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Baptist Convention.  
1888.

## Order of Business.

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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 possible.

Fourth—Election of permanent officers of Convention.

Fifth—Appointment of Standing Committees:

1. Committee on Divine Service.
2. Committee on Education.
3. Committee on Ministerial Education.
4. Committee on Sunday Schools.
5. Committee on State Missions.
6. Committee on Home Missions.
7. Committee on Foreign Missions.
8. Committee on Woman's Work.
9. Committee on Publications.
10. Committee on Nominations.
11. Committee on Finance.
12. Committee on Obituaries.

Sixth—Hear the report of the Executive Board.

Seventh—Hear the report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College.

Eighth—The Convention sermon shall be preached on Thursday night.

Ninth—Report of Standing Committees.

Tenth—Miscellaneous business.

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

Twelfth—Benediction.

## PROCEEDINGS

— OF THE —

# Arkansas Baptist State Convention,

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION,

— HELD AT —

## JONESBORO,

November 1st to 4th, 1888.

Next Session to be held with Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1889.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK:  
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## OFFICERS.

ELD. J. P. EAGLE, President, - - - - - Lonoke.  
 M. F. LOCKE, Vice-President, - - - - - Alma.  
 ELD. A. B. MILLER, Vice-President, - - - - - Little Rock.  
 ELD. MARTIN BALL, Secretary, - - - - - Jonesboro.  
 JOHN G. HOLLAND, Assistant Secretary, - - - - - Searcy.  
 A. W. FILES, Treasurer, - - - - - Little Rock.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

ELD. J. P. EAGLE, A. W. FILES,  
 J. K. BRANTLY, W. E. ATKINSON,  
 ELD. J. B. SEARCY, M. F. LOCKE,  
 ELD. W. A. FORBES.

### WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

MRS. J. P. EAGLE, President, - - - - - Lonoke.  
 MRS. M. D. EARLY, Secretary, - - - - - Little Rock.  
 MRS. W. A. FORBES, - - - - - Lonoke.  
 MRS. J. K. PACE, - - - - - Little Rock.  
 MRS. W. H. THARP, - - - - - Searcy.  
 MRS. A. B. MILLER, - - - - - Little Rock.  
 MRS. E. LONGLY, - - - - - Little Rock.  
 MRS. M. BALL, - - - - - Jonesboro.

### SECRETARY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

ELD. J. B. SEARCY, - - - - - Hope.

### SECRETARY OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

G. W. REEVES, - - - - - Arkadelphia.

### BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

ELD. G. W. REEVES, J. W. CONGER,  
 R. S. WALLIS, B. J. DUNN.

### SECRETARY OF HOME MISSION BOARD.

ELD. M. D. EARLY, - - - - - Little Rock.

### STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

ELD. J. K. PACE, - - - - - Little Rock.

## PROCEEDINGS.

JONESBORO, ARK., Nov. 1, 1888.

The Arkansas Baptist State Convention assembled in the meeting-house of the Jonesboro Baptist Church, at 10 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by Eld. J. P. Eagle, President of the last Convention, who read the 63d Psalm, after which prayer was offered by Eld. J. H. Eager.

The President appointed as a Committee on Credentials, Elders W. A. Forbes, G. W. Reeves and P. A. Haman, who retired to attend to their duties, and after a short time made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following messengers entitled to seats in this body:

### ASSOCIATIONS.

BARTHOLOMEW—D. E. Barker.  
 BENTON COUNTY—I. R. Hall.  
 BLUE MOUNTAIN—J. M. McCallister.  
 CAROLINE—B. F. Bartles, W. H. Woodall.  
 CLEAR CREEK—M. F. Locke.  
 COLUMBIA—D. E. Gambrell, J. A. Moore, A. J. Brewer and J. E. Smith.  
 FRIENDSHIP—W. H. Cash.  
 GAINSVILLE—W. J. Bearden, H. B. Wright, G. Lively.  
 GRAND PRAIRIE—P. A. Haman.  
 INDEPENDENCE—J. I. Martin.  
 JUDSON—I. Z. Kimbrough, J. L. Hogg, T. I. Pirtle.  
 MT. VERNON—L. K. Obenchain.  
 MT. ZION—W. L. Gage, M. Ball, J. M. RAINS, J. T. Arrington.  
 ROCKY BAYOU—J. W. Miller, D. T. Martin, J. D. Payne.  
 SALINE—J. H. Howard, J. Howard Carpenter, J. R. Hughes.  
 SOUTHWESTERN—J. H. Denson.

STATE LINE—H. C. Kirkpatrick, E. T. Lincoln.  
 SPRING RIVER—M. D. East.  
 UNION—J. B. Searcy, E. W. Tong.  
 UNITED—J. Mayall, E. A. Woolverton.

## CHURCHES.

20  
 ARKADELPHIA—J. W. Conger, G. W. Reeves.  
 BETHABARA—W. G. Stamper.  
 BETHANY—William English.  
 BETHEL—J. T. McKinny, E. J. A. McKinny.  
 CARLISLE—J. A. L. Rieff.  
 CHARLESTON—L. Quinn.  
 CONWAY—O. M. Lucas.  
 DARDANELLE—D. D. Swindall.  
 BEEBE—J. G. Doyle.  
 FAYETTEVILLE—J. F. Howell.  
 FIRST, LITTLE ROCK—J. K. Pace, M. J. Clay, A. J. Espy.  
 HELENA—W. H. Barnes.  
 HARRISBURG—W. L. Hughes, William Alford.  
 FORREST CITY—W. H. Pasley, J. J. Taylor.  
 GREENWAY—M. J. Tucker.  
 JONESBORO—J. W. Bell, E. P. Minton, J. H. Kitchens, Jr.  
 KINGSLAND—W. M. Hopson.  
 LAKE VILLAGE—B. R. Womack.  
 LOCK HALL—J. H. Floyd.  
 MAGNOLIA—J. W. Barrow.  
 MONTICELLO—Frank White.  
 MORRILTON—J. M. Hart, Mrs. M. Glines, Miss Willie Winbourne.  
 MARIANNA—H. F. Jones, Jno. P. Farrar.  
 MT. BETHEL—M. L. LANGLEY.  
 LONOKE—J. M. King, Geo. Sibley.  
 PRESCOTT—W. T. Box.  
 PARAGOULD—C. Wall.  
 REYNO—W. P. Kime.  
 SEARCY—J. W. Harris, John G. Holland.  
 VAN BUREN—Enoch Windes.  
 SECOND CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK—A. B. Miller, M. D. Early, J. N. Hall.  
 WARREN—N. C. Denson.  
 SECOND CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS—J. M. Haycraft.

## STATE BOARD.

33-  
 W. A. Forbes, J. P. Eagle.

## WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. W. A. Forbes.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. FORBES,  
 G. W. REEVES,  
 P. A. HAMAN.

The Convention then proceeded to a permanent organization, by the election of the following officers, the election being conducted by M. D. Early, B. R. Womack, D. E. Gambrell, J. B. Searcy, J. Howard Carpenter and J. R. Hughes:

President—J. P. Eagle.

Vice Presidents—M. F. Locke and A. B. Miller.

Secretary—Martin Ball.

Assistant Secretary—John G. Holland.

Treasurer—A. W. Files.

Bro. M. T. Locke offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the sessions of this body shall be as follows: Meet at 8:30 A. M., adjourn at 12 M.; meet at 2 P. M., adjourn at 5 P. M.; meet at 7 P. M., and adjourn at will.

On motion, the Order of Business of last session was adopted for the present—except that a standing committee on Ministerial Education be inserted as No. 3.

The Convention then adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M., after prayer by W. H. Pasley.

## THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 P. M. Prayer by A. B. Miller. The President announced the following

## STANDING COMMITTEES:

*Divine Services*—J. G. Holland, D. E. Barker, J. H. Kitchens, Jr.  
*Education*—J. W. Conger, P. A. Haman, J. J. Taylor, B. F. Bartles.  
*Ministerial Education*—B. R. Womack, G. W. Reeves, J. R. Hughes.  
*Sunday Schools*—J. K. Pace, J. Howard Carpenter, L. K. Obenchain.  
*State Missions*—W. A. Forbes, L. Quinn, M. A. Gunter.  
*Home Missions*—M. D. Early, Enoch Windes, D. D. Swindall.  
*Foreign Missions*—J. B. Searcy, W. T. Box, I. Z. Kimbrough.  
*Woman's Work*—A. B. Miller, Frank White, D. T. Martin.  
*Publications*—W. H. Pasley, J. A. Moore, N. C. Denson.  
*Nominations*—M. F. Locke, J. M. Hart, J. M. King.  
*Finance*—J. G. B. Simms, W. L. Hughes, J. H. Denson.  
*Obituaries*—J. G. Doyle, D. E. Gambrell, H. B. Wright.

An invitation was extended to visiting brethren to seats in the Convention, which was accepted by J. H. Eager, Mission-

ary of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, to Italy; R. H. Graves, Missionary to Canton, China; W. S. Roney, West Union Association, Ky.; T. P. Bell, Assistant Secretary Foreign Mission Board; W. K. Bryant, *The Baptist* and Baptist Book House, Memphis, Tenn.; B. B. Bailey, Clinton, Ky.; Miss A. M. Hicks, Clinton, Ky.; J. H. Vance, Spring Hill, Ky.; J. D. Anderson, Baptist Book House, Memphis; E. F. Fredell and J. H. Cason, Texarkana.

On motion of A. B. Miller, an half hour was spent in devotional exercises.

The report of the State Mission Board was read by the Secretary and adopted, as follows:

#### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

##### *To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:*

The Executive Board, soon after the adjournment of the last Convention, met in Little Rock, and organized by the re-election of Eld. J. P. Eagle, President; John G. Holland, Secretary; A. W. Files, Treasurer. The Board has had several meetings throughout the year, which were very well attended by the various members, and were harmonious and enjoyable.

#### CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

At once, after its reorganization, the Board re-elected Eld. M. D. Early Corresponding Secretary for another year, at the same salary as before, and his work was, therefore, a continuation of that done the preceding year—visiting churches, associations and individuals in various portions of the State, enlisting sympathy and co-operation, and preaching whenever and wherever opportunity afforded or demanded for good. We may specially mention Paragould church, where about a month was spent, resulting in thirty additions to the church—sixteen of them by baptism. The church much revived, and placed in condition to move on with the work and nearly, if not quite, support a pastor.

Malvern church, where two weeks were spent, and twenty-seven additions to the church—twelve by baptism—resulted. The church was so much revived as to call a pastor for all his time, and we believe a bright future is before us at Malvern.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

Seeing the good results following the plan heretofore pursued, of supplementing the salaries of pastors at the most important points, when needed, and believing it the best that could be devised, the Board made the following appointments of missionary pastors and general missionaries:

Eld. B. N. Hultsman, Bryant church, Saline county, for the year 1888. Salary, \$50.

Eld. R. C. Rhoden, Redfield, Jefferson county, in co-operation with Pine Bluff Association, for the same period. Salary, \$30.

Eld. Enoch Windes, Van Buren, Crawford county, from January 1 to September 30. Salary, \$225.

Eld. Jasper Dunagin, Rogers, Benton county, for the year 1888. Salary, \$50.  
Eld. P. A. Haman, Carlisle, Lonoke county, for the same time. Salary, \$75.  
Eld. A. B. Miller, Second church, Little Rock, for the same time. Salary, \$500.

Eld. J. B. Lumbley, Fordyce, Dallas county, for the same time. Salary, \$250.

Eld. A. S. Hall, Paragould, Greene county, for the same time. Salary, \$100.  
Eld. J. M. Lawrence, Altus, Franklin county, from April 1 to December 31, 1888. Salary, \$75.

Eld. J. M. McGuire, Bentonville, Benton county, from March 1 to August 31. Salary, at the rate of \$100 per annum.

Eld. B. W. Neel, Spring Valley Association, from January 1 to August 31. Salary, \$50.

Eld. I. Z. Kimbrough, Kingsland, Cleveland county; Eld. L. Quinn, Star City, Lincoln county; Eld. I. R. Vick, Mt. Moriah church, Desha county; Eld. T. J. Varnell, Rison church, Cleveland county, missionaries of Friendship Association, for the year 1888. Salary of \$250, two-thirds of which is paid by the Association.

Elds. J. T. Arrington, Thos. Williams and E. P. Minton, Mt. Zion Association, in co-operation with the Board of the Association. Salary, \$208.50; paid by the Association.

From the appointments made last year the following were in the employ of the Board for the last quarter of 1887: Eld. A. B. Miller, Second church, Little Rock; Eld. Enoch Windes, Van Buren; Eld. P. A. Haman, Hazen and Carlisle; Eld. B. F. Bartles, Center Point; Eld. L. O. Miers, Fordyce; Eld. O. M. Lucas, Conway; Eld. A. S. Hall, Paragould; Eld. J. M. Haycraft, Second church, Hot Springs; Eld. W. H. Pasley, Brinkley; Eld. L. Quinn, Star City; Eld. J. B. Lumbley, Kingsland; Eld. I. R. Vick, Mt. Moriah; Eld. T. J. Varnell, Rison.

#### THE WORK DONE.

The reports from most of the fields aided by the Board have been gratifying and encouraging, very clearly demonstrating the wisdom of the efforts of the Board. The meagre assistance given has done much towards building up several churches at important places to a position of strength and influence, and that will soon repay the money spent in giving for the work in other places. We may mention:

*Bentonville*—Of which the deacons report: "There have been over twenty additions to our church during Bro. McGuire's pastorate, and the financial strength of the church much increased."

*Bryant*—"Our people have a good house of worship, for which we have raised about \$150, which pays us out of debt. The Lord has blessed our labors much."

*Redfield*—"We have had fifteen accessions since the 1st of August."

*Van Buren*—"A house of worship bought and fitted up and all paid for, except deferred payments of \$600, due in one and two years, and an increase in membership to 41."

*Rogers*—"The present outlook is more hopeful than for some time."

*Fordyce*—"Our prospects are more favorable than ever before. A great deal of energy has been spent disciplining our church, and notwithstanding some half dozen have been excluded, our membership has grown to 76, and more to follow."

*Carlisle*—"We now enjoy the privilege of worshipping in a nice new house, furnished with modern improvements at a cost of about \$1,500. A parsonage built at a cost of \$600, and an increase of membership in one year from 17 to 55."

*Second Church, Little Rock*—"The outlook for our work is more encouraging than ever. If the debt on the church house was only paid, or reduced to \$1,000 or \$2,000, our church would be amply able to get along without help, and I do not think we will need help more than one year more."

The financial work done by the several missionaries, as far as the same has been reported to the Board, is found in the following statement. The detailed services of some of the missionaries, and the results of their labors, are given below:

	M. D. Early	A. B. Miller	Enoch Windes	P. A. Haman	J. B. Lambley	A. S. Hall	B. N. Hulsmann	J. M. Lawrence	J. M. McGuire	R. C. Rhoden	J. M. Haycraft	H. F. Bartles	W. H. Parley
Weeks of labor	52	52	52	52	52	52	39	26	39	26	39	12	6
Churches supplied	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Sermons	147	175	106	57	113	105	64	41	30	30	60	12	11
Addresses	94	5	2	40	6	10	10	17	10	6	2	14	
Prayer meetings attended	45	161	6	119	42	25	18	16	4	12	20	15	12
Baptisms	28	13	10	33	7	7	13	2	5	9	8	7	12
Received by letter	29	40	21	7	17	24	5	1	5	1	5	1	1
Restored				2	1	1	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total membership		270	41	55	76	64	46	50			33	23	60
Miles traveled	7091		2310	446	110	1500	150				357		52
Religious visits		555	969	94	93	490	39	56		30		125	12

THE COST.

