommend. We have many important fields needing help. We could, at the next meeting of your Board, arrange to put fifty good men to work, if we could provide for a part of their support. Of the seventy-five counties in this State near forty of the county seats are to-day without Baptist preaching, with many more towns and important centers in the country where strong Churches can soon be established, if we can but give them a little assistance in starting the work. For further particulars we refer you to the report of the Board. Secondly—

We would call the attention of the Convention to another important work hitherto largely overlooked. In this we refer to the colored people of our State. That these people need our attention religiously there can be no question. If the Convention can see its way to adopt some plan by which a good man could be engaged for a part of his time to hold ministers' institutes, with the view of instructing their preacher in the way of the Lord more perfectly, we feel it would pay.

Your Committee is further of the opinion that, since the Home Board at Atlanta has been instructed to take hold of this work, this Board will, as far as possible, co-operate with us in this great work.

We, therefore, commend the above work to the favorable consideration of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. EARLY,
G. W. REEVES,
T. W. WRIGHT,
Committee.

On motion, Eld. E. C. Morris was received and recognized as a Corresponding Messenger from the Colored Baptist State Convention of Arkansas.

Eld. J. R. Graves and Eld. W. H. Barksdale were received and recognized as Corresponding Messengers from Big Hatchie Association, of Tennessee.

The Committee on Home Missions made the following report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report :

We are rejoiced to assure you of the success that has attended the efforts of our brethren in the Home Mission Work. During the past year the Home Mission Board has assisted in supporting 255 missionaries, who preached at 642 stations, baptized 3,812, and received by letter 2,344, making a total addition of 6,156 to our Mission Churches. They organized 70 new Churches, and built upon the Mission field 49 houses of worship. In the work of the Board there was expended about \$94,006, of which about \$25,000 were expended in Church building and \$69,000 in Mission work—actually paid for preaching.

The work of the Board for the present year is equal in magnitude to that of the past year. The work in Cuba has been assigned to the Home Board. We feel that this part of our Mission work has made such rapid progress as to commend itself to the attention and hearty co-operation of all the brethren. This Board has been assisting our Churches in Arkansas for several years past. The work among the 7,000,000 of the colored people is assigned to this Board, which lays upon the Board a vast work which makes the work assume marvelous proportions.

The Southern Baptist Convention, at its last session, requested the State of Arkansas to contribute \$500 to the funds of this Board during the present year. Your Committee would suggest that earnest efforts be made to raise this amount, and more if possible for this

work. We would suggest that all our Pastors give their Churches the information that is necessary, to elicit their interest in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. MILLER,
MARTIN BALL,
W. H. PASLAY,
Committee.

Pending consideration of the report, a collection and subscription were taken, to be devoted to the Cuban Mission, amounting in the aggregate to \$320.25.

The Secretary of Foreign Missions made his report, which was adopted, as follows :

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions would respectfully report that there has been some increase in this work during the past year. During the month of November last the receipts were \$203.85 ; December, \$10 ; January, \$46.90 ; February, \$105.30 ; March, \$10 ; April, \$286.47 ; May, \$13.60 ; June, \$99 ; July, \$46 ; August, \$14.75 ; September, \$37.03 ; October, \$227.49 ; Total, \$1,100.39. This shows a gain over last year of \$100.04. That is no mean showing, but when compared with our relative strength it seems meager. The Foreign Mission Board placed our apportionment for this year at \$1,500. This seems little enough for us to raise. In order to meet this obligation, we have still to raise between this and the 30th day of April next \$1,062.13. We want to see this provided for during this session of the Convention. Submitted.

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

The Committee on Publications made its report, pending the consideration of which the hour of adjournment arrived, and the Convention adjourned to 2 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. W. T. Box.

SATURDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock p.m., and prayer was offered by Eld. W. H. Barksdale.

The report of the Committee on Publications was adopted, as follows :

We, your Committee on Publications, beg leave to submit the following :

The Bible is the book of Baptist Christians, and should be revered, read and obeyed by all men. Next to the Bible and the living ministry, our religious papers are the great teachers of our people, and we cannot, as Baptists, put too much stress upon their value. Our people are, in a great measure, a reading and investigating people. If therefore, we do not furnish them with good, sound Baptist literature, they will read and be influenced by other literature which is not sound, and which is not calculated to promote their usefulness in the work of the Master. We do not think any Pastor does his whole duty who does not encourage and stimulate his people to the reading and study of good religious literature.

