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Baptist State
Convention

Fifty-Sixth Annual
Session

1904

P I N E B L U F F
Nineteen Hundred and Four

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Arkansas

Baptist State Convention

Fifty-Sixth Annual Session

HELD AT

PINE BLUFF

November 18-21, 1904

The next session will be held with the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Friday before third Sunday in November, 1905, at 10 a. m.

Convention Sermon: Ben Cox; Alternate, H. L. Winburne.

1904:
H. G. PUGH PRESS
LITTLE ROCK

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

President—John Ayers	Fort Smith
Vice Presidents—	
J. W. Conger.....	Arkadelphia.
H. C. Fox.....	Pine Bluff.
Recording Secretaries—	
W. F. Dorris.....	Camden.
E. J. A. McKinney.....	England.
Treasurer—J. H. Kitchens.....	Paragould.
Auditor—W. W. Byrd.....	Pine Bluff.
Statistical Secretary—E. J. A. McKinney.....	England.

BOARDS OF THE CONVENTION.

Missionary and Sunday School Board.

MEMBERS AT LARGE.

James P. Eagle.	W. F. Dorris.	J. W. O'Kelley.
John T. Christian.	H. T. Bradford.	J. H. Kitchens.
Ben Cox.	W. T. Amis.	A. B. Bohannon.
S. B. Calloway.	J. U. H. Wharton.	W. H. Sledge.
H. J. F. Garrett.	H. C. Roberts.	W. W. Byrd.
U. S. Thomas.	F. F. Gibson.	F. P. Turner.
O. J. Wade.	John Ayers.	L. A. Rowland.

ASSOCIATIONAL MEMBERS.

Bartholomew	N. C. Denson.
Benton County	S. L. Holloway.
Big Creek	W. H. Bowling.
Blue Mountain.....	J. G. Mabrey.
Buckner	J. H. Byers.
Caroline	E. J. A. McKinney.
Carroll County.....	J. H. Delano.
Clear Creek.....	L. O. Fisher.
Columbia	W. S. Roney.
Concord	J. C. Williamson.
Crooked Creek.....	M. L. Voyles.
Current River.....	R. A. Hawthorne.
Dardanelle	W. E. Kimbrough.

Fayetteville	J. E. Denham.
Fourche Valley.....	E. H. Owen.
Friendship	Elmo Marsh.
Gainesville	E. D. Cooper.
Greenbrier	J. M. C. Vaughter.
Grand Prairie.....	A. H. Soekland.
Howard County.....	M. W. Deloach.
Independence	D. A. Allen.
Judson	J. H. Gunn.
Liberty	R. A. Faulkner.
Little Red River.....	J. B. Ward.
Madison County.....	S. S. Graham.
Miller County.....	C. T. Willson.
Mount Vernon.....	T. M. Oldham.
Mount Zion.....	P. C. Barton.
Ouachita	J. B. Lumbley.
Pee Dee.....	T. W. Harness.
Pine Bluff.....	C. B. Henderson.
Red River.....	J. J. Haynes.
Rocky Bayou.....	W. P. Campbell.
Russellville	J. O. Hill.
Saline	E. C. Ellis.
Southwestern	H. Y. Morris.
Spring River.....	C. T. Arnett.
State Line.....	E. T. Lincoln.
Trace Ridge.....	L. F. Thompson.
Union No. 1.....	W. H. Riley.
Union No. 2.....	Jacob King.
United	B. G. White.
White River.....	W. H. Douglas.
White River Valley.....	Passmore White.

Board of Ministerial Education.

ARKADELPHIA.

J. W. Conger.	N. R. Townsend.	H. L. Winburne.
J. J. Haynes.	W. A. Forbes.	H. J. P. Horne.

Central Committee Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. E. Longley.	Mrs. J. F. Hammett.	Mrs. J. L. Hawkins.
Mrs. Alice Reeves.	Mrs. J. L. Lee.	Mrs. J. J. Doyne.
Mrs. A. L. Smith.	Mrs. C. B. Davidson.	Mrs. W. E. Berthe.

Board Trustees Orphans' Home.

MONTICELLO.

TERM EXPIRES 1905.
A. L. Oslin.
W. A. Wood.
L. E. Morgan.

TERM EXPIRES 1906.
Waller Wilson.
N. C. Denson.
D. T. Hyatt.

TERM EXPIRES 1907.

Z. T. Wood,
J. W. Kimbro.
F. P. Turner.

Board of Ministerial Relief.

LITTLE ROCK.

J. T. Christian.

Ben Cox.

J. U. H. Wharton.

APPOINTMENTS.

Messengers to the American Baptist Education Society.

J. W. Conger.

W. W. Rivers.

A. J. Barton.

Committee to Attend the Anti-Saloon League.

W. E. Atkinson.

J. M. Walker.

ALTERNATES.

J. F. Love.

H. Beauchamp.

J. W. McDonald.

Committee to Visit Orphans' Home.

J. P. Eagle.

W. E. Atkinson.

J. U. H. Wharton.

Messengers to Southern Baptist Convention.

To be appointed later by the Missionary and Sunday School Board.

Fraternal Messengers to Colored Baptist Convention.

A. Waterberry.

A. H. Autrey.

Ben Cox.

A. J. Barton.

W. H. Sledge.

H. Beauchamp.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME AND OBJECT.

Section 1. The name of this body shall be: THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Section 2. The object of this Convention shall be to preach the gospel throughout our State and to evangelize the world; to aid by appropriate and Scriptural means our destitute and feeble churches; to supply the State with books and tracts best calculated to inculcate the doctrines and ordinances of Christ and to stimulate missionary effort; to encourage ministerial and Christian and general education; and to gather and preserve denominational statistics.

ARTICLE II.—MEMBERSHIP.

Section 1. The Convention shall be composed of messengers from regular Baptist churches which are in sympathy with the principles and purposes of this constitution, and which desire to co-operate with this Convention, and shall be entitled to seats upon presentation of their proper credentials, or satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

Section 2. Each church shall be entitled to three messengers, with one additional messenger for every fifty members, or major fraction thereof, above one hundred.

ARTICLE III.—AUTHORITY.

Section 1. This Convention shall never exercise any authority whatever over any church, nor shall it in any way interfere with the constitution of any church or with the exercise of its functions as the only ecclesiastical body, but will always cheerfully recognize and uphold the absolute independence of the churches.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

Section 1. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, two Recording Secretaries, a Treasurer, a Statistical Secretary and an Auditor, who shall be elected annually by ballot, *provided*, however, that any officer of the Convention may be elected by acclamation if no objection be made; and all officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside over the deliberations of the Convention, and to discharge such other duties as are usually incumbent on the presiding officer of deliberative bodies. He shall appoint all committees, unless the Convention shall otherwise determine, and in his absence one of the Vice Presidents shall fill his place.

BUCKNER ASSOCIATION—

Long Ridge—J. W. Carolan, James C. Vester, W. P. Cantrell.

Waldron—W. L. Compere, Frank Boles, Ben Wiley.

Union Hope—W. F. Lynch.

Pilgrim's Rest—J. H. Byers.

CAROLINE ASSOCIATION—

Boone's Chapel—Edward Webber.

Second, Little Rock—A. J. Barton, J. P. Wooten, J. J. Doyne, H. T. Bradford, J. F. Love, Kie Oldham, J. F. McNemer, M. F. Locke, J. P. Eagle, J. T. Christian, W. E. Atkinson, M. J. Baker, Frank White.

Immanuel, Little Rock—Mrs. J. F. Hammett, J. H. Reynolds, J. U. H. Wharton, J. F. Hammett, S. P. Vaughtner, W. P. Kime, Mrs. Lena Batt, I. H. King, Mrs. I. H. King, Mrs. Sue Earle, H. Beauchamp.

England—E. J. A. McKinney, W. P. West, C. M. Cowart.

Des Arc—R. M. Best.

Wattansas—Mrs. T. A. Owen, Geo. Thomasson.

Beebe—Miss Rosa David.

Cabot—B. F. Milam, Miss Lottie May Holcomb, Miss Mabel Pendergrass.

Baring Cross—Geo. W. Moore, T. J. Baker, J. L. Lee.

CARROLL COUNTY ASSOCIATION—

Eureka Springs First—H. C. Roberts.

Emanuel—J. H. Delano.

Green Forest—A. J. Russell.

CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Mulberry—N. A. Lassater, J. F. Turner, Mrs. John M. O'Bar.

Ozark—R. E. Cornelius.

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION—

Magnolia—W. S. Roney, H. F. Vermillion, A. O. Andrews, J. F. Taylor, J. R. Willis, Mrs. J. F. Taylor, Walker Smith.

Buena Vista—E. D. Bearden.

Lewisville—J. P. Olive, Mrs. J. W. Warren, Mrs. Campbell.

Stevens—J. B. Harper.

CONCORD ASSOCIATION—

Fort Smith, First—F. F. Gibson, Mrs. F. M. Long, Miss Kregle, John Ayers, Mrs. J. W. O'Kelly.

Ursula—J. F. Brewer.

Van Buren—U. S. Grant, Mrs. U. S. Grant.

Booneville—G. A. Bryant, Mrs. G. A. Bryant, H. D. Johnson, Mrs. J. O. Rowllins, Mrs. J. B. Edwards.

Greenwood—J. C. Williamson.

Bonanza—J. A. Hall.

CURRENT RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Corning—S. W. Brumfield, J. W. Black, Miss Helen Story.
Moark—E. T. Lincoln, R. L. Emery, Claude Crego.

CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION—

Harrison—M. L. Voyles.

DARDANELLE ASSOCIATION—

Salem—L. A. Robertson.
Ola—J. W. Richardson.

Magazine—L. T. Grumbles, J. L. Smith, H. G. Thomasson, E. T. Powell, Mrs. E. T. Powell, J. D. Hogan, Miss Bertie Darks.

FAYETTEVILLE ASSOCIATION—

Fayetteville—J. E. Denham, Mrs. J. E. Denham.

FOURCHE VALLEY ASSOCIATION—

Dixie—E. H. Owen, Mrs. M. E. Owen.

FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION—

Star City—A. J. Cockroft, J. F. Grumbles, E. V. Hellums, J. C. Hunter.

Rison—J. F. Swanson.

Pine Bluff, First—Ross Moore, A. Perdue, E. Ryland, A. E. Williams, Chas. Haycock, Thos. Green, Sr., H. C. Fox, A. O. Edwards, U. W. Poss, G. H. Gammill, W. M. Burk, Tho. Wallerman.

Pine Bluff, Second—W. J. David, R. M. Ware, J. E. Daniel.

White Sulphur Springs—H. G. Hanna, M. Dyel, Rev. J. B. Harralson.

Concord—W. H. Cash.

GRAND PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION—

Stuttgart—R. M. Richardson, H. J. Kelly, Miss C. M. Brandon.
DeWitt—J. A. Gibson.

GAINESVILLE ASSOCIATION—

Rock Hill Church—E. D. Cooper.

GREENBRIER ASSOCIATION—

Conway—John Jeter Hurt, Mrs. L. E. Beard, G. E. Hilliard, W. W. Rivers, G. W. Bruce.
Mt. Vernon—J. F. Traylor.

HOWARD COUNTY ASSOCIATION—

Nashville—M. W. Deloach.

INDEPENDENCE ASSOCIATION—

Pilgrim's Rest—J. H. Sanders, Miss Nellie Cook, N. C. Danner, P. M. Danner.
Pleasant Valley—W. J. Meacham, Mrs. J. F. Meacham, J. F. Meacham.

Fairview—J. E. Griffis.

Cushman—J. P. Lovelace, D. A. Allen.

Rehoboth—Reason Wells, Wm. Thompson, J. W. Goodwin.

Batesville—W. A. Fike, C. B. Eaton.

Liberty—James F. Huddlestone.

JUDSON ASSOCIATION—

Fordyce—J. H. Gunn, W. H. Shugart, Miss Ethel Shugart.

Princeton—C. E. Mann, J. P. Benton, E. R. Shugart.

Judson—J. H. Holiman.

Prosperity—W. E. Hawkins, E. W. McDonald.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—

El Dorado—Miss Mattie Reeves, Mrs. H. W. Goodwin, Mrs. O. J. Wade, Dr. J. M. Shepherd, Miss Fannie Chew, R. A. Faulkner, O. J. Wade, Mrs. J. M. Shepherd.

Camden—W. F. Dorris, J. E. Lide, Geo. W. Newton, J. R. Rogers, M. P. Watts, Mrs. P. L. Lee.

Three Creeks—A. C. Jones, J. D. Crawford.

Union Church—Frank Nash.

Philadelphia—J. H. Lee.

Holly Grove—Jesse Attaway.

Mt. Olive—M. A. Harper, A. Hinson.

Elliott—Ben F. Rogers, Miss Anna May Rogers, G. W. Preddy.

Salem—J. T. Hawkins, B. B. Hawkins.

Junction City—M. P. Muse.

LITTLE RED RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Pleasant Hill—J. C. James, Emily Deloach.

Heber—Joe Stark, R. G. Lafferty.

Shiloh—G. A. Pool.

Stony Point—R. W. Furgerson.

Quitman—Dr. J. T. Fleming.

MT. VERNON ASSOCIATION—

Helena—Mrs. J. B. Miles, Miss Minnie Gibson, Mrs. Edwin Guilford, Edwin Guilford, W. H. Sledge, L. M. Bookhart, T. M. Oldham, J. W. Porter.

Brinkley—E. C. Faulkner.

MT. ZION ASSOCIATION—

Jonesboro—G. W. Puryear, J. R. Gregson, Mrs. M. L. Burns, Minnie Means, Bell Robinson, J. V. Bell, Mrs. V. A. Jernigan, Miss Kate Jernigan, E. P. Minton.

Wynne—J. W. Williams.

Paragould—J. N. Robertson, A. B. Bohannon, J. N. Markheart, John Sloan, J. H. Kitchens, Emily Sloan, W. E. Stotts, B. H. Parish, Smith Long, H. W. Brown, Mrs. H. W. Brown, Miss Elthea Kitchens.

North Jonesboro—J. M. Lawrence, P. C. Barton.
Pleasant Grove—J. F. Clark.

MILLER COUNTY ASSOCIATION—

Harmony Grove—W. M. Bridges.
Dudley Ave., Texarkana—C. T. Willson.

OUACHITA ASSOCIATION—

Janssen—B. W. Teater.
Mena—J. B. Lumbley.

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION—

Leslie—C. S. Mabrey.
Shady Grove—T. W. Harness.

RED RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Arkadelphia—J. J. Haynes, M. F. Gathright, H. L. Winburne,
 Mrs. C. P. Smith, H. J. P. Horne, T. J. Bennett, J. W. Conger,
 W. W. Gardner, Mrs. R. E. Major, Mrs. H. L. Winburne, Miss
 Bertha Adams.
Shiloh—E. E. Moores.
Prescott—T. C. Mahan.
Unity—(Represented by letter.)

ROCKY BAYOU ASSOCIATION—

La Crosse—Geo. W. Battle, A. M. Battle.

RUSSELLVILLE ASSOCIATION—

Clarksville—W. S. Jett.

SALINE ASSOCIATION—

First, Little Rock—T. L. Powell, Mrs. C. B. Davidson, W. H. Willson,
 Ben Cox, Mrs. W. E. Lenon, Mrs. L. D. Henderson, Mrs. E. Longley,
 T. F. Landreth, Lawson Lucket, Mrs. T. L. Powell, Miss Hattie Clark,
 E. Longley, J. C. Taylor, J. E. Taylor.
Park Ave., Hot Springs—R. P. Lucado, J. A. Rader, Mrs. J. A. Rader.
Hot Springs, First—E. C. Ellis, A. T. Moody, Hugh Hale, W. T. Amis,
 Mrs. W. T. Amis.
Malvern—A. Waterbury, J. M. Walker, Mrs. Z. T. Caldwell, Miss
 Minnie Smith, Miss Mattie Bull, Miss Sallie Noble, Miss Ollie
 Browning, Bruce Collie, A. T. Bramlett, R. C. Rhoden.

SPRING RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Walnut Ridge—W. A. Henry, Mrs. W. A. Henry.
Mammoth Spring—Chas. T. Arnett.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION—

Maynard—J. M. Shaw.

TEXARKANA—

Beech St. Church—N. B. O'Kelly, L. A. Roland, Mrs. J. F. Black.

UNION ASSOCIATION—

Hope—Mrs. J. M. Hanegan, Dr. H. J. F. Garrett, Mrs. H. J. F. Garrett, J. D. Cotton, W. A. Freeman, A. H. Autrey.

UNITED ASSOCIATION—

Morrilton—B. G. White, Mrs. Willie Ketchum, C. N. James.

WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Cotter—J. P. Webb, G. W. L. Smith, Mrs. G. W. L. Smith.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION—

Newport Church—Passmore White, Geo. R. Hopkins, Jesse V. Turner.

President Eagle made a brief speech in which he referred to the long service he had rendered the Convention, as its president, and now asked that they elect another brother to this position.

J. B. Searcy led the Convention in a prayer for divine guidance in the selection of a presiding officer. A. J. Barton put John Ayers, Fort Smith, in nomination for president. By unanimous vote the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for him as president. Bro. Eagle, in a well chosen speech, delivered the gavel to the new president, who announced that the next order of business was to elect two vice-presidents. J. W. Conger, A. Waterbury, Hugh Hale, G. W. Bruce and H. C. Fox were put in nomination. F. F. Gibson, H. F. Vermillion, and W. T. Amis were appointed to take the ballot, which resulted in the election of J. W. Conger and H. C. Fox.