The work done by the Board has been at a cost of about \$640 a quarter, one-third of which has been promptly supplied by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The collections and expenditures (except the money supplied by the Southern Baptist Convention, which was received and paid out on checks by the Secretary) is shown by the Treasurer's report, herewith submitted, showing \$2,398.79 received and \$2,112.08 expended, leaving in the Treasurer's hands \$286.71, which is about sufficient to finish paying the salaries of missionaries to the 30th of September last.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. EAGLE,  
President Board.

JOHN G. HOLLAND, Secretary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. W. FILES, Treasurer, in account with Baptist State Convention.		Dr.
Nov. 5, 1887	To balance as per account current	\$410 76
" 7, "	To amt. from E. S. Greene	25
" 16, "	" " Caroline Association (State)	30 00
" 16, "	" " " (Foreign)	33 20
" 23, "	" " Friendship Association	22 90
" 24, "	" " proceeds books by D. B. Ray	9 50
" 24, "	" " proceeds quilt at Convention	10 00
" 24, "	" " cash, Ministerial Education	50 50
Dec. 9, "	" " M. D. Early	478 84
" 23, "	" " " "	50 00
" 25, "	" " E. S. Greene	50
Jan. 20, 1888	" " M. D. Early	74 89
Feb. 5, "	" " E. S. Greene	30
" 18, "	" " Van Buren Church	1 80
" 20, "	" " Second Church, Sunday School, (State)	8 45
" 20, "	" " " " (Foreign)	4 00
" 20, "	" " " " (Home)	4 00
" 20, "	" " Mite Society, (State)	5 55
" 20, "	" " " " (Foreign)	3 00
March 9, "	" " Ozark Church Ladies' Aid Society	5 00
" 17, "	" " Van Buren Church	85
" 27, "	" " M. D. Early	150 00
April 8, "	" " Second Baptist Church	14 30
" 8, "	" " W. B. Blackwood	1 00
" 12, "	" " M. D. Early	243 40
" 13, "	" " Van Buren Church	60
" 24, "	" " Fordyce Church	8 05
" 24, "	" " Judson Association	1 65
May 27, "	" " Second Baptist Church Sunday School	50
" 30, "	" " Van Buren Church	65
July 5, "	" " J. P. Eagle	75 00
" 23, "	" " Van Buren Church	75
Aug. 27, "	" " " " " "	30
" 27, "	" " M. D. Early	297 00
Sept. 2, "	" " Second Baptist Sunday School	4 70
" 5, "	" " Mrs. D. Coleman	2 15
" 13, "	" " M. D. Early	53 00
" 17, "	" " Van Buren Church	35
" 22, "	" " Ozark Ladies' Aid Society	5 00
" 22, "	" " Ozark Baptist Church	65
Oct. 7, "	" " Second Baptist Church	19 50
" 17, "	" " M. D. Early	159 50
" 23, "	" " " " " "	50 00
" 30, "	" " " " " "	106 45
Total		\$2,398 79

	By	amt. paid		Cr.
Nov. 7, 1887			P. A. Haman	voucher 1 \$ 16 65
" 7, "			T. W. Wright	" 2 8 35
" 14, "			Enoch Windes	" 3 33 33
" 18, "			Mack Slaughter	" 4 12 50
" 23, "			J. M. Haycraft	" 5 8 35
" 23, "			A. J. Fawcett	" 6 15 25
" 24, "			J. G. Holland	" 7 30 00
" 24, "			"	" 8 9 50
" 24, "			J. B. Searcy, (for Mission)	" 9 33 20
" 28, "			A. S. Hall	" 10 12 50
Dec. 7, "			G. W. Reeves, (Min. Ed.)	" 11 60 70
" 9, "			M. D. Early	" 12 15 35
" 9, "			"	" 13 403 35
" 9, "			"	" 14 12 75
" 9, "			"	" 15 50 00
Jan. 5, 1888			L. O. Miers	" 16 8 35
" 10, "			B. F. Bartles	" 17 12 50
" 13, "			Holland & Jobe	" 18 52 50
" 14, "			P. A. Haman	" 19 16 65
" 14, "			A. B. Miller	" 20 83 35
" 16, "			Enoch Windes	" 21 33 35
" 19, "			O. M. Lucas	" 22 12 50
" 20, "			M. D. Early	" 23 150 00
" 20, "			"	" 24 18 00
Feb. 15, "			L. O. Miers	" 25 8 35
" 21, "			W. H. Pasley	" 26 8 35
" 21, "			J. M. Haycraft	" 27 8 35
" 22, "			A. S. Hall	" 28 12 50
April 11, "			M. D. Early	" 29 200 00
" 14, "			Enoch Windes	" 30 50 00
" 23, "			A. B. Miller	" 31 83 35
" 23, "			J. B. Lumbley	" 32 41 65
" 23, "			P. A. Haman	" 33 12 50
June 4, "			A. S. Hall	" 34 16 65
" 27, "			B. N. Hultsman	" 35 12 50
July 7, "			R. C. Rhoden	" 36 5 00
" 9, "			J. G. Holland	" 37 12 50
" 13, "			Jasper Dunagin	" 38 8 35
" 15, "			B. N. Hultsman	" 39 8 35
" 18, "			Jasper Dunagin	" 40 8 35
" 18, "			Enoch Windes	" 41 50 00
" 20, "			J. B. Lumbley	" 42 41 65
" 21, "			A. S. Hall	" 43 16 65
" 22, "			J. M. Lawrence	" 44 12 50
" 27, "			P. A. Haman	" 45 12 50
Sept. 13, "			M. D. Early	" 46 200 00
Oct. 20, "			R. C. Rhoden	" 47 5 00
" 24, "			A. B. Miller	" 48 83 35
" 24, "			J. M. McGuire	" 49 16 65
" 31, "			"	" 50 5 55
" 31, "			Enoch Windes	" 51 50 00
" 31, "			P. A. Haman	" 52 12 50

Total ..... \$2,112.08

Balance on hand ..... \$ 286 71

Balance of salaries for third quarter to be paid.

AMOUNTS RECEIVED AND EXPENDED BY THE CHURCHES ASSISTED BY THE BOARD.

*Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. A. B. Miller, Pastor.*

Amount paid salary	\$ 700 00
" " on church debt	1,593 00
" " incidental expenses church	497 50
" " for the poor	145 40
" " missions	175 00
" " Sunday school literature	130 00
	\$3,240 90

*Van Buren Church. E. Windes, Pastor.*

Amount paid salary	\$ 200 00
" " lots and church property	1,239 00
	\$1,439 00

*Carlisle Church. P. A. Haman, Pastor.*

Amount paid salary	\$ 139 35
" " on building	1,500 00
" " missions	18 90
" " church expenses	35 95
	\$1,694 20

*Rogers Church. J. Dunagin, Pastor.*

Amount paid salary	\$ 37 50
" " on church debts	355 57
" " church expenses	31 64
" " missions	17 05
	\$ 441 76

*Kingsland Church. I. Z. Kimbrough, Pastor.*

Amount paid salary	\$ 48 00
" " church expenses	80 00
" " missions	20 00
	\$ 148 00

*Mt. Moriah Church. I. R. Vick, Pastor.*

Amount paid salary	\$ 75 00
" " church expenses	30 00
" " missions	9 10
	\$ 114 10

*Fortyce Church. J. B. Lumbley, Pastor.*

Amount paid salary	\$ 200 00
" " church expenses	133 00
" " missions	35 00
	\$ 368 00

*Rison Church. T. J. Varnell, Pastor.*

Amount paid salary	\$ 25 00
" " church building	500 00
" " missions	10 00
	\$ 535 00



Altus Church. J. M. Lawrence, Pastor.