There are many religious papers published outside of our State which are contributing largely to the development of sound religious opinions and views among our people. We would encourage their efforts and their circulation; but we especially mention our own State paper, the Arkansas Evangel. We recommend it as sound in the faith, and as a friend and promoter to all the efforts of our people to build up the Master's cause in Arkansas. We would suggest that every Pastor and Missionary in the State give his State paper a hearty welcome among his people, as well worthy of their confidence and support, and that we hereby extend to the editor, Bro. W. A. Forbes, a cordial invitation to all our respective Churches and fields of labor.

W. E. ATKINSON,

J. I. MARTIN,

J. G. DOYLE,

Committee.

The Committee on Woman's Work made its report, and it was made special order for Sunday at 3 o'clock p.m.

The Woman's Central Committee made its report, which was postponed until Sunday at 3 o'clock p.m.

The Committee on Nominations made its report, which was amended and adopted, as follows :

To the State Baptist Convention:

Your Committee on Nominations ask leave to report that we respectfully recommend as an Executive Board the present members of the Board, brethren who have so faithfully discharged their duties as members of that Board the past year.

2nd. We recommend that the next session of this body meet with the Baptist Church at Morrilton, and that Eld. A. S. Pettie preach the Convention sermon.

3d. We recommend as Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention the following names, to-wit: J. P. Eagle, J. B. Searcy, J. W. Conger, M. F. Locke, M. D. Early, A. W. Files, John G. Holland, A. J. Fawcett, A. J. Kincaid, Frank White, G. A. Grammer, R. A. Lee, G. W. Reeves, W. A. Clark, J. M. Hart, R. J. Coleman, W. T. Box, A. S. Pettie, V. B. Izard, W. A. C. Sayle, A. B. Miller, W. A. Forbes, B. F. Bartles, J. D. Rasberry, J. B. Perminter, W. H. Paslay, T. W. Wright, J. W. Harriss, B. F. Thomas. Secretary of Foreign Missions and of Ministerial Education—Eld. J. B. Searcy.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. F. LOCKE,

J. W. CONGER,

A. W. FILES,

Committee.

On motion, the Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention were authorized to fill vacancies in the representation from any brethren present from the State.

The Secretary of Ministerial Education made his report, which was adopted, as follows :

Your Secretary of Ministerial Education would report that, in his judgment, this work is not fully appreciated by us as a denomination in the State. We have a large number of young preachers just entering the work, and for the most part they are comparatively uneducated and poor. These brethren must be assisted to procure such mental training as is necessary to fit them for their life-work, or their usefulness and happiness must be blighted and the cause of the Master injured. We can't afford to dally longer with this work. It has been the policy of your Secretary to get the friends of young preachers in each locality to give all they would towards the support of the young brethren with whom they are acquainted, and whom they love. When entire local support is furnished your Secretary gives nothing. But when this local support is insufficient to fully supply the wants of any of these young preachers we supplement their support; hence we do a large business upon a small capital.

During the past year we have assisted Brethren L. C. Barton, A. J. Barton and F. M. Wells, at Southwestern University, Jackson, Tenn., and Bro. J. M. Lawrence, at Buckner College, Ark. The last named Brother is now in school at Ozark. He is a man of family, and is partly supported by his pastoral work near him. Brethren Barton and Wells have returned to Jackson, Tenn., to finish their well-begun work at that honored institution of learning. We are

glad to mention that our beloved Brother Graves has kindly extended to us the use of the old Banner, the Tennessee Baptist and his influence to help support these young men. Already quite an amount has come into our treasury from this source. We wish to record our thanks to Brother Graves for this timely aid. Your Secretary would not consent to aid young preachers at any school except our own State College, except where good and sufficient reasons are shown that it is right to do so. We want to educate our preachers at our own school, so far as it may be done at a school of its character. We really want as many as possible of our young men to attend the Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. We are proud of that institution, and feel that it is ours, and we cannot deny our young preachers its benefits.

Brethren Bennett and Watson are now in our College at Arkadelphia, and a number of others are expected to enter there soon.

We have expended in this work during the past year \$192.70. We have still on hand \$79.95, with a number of unpaid pledges; yet our wants for this year will likely demand \$75 per month. Will we give it, Brethren? Submitted.

J. B. SEARCY, Secretary.

Pending its consideration, a collection was taken up, and \$22.25 in cash raised for the young men at Jackson, Tenn., and a subscription of \$336 secured for general purposes.

