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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, a Secretary, a Treasurer 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 is made; and all officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected; and, provided, further, that no one shall be elected to succeed himself to the office of President more than twice consecutively. The Secretary shall nominate to the Convention two assistants; one to aid in keeping the record, and the other to aid in gathering statistics.

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.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention, and to file and keep in order all papers deemed important to be preserved.

Section 4. Officers shall be elected as soon as the names of messengers shall have been enrolled.

Section 5. All of the officers of the Convention shall be elected by a majority of all the votes cast.

ARTICLE V.—BOARDS.

Section 1. The Convention shall elect the following boards and parts of boards:

- (1) The Missionary and Sunday School Board of the Convention, which shall consist of twenty-one brethren from the State at large, and one brother from the bounds of each association in the State, who shall be elected annually, on account of their business ability, consecration and wisdom, seven of whom shall constitute a quorum; and the meetings of the board shall be held quarterly. Its duties and powers shall be to prosecute the Mission Sunday School and Colportage work of the state. It shall report its work annually to this Convention.
- (2) The Board of Trustees of Ouachita-Central system of Colleges and Academies, one third of which shall be elected annually.

(3) The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home, consisting of nine members, three of whom are to be elected annually.

- (4) A Board of Ministerial Education, to consist of seven members, to be located at Arkadelphia, Ark., and to be elected annually.
- (5) A State Central Committee of nine women, whose duty it shall be to distribute literature, and to encourage women and children in systematic giving to missions.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall elect a Missionary Secretary to work under the direction of the Board, and they shall employ other agencies, such as general missionaries and evangelists, office help, and any means such as tracts, etc., which in their judgment may inure to the most speedy and rapid evangelization of our State and the world. However the Convention in session may elect the Missionary Secretary when it is deemed wise.

ARTICLE VI.—MEETINGS.

The Convention shall meet annually "if God permit," on Thursday before the third Sunday in November.

ARTICLE VII.—UNALTERABLE.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Convention, two-thirds of the members voting concurring in the measure, except Article III, which shall remain forever unalterable.

Proceedings.

PINE BLUFF, ARK., November 15, 1911.

- 1. The sixty-third annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was called to order at 10 co'clock by the president, H. T. Bradford, of Lonoke, in the First Baptist Church.
 - N. C. Denson of Dermott led in prayer.
- Upon motion, it was voted that the Secretary's roll of messengers at this hour be made the basis of organiation, and that the Convention proceed to organize. The following constituted the

ROLL OF MESSENGERS.

BARTHOLOMEW ASSOCIATION—

Crossett—J. B. Luck, Mrs. L. A. Calhoun, Ada Arrington.

Dermott—N. C. Denson, Mrs. W. S. Daniel.

Eudora—Mrs. E. M. Sleeker.

Lake Village—W. R. McEwen, Mrs. McEwen, Z. T. Carlton, Mrs. Carlton.

Monticello—J. F. Tull, Mrs. Tull, Z. T. Wood, Mrs. Wood, J. W.

Kimbro, J. N. Williams.

Montrose—T. M. McGee, W. T. Cone, Mrs. Cone.

Portland—J. R. Anders.

Tillar—Dan Clements, Mrs. Clements, Tom Gill, W. S. Wood. Warren—J. E. Brown, J. A. Gannaway, Mrs. Gannaway. White— Fred Cobb.

BENTON COUNTY ASSOCIATION-

Rogers-C. A. Westbrook, J. F. Little.

Bentonville-M. L. Voyles, Mrs. Voyles, C. M. Rice, Jean S. Boyle.

Siloam Springs—E. Rawlings.

BLUE MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION-Marshall-Chas. N. DeWitt.

BUCKNER ASSOCIATION—

Huntington—J. E. Finney, Forest Finney, Christine Finney, J. A. Dixon, Vivian Lake.

*CAROLINE ASSOCIATION—

Augusta—J. T. Fowlkes, J. Guy Fowlkes. Baring Cross—L. O. Vermillion.

Cabot—G. M. Ford, R. J. Rooker. Carlisle—H. L. Urbon, J. O. Hill.

Des Arc-W. S. Young.

England—L. Tomme, Mrs. Tomme, H. C. Haley.

Judsonia-N. B. Williams, Mrs. Williams, N. B. W. Chams. Mrs. Chams.

Life Line-R. M. Best.

Little Rock, Cedar Street-J. H. Revnolds, Mrs. Revnolds, F. P. Turner.

Little Rock, First—Ben Cox, J. G. Harris, Mary Hilliard, E. Longley, Mrs. Longley, L. L. Abbott, J. O. Johnston, W. H. Crews, L. G. Luckett, R. L. White.

Little Rock, Immanuel—O. J. Wade, E. J. A. McKinney, Mrs. McKinney, J. H. Estes, T. E. McKenzie, J. H. Hammett, Mrs. W. S. Farmer, Mrs. A. Westbrook, Mrs. M. E. Wright.

Little Rock, Maple Street-W. D. Joyner.

Little Rock, Second—S. H. Campbell, Mrs. Campbell, J. T. Christian, Mrs. E. C. Snider, Dr. C. E. Witt, Mrs. Witt, A. P. Scofield, J. G. Jackson, Mrs. Jackson, A. W. Files, Mrs. Files, S. A. Stearns, Mrs. Stearns, Mrs. A. J. Reap, Mrs. Verne Stover, Mrs. W. E. Atkinson, Mrs. J. L. Haw-

Lonoke-H. T. Bradford, Mrs. Bradford, R. E. Bradford, T. D.

Bransford, G. L. Boles.

Searcy-J. A. Kimbrough, Mrs. J. L. Jones, Mrs. W. T. Knox.

CARROLL COUNTY ASSOCIATION-Eureka Springs, Calvary-C. N. White, Mrs. White.

CLEAR CREEK ASSOCIATION-Mulberry—M. F. Gathright. Van Buren—Joseph Connell

COLUMBIA ASSOCIATION—

Lewisville-J. H. Landis, Clovis Landis, Mrs. Susie Shirey, Mrs. H. C. Stewart, Mrs. Addie Nash.

CONCORD ASSOCIATION—

Booneville-W. J. Hinsley, W. E. Kimbrough, R. A. Sadlers.

J. W. Hamby. Greenwood—Joe E. Tatum.

Fort Smith, First-F. F. Gibson, John Ayers, Mrs. Ayers, Hazel Reynolds, Lillie Fuhrman.

Fort Smith, Calvary—V. C. Neal.

Fort Smith, Lexington Avenue-F. W. Kerfoot, C. C. Chambers.

CROOKED CREEK ASSOCIATION— Harrison-D. H. Gill, J. L. Simms.

DARDANELLE ASSOCIATION— Bethlehem-D. M. Ballinger. Dardanelle—John T. Walters. Magazine—T. P. Nelson.