Amount paid salary	\$ 52 00
“ “ church building	187 45
“ “ church expenses	16 00
	\$ 255 45

Star City Church. L. Quinn, Pastor.

Amount paid salary	\$ 120 00
“ “ missions	38 55
	\$ 158 55

Mt. Zion Association (Co-operative.)

Amount paid associational missionaries	\$ 250 65
	\$ 250 65
	\$8,610 61

On motion, the Missionaries of the State Board present made reports to the Convention of the work done in the various fields.

On motion, the subject of Foreign Missions was made the special order for to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Bro. J. N. Hall was granted an opportunity to speak for the *Arkansas Baptist*.

The chairman of the committee on State Missions reported. The report was recommitted for complete investigation and three brethren were added to the committee, viz: I. R. Hall, J. N. Hall, M. F. Locke.

Bro. W. A. Forbes was relieved from further connection with the committee, at his own request.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Elder J. K. Pace.

#### THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION.

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

The Convention Sermon was then preached by Eld. Enoch Windes, from Luke, 7: 42-43-47, and Col. 2: 13.

Bro. W. A. Maywood, in a few eloquent words, welcomed the Convention to the homes of our own people, and Bro. W.

H. Cate spoke to welcome the Convention to the homes and hearts of the citizens of Jonesboro.

The President requested Bro. M. F. Locke to respond to the words of welcome by the brethren who spoke. This he did in earnest and eloquent words.

Bro. Enoch Windes made a statement concerning the work at Van Buren.

A collection was then taken for the Van Buren church, amounting to \$110 in pledges and about \$20 in cash.

On motion, the quilt sent to the Convention by the Ladies' Aid Society of Van Buren, was returned to the ladies.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Eld. R. H. Graves.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 8:30 A. M.

Prayer by Eld. D. D. Swindall.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College was read. On motion of Bro. W. A. Forbes, the consideration of the report was made a special order for to-night, at 8 o'clock.

Eld. D. B. Ray, of the *American Baptist*, accepted a seat as a visiting brother.

Report on Publications was read as follows:

Your Committee on Publications would respectfully submit the following:

We certainly live in the age to which Solomon referred, when he said, "Of making many books there is no end." The Press, that mighty power, when properly used, to disseminate knowledge and education is kept running night and day to satiate the thirst for mental food.

This is an age in which people must and will read, and the moral and religious proclivities of the people depend largely on the kind of literature they read. This fact is too patent to need argument, hence strenuous efforts are made by the advocates of every creed to circulate such literature as teach their peculiar tenets, and if we believe what we profess, wisdom and reason dictate that we should use like efforts to publish, circulate, read and cause to be read, such papers, periodicals and books as teach our distinguishing doctrines, and counteract, if not suppress, those we regard as false and pernicious.

As regards a denominational paper, the *Arkansas Baptist* stands second to none. It is sound in the faith, manly in its statements, and an able exponent of gospel truth. It should be read by every Baptist family in the State.

As regards books, the Bible should be the text book of every minister, the companion of every saint, and the umpire of every disputant. It alone is the book of God. It sheds light in darkness, gives food to the hungry soul, and carries joy to the heart of the child of God, as its companion.

As to Sunday School literature, we would earnestly recommend *Kind Words and Lessons*, published under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The *Foreign Mission Journal* also demands and merits a place in every family, as it performs a mission peculiar to itself.

W. H. PASLEY,  
N. C. DENSON,  
J. A. MOORE.

On motion, the following amendments to above report were agreed to:

That the churches be urged to secure hymn books published by our own people, setting forth the entire Gospel. Further, that we recommend the reading of the *Home Field*, published in Atlanta, Ga., in the interest of home missions.

B. E. BARTLES.

We recommend also to our churches and Sunday schools the song book *Harvest Bells*, by Bro. W. E. Penn, of Eureka Springs, Ark., also the tract on dancing, called *Upas Tree, or Dynamite in Dancing*, by the same author.

J. F. HOWELL.

We also recommend the *Sunday School Baptist*.

FRANK WHITE.

It was further agreed to strike out the paragraph: "We would recommend the circulation, by our ministry, the denominational books and tracts found in all Baptist book stores;" whereupon the report was adopted.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read:

Your Committee on Foreign Missions would report that the importance of this branch of our work is becoming more and more evident to our people each year. Just in proportion as our people realize the importance of this work will they pray and pay for its success. The opening of the present Home Mission bears the inspiration to this Convention to engage in Foreign Mission work. In the year 1871, at the meeting at Monticello, we raised our first contribution for this work. We then raised something over \$60, and forwarded it to Dr. Tupper, Secretary of Foreign Missions, at Richmond, Va. He wrote a good letter to us, thanking us for our liberality and expressing the opinion that Arkansas Baptists would yet be good Foreign Mission workers. From that day till now we have been making some progress. In 1885 the Foreign Board asked us for \$1,000. We went to work in earnest, and during that conventional year of this body we raised \$1,174.47.

We were asked for another \$1,000 the next year. We paid it. We were then asked for \$1,200, and at the meeting at Hope we took a collection in cash and pledges amounting to \$1,011. We paid what we were asked for that year. Last year we were asked for \$1,500. We had raised the enthusiasm so high that

we could not stop with \$1,500, but we made it \$1,800. The Foreign Board concluded we could do still better, and they have asked us for \$2,500 this year. Will we meet this request? Nearly \$2,000 of this amount is still to raise. Some sixteen new missionaries have recently been sent forward, and there is an urgent demand for many more, and the men and women are ready. Will we help the Board to send them? Your committee thinks we will.

Submitted,

J. B. SEARCY,  
W. T. BOX,  
I. Z. KIMBROUGH.

The report was spoken to by Elds. R. H. Graves, J. H. Eager, T. P. Bell. The Convention was led in prayer by Eld. J. M. Hart for God's blessing upon our Foreign Mission work.

The ladies of Hope church, through Bro. Searcy, presented a robe to the Convention, which was given to Bro. J. H. Eager by the State Convention of Arkansas.

A cash collection was taken up amounting to \$27.25.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Eld. J. B. Searcy.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elds. B. R. Womack and J. W. Harris.

Eld. B. B. Bailey was granted the privilege of presenting the interest of the college at Clinton, Ky.

The Board of Ministerial Education presented its report, which was adopted:

Your Board of Ministerial Education offer the following as their report:

As will be seen by reference to the minutes of the last Convention, Bro. A. S. Pettie was appointed Secretary of Ministerial Education, and in addition thereto this Board, located at Arkadelphia, was appointed to superintend the work in connection with our State College. Early in the year Bro. Pettie left the State, and hence the burden of the work fell upon the Board. As soon as practicable after their appointment the Board met and organized for work, and by correspondence and personal appeals have collected for this work \$389.85 and have expended \$382.25 in helping to pay the board of such young preachers as were needy and as came to us well recommended by their brethren at home. We now have \$7.60 on hand.

During this year the following named brethren have been enrolled as students in our State College: J. H. Bennett, S. M. Calhoun, R. W. Dickenson, J. H. Stringfellow, J. S. Veasy, R. A. Watson, J. H. Armstrong, G. C. Taylor, C. M. Myrick, G. C. Cate, J. W. Peebles, Jno. Shuck, Jno. Weathersbee, B. F. Milam, Jno. H. White and Z. M. Adams. All of these have been aided more or less, as was necessary to keep them in school.