On motion, Eld. G. W. Reeves, J. W. Conger and T. A. Heard were appointed a local Board of Ministerial Education at Arkadelphia.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until 7 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. T. W. Wright.

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

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report that the interest in this work is taking deeper hold upon the hearts of our people, and we are beginning somewhat to appreciate our obligations; yet if we had more correct and extended knowledge of the wants of the millions in heathen lands, we would make much greater efforts to furnish them with the gospel of salvation.

As we do not appreciate the blessing of water because of its abundance, so we do not appreciate the blessing of the gospel, because we have it in great profusion in our land. The few brethren who have gone out into heathen lands continually cry for two things—first they say, pray for us and our work; and, secondly, they say,

send us more laborers. We have a host of good brethren who would gladly go and tell the story of the Cross in the dark lands, but they cannot go at their own charges. We have only one Missionary from our State in a foreign field, viz., Bro. C. E. Smith, at Abeokuta, Africa. We have heretofore been giving less than it took to support him. This year we have been asked for \$1,500, only a little more than it would take to support him. Of this amount there is still to be raised about \$1,000 between this and the 30th of April next. We sincerely hope that this will be provided for at this meeting. Nearly all the Associations in the State are in active co-operation with us; it only needs a little active work upon the part of the Pastors of the State, and the delegates of this Convention can do a great deal towards inspiring collections for this work among the Churches. The women in their work are fully alive to the work, and their aid is firmly relied upon. Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Chairman,
W. A. FORBES,
W. T. BOX,

Committee.

Pending consideration of the report, a collection and subscriptions were taken for Foreign Missions, and \$913 realized therefor.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested and urged to secure two copies of the Minutes of each Association in the State—one to be kept on file by the Secretary, and the other to be sent to Lansing Burrows, Augusta, Ga.

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

Your Committee on Obituaries report the following:

ELD. J. T. CRAIG,

Who died December, 1885, was born in Alabama; came to Arkansas in an early day—about 1838 or 1840; first lived in Benton, Saline county, then in Clark, afterwards in Dallas, and finally settled in Bradley county, where he died. He professed religion, and joined the Methodists in 1843; a few years afterwards he united with the Baptist Church. He commenced preaching about the year 1850, and was a faithful advocate of our doctrines. He was a true man; a man of strong convictions; filled many pastorates, and was Moderator of Judson Association many years. He left several children and a second wife to mourn their loss—his first wife having preceded him to the Glory Land a few years.

DR. M. M. MCGUIRE,

We learn, was a native of Kentucky; came to Arkansas about 1858, and stopped in Pine Bluff, where he made a profession of religion and joined the Baptist Church, being baptized by Eld. W. M. Lea. He afterwards removed to Dardanelle, where he breathed his last on June 27, 1886. He filled many important stations, both in Church and State, such as editor and publisher, president of the Arkansas Press Association—he was the first publisher of the Evangel—and last, though not least, a faithful deacon of the Baptist Church, which he filled up to his death, in his forty-eighth year.

ELD. J. S. MORRIS

Was born in Cherokee county, Ala., November 20, 1856; came with his parents to Prairie county, Ark., about seven years ago; made a profession of the Christian faith in July, 1879; joined the Church at Center Point, and began to preach in October following. We learn that he gave most of his time to the preaching of the gospel, which work seemed to fill his whole heart as the work of his life. Though quite poor in this world's goods, he was rich in faith, and seemed willing to make all personal sacrifices for the Master's cause. He settled at Des Arc last July, as pastor of the Church, to give all of his time to that and Hickory Plains Church. But, alas! "Man proposes and God disposes," for in a short time malaria marked him as its object, and death was the result. He left a young wife and two small children, without means of support, except what kind friends of Des Arc and others have contributed. We learn that he had a small residence in Hazen, incumbered by a debt of \$100, which Eld. P. A. Haman is trying to liquidate by contributions from friends. Will not the brotherhood contribute to the enterprise?

ELD. J. H. FITZGERALD,

We learn, was born in the State of Tennessee, and educated at the Southwestern Baptist University, at Jackson; came to Arkansas in the summer of 1883; served as Missionary of Mt. Vernon Association for three years, and was pastor of Brinkley and Forest Chapel Churches; died at Brinkley in September, 1886. He was a young man of unusual promise, persevering energy and consecration to the Master's cause.