Ola—E. Baldwin, Mrs. J. C. Witt, Mrs. J. C. Leigh.

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FAYETTEVILLE ASSOCIATION—

Fayetteville—W. A. Ramsey.

Springdale, First-H. P. Church.

Springdale, Second-A. M. Reid, F. E. Reid, J. R. Barnett.

FOURCHE VALLEY ASSOCIATION—

Houston-H. G. Johnson.

Perryville—John L. Hill.

FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION-

Beth'ehem_J. F. Fish.

Freedom-O. W. Jones.

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Pine Bluff, First—C. D. Wood, W. W. Byrd, Theo. Wallerman, Chas. Haycock, U. W. Poss, H. C. Fox, J. M. Shaw, W. H. Fox, Tom Greene, Sr., Wm. Burke, John W. Reap, J. R. Allen, Mrs. H. E. Williams, Mrs. H. C. Fox, W. J. Shepherd, Alex Perdue, A. E. Williams, W. L. Matthews, H. S. Dudley, Mrs. W. S. Blanton.
Pine Bluff, Ohio Street—Otto Whittington, Edwin, Boyce, R. M. Ware, E. Ryland, S. D. Tollent.

Pleasant Ridge—B. F. Barnes.
Rison—Mrs. P. N. Smith, Mrs. W. T. Ferguson, J. F. Swanson, B. G. Mosely, B. F. Graham.

Star City-W. L. Compere, J. F. Grumbles, S. G. Keahey, Josephine Compere.

Gainesville Association—

Hopewe'l-G. R. Taylor.

Piggott-R. H. Dudley, Mrs. Dudley.

Rock Hill—T. R. Allen, L. M. Webb.

GRAND PRAIRIE ASSOCIATION—

DeWitt—H. B. Dudley, Mrs. Dudley.

Hazen-C. E. Perryman, M. Culp, Mrs. Culp, Dr. F. C. Robinson.

New Hope—C. F. Crockett. Stuttgart—A. T. Coleman, H. J. Kelly, Mrs. B. C. Nicholson, Mrs. E. B. Gillispie, Ethel Lowe, Carrie Chilcott.

GREENBRIER ASSOCIATION—

Conway-J. J., Hurt, J. W. Conger, S. C. Parrish, W. A. Turnage, Maude Jarbeau, Maude Ford.

HOPE ASSOCIATION—

Hope—Mrs. Jennie F. Hannegan.

Magnolia, Central-Wm. Cooksey, T. C. Monroe, J. R. Willis, Mrs. Willis, Mrs. D. J. Dennis, Lamar Taylor, J. G. Lile, C. A. Hawkins.

Prescott—W. A. Forbes.

Stamps—L. M. Sipes, E. P. Osborne.

Stephens—D. W. Bolton, T. P. Blake. Texarkana, Beech Street—J. F. Black, Mrs. Black.

INDEPENDENCE ASSOCIATION—

Batesville, First—Mrs. W. B. Grant.
Batesville, West—S. D. Grumbles, E. D. Cunningham.

Su'phur Rock-Frank Wright.

JUDSON ASSOCIATION-

Fordyce-J. S. Compere, J. T. Richardson, H. B. Benton, Mrs. Benton, Miss Maggie Parrott.

Kingsland—W. T. Rogers, M. M. Whayne.

Sparkman—Mrs. J. Y. Smith.

Thornton—C. I. Wise, Mrs. W. A. Campbell, Mrs. J. A. Yankie.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—

Camden—W. M. Wright, W. R. Smith, Mrs. Smith, M. P.

Watts, Mrs. J. W. Benson, Miss Lizzie Watts, Mrs. E. M.

Ouden, G. W. Hays, Mrs. Hays.

El Dorado—H. C. Rosamond, Mrs. Aylmer Fleneken, Mrs. B.

F. Miles, Mrs. J. M. Sheppard. Hopewell, No. 3—J. D. Sayers.

Strong—C. P. McGraw, Pearl McGraw, Olga Nevels. Wesson—H. W. Jean.

LITTLE RED RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Heber Springs-Mrs. Ida Burns.

Mt. Hebron-Henry Gidenhagen. Mt. View—N. S. Smith.

Three Creeks-A. C. Jones, Mrs. Jones, J. D. Crawford.

Mt. Vernon Association—

Brinkley—Dana Terry, Mrs. Terry, Forrest City—V. B. Izard, Mrs. J. T. Fondren, E. P. J. Gar-

Helena-W. H. Sledge, Mrs. H. G. Vineyard, Mrs. H. C. Stillwell.

Marianna—Arthur Fox.

Mt. Zion Association—

Jonesboro, First—E. E. Dudley, Mrs. Dudley, E. P. Minton, P. C. Barton, G. W. Puryear, Mrs. Puryear, Mrs. S. P. Gray, W. B. Langford, Mrs. Langford.

Hydrick—J. F. Clark.

Paragould—W. C. Wood, Smith Long. Wynne—J. W. Williams, Mrs. Williams, J. B. Alexander.

OUACHITA ASSOCIATION— . Cove-J. J. Havnes.

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION— Leslie-Alex McPherson.

PIKE COUNTY ASSOCIATION—

Murfreesboro-D. W. Cornish, Mrs. Cornish.

PINE BLUFF ASSOCIATION—

Benton-K. P. Davis, T. A. O'Bryant.

RED RIVER ASSOCIATION-

Arkadelphia—H. L. Winburn, Giles C. Taylor, R. G. Bowers, Pollard White, E. A. DuLaney, Mrs. DuLaney, J. S. Rogers, W. M. Kelley, C. C. Tobey, Mrs. J. H. Crawford, Mrs. I. W. Cook, Mrs. C. P. Smith, N. R. Townsend.

Rosboro—Carl Hinton. Sweet Hill-Thos. King, W. A. Cummings, George L. Haynes,

J. E. Byrd, W. A. Bryan.

Russellville Association—

Clarksville-W. E. Atkinson, Mrs. W. H. McPherson.

SALINE ASSOCIATION—

Hot Springs, First—C. F. J. Tate, Mrs. Tate, A. J. Moody, Mrs. C. M. Roberts, Mrs. M. G. Thompson, Mrs. J. P. Henderson.

Hot Springs, Park Place—W. S. Roney. Hot Springs, Second—G. W. McCarty, Mrs. McCarty, W. R. Reader.

Malvern-F. C. Sims.

SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION-DeQueen-M. M. Smith.

Lockesburg—A. M. Rodgers. Paraloma—J. T. Benson.

SPRING RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Black Rock—W. H. Rutherford. Imboden—L. W. Russell, W. C. Mitchell.

Union No. 2 Association-Union Hill—H. C. Danley.

UNITED ASSOCIATION-

Morrilton-J. D. Bledsoe, J. M. Poweil. Valley Home—Joe Stark.