By motion of H. L. Winburne ex-President Eagle was elected *president emeritus* of this Convention.

J. H. Kitchens was elected treasurer; W. F. Dorris and E. J. A. McKinney recording secretaries, and E. J. A. McKinney statistical secretary. W. W. Byrd was re-elected auditor.

A. J. Barton, E. C. Ellis, N. C. Denson, A. Waterbury and H. L. Winburne were appointed a Committee on Order of Business.

The hours of meeting were agreed upon as follows:

Morning—Meet at 9:00 and adjourn at 12:00.

Afternoon—Meet at 2:00 and adjourn at 5:00.

Evening—Meet at 7:30, adjourn at pleasure.

The following brethren were enrolled as visitors and welcomed among us: R. J. Willingham, corresponding secretary Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; J. M. Frost, secretary Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; M. P. Hunt, field secretary of Home, Foreign and Sunday School Boards west of Mississippi River, Kansas City, Mo.; R. M. Inlow, field secretary Sunday School Board, Kansas City, Mo.; R. G. Seymore, secretary A. B. P. Society, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. N. Prestidge, editor *Baptist Argus*, Louisville, Ky.; W. P. Harvey, *Western Recorder*, Louisville, Ky.; A. T. Robertson, Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; J. B. Searcy, Biloxi, Miss.; J. B. Gambrell, corresponding secretary Texas Baptist Convention, Dallas; J. B. Fletcher, State Missionary, Texarkana, Tex.; J. H. Gambrell, editor *Baptist Standard*, Dallas, Tex.; C. E. Smith, missionary to Africa; and J. W. McCollum, missionary to Japan, and W. J. Bearden, Memphis, Tenn.

A. J. Barton reported the following order of business for today:

10:00 to 11:30 a. m.—Organization.

11:30 to 12 m.—Enrolling and welcoming visitors.

2:00 p. m. to 2:45—Orphans' Home.

2:45 to 3:00—Address, Dr. R. G. Seymore.

3:00 to 3:30—Address, M. P. Hunt.

3:30 to 4:00—Address, J. W. McCollum.

4:00 to 5:00—Ministerial Education:

(a) Report of Board of Ministerial Education.

(b) Report of Committee on Ministerial Education.

7:30 p. m.—Address—A. T. Robertson.

8:00 p. m.—Convention Sermon by W. A. Freemon.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was called to order at 2 p. m. by President Ayers. W. J. Bearden led in prayer.

W. W. Gardner read the report of the Board of Orphan's Home as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in Fifty-sixth Session, Assembled:

Dear Brethren—In submitting, for your information and consideration this, our ninth annual report of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans'

Home, our hearts are made glad to be able to report the great success and progress of the Home for the past Conventional year, for it has truly been a great year for the Home.

We have now sixty-two children in the Home, all are well and happy. Twenty-eight of these are now members of the church. There are five or six who daily attend the Hinemon University School, where they are given the good training of this school free, and we have a day school taught in the Home for the other children.

One young lady, viz., Miss Nellie Clark, has reached the age limit and is now in a good private home near Searcy, Arkansas.

One young lady, Miss Annie Berry, has reached the age limit, and has married since the last Convention; she married Mr. Dan Adcock, a young man of some property and plenty of energy, and they reside near Monticello, Ark.

Five children have been received in the Home since our last report, and there has been one death.

The Board met on the 15th inst., and elected Bro. W. W. Gardner as our Financial Agent for the next twelve months.

From the Treasurer's report you will see that our collections for the Home this year exceed that of last year, and that we have now on hand to the credit of the Home the sum of \$855.68.

The Board has appointed a Building Committee for the purpose of investigating with a view of building an annex to the Home, as the same is very much needed in order to properly care for the inmates already in the Home and for the reception of others who desire to enter.

The Board has also made arrangements to have a new fence put around the farm, as it is impossible to keep the stock out of the crops with the present dilapidated fence.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. T. WOOD, President,
J. W. KIMBRO, Secretary.

Also the treasurer's report :

Pine Bluff, Ark., November 15, 1904.

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Assembled:

Brethren—I submit this, my ninth annual report, as Treasurer of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home, as follows:

To amount on hand at last report.....	\$ 470 43
To amount received of W. W. Gardner.....	3,496 31
To amount received from all other sources.....	192 46
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	\$4,159 20
By amount paid W. W. Gardner, salary.....	\$ 720 00
By amount paid W. W. Gardner, expenses.....	288 60
By amount paid all other expenses.....	2,294 92
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	\$3,303 52
To balance on hand.....	\$ 855 68

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. HYATT, Treasurer.

W. H. Cash read the report of the Committee on Orphans' Home as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Your committee are glad to report that our Home at Monticello is in an excellent condition, and is proving a blessing to the unfortunate little ones left homeless, without the care and protection of parents.

The maternal care and management by the devoted mother, Sister Gardner, is all that we could desire; and the work of W. W. Gardner, the financial agent, is most efficient and satisfactory.

There are sixty-two children in the Home at this report, one more than we had last year. One has died this year; one young lady has married; and one, having reached the age limit, has gone out of the Home to take care of herself.

The school is in charge of Miss Lizzie Hyatt, of Monticello.

The health of the Home is good.

There is no indebtedness; but on the contrary, there is on hand the sum of eight hundred and fifty dollars.

We rejoice that this noble institution is making such good progress.

J. J. HAYNES,
W. H. CASH,
N. C. DENSON.

Adopted, after discussion.

Dr. R. G. Seymore delivered an address on the work of the A. B. P. Society.

M. P. Hunt addressed the convention on the work he was doing for our three Boards, west of the Mississippi River; and J. W. McCollum spoke on the conditions and needs of Japan as a mission field.

President Ayers announced the following committees:

1. Divine Service—Ross Moore, H. C. Fox, E. Ryland, Elmo Marsh, Geo. Gammill, W. J. David, J. E. Daniel.

2. Ministerial Education — A. H. Autrey, L. T. Grumbles, M. P. Watts, E. D. Cooper, D. A. Allen.

3. State Missions—S. L. Holloway, M. L. Voyles, O. J. Wade, J. S. Compere, J. J. Haynes.

4. Foreign Missions—F. F. Gibson, M. T. Webb, Z. T. Wood, W. H. Bowling, N. B. O'Kelley.

5. Home Missions—J. T. Christian, J. F. Brewer, J. E. Denham, A. J. Cockroft, M. W. Deloach.

6. Sunday Schools and Colportage—L. A. Rowland, J. A. Rader, A. O. Edwards, A. J. Barton, A. B. Bohannon.

7. Orphans' Home—J. J. Haynes, W. H. Cash, N. C. Denson.

8. Education—W. E. Atkinson, J. J. Doyne, H. C. Roberts, R. E. Cornelius, S. W. Brumfield.

9. Publications—H. T. Bradford, W. S. Roney, J. F. Hammett, H. G. Johnson, E. T. Lincoln.

10. Woman's Work—J. U. H. Wharton, A. C. Jones, E. C. Faulkner, R. M. Richardson, J. H. Delano.

11. Temperance—T. C. Mahan, W. A. Freeman, J. P. Lovelace, J. F. McNemer, J. J. Hurt.

12. Obituaries—H. Beauchamp, G. W. Bruce, Frank White, R. G. Lafferty, T. C. Monroe.

13. Nominations—W. T. Amis, W. L. Compere, A. J. Russell, R. A. Faulkner, J. W. Conger, P. C. Barton, F. G. Briggs.

14. Colored Work—Ben Cox, V. T. Stonnell, J. M. Lawrence, J. D. Crawford, Joe Stark.

15. —Finance W. W. Rivers, B. H. Parish, J. M. Shepherd.

H. L. Winburne read the report of the Board of Ministerial Education:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

With gratitude to God for His continued mercy and unstinted blessings, the Board of Ministerial Education herewith submits its seventeenth annual report to the fifty-sixth session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

We find that the growing culture and spreading education of the masses of our people are re-acting sharply upon the religious forces among us. The demands upon the ministry are growing greater rapidly. There is an increasing spirit of wide-awake progress and liberal culture that makes an educated ministry absolutely necessary. An educated laity has placed the question of Ministerial Education beyond the sphere of contention, so we shall submit no argument. We would present an appeal for larger beneficence in this work upon the basis of Christian opportunism. The majority of our people are still willing to hear the gospel if it is told in a manner worthy of our constituency. But the rising tide of commercial prosperity and the incoming multitudes of immigrants threaten us with an intellectual and spiritual menace which we cannot disregard with impunity. If Arkansas is ever to be taken for Christ and the Baptists the foundation work must be done now. Soon our citizenship will be so far influenced by aliens of non-religious character that they will be practically out of our reach. Arkansas bids fair to catch the lock-step with other states in the prison house of an overpowering commercialism, when the work of religion will lose half its aggressive force in defensive measures. We believe that these considerations, together with the higher demands of the churches now being made, make Ministerial Education, and its relative activities, the paramount issue among Arkansas Baptist policies. To the lovers of our Lord Jesus Christ who discern the signs of the times, the present situation makes a powerful appeal for a trained ministry. The demands are greater, the problems more difficult and the promises brighter for a well equipped ministry, than our State has ever presented before. To meet these demands, solve these problems and enter into the heritage of these promises, let us rise in a united and hearty support of the cause of Ministerial Education.

1. *Our support* for the past year has been peculiar. The cash book shows the names of few of our larger churches. They have unaccountably neglected us during the past year. The increased number of small town and country churches rallying to our support has been exceedingly gratifying, aside from the fact that they saved us from financial disaster. We ask to be received back into the good graces of the larger churches, while we are anxious to keep and extend the sympathy for our work that is manifested among smaller churches.

2. *Our beneficiaries* during the last year were thirty-five in number, from every part of the State and every faction of the denomination. We turned none away, but made provision for all according

to our ability. The work of our boys during the year amounts to hundreds of souls saved for Christ and added to our churches. They are a vital force in our evangelization.

3. *Our financial statement* for the year is as follows:

On hand at last report.....	\$ 92 86
Amount collected since last report.....	1,103 13
Total	\$1,195 99
Amount expended since last report.....	1,067 54
Amount on hand at present report.....	\$ 128 45
Benefits in tuition, etc.....	\$1,225 00
Money expended	1,067 54
Total cash and benefits.....	\$2,292 54

There are at present 28 ministerial students in Ouachita College, which number we expect to be increased to at least forty before the end of the term. "Enlargement" has been our keynote in every branch of the work. By reference to the last report it will be seen that the amount collected and expended this year is more than twice as much as last year. There was an increase of one-third in the number of ministerial students also. The difference between the percentages of increase is explained by the fact that fewer students were self-supporting this year than last.

Our work for the current year is laid out on a basis of still further enlargement. The appropriations for the year already aggregate more than the entire expenditure of the year just closed. Our burdens grow exceedingly rapidly, but our blessings keep the splendid pace. We face the future with faith in God and confidence in the brethren.

We have but one recommendation. That is, that the Convention give us \$1,250.00 in cash and pledges to meet the necessary cost of the years' work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. L. WINBURNE, Secretary.

A. H. Autry read the report of the Committee on Ministerial Education:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Baptists cherish principles which deserve to grow. They stand for something in belief and practice. They stand also in the front rank in their devotion to the education—the best possible education, of their rising ministry. Baptists can no more be taunted with opposition to a well equipped and cultured ministry, and well may we point with pardonable pride to the nearly 200 young preachers who have been educated in, and have gone out from our own Ouachita College to fill the pulpits of our own and other states; or as missionaries to publish the cross and preach the whole truth where they have it not.

We heartily commend, to our young preachers, Ouachita Baptist College, and urge our churches to support them with their prayers and their means.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Following pledges were taken for Ministerial Education:

El Dorado Church.....	\$ 100 00
Second Church, Little Rock.....	100 00
J. W. Williams, Wynne.....	15 00
First, Little Rock.....	50 00
Arkadelphia	75 00
Hot Springs, First.....	50 00
Park Avenue, Hot Springs.....	50 00
Malvern Church.....	25 00
Pine Bluff, First.....	100 00
Heber Church.....	50 00
Jonesboro, First.....	50 00
Camden Church.....	25 00
Helena Church.....	50 00
Monticello	25 00
Immanuel Church.....	100 00
Beech Street, Texarkana.....	25 00
Fordyce	25 00
Magnolia	20 00
Newport	10 00
E. D. Cooper (Paragould).....	25 00
J. E. Lide, Camden.....	5 00
C. T. Wilson, Texarkana.....	10 00
Magazine, L. T. Grumbles.....	25 00
New Lewisville.....	10 00
Fort Smith, First.....	50 00
Nashville, M. W. Deloach.....	10 00
Columbus, M. W. Deloach.....	10 00
Ladies' Aid, Jonesboro.....	25 00
Conway	15 00
C. N. James.....	10 00
Star City, E. V. Hellums.....	10 00
Junction City, M. P. Muse.....	10 00
J. B. Lumbley, Mena.....	10 00
J. M. Walker, paid.....	10 00
J. H. Delano, Eureka Springs.....	10 00
M. L. Voyles, Harrison.....	5 00
Jas P. Eagle.....	25 00
J. F. Brewer, Bevery.....	5 00
Ladies' Aid, Paragould.....	15 00
Total	\$1285 00

Adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

J. J. Hurt pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

President Ayers called the Convention to order at 7:30. By motion A. T. Robertson was given till 8 o'clock to address the Convention on the work of the Seminary.

Following pledges were taken for the students' fund for the Seminary:

First, Little Rock.....	\$ 25 00
B. F. Milam, Cabot.....	5 00
J. S. Compere, Warren.....	10 00
H. F. Vermillion, Arkadelphia.....	5 00
J. N. Robertson, Paragould.....	5 00
W. H. Sledge.....	25 00
M. W. Deloach, Nashville.....	10 00
J. S. Rogers, Searcy.....	10 00
H. G. Johnson, Carolan, Ark.....	5 00
C. N. James.....	5 00
Fort Smith, First.....	25 00
Pine Bluff, First.....	25 00
El Dorado	30 00
Jonesboro	50 00
Second, Little Rock.....	50 00
W. S. Roney.....	5 00
N. B. O'Kelley, Texarkana.....	10 00
Malvern	10 00
A. L. Jordan, Rogers.....	10 00
J. J. Hurt.....	10 00
J. B. Fletcher, Texarkana.....	5 00
J. B. Lumbly, Mena.....	5 00
Jas. P. Eagle.....	25 00
Ladies' Aid, Hope.....	10 00
Ladies' Aid, Arkadelphia.....	10 00
S. W. Brumfield, Corning.....	5 00
J. J. Johnson, Little Rock.....	15 00
W. F. Dorris, Camden.....	5 00
Morrilton Church.....	10 00
Hot Springs Church.....	50 00
C. T. Willson, Texarkana.....	5 00
J. C. Williamson, Greenwood.....	5 00
V. L. Stonnell, Lake Village.....	10 00
M. L. Voyles, Harrison.....	5 00
Total	\$ 495 00

W. A. Freeman delivered the Convention sermon from Matt. 28:19. Theme, "Moral Significance of Baptism."

The Committee on Order of Business made the following partial report, which was adopted:

SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION.

- 9 to 9:15—Devotional service.
- 9:15 to 9:30—Journal and miscellaneous business.
- 9:30 to 10:30—Publications.
- 10:30 to 12—State Missions:
 - (a) Report of Executive Board.
 - (b) Report of Committee on State Missions.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 2:00 to 3:00—Sunday Schools and Colportage.
- 3:00 to 3:45—Sunday School Board, of Southern Baptist Convention.
- 3:45 to 5:00—Home Missions.

EVENING SESSION.

7:30—Education.

SUNDAY—AFTERNOON.

2:30 to 3:30—B. Y. P. U. meeting.

F. F. Gibson read the report on Foreign Missions:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

In submitting this report we desire to return our devout thanks to God for His great blessings upon the work during the past year. One proof at least that we are doing God's work in his own way is evidenced by the blessings which have followed in the path of our missionaries. More and more are our churches and pastors beginning to fully realize that spiriual blessings depend to a great extent upon our fulfilling the command of Jesus Christ, "Go ye into all the world." It is not for us to ask is it expedient, but are we obedient? It should be of peculiar interest and is to us Arkansas Baptists when we remember that five of the most successful missionaries on the foreign field have gone from our own State. Bro. J. J. Taylor has accomplished a great work in Brazil. Bro. Lacy and wife have lately been appointed to Mexico. Bro. C. E. Smith and wife have long been the foremost missionaries in Africa.

In the last seven years there has been a phenomenal growth in our foreign missionary work. One significant fact in this connection is that "while we were doubling our gifts Christ has trebled our annual addition, nearly doubled our churches on the field and more than doubled the membership in these churches. Within the period also, our working force has grown from seventy-six missionaries and 117 native helpers to 138 missionaries and 215 native helpers." "All this advance only makes greater the need for advance. The reward for success is a demand for increased effort. The call for workers was never more urgent than at this moment. All the more urgent that the call is for men and women of the greatest gifts, largest culture deepest consecration and approved efficiency. Lifting up our eyes and looking on the field we hear anew the call to prayer to the Lord of the harvest that he will thrust forth laborers into his harvest. It is needful, not merely that those graduating from our schools shall consider the call, but that successful workers already in the churches shall open their hearts to the message of the Spirit calling them out into the work."

The work for the year calls for one-fourth increase in our contribution. May God help us to hear the call and heed the command of our Great Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

FINLEY F. GIBSON.