ELD. JACOB LANE

Lived and died in Independence county. He was a member of Center Grove Church. He entered the ministry at a late day; yet, we learn, he was a faithful minister up to his death, which occurred about one year ago. He was regarded by his brethren as a safe counsellor and a true Baptist.

ELD. J. R. BEAVERS,

Of Violet Hill, Izard county, Ark., died last winter. He reached his three-score and ten years; was a most excellent man, one of the most conscientious men that ever lived. He was a true Baptist. He was rather eccentric, yet he possessed much of the finer feelings of humanity. A man of great zeal and deep piety, he died the death of the righteous.

ELD. T. J. BUTCHER

Was born in Georgia, April 5, 1825. He made a profession of religion at the age of fifteen years and united with a Baptist Church in same State. He was authorized to exercise his gifts when he was about forty-seven years of age, and continued until his ordination, which occurred at Pilgrim's Rest Church, near Prescott, in Nevada county, Arkansas. His ministerial work was done within the bounds of Union and Red River Associations. He died at his home, October 19, 1886, and in his death exemplified the graces of Christian patience and resignation.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. COLEMAN, Chairman.

A collection was taken up for the relief of Mrs. J. S. Morris, and \$31.90 raised.

The Committee on Divine Services reported as follows:

Your Committee on Divine Services have arranged for preaching on Sunday as follows:

Baptist Church—11 a.m., Eld. J. R. Graves; 7 p.m., Eld. W. T. Lowrey.

Methodist Church—11 a.m., Eld. Frank White; 7 p.m., Eld. F. Howard.

Presbyterian Church—11 a.m., Eld. D. B. Ray; 7 p.m., Eld. A. S. Pettie.

First Baptist Church, Colored—3 p.m., Eld. R. J. Coleman; 7 p.m., Eld. W. K. Bryant.

Marianna—Eld. G. W. Reeves.

Palestine—Eld. H. L. Finley.

Helena—Eld. W. A. Clark.

Sunday school mass meeting at 9:15 a.m., conducted by W. E. Atkinson.

G. A. GRAMMER, Chairman.

Eld. O. M. Lucas offered a resolution, which was amended and adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That the last page of the cover of the Minutes of the Convention be used as an advertising medium for the College, and the third page of the cover for the use of the Arkansas Evangel.

W. E. Atkinson offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Be it resolved, That this Convention return its thanks to the Church and people of Forrest City for the kindness with which they have received the members of this Convention, and the unstinted liberality and generous hospitality with which they have entertained us; and that we assure them of the many pleasant recollections of happy associations with them which we bear away with us.

Be it further resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered our very efficient officers for their faithfulness in discharging their duties.

Be it further resolved, That our thanks be extended to the Memphis & Little Rock and the Arkansas Valley railroads, for their generous reduction of fare to the Messengers and visitors attending this session of the Convention.

Be it further resolved, That the Secretary have one thousand copies of the Minutes of the present session published and distributed, and that he be allowed for his services the sum of \$25.

On motion, the quilt donated to the Convention by the Ladies' Aid Society of Beebe Church, was ordered to be sent to Sister W. B. Bagby, as a present from the Convention.

The following Corresponding Messengers were appointed:

Mississippi Convention—Eld. J. B. Searcy, Eld. G. A. Grammer, M. F. Locke, Eld. M. L. Ball, Eld. J. W. Harriss, Eld. D. E. Gambrell, Eld. J. R. Hughes, Eld. M. D. Early and Eld. Frank White—

or any other member from Arkansas who may be present at said Convention.

On motion, it was ordered that any member from Arkansas present at either the Tennessee, Missouri, Texas or Louisiana Conventions be authorized to represent this Convention as Corresponding Messenger.

On motion, adjourned to Sunday, 3 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. W. A. Clark.

SUNDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled, pursuant to adjournment, at 3 o'clock p.m., and prayer was offered by R. T. Sanders.

The special order, Report of the Committee on Woman's Work, was taken up, amended and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Woman's Work report as follows:

We recognize this as an important work, and one well worthy of the hearty sympathy and co-operation of this Convention. We rejoice at the rapid progress made and grand work done by the Central Committee, appointed by this body to superintend the Woman's Work of our State. For some time after this trust was committed to the hands of the Central Committee there were only four societies that reported to them. Up to the present time there have been about fifty societies organized. During this Conventional year their contributions have amounted to about \$1,600. We earnestly recommend that every pastor in the State give this work his hearty encouragement and co-operation.