Datto-J. A. Wheetley, Mrs. Wheetley. Nashville-A. H. Autrey, Dr. J. M. Daly.

WHITE RIVER ASSOCIATION—

Cotter-J. P. Lovelace, Miss Minnie Clinton. .

New Hope—W. R. Jones, R. F. Nanny.

- 4. President H. T. Bradford addressed the body on the work of the Convention.
- 5. On motion, it was ordered that the President's address be printed in the Annual.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Brethren:—I am sure that all of us who are here today are profoundly thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has cared for us through another year, and that we are here today, at the sixtythird annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to take an account of the work done during the year that is just closing, and to lay out and plan and get ready for that which is to be done during the coming year.

It is the custom of business men, at some stated time during

the year, to take stock; that is, make a complete list of their assets and liabilities, to find if the business has paid and what changes and additions can be made to make it better and more profitable during the next year.

I have thought that just here, before we enter into the work of the new year, that it might be profitable for us to "take stock," that is, to consider for a few minutes the work that has been done during these sixty-three years; as to whether it has paid, and as to whether we wish to continue to work along the same lines as our brethren who organized and planned the work and objects of the Convention, and along which we have continued to work until this time; or, whether we wish to adopt other methods.

To get an idea of the work of the Convention from its organization and to show you that our brethren in its earlier days had in view and laid the foundation for things that we are trying to do today, and the progress that is being made, I wish to read a few extracts from a paper on "Arkansas Baptist History," prepared and read by Brother J. B. Searcy before the Caroline Association at

Lonoke, Arkansas, in October, 1909, in which he says:

"In 1828 two or three devout Baptist women living in Lawrence County, in this State, got together and wrote to Rev. David Orr, of Missouri, asking him to come and preach for them. His church at home protested against his coming, but he responded favorably and came. He soon organized a church called 'Spring River' and baptized eleven persons into its fellowship. This, so far as we find from records now extant, was the first Baptist Church in Arkansas. Later, in the same year, Elder Orr organized Richland and New Hope Churches.

"At this time the Baptist cause seemed prosperous in every part of the State where Churches had been planted. But about 1840 the spirit of opposition to missions became so rife with the Anti-Missionary party that separation seemed necessary. The old Spring River Association was split in twain and Elder Orr and part of its members formed the Rocky Bayou Association in 1840. Elder Orr says, 'The Rocky Bayou Association is purely missionary, and is gaining rapidly in members.' Their doctrine is that of general atonement.

"Their spirit of anti-missions spread through Saline Association, and, in fact, throughout the State, as well as in other States both North and South. It was a fairly even break as to members. Possibly the anti-missionaries had the majority. It was a dark day for our people, but they stood up for the Lord and His cause and won out, while the anti-missionaries sat down on the stool of do nothing, and they can hardly be discovered with a spy-glass.

"Eight years of active work on the part of our missionary churches brought our people to a point in 1848, where they felt they should organize the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, which they did at Tulip, in Dallas County, Arkansas. Prominent in the organization were Gen. Nat G. Smith, Rev. W. H. Bayless, D. D., Jesse Hartwell, D. D., Rev. W. H. Barksdale, D. D., Rev. Sam Stevenson, Rev. R. J. Coleman, D. C. Hall and others.

"The constitution of the Convention provided that its work should be missionary, both at home and abroad, and educational whenever it thought the financial condition would justify it. An executive committee was appointed to transact the business of the Convention in the interim of its sessions. At the session of 1853, at Camden, the eleventh article of the constitution was amended by substituting 'Board' for 'Committee.' Since that time our Convention has an Executive Board instead of an Executive Committee, but it is the same thing doing the same work.

"At this session of the Convention (1853), the following was

adopted:

" 'WHEREAS, Little Rock, the capital of our State, is a large and flourishing place without a Baptist Church and entirely destitute of Baptist preaching; therefore,

" 'Resolved. That the Convention regards Little Rock as an important point for missionary labor and believe that it should be

occupied by our denomination.

"Here our young Convention saw the need of State Mission

work in the centers of influence over half a century ago.

"In 1858 the Convention met with Charleston Church, in Franklin County. At this meeting the college enterprise was fully launched with Prof. W. R. Trawick as agent. As the college enterprise could not be successfully prosecuted without a paper, arrangements were made to establish the Arkansas Baptist. This paper was launched at Little Rock the same year, with Rev. P. S. G. Watson as editor.

"Incidentally this was the founding of the First Baptist Church of Little Rock. It was constituted with Rev. P. S. G. Watson and his wife, Rev. E. N. Chenault and his wife; these four and no more. It afterwards embraced the Edwards, the Brantleys, and other valuable members, but during the war it was scattered and only existed in name. The college project was pushed with en-

couraging success by Prof. Trawick.

"In 1859 the Convention met in Little Rock, October 24. The college agent reported having collected endowment notes to the amount of \$41,000. The Arkansas Baptist was self-sustaining at \$2.00 a year. Rev. J. F. Hooton was added to the editorial staff, and Rev. W. M. Lea was made assistant college agent. The outlook for the Baptist cause in the State had never been brighter. that time we had eighteen associations with a membership of 10,826.

"The Convention met with Pine Bluff Baptist Church in 1860. At that time our people owned a very comfortable brick building on Baraque street, with a considerable membership, and Rev. W. M. Lea, pastor. At this time the college agents reported about \$75,000 in endowment bonds. But the war cloud was at that time dark and lowering, not only over Arkansas, but over the entire Southland. The expected came to pass. Four years of carnage destroyed not only our college enterprise, but our homes and hopes,

to a large degree.

"That we did not give up and let all go to the bad is due to the grace of God, and the heroic spirit in our people. That there was a lapse in our denominational work at this time is not to be wondered at, but that we scrambled up on our feet again so soon and began our race is the wonder of wonders. In 1868, four years after the Civil War, our people had sufficiently rallied that the Convention met with the First Baptist Church. Little Rock. At this meeting strong resolutions were adopted favoring the founding of a female college at Helena. The enterprise failed, but the enthusiasm was helpful to our people.

"In 1871 the Convention met with the Baptist Church at Mon-It was at this session of the Convention that the first Foreign Mission contribution was ever sent by the Convention. The amount was \$65.25. Rev. J. B. Taylor, then Foreign Mission Secretary at Richmond, Va., wrote a letter acknowledging receipt of the money and expressed gratitude that this little State

had taken up the work of Foreign Missions, and expressed the wish that the amount would grow, not only in hundreds but to thousands.

"In 1872 the Convention met at Austin. The State Mission Board, of which Rev. M. Y. Moran was President, and J. B. Searcy, Secretary, reported having done some work that year. Five missionaries had been employed for part of their time. Rev. T. A. Reid was employed at Pine Bluff. The other four missionaries, Owen, Hempstead, Quinn and Simms, worked in the interior. The Board received in cash for this work \$885.45, and pledges \$435.05, total cash and pledges, \$1,320.50. The previous year the Board had put no missionary in the field, but had received \$48.75 in cash and \$15.50 in pledges, so we felt that the advance had been rapid.