Also, as we have been able to do so, we have helped Bros. Barton, who were attending the Southwestern Baptist University at Jackson, Tenn.

In conclusion, we are glad to be able to report a growing interest among our people in this important work. And that in our judgment a properly organized and zealous effort will result in much larger success the coming year than that of the year past.

J. W. CONGER,  
B. J. DUNN,  
R. A. WALLIS,  
W. G. ATKINSON,  
G. W. REEVES.

In connection with the report of the Board, the report of Committee on Ministerial Education was read:

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would report:

##### ITS IMPORTANCE.

Education in general, such as is afforded in public schools, academies, high schools, colleges and universities, is of vast importance to society, the state, and the best condition of mankind; but ministerial education, as contemplated in this report, is vastly more important. In a sense, ministerial education lies at the foundation of all other education, since the ministry has led in founding institutions of learning and education of the people in all christian history.

It will help us to appreciate this subject when we observe that the importance of ministerial education

*First*—Grows out of the place in society at large that is accorded to the minister, the place which the nature of his calling demands, and the place which he actually occupies. The minister is to lead in all that gives shape and direction and permanency to the civilization of the state. He is expected to lead; the nature of his calling demands that he lead; the fact is, he does lead wherever his work is a success. He is a center in society around which the greatest interests of the community revolve. He is the mouth-piece, the friend, supporter of the church, and on the church depend the interests, moral and social, of the state and the world. In a word, the minister is the most important character in the whole make-up of human society. That he have the benefits of education is a proposition that need not be argued.

The importance of ministerial education,

*Second*—Grows out of the character of the minister's text book. The Bible is the oldest of books. As a literary production it is a wonder, and the subject matter of its contents is of such a nature as to require skill, mental discipline, and patient culture to enable us to expound, defend and enforce its teachings to the best advantage.

The importance of ministerial education,

*Third*—Grows out of the fact of the close competition and fierce opposition with which the minister meets. The world, the flesh and the devil compete with and oppose the minister in his work. These must be met, patiently, skillfully.

The promoters of various errors in religious thought and practice must be met. But they enjoy the benefits of culture and discipline, and are earnest and determined in their competition for public patronage.

The importance of ministerial education,

*Fourth*—Grows out of the fact that popular education is making such rapid advances and is doing so much for the people. All the States have good public school systems, and that interest is being vigorously pushed by the American people. As the people advance in culture, the demands in the ministry are increased.

From these several considerations which we have ventured to mention, the vast importance of ministerial education must be apparent.

##### OUR DUTY.

No one will doubt that the Baptists of Arkansas have a duty in the premises. The truth is, we have no greater or more important duty. We talk about duty to the cause of missions, at home and abroad, and to other departments of our denominational work; but your committee are of opinion nothing should receive more earnest and prayerful attention at our hands than the subject of Ministerial Education.

*First*—We should encourage young preachers to make careful preparation for their life work.

*Second*—We should assist those who are not able to attend school, freely and liberally. Money given to this cause is not thrown away. It is the best investment that can be made.

Finally, we congratulate the Baptists of Arkansas that our Baptist College is succeeding so well, and that already nine young ministers are there prosecuting their studies. This is as it should be. President Conger kindly gives tuition, and the Board of Ministerial Education has been giving these young brethren needed help in paying their expenses. Provision has been made, we are glad to report, to secure the services of our brother, Rev. G. W. Reeves, pastor of the Baptist Church at Arkadelphia, who meets the ministerial class three times a week and instructs them in sacred literature. Let hearty encouragement be given to this work, and let our churches contribute as regularly to Ministerial Education as to missions or any other department of our work.

Submitted, B. R. WOMACK,  
G. W. REEVES,  
J. R. HUGHES,

Committee.

Both the report of the Board and the committee was discussed. Pending the discussion a collection was taken amounting to \$67.50 pledges and \$12.25 cash. The report was adopted.

On motion, the *Arkansas Baptist* was requested to publish the entire report of the Committee on Ministerial Education.

The Committee on Divine Services reported, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Divine Services report the following appointments for preaching:

Methodist House—Saturday night, A. B. Miller; Sunday morning, W. T. Box; Sunday night, Frank White.

Baptist House—Sunday morning, J. N. Hall; Sunday night, B. R. Womack.  
 Cumberland Presbyterian House—Sunday morning, J. M. Hart; Sunday  
 night, G. W. Reeves.  
 Philadelphia Church House—Sunday morning, D. B. Ray.

Submitted,

JOHN G. HOLLAND,  
 D. E. BARKER,  
 J. H. KITCHENS, JR.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported as follows:

We lament the fact of the lack of interest in this important branch of gospel work; not more than one-third of the churches reporting schools, and half of these live only in summer.

As a remedy for this lack of interest we earnestly suggest:

1. The enlistment of all the members of the churches in the work. It is too often the case that brethren and sisters leave this duty of the religious instruction of their children in the hands of others, who are wholly incompetent to perform it.
2. That the schools be made more attractive, by the use of good Baptist literature; the employment of competent teachers, who are members of their respective churches; special attention given to the music; a progressive and devout Superintendent, and an earnest desire to lead the scholars to Christ.

And we further recommend that the State Mission Board appoint a special committee to look after Sunday school work.

J. K. PACE,  
 J. HOWARD CARPENTER,  
 L. K. OBENCHAIN.

After much discussion the report was adopted.

The Committee on Home Missions reported.

On motion, the consideration of the report was made a special order for to-morrow at 10:30 o'clock.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Eld. W. T. Box.

## SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7 o'clock.

Devotional exercises by Eld. J. G. Doyle.

Bro. J. M. Hart proposed an amendment to the sixth article of the Constitution, so that it shall read: "The Convention shall elect by ballot annually a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Also appoint seven brethren, who shall compose the Executive Board,

four of whom shall constitute a quorum; said Board to hold office till their successors shall be appointed." The amendment was adopted.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College was read and discussed. And in connection with this was submitted the Treasurer's report:

The Board of Trustees of Ouachita College to the State Convention would report that the college continues to prosper.

Prof. J. W. Conger has accepted the contract for two more years on the same terms as heretofore. The faculty consists of twelve, and the school is well organized.

The first year we enrolled 166; the next year 264. We now have about 25 per cent. of boarding pupils more than at any previous session. The music and art departments have more students than formerly. The number of young ministers is up to last session, and the outlook is bright for the college.

### OUR FINANCES.

Present college building and grounds.....	\$ 5,000 00
Arkadelphia subscription.....	7,610 00
Arkadelphia land subscription.....	1,970 00
W. A. Forbes' land subscription.....	500 00
Forest City subscription.....	3,000 00
Pledges and notes by agent.....	7,704 15
Cash directly by agent.....	1,328 25
Total.....	\$26,112 40

### Cash Collected.

Direct collections, as above.....	\$ 1,328 25
On notes and pledges.....	3,804 60
Total.....	\$ 5,132 85
Collected for repairs.....	750 00
Total collections.....	\$ 5,882 85

### Paid Out.

On repairs.....	\$ 750 00
On agency work.....	1,353 13
On incidentals.....	12 55
By architect.....	215 00
By contractor.....	2,885 67
By seats.....	291 50

This showing leaves us only some \$16,614.55 as assets in our hands, \$7,470 of which is in land and old buildings; leaving less than \$10,000 in notes and pledges.