J. R. HUGHES,

R. A. LEE,

A. S. PETTIE,

Committee.

The report of the Woman's Central Committee was ordered published, as follows:

Report of Corresponding Secretary of State Central Committee on Woman's Work, for Conventional Year Ending October 31, 1886:

Three years ago, as Secretary of the Woman's Central Committee, I presented my first report on Woman's Mission Work in our State. At that time we had but four contributing societies with an

aggregate contribution of \$168.75. Now I am able to report thirty-two societies, contributing \$2,573.45, with almost as many not reporting—not so great an increase, perhaps, as was hoped; still, we have cause for gratitude to God. Our progress seems slow, and sometimes we become restless and impatient because we do not advance with that degree of rapidity that we desire; but we must remember that it is ours to sow the seed, and, as the Lord is not slack concerning his promises, we can well afford to labor, watch and wait. We cannot hope to arouse our sisters all at once to the great importance of the work of Missions. They have been educated to have the husband, the father, the brother make the contributions of the family—not fully realizing that religion, with all of its duties, is a personal matter, and it is the imperative duty of each woman who is adopted into God's family to make contributions of her time and money for the advancement of His kingdom.

Permit me again to call attention to the relation of the Pastor to this work. Wherever he is alive to its importance, and is earnestly endeavoring to interest the sisters of his charge in organizing and carrying on systematic Mission work we find the most encouraging results. Not only does the Mission cause prosper in those Churches, but we find them alive to every interest, and they respond with a liberal hand to every needy cause.

Another department intimately connected with woman's work to which I would call attention is that of organizing the children into Mission bands. If one earnest, devoted woman could be found in each Church who would gather the children together weekly or monthly, enlist them in this noble cause, educate them to give, to work for Jesus, the next generation would not be found "piddling at Missions," as one of our brethren has tersely put it.

One great hindering cause to our success as a Committee is our lack of money. We need means to purchase Mission Leaflets, which should be scattered broadcast over our State. We should have "mite boxes" to furnish to those Churches where it seems impossible to sustain societies; we should have them to distribute among our children, to encourage them in their bands.

Feeling the need of sending out Constitutions for the government of societies, in May we raised among ourselves the means to have printed six hundred of these, together with a circular letter of appeal to the Pastors and sisters of our Churches, urging them to more diligence and more system in their work. One of these we sent to every Church of which we could obtain the address of a member or Pastor. Later we had printed five hundred copies of yearly blank reports for the use of four societies. These we also sent out,

with a prayer that God would bless our efforts. While we regret that some of those that have reported to us hitherto have this year failed to respond, yet we thank God that new recruits have entered our ranks and that we have organized faithful workers in every part of the State.

We submit the following financial report:

SILAM SPRINGS—State Missions.....	\$ 2 60
Home Missions	8 00
Total.....	\$ 10 60
NEW EDINBURG—Associational Missions.....	\$ 11 55
State Missions	10 25
Foreign Missions.....	3 20
Total.....	\$ 25 00
ALTUS—Church Aid.....	\$ 1 85
ROGERS—Church Building.....	\$ 67 00
LITTLE ROCK—Foreign Missions.....	\$ 10 00
Home Missions.....	29 00
Use Central Committee.....	8 50
Church Aid.....	350 00
Total.....	\$ 397 50
SALEM—State Missions.....	\$ 2 70
Foreign Missions	1 00
Total.....	\$ 3 70
HELENA—Church Building.....	\$ 268 00
Church Furniture.....	45 00
Pastor's Salary.....	10 00
Total.....	\$ 323 00
PRESCOTT—Unappropriated.....	\$ 11 00
HOPE—Unappropriated	\$ 15 00
FAYETTEVILLE—Unappropriated	\$ 250 00
BEEBE—Unappropriated.....	\$ 65 20
DARDANELLE—Unappropriated	\$ 66 00
MAGNOLIA—Church Repairs.....	\$ 120 00
Church Debt.....	12 00
Foreign Missions.....	3 10
State Missions.....	3 10
Total.....	\$ 138 20
MONROE—Willing Workers—Foreign Missions.....	\$ 6 30