"At this session the Mission Committee reported, 'We think that the field should be occupied to the extent of our ability. The Board at Marion, Ala., has pledged itself to assist in cultivating this field. With the help of this Board we think that a good man can be put into the work and we very earnestly recommend that a missionary be appointed at once. We learn that a man of strength can be found. We think that he should be paid for his services not less than \$100 per month, with all expenses incurred in travel-

ing.

"In 1873 the Convention met at Little Rock. The Mission Secretary reported total cash from all sources, \$3,124.65; pledges, \$2,-347.15; total cash and pledges, \$5,471.80. * * * * * *

"In 1879 the Convention met at Hope. The report shows that two general missionaries had been at work, Rev. J. F. Shaw and Rev. O. M. Lucas. The Mission Committee says, 'We recommend that enlarged efforts and sacrifice be made to continue the work which is yielding so much to Christ and the State and that one ormore efficient missionaries be appointed in the Arkansas field.' T. B. Espy and E. H. Lindsey's names were signed to this report. We see from this that thirty years ago our people were following thesame plan we are following today. * * * * * *

"The report of the Mission Board in 1883 showed that eighteen missionaries had been at work and that they had organized fifty-three Sunday Schools with 870 pupils; that they had witnessed 339 conversions and baptized 337 persons. The whole amount paid missionaries was \$4,971.13; balance in treasury, \$337.11; total cash for the year, \$5,308.25. It was in this year that the Convention at Fayetteville appointed a committee on education which resulted in the establishment of Ouachita College.

In 1884 the Convention met at Pine Bluff, and for the first time in our history reported that we had met our apportionment to the Foreign Mission Board of \$1,000, and for the current year of the Arkansas Baptist Convention our contributions amounted to

\$1,174.47. We felt greatly elated over our success.

"It was at Hope, in 1885, that a committee was appointed to locate and launch Ouachita College. This committee had neither experience nor money. The former they accumulated very rapidly and the latter very slowly. However, a start was made, the college formally located at Arkadelphia. In July, 1886, Prof. J. W. Congerwas elected President, with permission to select his own faculty. September 6th the college opened with a faculty consisting of the President and six teachers and an enrollment of 100 students. We thought the college had struck twelve the first day.

"In 1895 the Baptist Orphanage was inaugurated at Monticello. It was conceived in the heart of Miss Hannah Hyatt, now Mrs. Gardiner, daughter of the late Rev. C. B. Hyatt. She fell heir to the old homestead and thought it would make an ideal Orphans' Home. This institution was duly incorporated under the laws of our State and adopted by our Convention in 1895. Fifteen years have wrought wonders by this home. We have no enterprise that is more firmly fixed in the hearts of our people. * * *

"The session of 1901 was a very eventful one. There had been sharp controversy about conducting the mission work. The paper that had been the organ of the Convention for a score of years. through its editor and his coadjutors, became very pronounced in their opposition to the Convention's method of conducting its mis-Before the Convention the issue had been brought before a number of churches and they had 'instructed their messengers' how to vote at the Convention. The controversy had reached an acute stage by the meeting at Paragould. At that meeting resolutions were adopted charging the editor with a violation of his pledge, and disloyalty to the Convention and its interests. vi.thdrew the Convention's endorsement of the paper. These resolutions were the 'feather that broke the camel's back.' Soon the editor and those in co-operation with him mustered a following of sympathizers and a new State organization was formed, called the 'General Association of Baptist Churches of Arkansas.' a vital issue involved here as to whether a church may delegate its authority, as such, to messengers to form an association or con-The idea involves co-operative church authority, ecclesiastical transubstantiation. The new association assumed the affirmative by its name.

"As the Convention could not conduct its business without an organ through which to speak to its people, the *Baptist Advance*, though a private enterprise, was launched in 1902 by Dr. A. J. Bar-

ton and others, and endorsed by the Convention.

"The name of this paper has been the motto of the Convention ever since the paper started. The Convention has 'advanced' in Foreign Missions, Home Missions, State Missions, Sunday School work, Orphanage work, B. Y. P. U. work, and will soon advance to Sanitarium work, we firmly believe. The Lord will help us all to advance in every good word and work."

And now may I make a few comparisons, not to criticise our brethren of other days. From the beginning of the work in Arkansas they began to lay the foundation upon which we are building today, and though nearly all of the older set have crossed the river, God has abundantly blessed their labors.

In 1828 the first three churches organized in Arkansas. In

1911 there are 1530.

In 1828, one association; in 1911, 51.

In 1858 the first Baptist Church in Little Rock was organized with four members. In 1911 there are eight churches with 2800 members.

In 1871 we paid \$65.25 for Foreign Missions. In 1910 we paid \$13,184.15.

In 1872 five missionaries were employed for a part of the time. In 1910 111 were employed.

In 1883 eighteen missionaries were employed. There were 339

conversions and 337 baptisms, \$5,308.25 collected for State Missions. In 1910 111 missionaries were employed, 6,274 conversions, 3,749 baptisms, and \$28,464.96 collected for State Missions.

Do you think the work has prospered? Has it paid? And are you willing to continue to make sacrifices and work along the same

lines as heretofore?

The Missionary Secretary's report will show the work done

during the present year, so I do not refer to that.

And now may I make a few suggestions in regard to the work of the coming year? First of all is our missionary work at home Sometimes you hear it said that Christian education is of first importance; then you hear it said that Sunday School work is greatest of all; but let us remember that the preaching of the Gospel is God's plan for saving lost men and women and that it is our duty either to carry or send it to them. Our people have done well along this line for several years, and yet, we are not doing what we ought to do in reaching the people in our State. Many of the preachers in the cities and towns are doing fine missionary work by making appointments in their surrounding country and preaching to the people on Sunday afternoons and nights during the week. If all of them would do this their power for good would be increased very greatly. As Baptists, we cannot afford to neglect or fail to do our duty in sustaining missions at home and abroad.

Then our schools must be sustained and provided for. last meeting of the Convention, the State Mission Board was instructed to place the services of the State Mission Secretary and all missionaries of the State Mission Board under the direction of the Board of Education during the State-wide "Debt-Paying Campaign," which was to continue from December, 1910, until March of the present year. This was done, and under the leadership of Brother Bowers, \$30,000 in subscriptions were taken, which added to the fifty thousand already taken and conditioned upon the raising of the \$30,000, would pay the debts of the colleges. The whole of this \$30,000 has been paid, but not all of the \$50,000. Those who subscribed the \$50,000 did so with the understanding that when the additional \$30,000 was paid, that their subscriptions were due and This is a business proposition; if we fail to pay these debts now the work of our schools is hindered and set back for many years. Until Ouachita College is endowed, debts will accumulate if the college succeeds; we cannot raise an endowment fund until the debts are paid. This Convention ought to take prompt and decisive action in this matter, and collect the subscriptions now due and free the colleges from debt.