## OUR LIABILITIES.

Our Business Committee contracted for the erection of a nice brick building 75x120, with three stories above the basements; said building to be finished by the 1st of January next for the sum of \$26,000. The contract was so made that \$4,000 fell due on the 1st of July last, \$4,000 on the 1st of October last, and \$5,000 will fall due on the 1st of July next.

The contractor entered into good bond to faithfully perform this work, and has entered actively upon the same, and the walls are now approximating completion, and there is no doubt but he will fulfill his contract if we do ours. But it is evident from the financial exhibit shown above that we are falling far below our obligations for the payment of what is and will be due this year, to say nothing of the \$13,000 that will be due next year.

## WHAT WILL WE DO?

This is the question of the hour with your Board of Trustees. Help must be had or we lose all that we have done; yea, more. This college upon which we have set our hearts, and upon which we have bestowed our money and our prayers, will only stand as a memorial of the shame and disgrace of Arkansas Baptists.

Other denominations with no more wealth than we--be it said to their praise--are fast building up good schools. And shall we, like Israel of old, lift up the wail of incompetency and say we are not able? If so, then this generation of Baptists will all pass away before another such opportunity will be afforded us.

What ought \$26,000 to be to more than twice that number of Baptists--professed Christians--in Arkansas? The pittance of fifty cents apiece would pay it. True, there are hundreds, possibly thousands, that cannot be induced to give a cent to this, the noblest enterprise the Baptists have on hand in the State. But are there not enough of willing ones to make up for those who pay nothing? This is a test question, the answer to which either builds or destroys the College.

Your Board of Trustees have made these plain statements that the Convention and the denomination may know just the condition of this enterprise. You put us in charge of this work, and we have done your bidding so far as we were able. With a united effort, the grand work can be accomplished easily. Can the Board look for this co-operation and aid? We expect something to be said--something to be done at this meeting that will go very far towards deciding this matter.

Your Board would further say, that there are \$5,000 to be provided for by Nov. 15, 1888, in order to get a cover on the building, and thus preserve what has already been done, when we shall have further time for future liabilities, and that a committee of our Board is now at work to secure, on well secured loans, that amount. We confidentially believe this temporary relief will be secured, and that the work will go on. In the meantime the agency work must be pushed vigorously. We close this report with the question: "What will we do?"

Submitted, W. E. ATKINSON, Secretary, J. M. HART, President.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your Committee, have examined the vouchers of the Treasurer, and find his report correct:

W. A. FORBES, Chairman.

## A. W. FILES, Treasurer, in account with Ouachita College:

		Dr.	
Nov. 2, 1886	To cash from two ladies, per B. F. B.	\$	2 00
" 4, " "	" " Mrs. O. M. Lucas, J. M. H.		1 00
" 8, " "	" " Thos. Moody, J. H. Bell, — Wells, 50c. each		1 50
" 22, " "	" " Subs. at Forest City		70 00
" 25, " "	" " B. F. Bartles		21 00
Mar. 22, 1887,	" " " \$2, Mrs. W. C. Lester, 75c		2 75
" 23, " "	" " J. B. Searcy		78 35
" 28, " "	" " " on Files' note		20 00
Oct. 5, " "	to Sept. 28, 1887, to amt. from J. B. Searcy		3,634 95
" 8, " "	to amt. from M. F. Locke		100 00
" 8, " "	" " W. A. Forbes		80 00
" 8, " "	" " J. G. B. Simms		10 00
" 10, " "	" " N. C. Denson		5 00
" 15, " "	" " Hugh McCollum		20 00
" 23, " "	" " Caroline Association		5 05
" 23, " "	" " J. N. H.		4 00
" 23, " "	" " W. A. Forbes		381 70
Total			\$4,437 50

		Cr.	
By amt. paid for dispatch from M. F. L.			
Nov. 2, 1886	--By amt. paid Union Printing Co.	voucher 1	30
" 8, " "	" " Express charges on notes	" 2	8 00
" 9, " "	" " B. F. Bartles	" 3	25
Dec. 3, " "	" " " " "	" 4	50 00
" 3, " "	" " " " "	" 5	35 00
" 3, " "	" " " " "	" 6	2 00
Mar. 27, 1887,	" " E. B. Moore, Sec'y State	" 7	4 00
" 28, " "	" " J. B. Searcy	" 8	88 65
May 23, " "	" " " " "	" 9	88 30
" 25, " "	" " " " "	" 10	90 25
July 14, " "	" " " " "	" 11	88 75
" 20, " "	" " J. W. Conger	" 12	50 00
Aug. 30, " "	" " J. B. Searcy	" 13	87 35
Oct. 6, " "	" " " " "	" 14	87 35
" 18, " "	" " " " "	" 15	88 65
" 28, " "	" " Union School Furniture Co.	" 16	218 50
Nov. 1, " "	" " J. B. Searcy	" 17	97 30
Dec. 3, " "	" " " " "	" 18	93 40
" 12, " "	" " B. J. Bartlett	" 19	75 00
" 26, " "	" " J. B. Searcy	" 20	90 90
Feb. 3, 1888,	" " " " "	" 21	90 40
March 7, " "	" " " " "	" 22	87 45
April 8, " "	" " " " "	" 23	15 00
" 23, " "	" " " " "	" 24	15 00
June 2, " "	" " " " "	" 25	70 00
" 19, " "	" " Noah Hamlet	" 26	1,000 00
" 20, " "	" " J. B. Searcy	" 27	15 00
" 25, " "	" " B. J. Bartlett	" 28	35 00
July 3, " "	" " J. B. Searcy	" 29	22 25
" 10, " "	" " Noah Hamlet	" 30	645 33
" 10, " "	" " Exchange on Camden ch	" 31	1 15
" 25, " "	" " B. J. Bartlett	" 32	35 00
Aug. 21, " "	" " Noah Hamlet	" 33	325 00
Sept. 26, " "	" " B. J. Bartlett	" 34	70 00
Oct. 26, " "	" " Noah Hamlet	" 35	500 00
Total			\$4,269 53

Pending the discussion of the report, a collection in cash and pledges, amounting to \$814, was taken. The report was adopted.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by Eld. D. B. Ray.

### THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 8:30 o'clock, by the President. Prayer by B. F. Bartles.

The minutes were read and approved.

On motion, J. H. Howard, J. M. Haycraft and J. F. Howell, were appointed a Special Committee on Temperance.

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Woman's Work would respectfully report the following: We rejoice to find a growing and commendable interest manifested in this department of Christian endeavor, and we are happy to know that the sisters of the Woman's Central Committee have been able to do much and permanent work in the way of organizing Mission Societies, which are greatly aiding in developing a healthy interest in the mission cause in the churches. When we consider the position assigned woman in the Scriptures, as a companion and helper, and realizing that it is not good for man that he should be alone, we would most earnestly commend the purposes of our sisters to do their full share in disseminating the Gospel in all the world and to every creature.

We discourage all ideas of separate work, and we are most happy to know that our sisters have no thought of separate and distinct effort, only desiring to help in their own way, the work being done by forming societies in the churches, and encouraging one another to do what they can in every good word and work.

The President of the Central Committee desires us to call special attention to the fact that it would greatly facilitate the work if the various societies would make regular reports to the Central Committee, showing what is being done; and we would suggest to the friends of the cause to call attention to this matter in their respective fields, and urge its being done.

We also suggest a Mass Meeting on Sunday, at 3 o'clock p. m., to awaken and quicken the interest and zeal in the department of our work.

Submitted, A. B. MILLER.  
FRANK WHITE.  
D. T. MARTIN.