C. E. Smith addressed the Convention on African Missions; R. J. Willingham spoke as to our duty in giving the Gospel to the lost in heathen lands. There were five young men who arose and said they were prayerfully studying the question of taking up the work in foreign fields. J. W. Conger led in prayer asking God to send fifteen more laborers from Arkansas into the foreign field,

and for an increase in our contributions to \$15,000.00 annually for Foreign Mission work.

Report adopted.

Adjourned till 9 a. m. Saturday.

Benediction by W. T. Amis.

SATURDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

President Ayers called the Convention to order at 9:15. W. H. Sledge read 1 Cor., 13th chapter, and J. A. Rader led in prayer.

By motion the secretaries were instructed to print the minutes of the Ministers' meeting in the Convention minutes.

Minutes of Friday's sessions were read, corrected and approved.

J. W. McDonald was present, representing the Ministers' Aid Association. C. W. Daniel, of Covington, Ky., was enrolled as a welcome visitor.

While waiting on the Committee on Publications to prepare their report, J. B. Grambell, by request, addressed the Convention on the evangelistic work on the frontier of Texas.

Seventeen pastors who had moved into our State since the last Convention were introduced and cordially welcomed among us. The Convention arose and sang: "Blest be the tie that binds," as a token of their fellowship with those who had come to labor in the Master's vineyard with them.

The hour for State Missions having arrived J. F. Love read the following report of the Executive Board:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

It is our pleasure to report to you somewhat the things which you have done during the year. You and your fellow-laborers for Christ in the churches of Arkansas have made the record which you face today. We have watched you with pride in your efforts to make this record worthy of yourselves and your Lord, and we are glad that so many of you are here today to hear of the results of your combined labors. We congratulate you upon what you have done, the spirit in which you have done it, and join you in thankfulness for the Divine favor which has been upon you and your work.

The loyalty of our people to our misison work has been fully tested this year. There has been an unprecedented combination of circumstances adverse both to missionary contributions and evangelistic results. Besides the increased missionary obligations, several important objects have been before our people during the year, asking for financial aid. To all these you have made a cheerful and a liberal response. The accomplishment of great things always creates confidence in one's ability to do greater things. Other things being equal, large gifts to other objects would not have diminished but increased your contributions to missions. There is still left of the Lord's portion enough to supply all the needs of His cause. He never makes demands upon us without giving us ability to meet them. We increase our capacity to do by doing, our ability to overcome by overcoming. The use of any faculty or power given us but adds new acquirement of strength. Gifts to other good objects make our people strong and supple in benevolent activity. But there have been some really adverse conditions. Following almost immediately upon large gifts and subscriptions to other departments of our work, a portion of the State was visited by floods which turned to naught large expenditures in agriculture, spoiling the first and second plantings and entailing heavy loss upon many of our people, not only in country districts, but in towns as well. The year has been distinctly political, and a political year is considered unfavorable to spirituality, evangelistic success, and Christian liberality. The Fair at St. Louis has further diverted the thought of many, taken out of the congregations some of the most prominent workers and liberal contributors just at the time our campaign was at its crisis, and has absorbed many thousands of dollars held in trust by the Lord's people. These things have constituted serious barriers and against which we have been able to save the day only by the unwavering loyalty of our pastors and churches. The report which we bring you is a monument to your fidelity.

MISSIONARY RECEIPTS.

The misisonary receipts for the year have been as follows:

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 4,957 19
Home Missions.....	3,543 93
State Missions.....	8,655 22
	\$17,156 34
Total.....	

To the above is added \$4,850 contributed to Arkansas by the Home Mission Board, and \$300 each by the Home and Foreign Boards on Secretary's salary and office expenses.

The following comparison of receipts for the years given shows a gratifying growth in interest and liberality among our people:

	1901-2	1902-3	1903-4
Foreign Missions.....	\$2,650 52	\$4,031 32	\$4,957 19
Home Missions.....	1,393 23	2,399 73	3,543 93
State Missions.....	4,746 68	6,904 92	8,655 22

A total gain to these three objects in two years, \$8,364.89, lacking but \$425.54 of doubling our contributions to missions in that time. This Convention has only fairly begun its great work of giving the Gospel and Baptist doctrine to the world.

The number of churches which have given one hundred dollars or

more during the year, not including contributions to Sunday School and Associational Missions, stands as follows:

Newport	\$ 105 32
Paragould	439 65
Arkadelphia	1,020 03
Morrilton	103 75
Beech Sreet., Texarkana.....	381 83
Lonoke	120 00
First Church, Little Rock.....	466 17
Fort Smith.....	517 00
Jonesboro	663 17
Hope	278 05
El Dorado.....	704 30
Camden	327 69
Helena	922 36
First Church, Hot Springs.....	600 00
Rogers	142 00
First Church, Eureka Springs.....	361 95
Prescott	113 70
Conway	229 40
Second Church, Little Rock.....	1,899 37
Columbus	126 85
Batesville	103 50
Warren	155 52
Pine Bluff.....	1,239 70
Magazine	164 40
Lake Village.....	213 72
Immanuel, Little Rock.....	368 95
England	101 02

This list constitutes a real honor roll, but suggests no invidious comparisons. The list of small contributors, of both individuals and churches, is too long to publish here, though it will be published elsewhere. We doubt not that to some of these our Lord would say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things."

The number of churches and individuals contributing through the Convention channels is steadily increasing each year. This is perhaps the most significant fact of all. It indicates the growth of the missionary spirit among our people and a return of confidence in the old methods of doing mission work. Experience is a great teacher. These methods originated from experience and a devout study of God's Word, and experience and study of that Word will confirm the judgment of the fathers.

Another encouraging sign observed during the year is the more complete enlistment of the entire organization in our churches. In many places a larger per cent of the church membership has contributed than ever before. Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies, B. Y. P. U. and Junior Societies in the churches and our Sunday Schools have taken part in this great work of the church. That organization within the church which does not help it in its chief work is superfluous and hurtful. These organizations are training institutions for the church; but their members will never acquire proficiency in Christian work if they are not given something to do.

SUMMARY.

From the statistical table we condense the following summary of the mission work of the year:

Missionaries employed.....	49
Days of labor.....	8,067
Miles traveled in performance of labor.....	46,527
Churches supplied.....	50
Other stations supplied.....	23
Sermons preached.....	4,443
Religious addresses other than prayer meetings.....	762
Total sermons and addresses.....	5,205
Prayer meetings conducted.....	1,109
Religious visits.....	9,718
Religious services held in homes.....	1,420

VISIBLE RESULTS.

Professions of conversion.....	1,591
Additions by baptism.....	1,080
Additions by letter.....	480
Additions by restoration.....	70
Churches organized.....	18
Meeting houses built.....	8
Cost of same.....	\$3,859 00
Meeting houses repaired.....	15
Cost of same.....	\$9,453 84
Sunday Schools organized.....	24
Present number of schools.....	87
Officers and teachers.....	701
Number of pupils.....	5,548
Expense of schools.....	\$1,230 89

MONEY RAISED.

Raised on salary.....	\$ 5,866 34
Incidental expenses.....	1,762 41
Associational Missions.....	737 31
State Missions.....	1,990 68
Home Missions.....	197 90
Foreign Missions.....	265 19
Sunday School and Colportage.....	176 42
Orphans' Home.....	235 19
Ministerial Education.....	44 00
Miscellaneous benevolences.....	321 39
Total	\$26,140 56

In addition to the above our Missionary Secretary has, besides keeping the accounts of the office, handling the money, conducting the correspondence, involving the writing of several thousands of letters, performed the duties of Missionary Editor of the "Advance," traveled more than 11,000 miles, helped pastors raise the money for missions, delivered 253 sermons and other religious addresses, witnessed more than 250 professions of conversion under his ministry, baptized fifty-seven of these, and to our knowledge more than thirty were received to be baptized by pastors.

Last year we made a report of volunteer mission work which was highly complimentary to some of our pastors. We regret that we can-

not make this report this year. A number of our pastors engaged in this work, but did not send in reports in time to have them tabulated. We wish, however, to make special mention of Brethren T. G. Keith, C. I. Walker, S. A. Riggs and Henry Phillips, who make such reports, and which show that they did some good work without cost to your Board. Owing to the failure of other reports to reach the office in time for this table to be made up, we give no statistics in this department.

It will be seen from the statistical table of missionary labor that eight houses of worship have been built and eighteen churches have been organized. In some cases where buildings have been erected our people have shown a spirit of self-reliance which is worthy of emulation. The churches and their respective communities have chosen to carry their own burdens rather than transfer them to other shoulders. Yet in some cases, there have been worthy and most urgent appeals to your Board for aid which it could not render, as no money for this purpose has been entrusted to it. Grateful mention should be made of the fact that our Home Mission Board has given aid in some worthy cases. As in other respects, this especial feature of the Home Board's work commends it to us and justifies a large increase in contributions to it.

Among the churches organized, that at Texarkana should be mentioned in this report. For some time it has been obvious to those who have been familiar with the conditions in this rapidly growing city on our western border that a Baptist church was necessary in that part of it which lies on the Arkansas side of the State line, and which includes the best residence and most rapidly growing portion of the city. The Missionary Secretary made several visits and held several conferences with Dr. O. L. Hailey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and others. In these conferences a conviction was reached that a church ought to be organized. When the time was ripe for the work to begin and other duties claimed the attention of the Secretary, the services of Secretary Harvey Beauchamp, of the Sunday School Board were secured, the Board assuming his support for the period covered by his labors, hence his name in the list of missionaries. Brother Beauchamp planned with great wisdom and worked faithfully, and at the end of his labors the church was in its own quarters, with a property worth \$7,000, a membership of eighty-three and ready to call a pastor. Especial mention should be made in this connection of Brother George W. Bottoms, who helped the cause by wise counsel and large liberality. To enable the church to secure the services of a suitable man for the highly important field then opened, the Board made an appropriation to the church at the rate of \$500 per annum. Rev. N. B. O'Kelley was called from an important pastorate in Atlanta, Ga., and has been on the field three months and a half. As indicative of the wisdom of this enterprise, and of Brother O'Kelley's efficiency, we refer to the fact that the church has already returned to your Board in missionary contributions, \$381.83, thus in the first year of its history placing itself in the list of large givers. No church in the State has a brighter future or is more awake to all the interests of this Convention and the affairs of Christ's kingdom.

PARTICULAR ASPECTS OF OUR WORK.

1. Foreign Missions. There is no more exhilarating and inspiring phase of Christian life and labor among the Baptists of the South today than their Foreign Mission work. During the last Southern

Baptist Convention year, Southern Baptists gave through their Foreign Bission Bord, \$247,629.69; gave of their young men and women, 16, swelling the total number of their missionaries and native helpers representing us on the Foreign field to 353. Since the Convention in May, 36 other young men and women, some of them the very flower of our cultured and consecrated young manhood and womanhood, have been sent out to this work. During the past year, that is from May, 1903, to May, 1904, the Baptists of Arkansas, co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention, have given \$4,755.51, and one missionary, Miss Rose Schantz.

Your Board recommends ceaseless prayer for this work and these workers, and begs that all our churches, Sunday Schools and Societies shall observe the fourth Sunday in December as Foreign Mission day, and solicit for the occasion a "Christmas gift for Jesus" from every member of these organizations.

2. Home Missions. We are gratified at the substantial evidence our people are giving of their interest in this department of the common work of Southern Baptists, which has for its end the evangelization of the people in our own land. We must save America if we would save the world, and, if we do not save America, the world will heathenize it. God has here given Baptists their first great opportunity. American traditions make this country the most congenial for our doctrines, and nowhere else do they find such ready acceptance. The majority of the Baptists of the world live in the South, and upon them rests a responsibility great and grave. The Home and Sunday School Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention are the only agencies under their control, through which the combined will and effort of the brotherhood can be concentrated upon the transcendently important, vital and responsible task of making the Southland Christian. A wise use of these agencies will go far to determine our solution of this problem. The Home Board stands in direct relation to Home Missions and to the work of your Executive Board. Let us give it the support its importance demands and the godly men who administer its affairs will not be without means to do the work we have committed to them, and our children and our children's children will not be without a knowledge of the truth of which we are God's stewards, and which is our richest inheritance, and the best bequest we can make our posterity.

3. State Missions. This department of our work contemplates the promulgation of the Gospel within the bounds of our own State, the dissemination of our doctrines, the organization of churches, and the quickening of missionary life and benevolence. Seeking to secure these ends, the money contributed for State Missions is expended as follows:

1. Supplementing the salaries of pastors of needy and promising churches. In order that a wise and right economy may be practiced, the Board recommends that the most conscientious care be taken in organizing new and dependent churches, and that in every case where application is made to this Board for help that it be for the minimum amount necessary for the maintenance of the work, and that all such beneficiary churches strive earnestly to reach the point of self-support as soon as possible. This matter must be taken to heart by some of our churches if we are to supply the vast destitution in our State out of the resources at our command.

2. The money is spent in employing district missionaries and supplementing the salaries of Associational Missionaries. Expenditures in this line of work have in some cases yielded gratifying results.

Where suitable men can be found and the proper co-operation is given, we recommend the continuance of this form of missionary operation.

3. The class of missionary labor of which we have had least but need most is that of the general missionary or State Evangelist. For some time the conviction has grown upon the members of the Board that more of the money contributed for State Missions should be used in this line of work. At last this opinion has crystalized and becomes the policy of the present Board. For much of the past year we have sought suitable men; men who may properly be called specialists in soul-winning and as missionary trainers to undertake this work. Besides the Missionary Secretary, whose work is of this class, we have found few available men. But we now have in view several men who possess exceptional qualifications for this work, and we hope to have them in the field within a short time. In order to keep strong and effective men at work, it will be necessary, first, that smaller demands shall be made upon the Board for other and less important departments; and, second, that we shall enlarge our contributions to State Missions. We do not want men for this work who are not in demand in other fields, and we cannot expect such men to do a work of so arduous nature without adequate support. Furthermore, it is thought to be advisable that two or more large tents be bought for use of these evangelists in holding meetings in communities where there are no houses of worship, or where the houses are not large enough to accommodate those who want to hear the Gospel. If we are going to save the men and women of the State and give them a knowledge of Baptist doctrine, we ought to be up and about it; and we should no longer despise such simple equipment as will facilitate our efforts and multiply results from the money and labor expended.

Let us in closing our report to the fifty-sixth session of this Convention record our profound gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His rich favor upon our work and the workers during the year. His Spirit has attended the ministry of His Word and the renewing power of that Spirit has been manifested in many lives. Moreover, the signs of His presence among our people have been seen in the better spirit which characterizes the Baptist brotherhood of the State. We commend our brethren for their patient self-control. While we admonish everyone to eschew every departure from the faith and practice of our fathers, we plead for love and forbearance toward any who for the present do not work with us. Many have already been convinced that they acted hastily in withdrawing from the Convention to which our Baptist ancestors gave their best days, and in co-operation with which these worthies lived, worked and died. Already many are looking with alarm upon the division of churches and the movement to separate them entirely from the fellowship of their brethren and the denomination from whose loins they have sprung, whose doctrines they believe and love, and of whose history and heroes they are justly proud. The better spirit and better judgment are gaining control of our people, and soon, we hope, we shall see eye to eye. Certainly we shall if everywhere Christ be enthroned as our leader. Now that the change for the better has so strongly set in, endeavor for a while longer, and at whatever cost of personal feeling, to preserve the unity of the churches of Christ. It is with genuine pride that we can point to these troublous years of our history and say that no Convention minority in any church has ever split the church open or drawn out to set up a rival organization. We beseech you, brethren, that while you "Contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the saints," "that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherein ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suf-

fering, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and one Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."

A motion was made to adopt the report after the Secretary had made such changes as were made necessary by the haste in which the statistics were gotten together. The report was enthusiastically adopted.

W. W. Byrd read the auditing report, which follows:

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of our worthy brother, J. F. Love, and find them to be correct and in order.

Respectfully,

W. W. BYRD, Auditor.

The Convention arose and sang "Praise God from whom all blessings flow" after the reading of this—the best report ever presented by the Executive Board to the Convention.

J. F. Love, Jas. P. Eagle and J. B. Gambrell spoke to the report.

(When the report of the Executive Board was read before the recent State Convention at Pine Bluff, I was requested to speak. The remarks then made were delivered off-hand, but unknown to me, were taken down in shorthand by a young lady in the audience. At the close of the speech, the body voted to have it printed in the minutes and 10,000 copies of it printed for circulation among our people, after any revision I might wish to give it. I have accordingly added a few items which escaped me at the moment, but have left the speech substantially as delivered, even in the matter of informal spoken style. If what I have said shall bring my brethren closer together in Christian service, and thus redound to the welfare of the cause of our blessed Lord, it will serve the purpose which I have had in view in consenting to scatter these remarks among the brethren whom I have known and loved so long.—James P. Eagle.)

ADDRESS OF JAMES P. EAGLE.

For a quarter of a century I have been intimately acquainted with the work of this Convention, and the report that has just been read is the best report that has ever come before the Convention, notwithstanding this is the fifty-sixth session of the Convention.

I think it is well in all vocations of life to stop occasionally and look back over the past, and he who fails to do this, will many times make mistakes and blunders that he would not make were he to consider the matters he has passed over. That principle applies to Christian work, and for a few minutes I wish to look over the past. I could say but little concerning the doings of the Convention before the war

between the States, but since that time I do know something about it. For fifteen years after that black cloud had passed over somewhat, and the Convention had resumed its work, the brethren were not able to do much, owing to the impoverished condition of the country, and for sometime the work done by the Convention was done without entering into a contract to pay any man for work on mission fields, except so far as he collected his salary on the field. Something over twenty years ago we settled down to work, but much was done before that time. I see a brother in the audience now sitting over there (Brother J. B. Searcy); thirty-two years ago I went with him to one of our county seats in Arkansas when he was a State Missionary doing the work as well as he could. He called the brethren together and got them aroused, and then raised the money to buy a lot upon which to build a house, and that noble church is represented in this body today.