THE ORPHANAGE.

At the last meeting of the Convention the Committee on Orphanage made the following recommendation, which was adopted: "We recommend that this Convention constitute and appoint the following committee, composed of P. C. Barton, F. F. Gibson, J. H. Estes, J. H. Black, J. J. Hurt, and S. E. Tull, to receive bids for the removal of the Orphanage from Monticello, with the understanding that they shall consider no bids of less than \$10,000 and 100 acres of land, and that this matter stand open until the next annual meeting of this Convention, at which time, if no acceptable bids have been received, immediate improvements shall be begun at Monticello, with the understanding that the Orphans'

Home shall remain at that place."

For years we have been putting off the question of improving the Orphan's Home, because some of us believed it ought to be located in a more central part of the State. I do not know what the report of this special committee will be, but I do know that we have already neglected this matter too long, and if this committee has made no arrangements for its removal, then it seems to me that we ought to take steps at this Convention to improve and build up the home and make it what is needed to care for the orphan children, who are there now and who may be there in the future.

OUR PAPER.

We cannot do without a paper and we ought not expect to have it furnished to us at a loss of time and money to the editor or manager. The Advance belongs to a stock company and is leased to Brother McKinney. The receipts do not pay the expenses and something must be done to sustain the paper. If the Convention would in some way take charge of the paper and manage and run it, I presume that most of the stockholders would be willing to surrender their interests without cost to the Convention, and the matter out to be considered and something done at this meeting.

6. Officers of the Convention were elected as follows:

President—H. T. Bradford, of Lonoke.

Vice-Presidents—Geo. W. Hays, of Camden; W. R. Jones, of Yellville.

Recording Secretaries—John Jeter Hurt of Conway; E. P. J. Garrott, of Forrest City.

Statistical Secretary—E. J. A. McKinney, of Little Rock.

Treasurer—J. H. Estes, of Little Rock.

Auditor-M. P. Watts, of Camden.

- 7. On motion, a Committee on Order of Business was appointed, as follows: H. L. Winburn, T. D. Bransford, G. M. Ford, John Ayers, R. G. Bowers.
- 8. New ministers in the State were introduced to the body as follows: C. E. Perryman, of Hazen; T. M. McGee, of Montrose; W. S. Roney, of Hot Springs; M. M. Smith, of DeQueen; W. R. McEwen, of Lake Village; T. A. O'Bryant, of Benton; S. H. Campbell, of Little Rock; C. N. DeWitt, of Marshall; L. L. Abbott, of Lit-

tle Rock; W. A. Rutherford, of Black Rock; W. A. Turnage, of DeQueen.

- 9. The Committee on Order of Business made a partial report, which was adopted.
- 10. After various announcements the body adjourned with prayer by W. M. Wright, of Camden.

Thursday Afternoon Bession.

- 11. Vice-President W. R. Jones called the body to order, after which devotional services were led by J.F. Tull, of Lake Village.
 - 12. The journal was read and approved.
- 13. The address of welcome was delivered by Otto Whittington, pastor of the Ohio Street Church. Response was made by John Jeter Hurt, of Conway.
- 14. Visiting brethren were recognized as follows: T. S. Potts, of Memphis, representing the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium; Bro. Briggs, of Illinois; A. J. Vining, of Toronto, representing the Baptist educational work in Russia.
- 15. On motion, the following resolution, offered by Ben Cox, of Little Rock, was adopted:

Whereas, the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary located at Fort Worth, Texas, has invited this Convention to nominate two Trustees of this Seminary, be it

Resolved, That the nominating committee of this Convention: be instructed to nominate two Trustees for this purpose, it being understood that this in no way cuts this Convention loose from co-operation with other Baptist Seminaries in any way it may see fit.

16. On motion, it was ordered that the President appoint a Committee on the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, said committee to report later in the sessions of this body. The work of the sanitarium was presented by T. S. Potts, of Memphis.

- 17. On motion, L. R. Scarboro, professor of Evangelism in the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, was invited to speak and take a collection for the Students' Fund. The collection amounted to \$500 in pledges.
- 18. The following telegram was read and the Secretary was instructed to make suitable response:

Ft. Worth, Tex., Nov. 15, 1911.

President Baptist State Convention of Arkansas, Pine Bluff, Ark.:

The Faculty and one hundred twenty two students of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary send fraternal greetings to the messenger of the churches of Arkansas in convention assembled, and pray that the blessings of God may rest upon the assembly of His people. Read first Corinthians, one-four, two ten. B. H. CARROLL.

19. The President announced the following Committees, after which the Convention adjourned with prayer by J. B. Searcy, of Little Rock.

State Missions—J. S. Compere, Dana Terry, E. Rawlings, C. C. Tobey, F. W. Kerfoot, W. W. Byrd, G. L. Boles, J. T. Fowlkes, T. R. Allen, J. B. Alexander, C. A. Westbrook, Joseph Connell, J. O. Hill, A. T. Coleman, J. B. Luck, A. J. Barrett, C. F. J. Tate, T. P. Blake.

Home Missions—F. C. Sims, T. E. McKenzie, J. A. Kimbrough, G. W. Hays, H. L. Urton, J. G. Harris, L. L. Abbott, F. P. Turner, H. G. Johnson, C. E. Witt, W. H. Crews, W. D. Joyner, C. N. White, J. H. Landes, R. P. Bain, J. H. Estes, L. Tomme.

Foreign Missions—S. H. Campbell, V. C. Neal, E. A. Dulaney, T. M. McGee, J. E. Brown, J. W. Conger, W. R. McEwen, J. W. Kimbro, N. C. Denson, W. M. Kelly, M. L. Voyles, C. N. DeWitt, T. D. Bransford, Giles C. Taylor, J. H. Reynolds.

Ministerial Education—E. E. Dudley, N. R. Townsend, W. R. Jones, J. F. Black, J. J. Haynes, G. L. Hayes, E. P. Minton, Arthur Fox, S. D. Grumbles, Frank Wright, Wm. Cooksey, D. W. Bolton, W. M. Wright, H. W. Jean, C. P. McGraw, R. M. Ware.

Orphans' Home—J. F. Tull, E. D. Cunningham, N. S. Smith, W. H. Sledge, Alex McPherson, A. H. Autrey, W. A. Cummings, A. T. Moody, W. S. Roney, G. W. McCarty, A. M. Rogers, W. E. Atkinson, Joe Stark, J. A. Wheatley, H. W. Rutherford.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.—Otto Whittington, H. L. Winburn, W. E. Kimbrough, J. N. Williams, W. A. Ramsey, L. M. Sipes, J. S. Boyle, R. J. Rooker, Chas. Haycock, U. W. Poss, H. E. Reilly, L. M. Webb, R. F. Murry, J. L. Hill, J. R. Allen, S. G. Keahey (Kahie), M. Culp, H. B. Dudley, S. C. Parrish, Ray Owen.