The report of the Special Committee on State Missions was read:

The Committee to whom was referred the work of the State Board as to the past, and plans of work as to the future, begs leave to report as follows:

We felt the importance and delicate character of the work that was entrusted to us and have endeavored to fully investigate the facts associated with the work of the Board the past year, and to observe with scrupulous care the character of the Board's work on the one hand, and the objections made by good brethren on the other, and the interests of our denomination; all work as between the two, and as greatest of all. Our report, therefore, is a candid expression of opinion, based upon testimony of various parties representing both sides of the question at issue. We recommend:

1. That that part of the report of the Board which epitomizes the work of the churches, whose pastor's salaries have been supplemented by contributions from the Board, be so amended as to give credit for the work done to the churches instead of to the missionaries. It now reads: "Amounts raised and expended by the State Missionaries employed by the Board." We think the Board should recognize the fact that said work was done by the churches, and that credit should be given them.

2. We are glad to know that the mistake of appropriating about \$34.00 of the money belonging to the Benton County Association has been ordered corrected by the Board, and was purely an oversight of the secretary, and no one intentionally attempted to appropriate funds not belonging to them.

3. We recommend that the small balance of \$11.40 yet due the Board of Fayetteville Association be paid that board. In our opinion, the complaint from that board arose from a misunderstanding of the agreement between the two boards, and not from any purpose to wrong.

4. The Board seems to have made a mistake in failing to discriminate between the different amounts specified for other than State Mission purposes in the treasurer's report, and thus counted for State Missions several sums of money that do not belong to the State Mission work. For Foreign Missions the treasurer received \$40.20, and for Home Missions \$4.00, and for Ministerial Education \$50.50. Total, \$94.70.

These amounts should not enter into the sum reported for State Missions.

5. The Board has acted wisely in obeying the directions of the Convention in supplying the church at Little Rock. We think good results have been accomplished in the city of Little Rock.

6. We believe the present plan of missions to be the best one for the cause in this state.

M. F. LOCKE,  
I. R. HALL,  
M. A. GUNTER,  
L. QUINN,  
J. N. HALL.

The report, as submitted by the Committee, was discussed with much interest and enthusiasm. It was considered by items, several of which were stricken out, while others were materially changed; but, finally, adopted as recorded above.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by J. B. Searcy.

## THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 2 o'clock.

Prayer by O. M. Lucas.

Report of Secretary of Foreign Missions was read and adopted as follows:

Your Secretary of Foreign Missions would report: That his work is enlarging in some respects and not so in others. We paid to the Foreign Board for the last year of the Southern Baptist Convention \$1,800.00, which was some \$300.00 in advance of any previous year. But we reported at the last session of this Convention \$1,697.68 for the previous year. This year we are only able to report \$1,671.13, showing a falling off of \$26.55.

This ought not so to be, and your Secretary hopes the brethren from all over the state will return to their homes and bring this subject before their churches and take collections immediately during the money season that we may not be so pressed in the offerings to reach our apportionment for this year, which is \$2,500.  
J. B. SEARCY, F. M. Secretary.

The report of the Special Committee on Temperance was read and adopted, as follows:

## REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Realizing the great importance of our speaking freely and fearlessly on the seductive and monstrous evil of intemperance, we, the representatives of the great Baptist Brotherhood of our state, desire to give no uncertain sound on this subject. In accordance with the teaching of God's word, we warmly advocate temperance in all things—temperance in speech, in eating, in drinking; but we desire specially to put ourselves on record against even the moderate use of alcoholic stimulants and tobacco in all forms. As citizens, we thank God for the wholesome laws enacted in the past by our State Legislature, putting restraints on the liquor traffic whereby temptation in the hideous form of dram shops may be removed from the paths of our youth and older men, thus saving many a hard earned dollar to the needy wife and children, and much pain and crime to the community. We do not believe the temperance question should be made a political issue, but that all christian men should feel called upon to support for political office only those who are themselves of temperate habits and who will aid in every honorable way to secure such further legislation as may seem best suited to rid our country of this body and soul-destroying curse. We believe that all good citizens ought to demand at the hands of local officials the total suppression of all so-called "blind tigers," and the severe punishment of all persons found engaged in the nefarious business. We further hold that it is inconsistent with christian character for Baptists to vote for whisky license.

We consider the use of tobacco as an evil to be discountenanced by this body. Its enervating effects on the human system, benumbing the brain and beclouding the intellect, are well known by all who have given the subject investigation. Shall we, as Baptists, longer set example before the world, and especially before our youth, by using a poisonous weed only deleterious in its effects on the human system and hence only injurious to our immortal souls?

We consider it of great moment that regular and systematic instructions should be given in our public schools on the evil effects of alcoholic stimulants and narcotics on the human system.

J. H. HOWARD,  
J. M. HAYCRAFT, } Committee.  
J. F. HOWELL,

Report of the Financial Committee was read:

Amount raised for Van Buren Church:	
In cash	\$ 20 00
In pledges	110 00
Amount for Foreign Missions:	
To J. H. Eager	27 25
Amount for Ministerial Education:	
In pledges	62 50
In cash	12 25
Amount for Ouachita College:	
In pledges	781 00
Amount of this sum in cash	37 00
Total amount raised	\$1,050 00

J. G. B. SIMMS,  
W. L. HUGHES,  
J. H. DENSON.

Which was approved.

Committee on Nominations reported, and the report was adopted.

Your Committee on Nominations would respectfully report:

That after mutually considering the reasons pro and con offered for and against the different places asking for the next session of this Convention, respectfully recommend that the next meeting be held with the Baptist Church at Little Rock.

We would recommend as members of the Executive Board of the Convention for the next twelve months, the following, to-wit: A. W. Files, J. P. Eagle, J. K. Brantly, W. E. Atkinson, J. B. Searcy, M. F. Locke and W. A. Forbes.

As Central Committee: Mrs. J. P. Eagle, Mrs. D. A. Early, Mrs. W. A. Forbes, Mrs. J. K. Pace, Mrs. A. B. Miller, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Lizzie Ball and Mrs. E. Longly.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: J. P. Eagle, M. D. Early, W. A. Maywood, J. W. Conger, J. M. Hart, J. R. Hughes, J. M. King, W. A. Forbes, M. F. Locke, B. R. Womach, J. G. Doyle, J. K. Pace, A. B. Miller, Frank White, D. D. Swindall, J. W. Harris, J. G. Denson, W. H. Woodall, B. F. Bartles, J. R. Hall and J. F. Howell.

Board of Ministerial Education: G. W. Reeves, J. W. Conger, R. S. Wallis, B. J. Dunn.

Secretary of Foreign Missions: J. B. Searcy.

Secretary Home Missions: M. D. Early.

Secretary Ministerial Education: J. W. Reeves.

We recommend that Bro. J. N. Hall preach the introductory sermon at next session of the Convention, and J. R. Hughes alternate.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. F. LOCKE, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned.

Prayer by J. G. Doyle.

## THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

Convention was called to order at 7 p. m. by the President.

Prayer by J. R. Hughes.

The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read:

The Home Mission Board has, during the years past done a great work for the Master within the bounds of the territory committed to its care. "From Baltimore to Mexico, from Charleston, S. C., to Galveston and from Hanibal, Mo., to Key West, Fla.," are to be found many churches which in a measure, owe their existence to the help received from this Board. The work among the Indians, has been greatly blessed by God in bringing many of these people from darkness to light. Among the most hopeful fields of this Board is the work in Cuba. Here, less than three years ago, we entered this field, and to date, more than eleven hundred Cubans have been received into the church, with many others asking the way to the Lord. Another feature of the work of this Board is, its work among the colored people of the South. In some of the States, the Board is now doing a noble work among this people. In a letter from Dr. Tichenor, a few days since, he says the Board is anxious to enter this field in our State. He further says, if our Board will undertake the work the Home Board will give us \$1,000 with which to prosecute the work. To help on the work of this Board, it has for the first time asked Arkansas for \$1,000 during the present year. Your committee would commend the work among the colored people in our State, and further, most earnestly beg that our people raise and send to the Board the \$1,000 asked at our hands. Your committee feel that we owe this and more to this all-important work.