Some twenty years ago the Executive Board was instructed to employ men to work and assume responsibility for their salaries. For a time the Home Mission Society of New York supplemented the salaries of pastors in some of the established churches. About this time an arrangement was entered into between the Executive Board of the Convention and the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention by which the State Board received annually a considerable sum of money to assist in doing the work in the State. For years we tried different plans, sometimes with a Secretary and sometimes without one; various names were also used to designate this State agent, the effort being to find a name to suit all our people. We now call this agent Missionary Secretary, the most appropriate name, in my judgment, that could be applied. From the first, we appointed this agent to do the correspondence of the Board, to raise money to pay the missionaries, and to do evangelistic work. More money has been raised and sent in and more men put in the field under this plan than any other ever adopted.

Unless I forget it, I want to say right here that from that day to this we have never failed to pay any man every dollar we have promised him. I don't know how it is, but it seems to me that God was in the work, working in the minds and hearts of His people in devising and executing these plans. We trust our people and we trust God, and we would say that God has done the work and it has been by his help that we have always been able to meet our contracts. Brethren, let us trust our brethren more than we have done in the past, and let us trust God more and more, for there is plenty of room to trust him. He will meet all our expectations, whatever they may be.

In prosecuting the work we have sent missionaries into almost every community in the State. Sometimes in the person of an associational missionary, sometimes a general missionary and sometimes a secretary. We try to cover the State as far as is possible for us to do so. I venture to say that there are but few places in all Arkansas which the State Board has not touched in some way for good by its missionaries. In some way this Convention has promoted the preaching of the Gospel in every county in the State of Arkansas.

We will now look back at some things we have accomplished. My brethren, I cannot in giving these statistics off-hand go back so much as twenty years, but I can go back nine or ten years, and I know that in making contracts and in meeting obligations the work has steadily increased. Notwithstanding the success of these plans for several years, after a while some of the more conservative brethren thought it wrong to pay a man who was in the field as a general agent. So, under the circumstances, and with the hope of satisfying

these brethren, the Board changed the plan, and nine years ago we paid the secretary of the Board a small sum to do the necessary correspondence. The following year they got so very particular about spending the money in such work that the secretary proposed to do the work for nothing. The year before, when he got a salary, he raised about \$1,200.00, but the next year when the secretary did the work of the Board for nothing, the whole State of Arkansas placed in the treasury less than \$700. Several missionaries were supported in the field, there were 173 baptisms by the missionaries, and a great work was done by that \$700, but it was supplemented by the money received from the Home Board. The Home Board has been helping us all these years, without which we probably would not have been able to do one-half that we have done.

The next year the president of the Board did the correspondence, and as he is a good writer, he ran up the collections to \$1,600 and something, and put 18 missionaries in the field, who baptized 174 converts. He was allowed a small sum to pay a stenographer.

Then we employed a general agent again and the first year the collections were run up to nearly \$3,000, 25 missionaries were put in the field and over 300 were baptized. Of course there are always a great many people who are converted and do not join the Baptist church, but every man who joins a Baptist church is supposed to be a saved man, and, therefore, a large number of baptisms is a cause for rejoicing. The next year we continued the system, and there was \$5,000 raised for missions, 41 missionaries in the field and an increased number of baptisms.

The year following nearly \$5,000 was raised, 45 missionaries were in the field, and there were more than 400 baptisms.

Thus the work has gone on and on prospering every year. Year before last there was between four and five thousand dollars raised, but we had 45 missionaries in the field and we had a large number of baptisms. This year the Missionary Secretary was directed by the Convention to divert his attention somewhat in order to raise \$2,000 to pay off a mortgage on Mountain Home College, and thus this institution was saved to the denomination.

Last year nearly \$7,000 was raised for State Missions, 41 missionaries were in the field, 745 were baptized on their fields. You have just heard the report for the past year; more money has been received and, because the Board could not get men fitted for the work, two less missionaries in the field and about 1,100 converts have been baptized. The Secretary is a modest man and did not state all in the report of the Board. The baptisms received at his hands and those baptized by others are not included in the 1,081 reported as baptisms from missionary labor. Including the baptisms of missionaries as their own and other fields and those baptized by the Secretary the number is above 1,300.

I would not compare money with the salvation of souls, but money is an active agency, without which missionaries could not be supported; so necessarily less souls would be saved if we for lack of proper method or interest failed to supply the money with which to support men to preach the Gospel to the unsaved.

And now, brethren, I want to make this statement: That I believe that the work of this Convention has prospered and that a great work has been done, and if we are guided by His Truth and His Spirit there will be much greater results in the coming time.

I want to make another statement in reference to the work done in Arkansas during the time that I have been associated with this Convention, say twenty-four or twenty-five years. Over fifty of the churches in the county-seats of Arkansas have been founded and helped by this Convention. I know that the pastor will not object if I say that the Board helped this church with which we are meeting today, and without the help of the Board, it would have been impossible for the church to do the work it is doing now. This church has this year given more money to State Missions than the whole State reported when we met here seven years ago. I will be excused for saying further that the Second Church of Little Rock was organized by the ministers of the Executive Board. These two churches lead this year in contributions to all missions. Nearly all of the churches which report contributions to State Missions have at some time received help in the support of their pastor from the State Convention. Besides this, I may say that a great many of the churches in the towns and country places have been helped by men or money operating through the Convention. The influence of this Convention is felt in almost every community in the State of Arkansas. I could name three or four churches which are doing such a work that if we had spent all the money on them which has been contributed these years in order to make them what they are, the money would have been well spent. There are, however, not a few, but hundreds of churches which stand as monuments to the blessed influence of this body and a great harvest of souls gladden the home on high as the result of this work.

Excuse me for a personal reference, but having been for so many years associated with the work in Arkansas, I cannot now refrain from saying that I have tried to do all that has been laid upon me. I have done what I believed to be right and good, and now after all these years of labor and fellowship with my brethren my heart is saddened over the conditions as they exist in Arkansas today. And I know your hearts are sad, though possibly many of you have not been so long in the service as I have been. I will answer none of the reflections upon my motives which younger men have lately cast at me in a paper to which I gave much of my time, my labor, and my money to establish and maintain. My life and work must speak for themselves. They have been given to Arkansas, and my Christian labor has been largely given to Arkansas Baptists and their interests. Some who have not suffered with us and sacrificed with us and have not known of the struggles we have had in Arkansas have come with a sword in their hand, and, capturing the paper which this Convention fostered and supported, have been influential in turning away some of our brethren. They seem determined to tear down what we have built up, and to tear down is always easier than to build; to criticise is the easiest thing in the world. It has cost some of us many years of struggle, prayers, toils and sacrifices to build up the work of this Convention to its present great proportions and to give the Baptist people a name and an opportunity in Arkansas. But some who had no part in these are trying to pull down our work and separate from us those to whom we are bound by the ties of love begotten in these common trials and labors.

I would give anything that we might be together as we used to be. God grant that it may soon be so. Brother, you cannot do anything without an organization, and if you set out to do a work without an organization it will die, or you will be forced to the necessity of organizing. If organization is necessary none could more expressly respect

the rights of the churches than does this Convention. I have never read a Baptist constitution which speaks more explicitly on this point. Let me quote what it says on this point. Article III, Section 1: "This Convention shall never exercise any authority whatever over any church, nor shall it in any way interfere with the constitution of any church or with the exercise of its functions as the only ecclesiastical body, but will always cheerfully recognize and uphold the absolute independence of the churches." That is the doctrine and the practice of this Convention in the matter of church sovereignty. It is not necessary, in order to the fullest and freest exercise by any church of all its rights and wishes in the manner of doing mission work, to divide brethren and create another organization, which if history repeats itself, will become another denomination. The Convention recognizes the right of each church to do its work as it pleases, subject only to the authority of its Lord.

If we go forward God will bless us and help us and we will prosper more and more, and as we prosper in our hearts we will prosper in our labor. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Let us get our hearts right and fully right before God; let us trust Him and trust the brethren, and don't be looking upon the brethren with suspicion, and we will be able to do great things.

I think it is time for me to stop. I thank you for your kind attention, but, as Brother Love asked me to say something, I thought I ought to do so. It is not necessary for this report to be spoken of—it speaks for itself. Indeed a great work has been done this year. Your missionaries have wrought well; this is especially true of our Missionary Secretary, Brother Love. He is consecrated, well equipped, conservative and progressive. His two years' labor with us under the conditions he found among our people has surpassed our high expectation of him when we elected him. It is such work as a man might rejoice to do in a life-time.

By motion the Executive Board was instructed to have 10,000 copies of the "Report of the Executive Board," as read by J. F. Love, together with Jas. P. Eagle's speech, printed, after they had been revised by their authors.

J. M. Frost stated that the Sunday School Board would gladly pay for the printing of these reports, the bill to be indorsed by the secretary and forwarded to him.

The Convention gladly accepted the offer in the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we accept the very kind tender of Dr. J. M. Frost on the part of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, to publish for distribution the State Mission report and the address by Gov. Jas. P. Eagle, and that we thank Dr. J. M. Frost for his very gracious offer.

J. H. Kitchens read the report of the treasurer as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

To cash last Convention.....	\$ 394 60
To Home Mission Board.....	4,850 00

**WORK DONE BY MISSIONARIES
ON OTHER FIELDS THAN
THEIR OWN.**

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES AND MISSIONARY PASTORS.	Total Sermons and Addresses.	Professions of Conversion.	Additions by Bap- tism.	Additions by Letter.	Additions by Res- toration.	Miscellaneous Benevolences.
Allen, D. A	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$85 00
Baker, T. J.	13	14	9	4	2	3 40
Butler, J. O.	20	8	8	.....	.....	5 00
Cockroft, A. J.	88	17	.....	21	2	152 20
Cornelius, R. E.	48	13	5	.....	.....	.....
David, W. J.	37	36	25	6	.....	55 50
Faulkner, E. C.	20	.....	.....	8	.....	11 50
Finney, L. E.	237	117	82	.....	1	90 00
Gathright, M. F.	4	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Harness, T. W.	27	15	5	.....	.....	5 00
Hulsey, J. W.	24	.....	.....	2	.....	37 50
Lovelace, J. P.	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mahan, T. C.	31	13	10	9	.....	28 25
Richardson, R. M.	12	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rogers, J. S.	36	45	.....	3	1	25 50
Richardson, J. W.	64	13	3	2	.....	13 20
Smith, G. W. L.	16	8	5	5	1	.....
Spurlin, J. H.	26	12	15	1	.....	9 75
Williamson, J. C.	45	13	10	12	.....	.....
Weber, Edward.	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 25
Phillips, Burrel G.	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Denson, N. C.	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Arnett, Chas. T.	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	768	336	177	73	7	\$524 05

To Home Mission Board, Secretary's salary.....	300 00
To Foreign Mission Board, Secretary's salary.....	300 00
To J. F. Love, Secretary.....	8,873 14
To Pine Bluff Church.....	277 22
Total	\$14,994 96

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By printing and distributing minutes.....	\$ 277 57
By old debts.....	544 58
By J. F. Love, salary.....	1,650 00
By office expenses, including rents, stationery, stamps, stenographer, printing, etc.....	599 58
By missionaries	9,701 34
By cash	2,221 89
Total	14,994 96

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. KITCHENS, JR., Treasurer.

W. W. Byrd read the auditor's report of the treasurer's account as follow :

I hereby certify that I have examined the books and accounts of our worthy brother, J. H. Kitchens, and find them to be correct and in order.

Respectfully,

W. W. BYRD, Auditor.

S. L. Holloway read the report of the Committee on State Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee reports as follows: The report of the Executive Board, wherein the facts of the past year's work are so fully detailed as to make it unnecessary they should be repeated here, shows marked increase in mission interest and effort among our churches.

We believe that the State Mission cause is of the first importance and should so be considered by our people. Because it seeks the strengthening of the base of all our foreign missionary operations. Indeed, it is the base, and the more we strengthen and build up at home the better prepared we shall be to do our part in fulfilling the great commission which bids us bear the message to the ends of the earth.

We feel profoundly thankful to our Lord for what has been done. We feel sure that his divine favor has been continually upon the work and the workers.

Again, we feel thankful as we note that through the year the spirit of the Master has ruled in all the work. The oneness of spirit in our people, the great rising tide of loyalty and devotion of our people to mission principles and work is a matter of gratefulness to us all.

This good spirit is apparent as we note the increased number of churches that are contributing to the work this year, also as we note the reports of many of our district associations. And in many instances a greater part of the church membership has contributed than ever before.

With all our hearts we believe in the wise, efficient, unselfish and Scriptural plans of co-operation in this work given to us by our fathers.

Only let us, brethren, as we stand upon this sacred ground, pray that God will give us a stronger fellowship, a complete unity of spirit, a comprehensive grasp of world-wide missions, as related to State Missions, and that He will give to us that devotion which should characterize the life of men who are bought with His precious blood and who are anxious to give their lives to His service.

S. L. HOLLOWAY.

The Committee on Order of Business made its final report as follows:

SUNDAY—EVENING.

7:30—State Mission mass meeting.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

9:00 to 9:15—Devotional service.

9:15 to 10:00—Journal and miscellaneous.

10:00 to 10:30—Publications.

10:30 to 11:00—Woman's Work.

11:00 to 11:30—Temperance.

11:30 to 12:00—Obituaries.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:00 to 2:15—Devotional service.

2:15 to 2:30—Report of Special Committee on Amending Art. VI of Constitution.

2:30 to 2:45—Nominations.

2:45—3:00—Finance.

3:00 to 3:30—Resolutions and miscellaneous business.

3:30 to 4:00—Devotional and Impressions of the Convention.

4:00—Adjournment.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Benediction by J. J. Haynes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

J. B. Fletcher led the devotional service.

H. Beauchamp read the report of the Sunday School and Colportage Board:

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND COLPORTAGE BOARD.

To the Arkansas Baptist Convention:

Dear Brethren—In presenting to you our eighth annual report we desire to express to your our appreciation of the high honor again conferred upon us in committing to our hands the prosecution of so important a work as Sunday School and Colportage Missions. We rejoice again to record our thanks to God for his abounding blessings which have been on our efforts, and to the Baptist brotherhood of the State for the spirit of cordial helpfulness which they have shown us.

SECRETARY ELECTED.

Our Board met November 24, 1903, and unanimously re-elected Eld. H. Beauchamp as State Sunday School Secretary, who has prosecuted the work vigorously through the year. Under our direction he continued the office in Little Rock in connection with that of the Executive Board, and in this office has been kept the records of all business done and from it have been sent out Colportage supplies, the office at the same time being a medium through which our Baptist public could procure any religious publication at the customary prices, the profits, if any, going into the missionary work. We have regarded this as a very fortunate arrangement, both for our Boards and for the Baptist public.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD'S APPROPRIATION.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention very kindly gave us this year an increased donation over last year—appropriation to our work \$500.00 in cash and \$1,000.00 in colportage supplies, with the understanding, however, that the \$500.00 in cash was to be applied by us to the payment of our debt to them, leaving us the proceeds of the \$1,000.00 worth of supplies to be used in the prosecution of our work when we had sold them. In addition to this the Board has continued, as formerly, to give free of charge the first quarter's literature to each new school we have organized, as well as made various other appropriations to local interests in our State. All this has been considerable help to our work, and for it we hereby desire to acknowledge gratefully our indebtedness to the Sunday School Board at Nashville. At our first meeting we projected our work on the scale that would require about \$3,000.00 of missionary contributions from the churches and Sunday schools and brethren of the State and directed our secretary to ask them for that amount. With what degree of success he is following our direction will appear from the fact that he has collected \$2,995.21 as missionary contribution.

RESPONSE FROM CHURCHES.

The churches have responded, with commendable liberality, to our appeals for the support of this work, but we are hoping that our people will yet come to appreciate the magnitude of this work, both as to its needs and its fruitfulness, and will give it a much larger place in their sympathies and in their gifts.

COLPORTERS EMPLOYED.

We have had twenty-four brethren in our employ this year as Sunday School and Colportage Missionaries, either solely in our employ or else handling our colportage supplies in connection with some other work. The names of these brethren are as follows:

Harvey Beauchamp, Sunday School Secretary; D. A. Allen, T. J. Bennett, Jas. Isaacs, Otto M. Mathis, J. H. Reynolds, R. E. Sutton, J. H. Vann, E. Webber, J. W. Clark, J. G. Armstrong, E. D. Cooper, A. V. Johnson, C. C. Pearson, L. A. Robertson, A. R. Stephenson, J. G. Walker, Johnson Clark, J. A. Hull, J. F. Brewer, C. L. Gibson, Henry Kerr, J. G. Harris, and J. B. Smith.

The summary of their work is as follows:

Days of service,* 2,316.

Miles traveled, 2,868.

* Let it be remembered that a small part of the above work is also included in the report of the Executive board, as some of our colporters were also in the employ of that Board.