Temperance—E. J. A. McKinney, Ben Cox, G. M. Ford, G. L. Boles, P. C. Barton, M. P. Watts, J. O. Johnston, M. F. Gathright,

D. H. Gill, W. A. Ramsey, E. Baldwin, C. C. Tobey E. J. P. Garrott, D. M. Ballinger, W. R. Brooksher, J. W. Hamby.

Education—F. F. Gibson, H. C. Fox, J. Frank Jones, M. P. Watts, A. P. Scofield, C. C. Chambers, J. R. Willis, H. C. Rosamond, W. R. Smith, Smith Long, A. C. Jones, T. A. O'Bryant, J. E. Byrd, J. T. Benson, J. S. Rogers, J. J. Hurt.

Women's Work—Mrs. H. C. Fox and all Lady Messengers attending the Convention.

Colored Work—Ben Cox, J. D. Crawford, C. I. Wise, S. D. Sayers, Henry Gidinghagen, V. B. Izard, J. F. Clark, Thomas King, R. E. Bradford, W. A. Bryan, W. C. Mitchell, J. G. Fowlkes, R. O. Sadler, Wm. Burkes.

Nominations—R. G. Bowers, John Ayers, O. J. Wade, M. F. Garthright, J. F. Little, Z. T. Wood, W. J. Hinsley.

Publications—W. R. Jones, C. D. Wood, T. C. Munroe, J. M. Shaw, J. W. Williams, M. M. Smith, J. W. Hulsey, F. P. Turner, R. P. Bain, Otto Whittington, M. L. Voyles, R. E. Bradford, A. J. Barrett, John W. Reap.

Sabbath Observance—W. C. Wood, H. C. Dudley, L. W. Russell, J. M. Daly, S. A. Stearnes, J. E. Tatum, J. L. Sims, Theo. Wollerman, H. S. Dudley, Edwin Boyce, S. D. Tallant, H. J.

Kelly, G. W. Bruce, T. C. Munroe, E. P. Osborne, W. A. Turnage.
Obituaries—J. B. Searcy, W. J. Shepherd, A. E. Williams N.
C. Denson, J. J. Haynes, Wm. Cooksey.

Tri-State Memorial Hospital—E. E. Dudley, J. B. Alexander, T. V. Shoemaker, E. P. J. Garrott, W. E. Atkinson, P. C. Barton, J. G. Harris, W. H. Sledge.

Divine Services—C. D. Wood, Jr., Otto Whittington, deacons of First and Ohio Street Baptist Churches.

Thursday Night Session.

- 20. Devotional services were led by E. E. Dudley, of Jonesboro.
- 21. The annual sermon was preached by N. R. Townsend, of Arkadelphia, from the text, "And He saith unto them, Follow me and I will make you fishers of men;" Matt. 4:19..
- 22. A. J. Vining, of Canada, North American representative of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke in the interest of the proposed Baptist College on the conti-

nent of Europe, after which the following pledges were made for the work:

Second church, Little Rock (S. H. Campbell)	\$250.00
First church, Little Rock (Ben Cox)	250.00
Immanuel church, Little Rock (O. J. Wade)	250.00
First church, Pine Bluff (C. D. Wood)	250.00
First church, Fort Smith (F. F. Gibson)	250.00
First church, Jonesboro (E. E. Dudley)	250.00
First church, Helena (W. H. Sledge)	200.00
J. F. Black, Texarkana	100.00
Ladies' Aid, First Pine Bluff (Mrs. H. C. Fox)	100.00
First church, Conway (J. J. Hurt)	100.00
D. W. Bolton, Stephens	100.00
Montrose church, Montrose	100.00
Stamps and Lewisville churches (L. M. Sipes)	50.00
W. R. McEwen, Lake Village	50.00
Elmo Marsh, Pine Bluff	50.00
E. P. J. Garrott, Forrest City	50.00
H. L. Winburn, Arkadelphia	50.00
J. E. Brown, Warren	45.00
W. A. Forbes, Prescott	36.00
Otto Whitington, Pine Bluff	30.00
Fourche Valley Ass'n (H. G. Jnoson) Houston	30.00
W. A. Cummings, Arkadelphia	30.00
R. G. Bowers, Arkadelphia	30.00
E. M. Booth, Pine Bluff	30.00
E. Boyd, Pine Bluff	25.00
Star City church, Star City	25.00
T. A. O'Bryant, Benton	25.00
Wm. Cooksey, Magnolia	10.00
Theo Watterman, Pine Bluff	20.00
F. C. Simms, Malvern	15.00
M. F. Gathright, Mulberry	15.00
Lifeline church, Alexander (R. M. Best)	15.00
A. T. Coleman, Stuttgart	15.00
J. S. Rogers, Arkadelphia	
Miss Sadie R. Espy, Little Rock	15.00
Chas N DeWitt Marshall	15.00
Chas. N. DeWitt, Marshall	10.00
K. P. Davis, Benton	10.00
John T. Walters, Dardanelle	10.00
Rock Hill church	10.00
J. E. Brown	10.00
Giles C. Taylor, Arkadelphia	5.00
Mrs. J.P. Henderson, Hot Springs	5.00
Joseph Connell, Van Buren	5.00
Thomas C. White, Pine Bluff	5.00
Mrs. J. H. Hannigan, Hope	4.00
J. H. Reynolds, Little Rock	3.00
Brinkley church (Dana Terry)	50.00
Paragould church (W. C. Wood)	

- Secretary's Note: These pledges are in the hands of Rev. J. J. Hurt of Conway, who was authorized to collect the subscriptions and give receipts.
- 23. After various announcements, the Convention adjourned with prayer by A. J. Vining, of Canada.

Friday Morning Session.

- 24. Devotional exercises were led by O. E. Bryan, of Fort Worth, Tex.
- 25. On motion, the Chair was instructed to appoint a committee of five to investigate the eligibility to membership in this body of certain messengers bearing credentials from a church at Springdale, Ark. The Chair named W. A. Forbes, H. C. Rosamond, G. W. Puryear, J. G. Lile, W. H. Sledge.
- 26. A. P. Scofield, of Little Rock, read the following report of the Temperance Commission, which was referred to the Temperance Committee:

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMISSION.

We, your commission, appointed one year ago to serve the temperance cause, throughout the territory of this Convention,

make the following report:

We have labored under the disadvantages of the peculiar conditions of the temperance cause in Arkansas. There are so many phases of it, being more or less pressed by others from their different viewpoints, that to do anything without causing friction has been difficult. However, we have done what we could; and that has

been an advance upon any former year.