*Resolved*, That the State Mission Board take into consideration the propriety of sending a good man to preach to the colored people; if in their judgment, they find it the thing to do; they shall have our help and prayers, to sustain the work.

M. D. EARLY,  
D. D. SWINDALL.

Pending the discussion of the report, a collection was taken amounting to \$542.35 in cash and pledges. The report was then adopted.

The following was offered by Elder W. A. Forbes: We would recommend to the patronage of our people, the school at Judsonia, presided over by Professor W. H. Woodall.

Committee on Obituaries reported, which was adopted, as follows:

We, your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Obituaries, would report, that while we have been the recipients of God's blessings in great measures, still our people have been visited by disease and death.

We report the death of the following Brethren, Ministers and Deacons: Elders J. P. Higginbottom, E. Richardson, B. F. Thomas and C. L. Barton, and Deacons J. M. Thompson, E. T. Michell, J. J. Curlin, Norman Tucker and Joe Burt.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. DOYLE,  
D. E. GAMBRELL.

On motion, any member whose name appears on the minutes of this Convention is authorized to represent us in corresponding bodies.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, The colored people of our State have become citizens among us; and, whereas the good of our civil government, as these people have been enfranchised, depends to a great extent upon their mental culture; and, whereas, also, their qualifications for citizenship depend upon their moral and religious culture; and, whereas these colored people are dependent upon the white christians; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, the members of this Convention, advise our ministering brethren to endeavor to help the colored people, especially their ministers, by aiding them all they can in this direction.

D. D. SWINDALL.

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the hearty thanks of this Convention be hereby extended to this Church and community for their generous entertainment while we have been with them; also, to the offer of houses of worship by other denominations for our use; also, to the various railroads for special rates.
2. That the last page of the minutes be given for an advertisement of Ouachita College.
3. That the Secretary be allowed \$30 for his labor, and that he have 1,000 copies of Minutes published and distributed, and draw on the Treasurer for necessary postage.
4. That collections be taken from the different congregations on Sunday forenoon for Missions, and that the collections be divided between Home, State and Foreign Missions, and Sunday night from the churches for Ministerial Education.

Adjourned till to-morrow, 3 o'clock P. M.  
Prayer by Eld. L. K. Obenchain.

(Services were held at the various churches in town Sunday morning by members of the Convention.)

SUNDAY, 3 o'clock P.M.,

Convention re-assembled, called to order by the President.  
Prayer by Eld. R. H. Graves,

The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read, and in connection with this the report of the Central Committee was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOR THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR  
ENDING NOVEMBER 1ST., 1888.

In making our fifth annual report to this convention, we are pleased to note the increased interest in the Church work, taken by our Baptist women. In many places this latent power has been thoroughly aroused, and everywhere our women are beginning to feel that it is their duty and privilege, to assist the brethren, in working for our Master.



We have been greatly aided this year by having a column granted us by the editor of our State paper, in which we publish missionary items of interest to the Baptist women.

Our two difficulties are, in obtaining reports from the organized societies, and in getting into communication with Churches without societies.

Time will overcome the first. Societies will learn the importance and advantage of reporting their work promptly.

To meet the second, we would most respectfully urge and recommend that our Corresponding Secretary be instructed to endeavor to organize a society in every Church he visits, that has not already organized for this important work.

We have reports from five new societies, but many of the old societies having failed to send their reports in time, our financial report will fall short of last year.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

Second Church, Little Rock:	
Missions	\$ 137 30
Church aid	401 75
Total	\$ 539 05
First Baptist Church, Little Rock:	
Missions	\$ 93 30
Church aid	20 48
Total	\$ 113 78
Hickory Grove Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 14 00
Jonesboro Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 90 80
Church aid	238 36
Ministerial Education	10 06
Total	\$ 339 17
Salem Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 10 80
Church aid	2 90
Total	\$ 13 70
Rogers Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 12 05
Church aid	95 00
Total	\$ 107 05
Van Buren Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 8 95
Church aid	228 75
Total	\$ 237 70
Ozark Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 19 00
Church aid	245 50
Ministerial education	5 00
Total	\$ 269 50

Mountain Home Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 60 00
Church aid	75 00
Sunday School Literature	5 00
Total	\$ 140 00
Morrilton Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 21 10
Church aid	98 80
Total	\$ 119 90
Spring Valley Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 5 70
Church aid	8 25
Total	\$ 13 95
Philadelphia Baptist Church:	
Church aid	\$ 50 00
Batesville Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 20 00
Church aid	21 00
Ministerial Education	10 00
Total	\$ 51 00
Melbourne Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 8 60
Church aid	18 00
Ministerial education	5 00
Total	\$ 31 60
Russellville Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 15 00
Church aid	150 00
Total	\$ 165 00
Jadsonia Baptist Church:	
Church aid	\$ 114 65
Hope Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 27 25
Church aid	75 00
Total	\$ 102 25
Searcy Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 6 00
Church aid	85 00
Ministerial education	14 00
Total	\$ 105 00
Lonoke Baptist Church:	
Missions	\$ 76 35
Church aid	70 84
Total	\$ 147 19

Alma Baptist Church:		
Church aid	\$	135 00
Missions		15 00
Total	\$	150 00
Magnolia Baptist Church:		
Missions	\$	12 00
Prescott Baptist Church:		
Church aid	\$	56 50
Conway Baptist Church:		
Church aid	\$	75 00
Fayetteville Baptist Church:		
Missions	\$	16 70
Church aid		300 47
Total	\$	317 17
Paragould Baptist Church:		
Missions	\$	10 00
Church aid		69 25
Total	\$	79 25
Forrest City Baptist Church:		
Church aid	\$	100 00
Lake Village Baptist Church:		
Church aid	\$	42 00
Eureka Springs:		
Missions	\$	13 50
GRAND TOTAL.		
Missions	\$	693 40
Church aid		2,782 45
Ministerial education		44 00
		\$3,519 91

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. EARLY, Secretary.

A collection of \$7.35 cash was taken, and a quilt presented to the Convention, was given to Brother A. J. Diaz, Cuba.

The President spoke a few earnest words of encouragement, and urged the Convention to higher attainments for the Master during the next year. A hymn was sung—the parting hand given, and the Convention adjourned.

J. P. EAGLE, President.

MARTIN BALL, Secretary.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Body shall be styled the "BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION."

ART. 2. The Baptist State Convention shall be composed of messengers from Baptist Associations and Baptist Churches, on presentation of proper credentials or satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

ART. 3. Associations shall be entitled to five messengers and Churches to three, and the State Central Committee of the Ladies Aid Society shall be ex-officio members of the Convention.

ART. 4. It is distinctly understood that this Convention shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction, nor in any way interfere with the Constitution of any Church or Association.

ART. 5. The object of this Convention shall be to supply the destitute regions within its bounds with the unadulterated Word of Life, and a living ministry, and to aid by appropriate and Scriptural means all destitute and feeble Churches, and also supply communities with such books as may be approved by this body, and as may be thought best calculated to communicate information as to the distinctive doctrines and ordinances of the Gospel of Christ as received by our denomination, and to aid and encourage Ministerial and Gospel and general Education, Mission and Sunday-School Work, and to gather denominational statistics.

ART. 6. The Convention shall elect by ballot, annually, a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, 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.

ART. 7. The Constitution shall convene on Thursday before the first Sabbath in November, each year.

ART. 8. This Convention may be amended at any regular meeting of the Convention, two-thirds of the members present concurring in the measure, except the fourth article, which shall forever remain unaltered.

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