LONOKE—W. M. & Aid Society Cen. Com.....	\$ 2 00
Unappropriated	2 00
Total.....	\$ 4 00
RUSSELLVILLE—State Missions.....	\$ 13 00
Church Repairs.....	55 00
Church Furniture.....	6 50
Other Church Aid.....	16 05
Ministerial Education.....	60
Total.....	\$ 91 15
MOUNTAIN HOME—Associational Missions.....	\$ 20 00
State Missions.....	13 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00
Pastor's Salary.....	10 00
Church Aid.....	7 00
Total.....	\$ 60 00
MINERAL SPRINGS—Associational Missions.....	\$ 7 25
State Missions.....	6 25
Foreign Missions.....	6 00
Total.....	\$ 19 50
FORREST CITY—State Missions.....	\$ 10 00
Church Repairs.....	25 00
Church Furniture.....	75 00
Central Committee.....	2 00
Total.....	\$ 112 00
MARIANNA—Associational Missions.....	\$ 5 00
Church Furniture	203 00
Total.....	\$ 208 00
ARKADELPHIA—Church Aid.....	\$ 107 00
EL PASO—Unappropriated.....	\$ 1 85
BRINKLEY—Foreign Missions.....	\$ 10 00
Church Repairs.....	18 00
Church Furniture.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 53 00

MARVELL—Associational Missions.....	\$ 12 65
Foreign Missions.....	2 50
Total.....	\$ 15 15
Contributed by Bro. M. F. Locke, for the furtherance of woman's work.....	\$ 10 00
HOT SPRINGS—Church Parsonage.....	\$ 200 00
Organist's Salary.....	75 00
Missions	10 00
Total.....	\$ 285 00
OZARK MISSION & AID SOCIETY—Asso'l Missions...\$	5 00
State "	15 00
Home "	10 00
Foreign "	24 00
Total for Missions.....	\$ 54 00
Church Building (Little Rock).....	\$ 2 75
Church Furniture (Ozark).....	25 90
Parsonage (Ozark).....	55 00
Use of Central Committee.....	3 00
Ministerial Education.....	2 00
Children's Band, Home Missions.....	5 25
" " Foreign "	4 00
Total.....	\$ 97 90
BENTON—Associational Missions.....	5 00
State Missions.....	14 00
Home Missions.....	2 60
Foreign Missions.....	3 00
Pastor's Salary.....	22 00
Church Repairs.....	4 50
Ministerial Education.....	5 00
Total.....	\$ 56 10
HICKORY GROVE—State Missions.....	\$ 4 30
ELDORADO—State Missions.....	\$ 12 00
GRAVEL HILL—Foreign Missions.....	\$ 2 65
THREE CREEKS—Central Committee.....	\$ 4 50
Total Contributions.....	\$2573 45

We are grieved to report the loss of one of our most zealous and efficient coworkers—our beloved Sister Locke, of Alma, whom

the Lord has been pleased to call to her reward. She, as president of her Society, has for years been doing a grand work, and had much planned for the future, when a still voice whispered: "It is enough; come up higher." We are bereaved, and extend to her saddened, discouraged Society and to her sorrowing husband, our esteemed brother, and his family our sincere sympathy. May Our Father give them strength to bear this heavy affliction is our prayer for Christ's sake.

Mrs. D. A. EARLY, Corresponding Secretary.

On motion, the following sisters were appointed a Central Committee on Woman's Work in Arkansas; Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. M. D. Early, Mrs. J. C. Crudup, Mrs. W. A. Forbes and Mrs. A. B. Miller.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be and they are hereby authorized to fill vacancies in said Board, and also all vacancies in any of the appointments of this Convention occurring before the next meeting of this Convention.

On motion, adjourned to 7 o'clock p.m. Prayer by Eld. Frank White.

SUNDAY.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7 o'clock p.m., and was called to order by the President.

After a sermon by Eld. W. T. Lowrey, of Mississippi, the Committee on Finance made the following report, which was adopted:

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

There has been received, during the meeting of this Convention, cash and pledges, as follows:

	CASH.	PLEDGES.
College Building.....		\$3600 00
Foreign Missions.....	\$ 23 00	890 00
State Missions.....	76 76	710 00
Home Missions.....	50 25	270 00
Ministerial Education.....	22 25	336 00
Relief of Mrs. Morris.....	31 90	
	\$204 16	\$5806 00

Total contributions, \$6010.16.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. BLACKWOOD,
W. P. FLETCHER,
W. E. MAXFIELD,
Committee.

President Eagle made a feeling address, the parting hand was given, and the Convention adjourned, with prayer by Eld. R. J. Coleman.

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

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Sec'y,
Little Rock, Ark.

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