Sermons preached, 1,510.
 Addresses made, 612.
 Prayer meetings held, 319.
 Families visited, 5,078.
 Families found without Bibles, 178.
 Individuals found without Bibles, 131.
 Conversions witnessed, 629.
 Baptisms witnessed in this work, 271.
 Churches organized, 5.
 Associations, Sunday school conventions, institutes, etc.,
 attended, 52.
 Sunday schools organized, 78.
 Enrollment of same, 4,134.
 Circulars distributed, 7,047.
 Bibles sold, 583.
 Testaments sold, 764.
 Books sold, 1,283.
 Collections, sales, etc., \$3,018.52.
 Bibles given away, 191.
 Testaments given away, 468.
 Books given away, 121.
 Value of books, Bibles, etc., donated, \$274.70.
 Pages of tracts distributed, 161,050.
 Letters written, 2,020.

It will be seen from this that these brethren have performed good and faithful service, the fruitage of which already appears in part and will continue to be gathered up in future years.

DESTITUTION.

We have found great destitution in various parts of the State as to Sunday school privileges, though this destitution is apparently becoming measurably supplied, as is shown by the fact that we did not find so many opportunities to organize new schools this year as we did last, although we have organized 78 schools with an approximate average enrollment of 53. We have also found a considerable destitution in the way of dearth of Bibles and other wholesome literature. One colporter writes that he finds from one to five families every day he works destitute of Bible. These we have supplied in all instances, either by sale or gift. In pursuance of this plan our colporters have given away this year \$274.70 worth of Bibles, etc., our colporters all being instructed not to leave a home without a copy of God's Word. We are impressed that our Convention has a large field of destitution to supply in this regard, and we would be recreant to our duty should we stop as long as there is a home in Arkansas which has no Bible in it, and as long as there is a neighborhood without a flourishing Baptist Sunday school in it.

IMPROVED CONDITIONS.

One result, which we believe is to be attributed in large measure to the work of our Sunday School missionaries in recent years, is a decided improvement in Sunday School conditions throughout the State. Our schools are larger, and, as a rule, more efficiently conducted and we are pleased to note with better teaching.

COLPORTAGE WAGONS.

In accordance with the recommendation of this Convention we set out to build and equip several more colportage wagons this year, but enough funds was not forthcoming to justify us in building as many

as we had planned. We now have four wagons, which have been at work, some of them all, and some of them the greater part of the year, and through them great good has been done. These wagons have traveled respectively: No. 1 2,465, No. 2 1,450, No. 3 2,241, No. 4 2,250 miles, and a total of 9,406. It is our opinion that this is the very best possible way in which to do colportage work at this time in the rural districts of Arkansas, and we think the number of wagons should be increased until there is one in every section of the State.

INSTITUTES AND TEACHER TRAINING.

Our secretary has paid more attention to institutes and teacher training work this last year, as is shown by the fact that he delivered seventy-two lectures and addresses to teachers upon some phase of Sunday School management or teaching and has held a number of institutes, some of which were very successful, and through these institutes and addresses, we believe, great good has been accomplished. We would mention particularly the institute held at Arkadelphia in February. With some help imported from out of the State, a program was carried out which was very instructive and inspiring to those who attended, among whom were a large number of students from Ouachita College, and our Board was invited to hold another such institute at Arkadelphia next year. We are of the opinion that an institute that shall partake of the nature of a "School of Methods" in Sunday school work should be conducted at each one of our denominational schools each year, for from these schools will come many upon whom we are to depend as our most efficient Sunday School teachers in the years to come.

THE BUSINESS OF THE BOARD.

The business of the Board is in our opinion in very satisfactory condition (barring only old indebtedness, which has, however, been considerably reduced). All current obligations have been fully and promptly met upon demand, and although we have some outstanding bills against us yet, we are confident that we will be able to meet all of these with a careful management of the business, and with the same support which the Board has received from the churches in the past.

We now have on our shelves \$1,505.40 worth of colportage stock, and in the hands of the missionaries \$1,447.67 worth, making a total of \$2,952.07. There is also due us on account, most of which we regard as perfectly good, \$228.69.

Our total receipts for this year have been \$5,910.16, which have been received from the following sources:

Sales from the office.....	\$ 454 25
Sales by colporters.....	2,460 70
Missionary contributions.....	2,995 21
	\$5,910 16

Our disbursements have been as follows:

To missionaries and colporters on salaries, including secretary	\$2,377 78
Printing	108 65
Freight and dray.....	116 72
Stenographer	106 15
Telegraph and telephone.....	17 75
Office rent.....	48 00

Colportage supplies.....	2,048 79
Postage	55 85
Railroad fare.....	186 03
Hotel	34 35
Expense of colportage wagons.....	324 05
Petty cash.....	21 05
Expense of institutes.....	28 00
Interest on borrowed money.....	11 61
Total	\$5,484 78
Amount on hand.....	425 38
	\$5,910 16

We have no recommendations to make beyond to express a profound and abiding conviction that the Convention ought not only to continue but to greatly enlarge this fruitful work, for we feel that the future of the kingdom of our Master in our State to a very large extent depends on the work done for the children and others in the Sunday school, and the reading matter circulated among the people.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. GIBSON, President,
 JOHN AYERS, Secretary,
 HARVEY BEAUCHAMP, Corresponding Secretary.

L. A. Rowland presented the report of the Committee on Sunday Schools as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools and Colportage is glad to report that during the past year there has been great progress in the work and there is every reason for gratitude for the rich results that have followed the efforts of our people. The secretary reports cash collections amounting to \$2,2995.21, which is a decided increase over last year. It will be remembered that four years ago the sum of only about \$400.00 was raised for these purposes. Like all other branches of our labors, the extent of the field is largely governed by the amount of money raised, and we take great pleasure in calling attention to the hopeful condition of the Sunday school work. We urge upon all churches to make an annual collection for the use of the Board, and especially that each Sunday school set apart for them the collection of one Sunday per month.

An important feature of the past year's effort has been the colportage wagon. During this year we have had four instead of two, the number we had last year. Thousands of tracts and Bibles have been distributed, hundreds of homes destitute of religious influence have been visited and many conversions have been made possible by the consecrated men in charge of these wagons. Let us extend the operations of the colportage wagon. One B. Y. P. U. has raised funds sufficient to equip a wagon. We suggest that some of the strong Sunday schools and Baptist Young People's Unions could profitably direct their attention to this matter. They cost about \$200 each.

The Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board has greatly assisted us by giving \$500.00 in cash and about \$1,000.00 worth of supplies. The investment is wise and the State Sunday School Board expresses their appreciation of the assistance thus rendered.

It should be mentioned that our secretary has given considerable attention to the matter at teachers' institutes and lectures on topics of interest to Sunday school workers. He has given them many new and helpful suggestions. Certainly nothing could be more important than the improvement of the teaching forces. We trust the people will do what they can to awaken interest in these institutes and elevate the quality of the training given. Let it be done thoroughly and systematically.

We have problems just as difficult of solution and opportunities just as pregnant with results as ever before. It is natural that every Board is likely to give prominence to the work committed to it, consequently there is a loud call for support on every hand. However, we feel that vital connection between the training of children and the growth of church life should receive first attention from the churches. The efficiency of earnest Sunday school work is no longer doubted. The question is how to render it more efficient; how to widen the sweep of its influence. Let us remember the work with our prayers and with our most earnest endeavor.

L. A. ROWLAND, Chairman.

After an interesting discussion of the above reports, they were adopted.

F. F. Gibson read the report of the Committee on the Work of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as follows:

REPORT ON WORK OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

We, your committee appointed to report on the work of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, submit our report as follows:

We give to God our highest praises and thanksgivings for His manifest blessings upon this important department of our work. Since the Sunday School Board was created by the Southern Baptist Convention thirteen years ago its growth has been phenomenal and its success marvelous. Starting with neither property nor money it has prospered by virtue of the good will, kind words and loyal support of friends whom God has raised up in its behalf.

The financial success of the Board may be seen, in part, by a comparison of the report of the secretary this year with that of the first year.

We now have property at Nashville, including merchandise, periodicals, buildings, etc, worth, in round numbers, \$118,000, while thousands have been given away in Bibles, literature and cash. The Sunday School Board helps every phase of the work, having put \$150,000 into the life of the denomination and acquired a plant with an earning capacity of \$300,000.

We therefore recommend:

(1) That we consider the Sunday School Board as one of the necessary agencies through which Southern Baptists are to obey the commission of their risen and reigning King.

(2) That, we believe it provides us at once with a powerful engine for making Southern literature and at the same time acquiring invaluable denominational property, owned and controlled by our people.

(3) That, the Baptists of Arkansas express their gratitude to this Board for services already rendered and rejoice in the open door to greater opportunity and the vast field to still more glorious achievements.

(4) That, we as a part of the Southern Baptist Convention rejoice in the growing spirit of co-operation between Arkansas and this Board manifested in the cordial welcome which Arkansas extends to its representatives and the increasing patronage of its literature by our people.

(5) That we encourage the holding of Sunday school rallies in which better methods of Sunday school work shall be discussed and special emphasis laid on winning souls to Jesus. The meetings held by Brethren Inlow and Beauchamp have resulted in the better equipment of the schools and have led many souls to the Saviour.

(6) That, we regard the periodicals published at Nashville as sound in doctrine, accurate in interpretation, sweet in spirit and equal to the best Sunday School literature in the land. Since as much as 85 per cent of the Board's income is derived from the sale of its periodicals the importance of pressing this feature of the work is manifest.

(7) That, we eagerly await the forthcoming of the new "Hymn and Praise Book," to be ready in about thirty days, and to contain between five and six hundred songs of praise collected from among those soul uplifting hymns of our fathers and the noble ones of our own days; that we call attention to that inspiring book, "Yates, the Missionary," as one that quickens missionary thought and activity; that inasmuch as the Sunday School Board will soon publish a small inexpensive and thoroughly orthodox volume on the great Bible doctrines as held by Baptists, written by Dr. E. C. Dargan, we heartily suggest to our churches, and especially to our Young People's Unions, that they secure this book as a help for indoctrinating the people.

Respectfully,

FINLEY F. GIBSON,
B. H. PARRISH,
M. P. MUSE.

J. M. Frost spoke to the report and showed how the Sunday Schools by ordering their literature from this Board, aided in sustaining denominational life. Report adopted.

J. T. Christian presented the report of the Committee on Home Missions:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Convention would again commend the Home Mission Board, and pledge itself anew to assist in the prosecution of Home Mission work. The condition of the Home Board is prosperous and we are enabled to report the largest year's work ever accomplished among us. There have been many difficulties to overcome, many hindrances, some questionings, but the Board has steadily moved forward.

The territory of operation is large, the problems are many, the populations to be evangelized are diverse, yet the Board has patiently sought out the best plans and has diligently carried into effect an effort to evangelize all of our people. The work of the Home Mission Board is prosecuted among the mountaineers, the foreign populations,

American born citizens in our cities and larger towns, the destitute sections of our western countries and in Cuba. The Board seeks, indeed, to assist in every place where the State Boards are not able single-handed and alone to meet the largest requirements of the missionary endeavor.

We would especially commend the appointment of our own well-known, esteemed, and faithful brother, the Rev. A. J. Barton, by the Home Board, as superintendent among the negroes.

The Home Board, in its last report to the Southern Baptist Convention, commended our work in Arkansas in the following words:

"The State Convention had a glorious meeting in November last, and projected their work on a larger basis than ever before attempted. Under the wise, aggressive leadership of the State Secretary, Rev. J. F. Love, they are making wonderful progress, and their contributions to Home and Foreign Missions have been greatly enlarged. Our co-operation with them is of the utmost cordiality and could not be discontinued without irreparable injury to all our work at home and abroad. Our appropriations to the State work for the year have been \$5,000.

"Arkansas is a coming country and is destined to be one of the great states of the Union. In variety of soil, climate and productions it is unsurpassed and possibly unequalled by any other state. The present is our golden opportunity."

We desire that this cordial co-operation shall continue and we recommend all of our churches to take collections for the Home Board.

J. T. CHRISTIAN, Chairman.

Ben Cox read the report of the Committee on Colored Work:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COLORED WORK.

Your committee regrets that they cannot report any definite work done by our State Convention. We are, however, very much gratified at the step taken by our Home Mission Board of Atlanta in establishing a new secretary who shall pay especial attention to this department of our work. We feel encouraged to believe that much good will be accomplished in this connection by Dr. A. J. Barton, the appointee of the Board. We earnestly desire that the sympathy and support of our people be accorded this new and important step.

We recommend also that our ministers preach and lecture for the colored people whenever possible. In most, if not all instances, they will find willing and appreciative listeners.

We rejoice at the good being done by Prof. J. A. Booker and others at the Arkansas Baptist College at Little Rock, and we think it would be well for our preachers to visit the school whenever possible. The preachers studying there and the students in general would be greatly helped and encouraged by occasional addresses from their white brethren. President Booker has frequently extended such an invitation, and we trust that he may be encouraged by its most frequent acceptance.

BEN COX, Chairman.

After discussion of these reports by Jos. Booker (col.), V. T. Stonnell, and A. J. Barton, they were adopted.

Adjourned to 7:30.

Benediction by N. C. Denson.

EVENING SESSION.

W. S. Roney led the devotional service.

W. E. Atkinson read the report of the Board of Trustees of the Ouachita-Central System of Colleges and Academies:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA AND
CENTRAL COLLEGES.

To Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

We beg to report as follows:

In June, 1904, Brethren H. C. Fox, J. J. Doyne, E. M. Hall, J. Frank James and J. W. Wilson were elected for a three years' term on this Board. Since that time our valued and beloved brother, C. W. Strickland, of Nashville, Ark., has fallen to sleep. He was a member of this Board and had been on the Board of Ouachita College for many years. He had been one of our most useful members, wise, faithful and efficient. This board elected Bro. J. P. Exall, of Nashville, Ark., a discreet, able and successful business man, to succeed Bro. Strickland. We ask that these elections be ratified.

OUCHITA COLLEGE.

This session has opened up with the largest attendance in its history. The matriculation will evidently pass beyond 500 this year. There are twenty-eight young ministers in attendance, others are coming soon. Many others will come if proper assistance is given. Our churches should increase their contributions for this purpose. The faculty has been greatly strengthened and many material improvements have been made. The present valuation of the property is \$125,000.00. The indebtedness of the school is about \$38,000.00.

CENTRAL COLLEGE.

This school is having a satisfactory career under the wise management of President Rivers. The approximate valuation of the school property is about \$60,000.00, and its indebtedness about \$10,000.00.

OUACHITA-MAGAZINE ACADEMY.

This school is under the direction of Bro. J. L. Smith, with 150 students in attendance. Its property is worth \$10,000.00. It owes \$1,000.00. This is a very prosperous year.

OUACHITA-BENTONVILLE ACADEMY.

Has excellent property and equipment, but has had a hard struggle for patronage owing to local conditions. Under the management of Principal E. E. Bagwell, the school is growing in favor and patronage. Its property is worth \$18,000.00, with a pressing debt of \$2,772.00.

OUACHITA-MOUNTAIN HOME ACADEMY.

Under the wise leadership of Prof. L. A. Morton this school has taken its place in the forefront of the best schools of the State. There were in school last year 302 pupils under nine teachers. Property is valued at \$18,000.00, with no debt. We hope to own soon a splendid stone dormitory, now rented and used by the school.

OUACHITA-MAYNARD ACADEMY.

The new brick building mentioned last year is now completed, furnished and occupied. J. M. Shaw has proved very successful as principal. There is no debt on the property. Its property is probably worth \$10,000.00. It has enrolled 150 pupils. This school has a bright future.

From the foregoing it will be seen that the total value of the property of our affiliated schools is about \$240,000.00, with an indebtedness of about \$51,000.00. The enrollment this year will aggregate 1,400 students, under about seventy teachers.

The future career of these schools depends on the speedy settlement of these debts. The interest charge is large and oppressive. We have forborne for several years from calling on our people to pay them because other interests were suffering. We think now that this is the most urgent need that we have. If we delay or falter now, our schools will all suffer. We have therefore inaugurated a campaign to pay off these debts and to obtain endowment for Ouachita College. Dr. J. W. Conger and Bro. H. F. Vermillion have been selected to do this work. These brethren have already launched their campaign. Their plans are broad and comprehensive. It will require time, energy, patience and prudent co-operation to execute them. We beg earnestly that each pastor at once pledge them his help and that they open their hearts and churches to them. If all Arkansas Baptists make this their campaign it will be short and glorious. If our people stifle the effort and neglect it, it will be long, arduous and oppressive. Let this Convention speak with decision and emphasis. We, your servants, need your heartiest endorsement and your readiest help. Let us open a bright chapter and fill it with noble deeds which will bless future generations. The Lord has greatly blessed our people and enabled them to fortify our great interests if we have a mind to glorify Him. He calls us now to service and to sacrifice. What shall the answer be? We await with deep interest the result.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. ATKINSON, President.

In connection with the above report W. E. Atkinson read the report of the Committee on Education, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The deep concern of this Convention in education is in that feature of education had in our affiliated colleges and academies. We note with profound interest that a united effort will be made to discharge the debts now embarrassing them, and to more effectually establish and equip them. A campaign for that purpose under Dr. J. W. Conger and Eld. H. F. Vermillion is already begun. We recommend this work fully and most cordially to our brethren and beg of our pastors and churches to throw wide their doors to these brethren and give them all possible help and encouragement. Nothing has contributed more to our upbuilding as a denomination than our schools. No other element has been stronger in our missionary and Sunday school work than that flowing from our schools. The cultured intellect counts for as much in the Kingdom of God as elsewhere. This fact lies at the basis of our school system, and alone explains their wonderful growth and marvelous work. We have every confidence in our people and believe they will be equal to the trial ahead of them. The past is sufficient guaranty of the future. We heartily approve the movement of the college board and hereby pledge them our heartiest co-operation.