We have had Bro. L. L. Abbott employed as an evangelist of temperance. He has rendered us valuable service. He has succeeded in securing names to the three-mile petition as no on else, and we are glad to give him the meed of praise that his devoted life and successful efforts have won. We are also glad to report that we have expended in the field some \$275. Practically all, if not all, of this was contributed through Brother Abbott, the most of whose work was done in Little Rock in connection with the three-mile petition.

We recommend:

That this commission be continued.

That this commission be instructed to secure a State-wide organization of Baptist temperance forces; and that this be done by effecting a Temperance Alliance in each Baptist congregation, so far as consistent.

3. We make this recommendation because we believe this will be the best way by which we may (a) secure a united effort by our people in the premises of any temperance or prohibition contest; (b) by which we may the better educate our following; (c) by which we may enlist a more satisfactory attendance upon the annual meetings of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League.

Respectfully submitted,
BEN Cox, Chairman.
A. P. Scofield, Secretary.

- 27. The journal was read and approved.
- 28. The report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance was read by W. C. Wood, of Paragould, and, after discussion by J. B. Alexander of Wynne, W. S. Roney of Hot Springs, Giles C. Taylor of Arkadelphia, C. A. Westbrook of Rogers, F. P. Turner of Little Rock, C. T. Wolters of Dardanelle, M. Culp of DeVall's Bluff, and Ben Cox of Little Rock, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The wisdom of the Divine Mind can be seen by right and serious thinking people in the consecration of one day out of every seven to the worship of God. The Lord's day is a blessing, as well as a law, and when a law of God is broken the transgressors must suffer, whether they be man, or church, or nation. The Sabbath was made for man, for his good and for God's glory. For man's use but not for his abuse. If it is wise and necessary for the government to conserve the natural resources of our nation, it is all the more necessary and binding for God's people to conserve and safeguard our God-given moral and spiritual resources, among which the observance of the Lord's Day is of great importance. Therefore, we recommend and urge that every true child of God set himself for the defense of this heaven-born day. We further urge that every pastor preach at least one sermon a year on this important theme, giving facts that burn, and speaking words of no uncertain sound. The Lord help us to keep and properly observe His day which He commands us to keep holy, for our good.

W. C. Wood, Chairman.

29. A delegation of twenty-seven negro brethren, representing their Arkansas Baptist Convention, were introduced to the body. Addresses were made by E. C. Morris, of Helena, president of the National Baptist Convention; and by Joseph A. Booker, president of the

Convention; and by Joseph A. Booker, president of the Arkansas Baptist College of Little Rock. The address

of Bro. Morris was ordered printed in the proceedings of this body.

ADDRESS OF E. C. MORRIS.

Mr. President and Members of the "White" Baptist Convention of Arkansas:

GENTLEMEN:—I can assure you that it is a source of supremepleasure to me to have the honor of being introduced to your great

missionary and educational Convention.

When the committee appointed at your last meeting to bear the greetings of your Convention to their Negro brethren, met with us at Little Rock one year ago, and when they said to us, that you had voted to invite the "Negro" Baptist Convention to meet with you at this session of your Convention, like the astonished disciple who sought to quell the fears of his fellows, I said to myself, "It is the Lord," for no other than the Lord would have prompted you to have invited us.

I beg to assure you also, that every member of our organization appreciates the desire you expressed to have them meet with you, and we very much regret that, owing to the fact that our Convention meets next week in Hot Springs, we could not appear here in greater numbers, but you know full well that this committee is only a few of the many who are enrolled under the Baptist banner in this State.

We are glad to be here to acknowledge what you have done for us. For fully forty years you have been a source of encouragement and inspiration to us, and have helped us in more ways than you perhaps know. Not only have you spoken kindly of our work, but many of you good and great men have given substantial aid to our educational work, and many have come to our churches and preached to our people and given to us the benefit of their many years of training and culture which we are assimilating as rapidly as possible.

It would be a waste of time for me to say to an audience of Southern white men, that Negro people are grateful for any favors shown them, and it would be also a waste of words for me to say that the Southern white man and the Southern black man are friends; indeed, the best friend the Southern white man ever had is the Southern black man and, without discussing that fact, I will say that since you have invited us here and have given us the opportunity to make a few remarks, that I shall be perfectly frank and tell you as nearly as I can just how my people, as a whole, feel towards yours.

The negro people and the white people in this country have done a great deal of talking about each other, but they seldom talk to each other, and it is this fact which has brought on much of the misunderstanding between the races. It has been said that the Negro people were seeking so al equality with the white people. I beg to say with all the emphasis which I can command, that intelligent negroes nowhere in this country are seeking, or even desire, the social intermingling of the races, but, to the contrary, are striving hard to maintain that peculiar racial identity bestowed by an All-Wise Creator.

We fully realize that ours is the weaker of the races, and, as

such, are dependent upon the stronger race, and, while we confess that as a race we have made wonderful progress since freedom came to us, yet, we attribute much of that progress to the fact that we are left here in the South after our emancipation among a people who have helped us in a thousand ways, and without which help we could not make the showing which we have made.

But, my friends, you will indulge me to say that, while your people have been our constant friends, that there are some things done by the negroes worthy of mention. By way of illustration I will relate a story told by Booker T. Washington of an old negro who had a dream, or vision, as he called it. * * * * *

I think it will be admitted that for nearly three hundred years the negro has stood between the white man and some pretty hot fires in this country; but I need not reach further back than the close of the Civil War to prove that, for, when this beautiful Southland had been laid waste by the ravages of that cruel war, and when the rehabilitation of it was begun, there were no more willing hands to join the brave Southern white man than the black man, and down to this good day he is the most reliable and most profitable help the Southern white man can get.

The negro loves this section of the country because he understands the white man of the South.

You, perhaps, have heard the story of the negro who was a full mile away from the depot and wanted to catch a train which would leave in fifteen minutes. He approached a white hack-driver and told him he wanted to get to the train. He was promptly told that, "I do not haul negroes in my hack." The negro said, "I understand that; I want you to get in the hack and I will do the driving."

There is a peculiar friendship which exists between the Southern white man and the negro man that does not exist between the

white man and the men of any other nationality.

In the matter of the religious development of the negro, the Southern white Christian has rendered a service which only the morning of the resurrection will fully disclose, and I may say that, even now, the negro Christians are beginning to repay them for that service.

It will hardly be denied that the religious fervor which was so characteristic of the early disciples and which is so essential to the progress of the gospel at this day, is rapidly decreasing in the North and East, and the spirit of materialism and commercialism is supplanting the fires of religious enthusiasm, and there would be great danger of this spirit being transmitted to the South if it were not for the presence of the negro Christians here in such large numbers. But as long as the negro cook and negro nurse is employed in the homes of the Southern white people and they continue to hum and sing in the ears of your children the quaint spiritual songs, so long will the fires of the gospel be ablaze in the white ministers of the South, and they will convey it to their white brethren in the North and East.