W. E. ATKINSON, Chairman.

J. W. Conger then introduced B. H. Carroll, Waco, Tex., who addressed the Convention on the subject of "Christian Education."

Following Dr. Carroll's address, J. P. Eagle, J. W. Conger, J. F. Love and H. F. Vermillion spoke to the reports. Bro. Vermillion presented the following outline of his plan of raising \$150,000.00 for the indebtedness of Ouachita-Central system, and for the endowment fund: Subscriptions are to be made in five annual notes, one payable each year until the whole amount is paid.

The following pledges were taken to pay the interest on notes against Ouachita—same to be paid by Decemebr 1, 1904:

Kie Oldham, Little Rock.....	\$100 00
J. L. Hunter, Star City.....	50 00
R. E. Major.....	50 00
J. P. Eagle.....	50 00
J. H. Kitchens.....	25 00
H. C. Fox.....	25 00
M. P. Watts.....	25 00
Mrs. J. F. Rutherford.....	25 00
J. A. Thomas, Wiville.....	10 00
W. A. Fike, Batesville.....	25 00
J. W. Williams, Wynne.....	25 00
W. W. Gardner.....	5 00
J. F. Swanson.....	5 00
Cash.....	5 00
F. Bates.....	5 00
S. E. Gardner.....	5 00
B. B. Hawkins.....	5 00
W. T. Amis.....	5 00
J. H. Byers, Arkadelphia.....	10 00
W. H. Cash, Toledo.....	5 00
F. G. Briggs, paid.....	5 00
Dr. F. C. Robinson, Hazen.....	5 00
H. Beauchamp.....	5 00
W. W. Byrd.....	10 00
Dr. J. T. Hawkins.....	5 00
J. M. Walker.....	5 00
M. P. Muse.....	5 00
Mrs. J. A. Harrell, Pine Bluff.....	3 00
W. L. Compere.....	5 00
Mrs. M. A. Hudson.....	2 50
Spencer Fox.....	1 00
W. H. Bowling.....	2 00
Cash.....	3 00
Total.....	\$496 50

A message from C. F. J. Tate was read by the secretary to the Convention (Col. 2:5 and Rom. 1:8). The secretaries were instructed to respond with a suitable reply.

Ross Moore made the following report on Divine Service:

SUNDAY SERVICES.

First Baptist Church—9 a. m., Sunday school rally, conducted Rev. H. Beauchamp, in which several prominent Sunday school workers will speak; 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. R. J. Willingham; 2 p. m., B. Y. P. U. rally, address by Dr. W. U. Calley; 3:30 p. m., State Missionary rally, in which the missionaries from the field will speak; 7:30 p. m., State Mission mass meeting.

Second Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. B. Lumbley; 7:30 p. m., Rev. H. F. Vermillion.

First Methodist Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. U. Calley; 7:30 p. m., Rev. R. M. Inlow.

First Presbyterian Church—11 a. m., Dr. J. T. Christian; 7:30 p. m., Rev. H. L. Winburne.

First Christian Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. H. Sledge; 7:30 p. m., Rev. A. B. Bohannan.

Lakeside Methodist Church—11 a. m., Rev. O. J. Wade; 7:30 p. m., Rev. Ben Cox.

Carr Memorial Methodist Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. E. Denham; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. M. Walker.

COLORED BAPTIST CHURCHES.

First Baptist Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. T. Amis; 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. F. McNemer.

W. Barraque St. Church—11 a. m., Rev. J. S. Compere; 7:30 p. m., Rev. A. J. Barton, D. D.

W. Eighth St. Church—11 a. m., Rev. W. S. Roney; 7:30 p. m., Rev. G. W. L. Smith.

St. Paul's Church—11 a. m., Rev. Ben Cox; 7:30 p. m., Rev. A. H. Autrey.

Y. M. C. A.—3:30 p. m., address by Dr. J. R. Willingham.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Adjourned to Monday, 9 a. m.

SUNDAY.

Good services were held in almost all the meeting houses of the city by the brethren of the Convention.

The Sunday School mass meeting at the First Baptist Church, conducted by H. Beauchamp was instructive, helpful and inspiring.

The B. Y. P. U. mass meeting at the First Baptist Church resulted in the organization of a State organization to meet annually with the Convention.

The State Mission rally at night was enjoyed by a large congregation, who heard reports from several of the missionaries on the field.

MONDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock President Ayers called the Convention to order. J. B. Searcy led a precious devotional service.

The minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read, corrected and approved. By motion the secretaries were instructed to print the minutes of the B. Y. P. U mass meeting in the Convention minutes.

A. J. Barton read the following communication from W. C. C. Dorough:

Sheridan, Grant Co., Ark., November 18, 1904.

Ross Moore, Pine Bluff, Ark.:

Dear Brother—At the late meeting of the General Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas, J. L. Brown, William Tucker, W. C. C. Dorough, J. B. Sanders and Blount C. Trice were appointed a committee to confer with a committee to be appointed by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in regard to the Orphans' Home, the object of which is to secure representation on the committee or board that manages the affairs of said Home, and to secure proper credits for money raised by the churches and brethren that co-operate with the General Association for the support of said Home.

I am not able to go to Pine Bluff by reason of having a case of the "la grippe."

Brother Tucker is here and will not be there, and I learn that Sanders will not be there.

Should the Convention take action in this matter and appoint a committee to confer with the General Association committee on this matter, said committees can make arrangements in the future to have a joint meeting for the purpose of agreeing upon terms and can report the proceedings of the same to the next annual meetings of the Association and Convention.

Please be kind enough to place this matter before the Convention for action.

In all probability Brother Trice will be there.

Very truly,

W. C. C. DOROUGH.

By motion the above communication was referred to Jas. P. Eagle, A. J. Barton, and A. H. Autry, who submitted later the following report, which was adopted:

Your committee to whom was referred the communication from Bro. W. C. C. Dorough, concerning the management of the Orphans' Home report as follows:

1. The Orphan's Home is a chartered institution under the laws of the State, and any change in the management would involve a question of charter rights.

2. While the management is entirely under the control of this Convention, the convention electing the Board of Managers, it is true that the Board, in part, is composed of brethren in sympathy with the General Association.

3. The Home is supported by contributions from all classes of our citizens—Baptists, other Christian denominations and non-professors of religion. Its doors are open, and its benefactions are bestowed upon all orphan children irrespective of denominational parentage.

4. The Financial Agent and Treasurer keep a careful account of all contributions made, and a record of all the names of the donors, and these books are open to the inspection of interested persons.

5. We express the hope that all classes of our citizens will continue their hearty support of this beautiful and Christ-like charity.

6. In view of the foregoing we recommend that the request for a change in the management of the Home be respectfully declined; that this communication and report be made a part of our minutes, and that a copy of the report be forwarded by the secretaries to Bro. Dorough.

JAS. P. EAGLE,
ALLEN HILL AUTREY,
A. J. BARTON.

By motion J. F. Love took a collection in cash and pledges for the payment of the debt on the church building at Newport:

Cash	\$ 73 05
Pledges	27 50

Total\$100 55

J. F. Hammett read the report of the Committee on Publications:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We beg to submit the following as our report:

It should be needless to emphasize the value of a patient study of God's Word. Through it God reveals the only highway, and Jesus Christ in truth and the life, so we commend it as the Book of books, and emphasize the danger of reading any book or paper or allow them to come in the home, that is not in perfect harmony with that blessed book, the Bible. It were far better to be ignorant of some books than to know them, to be ignorant of some papers than to read them.

We cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of a thoroughly sound, sane Baptist State paper, as it is a constant and ever increasing power for good in the home, and a source of inspiration and information in all departments of our denominational life. To meet this demand for Arkansas Baptists we heartily commend our most excellent paper, *The Baptist Advance*. *The Baptist Advance* is both a luxury and a necessity.

We cheerfully commend to our people the *Home Field*, *Foreign Mission Journal*, and the various publications of the Southern Baptist Convention Board.

We recommend that the pastors and churches throughout the State set apart one day during the year to be devoted exclusively to the consideration of the kind of literature that should go into the homes of our people, and give it no uncertain sound.

Respectfully submitted,

After discussion it was adopted.

By motion of J. F. Love, the petition of Prof. Michaels, in behalf of the deaf-mutes, was referred to

Executive Board, with the instruction that the Board give it favorable consideration.

W. E. Atkinson made the following motion, which was carried:

“To strike out of the constitution of this Convention ‘Art. V, Sec. 1,’ and ‘division 4’ and that of ‘division 1’ of ‘Sec. 1, Art. V,’ be amended,” which amendment consolidated the Sunday School and Colportage Board with the Executive Board. See constitution as amended.

At this point in the proceedings W. E. Atkinson came forward and made a brief speech, closing by presenting Bro. J. P. Eagle with an ivory, gold and ebony gavel, inscribed as follows:

To
JAMES P. EAGLE,
President of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.
for
Twenty-one Years.

1880

1904

Upon his own request he was excused from the active duties of the office he so acceptably filled, but the love and esteem which elected him now unchanged retains him *president emeritus* for life..

It was the gift of his brethren presented out of loving friendship and appreciation of his faithful and impartial services to the denomination as president of the Convention. Bro. Eagle made a brief response.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Benediction by A. Waterbury.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 2 o'clock, President Ayers in the chair. J. J. Haynes led in prayer.

J. U. H. Wharton read the report of the Board of the Old Ministers' Fund, which was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF OLD MINISTERS' FUND.

The members of the Old Ministers' Relief Board were not apprised of their appointment *as such* until after the distribution of the Minutes of the last session of this body. Our first meeting was held early in February, when an organization was effected by electing Dr. T. W. O'Kelley president, and J. U. H. Wharton secretary and treasurer. The secretary and treasurer, by private correspondence and appeals through *The Baptist Advance*, has succeeded in raising the amount of \$222.65, which included \$32.07 balance turned over by Rev. R. C. Medaris, former treasurer of the Board.

Among the several beneficiaries of this Board was Rev. L. D. Johns, of DeView, Ark., who died February 29, receiving only the allowance of the first quarter of this Conventional year.

Among the survivors is Rev. A. Conner, of Palatka, Ark., who has attained the age of 93 years, and is still able to attend the sessions of his Association and preach occasionally. Rev. J. J. Vest, of Jumbo, Ark., is four score and four years, sadly afflicted, but preaches quite frequently. Rev. James Edmondson, a fine old brother of Hackett City, is approaching four score years, and cannot do much more work. Rev. H. C. Moore, the old blind preacher of Portia, Ark., will probably never be able to render any more public service to the Master. These brethren are noble old men of God, and all of them will soon enter that "rest that remaineth to the people of God." They are very grateful for the \$12.00 per quarter that the Board has paid them during the Conventional year, but we are sure that that small amount is not sufficient to enable these old brethren to procure all of the actual necessities of life.

After all these disbursements there remains, as shown per treasurer's books, a balance of \$17.70 in the hands of the secretary and treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN COX, President,

J. U. H. WHARTON, Secretary and Treasurer.

J. U. H. Wharton, Ben Cox and J. T. Christian were appointed the Committee on "Old Ministers' Fund."

J. U. H. Wharton presented the report on Woman's Work, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The subject of this report is an inspiring one. In the infancy of the church the great apostle to the Gentiles was inspired to exhort Timothy to "help those women who labored with me in the gospel." Succeeding years have recorded an increase more and more of their work in the cause of the Lord. Especially is this true in the sphere of missionary operations, which is the special province of this report.

The following is a summing up of the reports made to the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas at its recent session:

Church Aid.....	\$3,907 43
Boxes to Missionaries.....	771 51
State Missions.....	345 32
Home Missions.....	318 71
Foreign Missions.....	247 67
Associational Missions.....	71 40
Sunday School Work.....	77 40
Orphans' Home.....	36 50
Boxes to Orphans' Home.....	434 55
Total amount.....	\$6,210 49

Which indicates a decided increase over last year's report, as many societies failed to send in their annual report to the late session of the Union.

Resolved, First, That in view of the great good that has been accomplished by our Baptist women in many places through their Missionary and Aid societies, that we earnestly suggest and recommend to pastors whose churches have not already organized woman's work,

that they earnestly endeavor to lead their sisters into the organization of Missionary and Aid Societies.

Resolved, Second, We recommend that an appropriation of \$100.00 be made to assist in bearing the expenses of this work during the coming year.

J. U. H. WHARTON,

T. C. Mahan read the report of the Committee on Temperance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

To save man from a physical and moral wreck is a great stride toward the salvation of the soul. Intemperance is the bane of humanity; wrecking the body, blighting the morals, and damning the soul.

People in our own loved land, by the hundred thousand, are going down annually into death through the liquor traffic alone, to say nothing of other lines of intemperance. We note with pleasure, a rapid advance in the work, great gain in right and healthful sentiment, and a growing holy enthusiasm that impels our forces onward, and doubly insures ultimate success.

Texas on the one hand, and Tennessee on the other, have moved forward rapidly in this great work, and in the meantime Arkansas has fifty dry counties out of seventy-five, and a clear plurality vote of the entire State.

God has given us the opportunity biennially to muster our forces to drive this evil from our State. He will not hold us guiltless if we fail to do our duty.

The saloon element pits the barrel against the Bible, the saloon against the church. In flaming head lines they inquire, "Which shall have the leadership of the people; the saloons or the churches? This is the issue.

Another way to put it is, "Shall men be led to Christ, or dragged down to a devil's hell?" The Liquor Dealers' Protective Association assert: "The Anti-Saloon League, our common enemy, is the federation of the churches and moral forces against the saloon."

We note with pleasure the manifest alarm among the forces of darkness at the work being done by this inter-non-denominational league, and believe it should have our support. We recommend:

1. That we co-operate with the Inter-denominational Anti-Saloon League of the State.

2. That we withhold our support from any man or movement that is allied to, or favors the whiskey interests in anyway.

3. That our churches take a firm stand against the curse, and that discipline be exercised in cases of alliance with the traffic, either by vote or patronage.

4. That the misuse of opiates, such as morphine, cocaine, and bromidia should be antagonized by us with vigor, as a great and growing evil, oftentimes finding its victims in circles, from which other forms of intemperance have been effectually barred.

5. That a committee of five be appointed to co-operate with like committees of other religious bodies, to memorialize the next legislature to make legal provision for a State vote on the liquor question, similar to that provided for the county vote, or such legislation as the joint committees may deem it wise to request.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Obituaries report that sixteen of our brethren have been called from the work of the ministry to that "rest that remaineth for the people of God." We recommend that a page be set apart in our minutes to their memory.

D. D. HUNT, Denton.
J. G. DOYLE, Argenta.
C. W. STRICKLAND, Nashville.
S. P. DAVIS, Austin.
LOUIS SILBERSTEIN, Star City.
T. K. FLYNN, Hazen.
J. H. SODEN, Union.
BRO. — FRIZZELL, Nettleton.
S. W. COCHRAN, Union.
E. MERRILL, Center Point.
S. D. JOHNS, DeView.
GEO. FRUSTER, Malvern.
BOARDMAN WOOD, Hot Springs.
S. H. WOODS, Hamburg.
S. S. GRAY, Collins.
BRO. — ATWATER, Saltillo.

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them."

H. BEAUCHAMP, Chairman.

W. T. Amis read the report on Nominations. (For place of meeting, Convention sermon, list of officers, Boards and appointments, see title pages.)

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the secretaries be instructed to have 2,500 copies of the minutes of this Convention printed, and that they be paid \$50.00 for their services, and that the statistical secretary be paid \$25.00 for his services.

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention hereby express its hearty thanks to the railroads for their courtesies; to the press for its excellent service; and to the pastor and members of Pine Bluff church, and to the good people of the community for their cordial hospitality during the sitting of this body.

H. L. WINBURNE.

The business of the Convention being finished President Ayers announced that the hour for "devotion and short talks from the brethren as to their impressions of the convention," had arrived. Several spoke of its greatness in point of work done, and of Spiritual uplift. Each seemed to be impressed with the determination to "go home and labor more arduously for the advancement of the Master's Kingdom."

"Blest be the tie that binds," and other appropriate songs were sung, and the brethren gave each other the parting hand with a prayer that "God shall bless our labors through another year, and give us a glorious meeting at Fort Smith.

Benediction by Frank White.

JOHN AYERS, President.

W. F. DORRIS, Recording Secretary,

E. J. A. MCKINNEY, Recording Secretary.

MINISTERS' INSTITUTE.

A morning session of the Arkansas Baptist Ministers' Institute was rendered impracticable by the late arrival of trains.

About fifty ministers being present at 2 o'clock p. m., November 17, 1904, the Institute was called to order by Harvey Beauchamp, A. H. Autry, the president, being absent.

Benjamin Cox conducted devotional exercises. Elder H. Beauchamp was elected president and H. F. Vermillion, secretary.

O. J. Wade, who had been appointed to discuss "The Pastor as an Organizer," was absent. C. W. Daniel was selected to discuss this topic.

The remainder of the program published was then carried out, as follows:

"Progress Made by Baptist Principles in Modern Times"—John T. Christian and Ross Moore.

"The Relation of the Preacher and the Denominational Paper to Each Other"—J. F. Love and J. J. Hurt.

"The Duty of Baptists to Teach Their Doctrines"—A. H. Autry and E. J. A. McKinney.

"The Duty of Baptist Preachers to Baptist Schools"—A. B. Bohanan and F. F. Gibson.

"The Duty of Baptists to Preach the Gospel to All the World"—N. B. O'Kelley and A. J. Barton.

The delegates to the State Convention, which meets tomorrow, have been arriving by hundreds today, and fully six hundred are expected.

Ex-Governor James P. Eagle, of Little Rock, will call the Convention to order at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The sessions will be held at the First Baptist Church.

Many brethren whose names do not appear above discussed the subjects in a general way.

The chair appointed the following as a committee to arrange for the next meeting and to prepare a program: H. L. Winburne, J. A. Rader, W. T. Amis, J. W. Walker and H. J. P. Horne.

The secretary was instructed to secure, if possible, the printing of minutes of the Institute under the same cover with the minutes of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

On motion the body adjourned.

H. BEAUCHAMP, Chairman..

HENRY F. VERMILLION, Secretary.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

I give the lists this year by Associations, believing that it will serve a better purpose thereby. I realize that it is not absolutely perfect, but it is the best I could do with the data before me. Any brother observing an error or a name left out will confer a favor on me by writing me regarding it.

E. J. A. McKINNEY, Statistical Secretary.

England, Ark.

BARTHOLOMEW.

Clements, W. T. Ingalls.
Denson, N. C., Dermott.
Munn, H. A., Warren.
Gardner, J. S., Hamburg.
Morgan, T. G., Hawking.
Mitchell, E. T., Mist.
Moore, G. D., Milo.
Rice, M. A., Hamburg.
Willis, A. F., Hamburg.
Walker, C. M., Elon.
Gray, S. S., Collins.
Harley, W. C., Barkada.
Sims, J. W., Wilmar.
Reed, G. G., Luella.

Mosely, M., Lake Village.
Hollis, E., Crossett.
Hollis, W. B., Crossett.
Boyd, J. A., Dean.
McGriff, W. M., Eddy.
Turner, F. P., Monticello.
Johnson, A. V., Ingalls.
Compere, J. S., Warren.
Willis, B. J., Milo.
Gill, D. H., Hamburg.
Peters, G. M., Milo.
Gambrell, L. B., Lake Village.
Stonnell, V. L., Lake Village.
Stell, J. C., Mist.

BENTON COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

Dean, C. P., Rogers.
Hall, I. R., Bentonville.
Hammock, J. W., Garfield.
Herd, J. S., Garfield.
Holloway, S. L., Bentonville.
Joyner, W. D., Bentonville.
Tomme, L., Siloam Springs.
Green, W. F., Lowell.
Setser, G. W., Decatur.
Eaton, Sam, Gentry.
DeShazer, J. C., Sulphur Spgs.

Sitton, T. J., Springtown.
Edwards, W. M., Hiawasse.
Downing, T. F., Sulphur Spgs.
Moss, E., Wedington.
Hogan, J. H., Maysville.
West, J. W., Sulphur Springs.
Atchley, J. O., Herd.
Atchley, C. H., Herd.
Maxwell, A. J., Lowell.
Reynolds, E. J., Springtown.
Robinson, J., Wedington.

BIG CREEK.

Bowling, W. H., Saline.
Bowling, J. L., Union.
Holman, J. C., Wheeling.
Hiner, R. L., Viola.
Richardson, R. E., Viola.

Ballard, S. L., Huron.
Cargill, T. F., Viola.
Holloway, T. J., Ten Mile.
Cargill, J. E., Viola.

BLUE MOUNTAIN.

McAlister, J. M., Hanover.	Moody, J. W., Prim.
Rose, J. D., Campbell.	Moody, W. G., Prim.
Branscum, E. E., Big Flat.	Murphree, F. C., St. James.
Buford, J. C., Hanover.	Russell, H. H., Timbo.
Cypert, S. T., Timbo.	Stephenson, A. R. Marshall.
Foster, J. H., St. James.	Taylor, J. D., Timbo.
Gray, E. C., Timbo.	Wilson, R. J., Timbo.
Hester, H. F., Coras.	Wade, W. A., Mountain View.
Horton, I. J., Box.	

BUCKVILLE.

Adams, J. H., Cedar Glades.	Melton, H. W.
Belota, H. A., Cedar Glades.	McConnell, Dr., Chance.
Chitwood, E. P., Crystal Sprgs.	Neighbors, W. A., Hot Springs.
Cockrell, W. L., Bear.	Ragsdale, J. S., Jessieville.
Cockrell, J. E., Bear.	Shepard, J. W., Washita.
Crawford, J. M., Cedar Glades.	Seymore, W. T., Hawes.
Emery, J. P., Story.	Sharp, James, Cedar Glades.
Jennings, S. H., Mt. Valley.	Smith, D. H., Akin Farm.
Lanier, J. L., Cedar Glades.	Williamson, H. H., Buckville.
Melton, M. C., Gladstone.	Wood, Ashley, Hawes.

BUCKNER.

Patterson, L. F., Winfield.	Davis, J. A., Carolan.
Windham, P. E., Winfield.	Johnson, R. T., Carolan.
Bowen, E., Blackfork.	Moore, D. L., Witcherville.
Looper, W. D., Booth.	Forrester, N. B., Witcherville.
Burnett, C. L., Belva.	Evans, G. W., Peoria.
Gibson, C. L., Blansett.	Evans, Robert, Peoria.
Stevens, Robert, Dayton.	Anthony, G. C., Peoria.
Mitchell, J. O., Waldron.	Wood, W. C., Louisville, Ky.
Johnson, John, Waldron.	Canupp, C. C., Neff.
Compere, W. L., Waldron.	Byers, J. H., Mansfield.
Whittington, Otto, Berma.	Turner, S. L., Huntington.
Hall, W. P., Mansfield.	Lindsey, J. W., Belva.
Ramsey, J. W., Greenwood.	Woodley, W. T., Belva.
Burnes, C., Hon.	Marsh, H. E., Witcherville.
Lynch, W. F., Girard.	Edmondson, James, Hacket.
Barnett, J. L., Lucas.	

CADDO RIVER.

Bright, D., Ussery.	Millsap, B. D., Hickory Station.
Chitwood, W. J., Chandler.	Smith, G. C., Lodi.
Chitwood, E. P., Crystal Spgs.	Shackleford, J. A., Rock Creek.
Driggers, D. T., Platta.	Taylor, W. P., Kirby.
Edwards, T. P., Black Springs.	Tolleson, M. A., Kirby.
Fields, R. C., Rock Creek.	Wright, T. J., Welch.
Howell, H. T., Board Camp.	Wasson, H. L., Black Springs.
Hughes, J. J., Rock Creek.	Willis, W. F., Amity.

CAROLINE.

Andrus, A. A., Beebe.	Lucado, R. P., Hot Springs.
Bain, R. P., Lonoke.	McCarthy, G. W., Little Rock.
Baker, Jeff, Little Rock.	McKinney, E. J. A., England.
Barton, A. J., Little Rock.	McKinney, Jno., Krupp.
Beauchamp, H., Little Rock.	McNemer, J. F., Little Rock.
Best, R. M., Des Arc.	Michaels, J. W., Little Rock.
Blancett, W. C., Griffithville.	Middleton, R. T., Griffithville.
Bogard, B. M., Argenta.	Milam, B. F., Cabot.
Christian, Jno. T., Little Rock.	Morris, H. Y., Hazen.
Clark, J. W., Griffithville.	Norman, G. W., Rose Bud.
Clark, William, Little Rock.	Owens, M. W., Bald Knob.
Corder, L. R., Jacksonville.	Pearson, Chas., Krupp.
Cravens, G. R., Antioch.	Pharr, Wade, Carlisle.
Dale, W. L., Little Rock.	Richards, J. C., Austin.
Davis, F. P., Little Rock.	Sawyer, J. J., Austin.
Davis, I. R. B., Krupp.	Smith, C. E., Ogbomoso, W. Afri.
Davis, J. M., Austin.	Stringfellow, W. H., Searcy.
Eagle, Jas. P., Little Rock.	Ward, T. E., Carlisle.
Garnett, Geo. B., Judsonia.	Webb, M. T., Judsonia.
Granberry, R. H., Lecont.	Wharton, J. U. H., Little Rock.
Kime, W. P., Little Rock.	Weber, Edward, Little Rock.
Landreth, T. F., Little Rock.	White, Frank, Little Rock.
Linder, J. R., Beebe.	Wright, Wm., Little Rock.
Love, J. F., Little Rock.	

CARROLL COUNTY.

Cole, A. D., Eureka Springs.	Minnick, J. S., Maple.
Kittrell, D. R., Eureka Springs.	McCullough, S. C., Blue Eye, Mo.
Delano, J. H., Eureka Springs.	Jameson, G. M., Seligman, Mo.
Munger, M. M., Eureka Springs.	Spurlin, J. H., Berryville.
Roberts, H. C., Eureka Springs.	Walker, D. H., Berryville.
Graham, E. R., Green Forest.	Standlee, Calvin, Berryville.
Howard, J. C., Green Forest.	Hobbs, James, Grandview.
Keen, T. R., Metalton.	

CLEAR CREEK.

Allen, J. L., Coal Hill.	Riddle, J. A., Natural Dam.
Adams, M., Ozark.	Early, T. N., Belmont.
Bourland, J. H., Lonelm.	Hall, S. F., Alma.
Crawford, J. F., Van Buren.	Cole, S. B., Catcher.
Cox, J. E., Lonelm.	Triplet, A. R., Van Buren.
Chambless, D. W., Van Buren.	Isaacs, Jos., _____.
Dyer, L., Van Buren.	Hicks, W. M., Mulberry.
Hughes, G. M., Graphic.	Nortin, A. J., Coal Hill.
O'Kelley, C. W., Rudy.	Pack, J. H., Barnes.
Pillers, M. A., Alma.	Partin, C. M., Cravens.
Renfroe, S. A., Van Buren.	Wilson, M. L., Mulberry.
Small, R. M., Altus.	Lasater, G. W. C., Mountainberg.
Threadgill, F., Cravens.	Gentry, W. C., Rudy.
Garner, T. M., Catcher.	Johns, C. R., Lee's Creek.
Carnes, G. W., Alma.	

COLUMBIA.

G. B. Agan, Stamps.	Smith, D. E., Magnolia.
Barber, S., New Lewisville.	Stone, J. M., Stephens.
Brasher, T. J., Atlanta.	Waller, J. D., Emerson.
Barnett, L. F., Magnolia.	Waller, Joe, Taylor.
Beavers, S. W., Waldo.	Warren, C. F., Lumber.
Carter, T. H., McNeil.	Williamson, J. E., Moulton.
Cockran, J. L., Bradley.	Vaughan, J. C., Buckner.
Collins, W. E., Bradley.	Roney, W. S., Magnolia.
DeVine, R. B., Stephens.	Olive, J. P., New Lewisville.

CONCORD.

Williams, N. A., Webb City.	Barlet, Joseph, Bonanza.
Nolen, P. M., Cecil.	Hartsfield, J. J., Excelsior.
Cornelius, R. E., Van Buren.	Keller, Nathan, Jenny Lind.
Mays, P. C., Vesta.	Stanberry, H. C., Hackett.
Brewer, J. F., Ursula.	Sims, J. A., Greenwood.
Karr, Henry, Vesta.	Bryant, D. M., Booneville.
Comer, J. W., Greenwood.	Gibson, F. F., Fort Smith.
Been, H. L., Greenwood.	Burt, L. J., Charleston.
Brown, A. L., Lavaca.	Hall, J. A., Booneville.
Watson, J. T., Ratcliff.	Pennington, J. N., Booneville.
Noble, J. W., Auburn.	

CROOKED CREEK.

Voyles, M. L., Harrison.	Young, P., Swain.
Swanner, J. B., Bellefonte.	Bradley, N. F., Murray.
Raley, R. W., Sycamore.	Wilson, A. E., ———.
Mattox, C. L., Harrison.	Hefner, O. C., Sycamore.
Collins, W. B., Alpena.	Rose, J. B., ———.
Pettit, J. W., Harrison.	

CURRENT RIVER.

Lemmons, D. H., Boydsville.	Fowler, C. A., ———.
Wheatley, J. A., Maynard.	Cunningham, J., Reyno.
Brumfield, S. W., Corning.	Sharp, D. H., Pittman.
Foster, D. K., Pittman.	Bridges, W. F., Walnut Ridge.
Conner, A., Paltaka.	

DARDANELLE.

Kimbrough, W. E., Dardanelle.	Hogan, C. C., Corley.
Adams, J. R. G. W. N., Dardanelle.	Logan, W. E., Havana.
Womack, W. N., Brown.	Gray, J. S., Prairie View.
Robertson, L. A., Mt. Homer.	Manning, T. P., Southern Home.
Blair, M. P., Paris.	Hunnicut, G. W., Danville.
Dilday, J. H., Stafford.	Oglesby, J. C., Gravelly.
Dodd, W. N., Dardanelle.	Brice, J. T., Chickalah.
Richardson, J. W., Ola.	Richards, R. W., Ola.
Elmore, R. R., Danville.	Henry, M. P., Southern Home.
Grumbles, L. T., Magazine.	Patterson, John, Harvey.

Patterson, R. J., Harvey.
 Earles, L. G., Baloon.
 Moffitt, W. D., Havana.
 Gray, E. H., Corley.

Edwards, J. H., Rover.
 Sykes, J. L., Booneville.
 Ingram, T. L., Magazine.

FAYETTEVILLE.

Denham, J. E., Fayetteville.
 Smith, J. A., Springdale.
 Phillips, I. M., Springdale.
 Pigman, J. H., Springdale.
 Boyd, F., Springdale.
 Amacker, J. H., Springdale.
 Crawford, J. D., Prairie Grove.
 Moss, E., Savoy.
 Peters J. R., Anna.
 Peters C., Blackburn.
 Beavers, J. D., Springdale.
 Beavers, J. W., Springdale.
 Miller, T. B., Springdale.

Parker, J. F., Prairie Grove.
 Tuel, J. F., Prairie Grove.
 Henderson, H. T., Rhea's Mill.
 Dees, A. C., Weddington.
 Robinson, J. R., Weddington.
 Borders, H. B., Farmington.
 Hanks, G. P., Johnson.
 Slaughter, O. D., Goshen.
 Hood, D. L., Sulphur City.
 Stone, J. A., Sulphur City.
 Spryres, M. A., Blackburn.
 Spyres, P. L., Pitkin.
 Jones, Isom, Strickler.

FOURCHE VALLEY.

Owen, E. H., Dixie.
 Neal, J. N. C., Perryville.
 Hammonds, —, —.
 Willcox, G. W., Oppello.
 Johnson, J. A., Houston.
 Ford, D. B., Aplin.
 Huff, W. H., Ada.
 Johnson, H. G., Booneville.

West, E. L., Ada.
 Brickey, A. H., Oppello.
 Guinn, J. W., Houston.
 Palmer, W. C., Aplin.
 Redditt, L. P., Casa.
 Harris, Chas., Casa.
 Steakley, W. A., Casa.

FRIENDSHIP.

Barnes, B. F., Pearl.
 Ward, S. A., Randall.
 Overton, J. W., Toledo.
 Overton, J. H. W., Toledo.
 Cash, W. H., Toledo.
 Haraldson, J. B., Sulphur Spgs.
 Guest, C. D., Star City.
 Fish, J. W., Palmyra.

Moore, Ross, Pine Bluff.
 David, W. J., Pine Bluff.
 Pine, S. L., Pine Bluff.
 Smith, John X., Star City.
 Cockroft, A. J., Star City.
 Rodgers, A. C., Feeneyville.
 Owen, B. A., Star City.
 Kimbro, W. C., Tyro.

GAINESVILLE.

Cooper, E. D., Paragould.
 Faulkner, J. D. J., Paragould.
 Settlemoir, J. N., Piggott.
 Pate, J. K., Piggott.
 Lively, G., Marmaduke.
 Harris, A. M., Marmaduke.
 Nowell, J. T., Marmaduke.
 Gibson, F. S., Marmaduke.
 Hampton, N. W., Marmaduke.
 Teague, E. J., Marmaduke.
 Holcomb, J. R., Pollard
 Joiner, I. K., Pollard.

Allen, J. H., Rector.
 Tyler, J. T., Rector.
 French, J. P., Rector.
 Farmer, W. D., Rector.
 Thorn, T. L. B., Gainesville.
 Brewer, N. D. J., Gainesville.
 Cantrell, W. R., Greenway.
 Riggins, Barney, Boydsville.
 Faulkner, G. H., Crawley.
 Russell, L. A., Holliday.
 Wade, J. H., Piggott.

GRAND PRAIRIE.

Frost, A. J., Des Arc.
 Routh, R. F., Hazen.
 Morris, H. Y., Hazen.
 Willis, D. D., Hazen.
 Hurt, M. B., DeWitt.
 Cannon, D. S., DeWitt.

Bracewell, J. H., Varby.
 Richardson, R. M., Stuttgart.
 Allen, R. E., Almyra.
 House, B. F., Barrettsville.
 Pharr, Wade, Needmore.

GREENBRIER.

Glover, P. H., Greenbrier.
 Loveless, E., Linder.
 Roberts, W. E., Vilonia.
 Kilpatrick, G. T., Conway.
 Stone, E. F., Bristol.
 McPike, J. W., Cato.
 Stephens, B. M., Kendall.
 Glover, H. P., Guy.
 Hicks, G. L., Otto.
 Ford, G. M., Wooster.
 Yarbrough, J. A., Mt. Vernon.
 Crye, J. A., Conway.
 Batson, J. A., Wooster.

Thompson, M. A., Barney.
 Cantrell, J. O., Greenbrier.
 Saunders, H., Enola.
 Hendrickson, W. R., Guy.
 Cazort, R. W., ———.
 Kelso, W. C., Greenbrier.
 McPherson, A., Conway.
 Downing, S. P., Otto.
 Willson, J. W., Otto.
 Bush, A. F., Otto.
 Giddens, J. R., Greenbrier.
 Polk, I. M., Barney.
 Hurt, J. J., Little Rock.

HOWARD COUNTY.

Story, W. R., Ozan.
 Byers, L. M., Athens.
 Keeling, L. M., Athens.
 Copeland, J. M., Athens.
 Baggett, J. L., Wicks.
 King, C. F., Center Point.
 Westbrooks, M. H., Center Point
 Newell, U. J., Center Point.
 Hester, J. B., Euclid.
 Mayo, J. B., Dial.
 Ferrell, B. S., Buck Range.

Patterson, W. M., Ray.
 Harris, C. E., Murfreesboro.
 Byrd, W. S., Duckett.
 Westbrooks, J. A., Lebanon.
 Littlefield, P. R., ———.
 Epton, Thomas, Bingen.
 Buchanan, G. T., Belton.
 Cornish, D. W., Nathan.
 Terrise, G. C., ———.
 DeLoach, M. W., Nashville.
 Newell, J. E., Buck Range.

INDEPENDENCE.

Burge, M. M., Sandtown.
 Goodwin, J. W., Moorefield.
 Martin, Josiah, Moorefield.
 Purcelley, James, Salado.
 Lovelace, J. P., Cushman.
 Allen, D. A., Cushman.
 Wrenn, W. H., Cushman.
 Starnes, J. C., Sulphur Rock.

James, Amos, Mobley.
 James, G. W., Mobley.
 Brown, J. L., Charlotte.
 Calloway, S. B., Batesville.
 Martin, J. I., Cord.
 Hooper, G. D., Rosie.
 Pate, Willis, Elmo.
 Fink, G. L., New Ark.

JONESBORO.

Rains, J. M., Jonesboro.
 Minton, J. M., Jonesboro.
 Reynolds, Oscar, Jonesboro.
 Williams, Thos., Lorado.

Allen, J. B., Lorado.
 Clark, J. F., Herndon.
 Gareson, M. T., Paragould.

JUDSON.

Miers, L. O., Thornton.
 Jones, D. G., Thornton.
 Lindsey, E. H., Bearden.
 Raney, R. A., Bleeker.
 McKinney, T. R., Kingsland.
 Hodge, C., Fordyce.
 Gunn, J. H., Fordyce.
 Southall, J. T., Fordyce.
 Richardson, G. G., Fordyce.
 Smith, G. S., Jacinto.
 Rogers, W. F., Summerville.

J. R. Butler, Summerville.
 B. Delaughter, Sparkman.
 Gambrell, D. E., New Edinburg.
 Mosely, H. H., New Edinburg.
 McEwen, W. R., New Edinburg.
 Tipton, T. D., New Edinburg.
 Connell, L. B., Faber.
 Owen, B. B., Faber.
 Talbot, A. J., Hampton.
 Parker, W. H., Starasto.
 Hinsley, W. J., Tulip.

LIBERTY.

Bates, I. M., Juno.
 Bishop, J. R., Junction City.
 Burns, Van, Sandy Bend.
 Burnside, L. B., New London.
 Crawford, J. D., Three Creeks.
 Crawford, J. P., Lisbon.
 Dorris, W. F., Camden.
 Feazell, W. I., Junction City.
 Graves, N. B., Junction City.
 Green, B. C., Wilmington.

Harper, M. A., El Dorado.
 Hudson, J. W., Wesson.
 Kinard, C. P., Tubal.
 McGraw, C. P., Tubal.
 Newson, W. J., El Dorado.
 Powell, B. F., Smackover.
 Sawyer, D. K., Blanchard Spgs.
 Simmons, W. G., Sandy Bend.
 Wade, O. J., El Dorado.
 Young, W. S., Elliott.

LITTLE RED RIVER.

Lafferty, R. G., Heber.
 Stark, Joe, Heber.
 Pate, J. A., Heber.
 Bailey, J. E., Heber.
 Allen, David, Heber.
 Yarbrough, J. A., Quitman.

Betts, G. W., Hiram.
 Wright, G. W., Joy.
 Hammock, J. G., Pearson.
 Crews, S., Mt. Pisgah.
 Frost, A. J., Sidon.

MADISON COUNTY.

Hurst, D. U., Combs.
 Harp, T. J., Clifty.
 Bowers, J. G., Ryker.
 Stanberry, H. C., St. Paul.
 Riggs, S. A., St. Paul.
 Williams, N., St. Paul.
 Wood, D. A., Thompson.
 Barron, D. H., Forum.
 Graham, S. S., Spring Valley.

Ivey, Harris, Huntsville.
 Harper, N. D., Huntsville.
 Wood, J. R., Asher.
 Wing, C. S., St. Paul.
 Keck, D. N., Venus.
 Youngman, M. A., Spring Valley
 James Martin, Rockhouse.
 Russell, John, Aurora.
 Fisher, Mathias, Kingston.

MILLER COUNTY.

Bridges, W. M., Texarkana.

Willson, C. T., Texarkana.

MT. VERNON.

Barnett, J. D., Forrest City.
 Duckworth, J. W., Forrest City.
 Hall, Milton, Forrest City.

J. L., Wilson, Goodwin.
 Billingsly, L. T., Gill.
 Mahan, R. A., Marianna.

McCord, J. A., Forrest City.
 Paslay, W. H., Forrest City.
 Faulkner, E. C., Brinkley.
 Sawyers, S. D., Brinkley.
 Sledge, W. H., Helena.

Day, M. J., Turner.
 Knight, T. E., Clarendon.
 Myrick, C. M., Trenton.
 Jones, M. L., Colt.

MT. ZION.

Bohannon, A. B., Jonesboro.
 Minton, E. P., Jonesboro.
 Thomas, U. S., Jonesboro.
 Hiatt, J. W., Jonesboro.
 Huddleston, J. M., Paragould.
 Robertson, J. N., Paragould.
 Wright, H. F., Nettleton.
 Hogan, H. E., Luxora.
 Matthis, J. J., Manilla.
 Wise, J. B., Osceola.
 Wright, W. L., Tyrnza.
 Lawrence, J. M., Paragould.
 Henson, J. G., Claunch.
 Ford, R. M., Harrisburg.
 Reaves, A. C., Harrisburg.
 Settlemoir, G. M., Cherry Valley.

Stokes, J. H., Wynne.
 Meredith, W. H., Paragould.
 Harris, A. M., Jonesboro.
 Watkins, R. P., Jonesboro.
 Yancie, L. F., Jonesboro.
 Johnson, G. W., Luxora.
 Huddleston, P. M., Harrisburg.
 McClain, J. F., Bay.
 Casey, J. M., Light.
 Sanderson, W. R., Blytheville.
 Bryant, J. C., Nettleton.
 Pruitt, W. H., Bay.
 Ballou, George, Archillian.
 Bozeman, J. W., Vanndale.
 Archer, J. F., Vanndale.

OUACHITA.

Bates, E. D., Mena.
 Blanton, W. W., Galena.
 Brown, Russell, Granniss.
 Lumbley, J. B., Mena.
 McDonald, J. W., Cove.
 Neighbors, S. A., Potter.
 Buckhanon, J., Granniss.
 Butler, J. O., Mena.
 Cannon, B. F., Hatton.
 Chote, L. E., Vandervoort.
 Cross, G. A., Cove.
 Duke, B., Big Creek, I. T.
 Eads, W. C., Cove.
 Hall, R. J., Gillham.

Holland, J. J., Red Bird.
 Hollingsworth, T. M., Cove.
 Johnson, G. W., Granniss.
 Nelson, T. P., Gann.
 Pace, R. R., Granniss.
 Parham, J. D., Potter.
 Ridding, H. C., Mena.
 Ridding, M. L., Vandervoort.
 Robinson, A. S., Cove.
 Shelton, Wm., Ink.
 Thacker, F. M., Duckett.
 Walker, C. I., Mena.
 Widener, J. M., Hatfield.
 Wilson, Lee., Hatton.

PEE DEE.

Harness, T. W., Lexington.
 Williams, W. W., Settlement.
 Fortner, W. S., Settlement.

Branscum, T. B., Alco.
 Vest, W. H., Settlement.
 Fortner, J. B., Settlement.

PINE BLUFF.

Adams, James, Slate.
 Appling, E. F., Brooks.
 Avery, J. W., Sheridan.
 Barnett, D. G., Corwin.
 Berry, J. F., Redfield.
 Brumbelow, A. L., Tull.

Kelley, J. T., Prattsville.
 Lawhorn, John, Parker's Store.
 Ledbetter, C. P., Benton.
 McCool, W. B., Turin.
 McCarty, G. W., Little Rock.
 Matthews, B. J., Little Rock.

Donham, J. H., Slate.
 Funk, S. F., Slocumb.
 Holbert, Joshua, Prattsville.
 Hudson, G. G., Congo.
 Kelley, W. M., Grapevine.
 Kelley, M. S., Prattsville.

Taylor, E. D., Grapevine.
 Tucker, Wm., Corwin.
 Donahue, I. N., Benton.
 Sims, S. S., Benton.
 Henderson, C. B., Benton.

RED RIVER.

Baars, F. D., Arkadelphia.
 Bennett, T. J., Arkadelphia.
 Browning, J. V., Arkadelphia.
 Burns, G. W., Arkadelphia.
 Brown, W. R., Bowen.
 Davis, W. U., Okolona.
 DeLaughter, E., Boughton.
 Forbes, W. A., Gum Springs.
 Franklin, G. A., Bee.
 Gardner, W. W., Arkadelphia.
 Gathright, J. T., Dobyville.
 Gathright, M. F., Arkadelphia.
 Horne, H. J. P., Arkadelphia.
 Haynes, J. J., Arkadelphia.
 Howell, J. T., Delight.
 Hamlin, G. L., Curtis.
 Hall, J. H., Okolona.
 Kelley, J. M., Okolona.
 King, A. W., Gurdon.

Price, A. J., Delight.
 Roundtree, J. B., Bowen.
 Smart, J. H., Dobyville.
 Smith, E., Beirne.
 Stringley, W. H., Wallaceburg.
 Sutton, R. E., Arkadelphia.
 Teague, F. E., Okolona.
 Tobey, C. E., Arkadelphia.
 Thomas, J. B., Murfreesboro.
 Thomas, J. M., Arkadelphia.
 Townsend, N. R., Arkadelphia.
 Thomas, H. H., Arkadelphia.
 Whitten, W. T., Arkadelphia.
 Winburne, H. L., Arkadelphia.
 White, J. M., Arkadelphia.
 Williams, W. B., Alpine.
 Vann, J. H., Arkadelphia.
 Vermillion, H. F., Arkadelphia.
 Mahan, T. C., Arkadelphia.

ROCKY BAYOU.

Ballard, L. S., Melbourne.
 Branscum, E. E., Guion.
 Campbell, E. N., Melbourne.
 Copeland, J. W., Pineville.
 Duren, W. M., Zion.
 Farthing, R. T., Zion.
 Foard, G. L., Ham.
 Hamilton, C. T., Jumbo.

Horton, W. A., Gid.
 Marchant, S. A., Calico Rock.
 Porterfield, J. H., Oxford.
 Sherrill, W. E., Melbourne.
 Smith, W. L., Melbourne.
 Speak, G. W., Engle.
 Vest, J. J., Jumbo.

RUSSELLVILLE.

Dailey, R. S., Toral.
 Landers, E. D., Dover.
 Woodard, T. J., Clarksville.
 Loyd, R. L., Dover.
 Wilson, A. H., Plummerville.
 Nowlin, T. B., Russellville.
 Bowers, H. L., Dover.
 Hill, J. O., Russellville.
 Shands, Eld., Knoxville.

Burns, S. J., Lamar.
 Reed, O. H., Russellville.
 Teague, S. T., Clarksville.
 Rose, W. F., Dover.
 Walls, W. V., Knoxville.
 Sullivan, T. D., Dover.
 Walker, S. L., Clarksville.
 Barnette, S. B., Plummerville.

SALINE.

Byrd, J. L., Ops.	McDonald, J. W., Hot Springs.
Gatlin, J. B., Traskwood.	Harley, M. H., Hot Springs.
Lamb, A. F., Sandy Springs.	Foster, L. S., Hot Springs.
Clark, W. A., Little Rock.	Rader, J. A., Hot Springs.
Mitchell, T. M., Little Rock.	Thornton, J. T., Magnet.
Davis, F. P., Little Rock.	Walker, J. M., Malvern.
Cox, Ben, Little Rock.	Waterberry, A., Malvern.
Brown, B. N., Little Rock.	Howard, J. H., Malvern.
Fletcher, J. W., Little Rock.	Clem, J. M., Malvern.
Burke, J. W., DeRoche.	Rhoden, R. C., Malvern.
Holt, J. W., DeRoche.	Jones, N. D., Donaldson.
Davis, J. A., Price.	Rucher, J. D., Donaldson.
Phillips, B. G., Hot Springs.	Tucker, A., Butterfield.
Rowe, G. F., Hot Springs.	Thompson, J. J., Elmore.
Warwic, L., Hot Springs.	Funk, S. F., Slocumb.
Amis, W. T., Hot Springs.	Taylor, Joseph, Braziles.
Murray, I. G., Hot Springs.	Henry, W. C., Whittington.

SOUTHWESTERN.

Westbrooks, J. A., Provo.	Arnold, C. H., Foreman.
Elkins, D. W., Lockesburg.	Talbert, J. C., Horatio.
Hill, D. W., Provo.	Hubbard, J. W., Ben Lomond.
Mabry, E. V., Horatio.	Parker, John, Dilworth.
Jones, J. T., Foreman.	McCarrol, H. L., Lebanon.
Burt, W. H., DeQueen.	Smith, W. F., ———.
Farris, G. C., Lockesburg.	

SPRING RIVER.

Abee, W. H., Smithville.	Chrisenberry, P. M., Ben Gray.
Arnett, Chas. T., Mammoth Spg.	Clements, S. H., Williford.
Allison, J. L., Black Rock.	Diceton, T. C., Poughkeepsie.
Applegate, J. M., Portia.	Dodd, D. S., Pocahontas.
Anderson, J. S., Pocahontas.	Edrington, W. L., Pocahontas.
Bowers, M. D., Pocahontas.	Frizzell, M. W., Black Rock.
Bellamy, R. B., Smithville.	Marshall, W. R., Ledgwick.
Bain, L. A., Mobley.	Moore, H. C., Portia.
Borah, G. B., Denton.	Penn, R. J., Strawberry.
Butler, J. F., Calamine.	Stratton, Samuel, Smithville.
Butler, M. E., Poughkeepsie.	Taylor, J. R., Walnut Ridge.

STATE LINE.

Rorex, J. F., Maynard.	Pressley, D. A., Hamil.
Lincoln, E. T., Maynard.	Henson, S. L., Poyner, Mo.
Shaw, J. M., Maynard.	Rutledge, James, Poyner, Mo.
Belew, Knox, Brocket.	Weaver, J. N., Winstead.

STEVEN'S CREEK.

Goad, J. J., Bradford.	Cullum, A. D., ———.
Vick, S. B., Bradford.	Vick, S. C., Denmark.

TRACE RIDGE.

Kimball, John, Marshall.
 Marshall, Joel, Watts.
 Pennington, J. R., Duff.
 Hefner, H. N., Murillo.
 Rambo, J. W., Ella.

Boyd, C. L., Norwood.
 Thompson, T. L., Ella.
 Sasser, H., Bruno.
 Cotton, C. T., Leslie.

TEXARKANA.

No preachers in Arkansas; all the preachers and most of the churches are in Texas.

UNION NO. 1.

Autrey, A. H., Hope.
 Freeman, W. A., Hope.
 Middlebrooks, T. A., Hope.
 Compton, P. M., Falcon.
 Downs, J. T., Spring Hill.
 Mitchell, R. H., Brisbane.
 Felts, W. C., Prescott.

Brockman, J. H., Bodcaw.
 Erwin, J. W., Mt. Moriah.
 Armstrong, M. D., Emmett.
 Baxter, M. M., Spring Hill.
 Harris, W. H., DeAnn.
 Ward, J. W., Spring Hill.

UNION NO. 2.

Jacob King, Mountain View.

King, Thomas, Mountain View.

UNITED.

Ford, T. C., Bee Branch.
 Calvin, James, Bee Branch.
 Griswood, J. C., Plumerville.
 Ford, J. F., Plumerville.
 Yancey, J. W., Woolverton.
 James, C. N., Morrilton.
 Broadway, J. K., Center Ridge.
 Barnett, S. B., Plumerville.

McGee, J. M., Damascus.
 Sims, J. F., Damascus.
 Barnett, J. R., Damascus.
 Driskill, W. B., Damascus.
 Mayall, J., Solgahatchie.
 Holly, W. P., Guy.
 Driskill, Jeff, Guy.
 Box, W. T., Morrilton.

WHITE RIVER.

Bayless, D. L., Oakland.
 Danner, N. C., Cotter.
 Hand, J. T., Gassville.
 Haralson, J. A., Gassville.

Hilton, H. H., Gassville.
 Sasser, H., Bruno.
 White, W. D., Gassville.

WHITE RIVER VALLEY.

Holdford, B. F., Bald Knob.
 Thomas, J. A., Wiville.

Turner, J. V., Newport.

UNASSOCIATED.

O'Kelley, N. B., Texarkana.