For fear that I may take up too much or your precious time, I will close by saying that your negro brethren have a warm place in their hearts for all the good and great men among you, and we will continue to look for your aid in our struggles to build up our race and denomination.

- 30. Prof. Geo. B. Eager, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., was introduced and spoke on the work of that institution, after which pledges were taken for the Students' Fund amounting to \$500.
- 31. The following were appointed fraternal messengers of this body, to attend the Negro Baptist State Convention in Hot Springs, next week: C. F. J. Tate, G. W. McCarty, W. S. Roney, J. B. Searcy, A. P. Scofield, F. C. Sims, Ben Cox, John T. Christian.
 - 32. On motion, it was

Resolved, That, whereas, the more than one hundred thousand Baptists in Arkansas have a right to know, and ought to know, the proceedings of this meeting from day to day, and

WHEREAS, the things for which we stand and with which we are concerned are of vital interest to the whole people of this great

commonwealth; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it shall be a regular part of the duties and opportunities of this body to provide, by the nomination of the chair, an agent whose duty shall be to make the most advantageous arrangements possible, for getting to the press of Arkansas the reports of the work of this body.

- The Committee on Nominations recommended R. G. Bowers and F. F. Gibson as trustees of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and they were elected.
 - 34. The Convention adjourned with prayer.

Friday Afternoon Session.

- 35. Devotional exercises were led by C. N. DeWitt. of Marshall.
 - The journal was read and approved. 36.
- 37. The report of the Committee on Women's Work was read by Mrs. W. S. Farmer, of Little Rock. It was discussed by Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Mrs. W. S. Farmer, Mrs. J. B. Searcy, Mrs. J. L. Hawkins and Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney of Little Rock, Mrs. E. P. Smith of Ark-

adelphia, J. J. Hurt of Conway, H. L. Winburn of Arkadelphia, S. H. Campbell of Little Rock, V. C. Neal of Fort Smith and C. B. Perryman of Hazen, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

In behalf of the Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas, we

greet you.

When your Woman's Executive Board met in its first session to plan the work for 1911, it was the united prayer of every heart present that God would give us a vision of woman's work in Arkansas. And daily have we listened for the still small voice of God, who is our sufficiency. Unto Him do we give the praise for the blessings and progress that have marked our way. We wish that it were possible to give the details of interest and importance that make up the real work of the societies, their methods, successes, problems, gifts, and spiritual growth. This would require much time.

One great source of pleasure this year is the growing interest manifested among the smaller societies; such a splendid increase, both in the number of societies reporting and the amount of gifts reported. Oh! that we might all realize that God looks not upon the size of the gift, but upon the cost of the gift to the giver and the spirit that goes with it.

Field Work.—Realizing that the personal touch among our workers means much for the advancement of the kingdom, an Institute Committee composed of Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Mrs. J. L. Hawkins, Mrs. W. S. Farmer and Miss Erda Butler was appointed. Seven institutes were conducted with such splendid results that we desire to continue these in a more extensive way another year.

Being in sympathy with our State Mission Board, and the difficulties under which they were laboring, we did not push the matter of a field secretary this year. But we did ask that Miss Sadie Espey be employed as our associational visitor during the associational period of two months. This was granted, and we are indeed grateful to the Board and to Miss Espey for the good work accomplished by her during that time.

Our Y. W. A. superintendent, Miss Erda Butler, gave one month of her vacation to visiting in Northern Arkansas in the interest of young woman's work. With the exception of her railroad fare, her only remuneration was the joy that comes with a broadened vision of the Master's Kingdom as manifested in the hearts and lives of our young people.

Within the bounds of our forty-eight associations we have had this year twenty-two active associational superintendents doing a splendid work, writing, visitinf, and stimulating our women to a more loyal service, but the great need now is for more consecrated

women to take up this work another year.

Literature.—We have been very much pleased this year, both with the quality and quantity of literature sent out by our committee. Many tithing bands have been organized. Much thought has been given to "personal service," and "training for service."

We would urge our pastors to impress upon the women of the various societies in their churches the importance of subscribing

for the Foreign Mission Journal, Home Field, Mission Fields, Orphans' Gem, and Baptist Advance;" and also to urge them to take up some mission study book during the year and not to neglect their regular Bible study.

Gifts.—Our gifts to church aid, church charity, schools and colleges, and our Orphans' Home, have been glorious, but we turn away from these with a heavy heart and realize as never before the inefficiency of our present methods along missionary lines. We must have a deeper conviction of the debt we owe to a lost world. Our Heavenly Father did no small thing when he robbed heaven of its chief glory. Jesus did no small thing when He left heaven with all of its joys for a sin-cursed world with its garden of Gethsemane and its mount of crucifixion. Brother pastor, will you not help us by not laying the burden of church aid work so heavily upon us, that we forget our obligation to those of our own sisterhood in faraway benighted lands, who are calling, continually calling to us for help? We beg an interest in your prayers.

We desire to express our gratitude to our State Board, and especially to our State Secretary, Dr. John T. Christian, who have stood by us so nobly with their prayers, their encouragement.

and their financial aid.

And now may we not one and all arise to a new faithfulness, an enlarged vision, a confidence in Christ hitherto unknown, that we may do whatsoever He saith unto us.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

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To all mission\$ Orphans' Home		
Schools and Colleges	4,237.52	
Other objects	5,104.14 4.516.42	
Grand Total\$3	<u> </u>	
Mrs. W. S. Farmer,		
Corresponding Sec	cretary.	

38. The following telegram was read and the secretaries were instructed to make suitable response.

Fort Worth, Tex., Nov. 16, 1911.

Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Pine Bluff, Ark.

The Arkansas club sends greetings and prays that this may be the greatest session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. Our allegiance is to you and we ask your prayers and co-operation in the work of our Seminary because here faith is grounded upon the rock of Christ Jesus. Membership twelve.

W. D. FORTNER, President.

J. J. CATES, Secretary.

39. The report of the Ministerial Board was read by J. S. Rogers of Arkadelphia, and the Report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read by E. E.

Dudley of Arkadelphia. They were discussed by J. S. Rogers and E. E. Dudley, after which the following pledges were made and the reports adopted.

Monticello—J. F. Tuil\$	75.00
Augusta—J. T. Fowlkes	75.00
Augusta—J. T. Fowlkes	75.00
Searcy—J. A. Kimbrough	75.00
First church, Fort Smith	75.00
	30.00
W. A. Fordes, Prescott	
H. C. Fox, Pine Bluff	75.00
	75.00
G. W. Puryear, Jonesboro	75.00
Mrs H T Bradford Lonoka	75.00
W. R. Jones, Yellville (guarantee)	75.00
Mrs. G. W. Puryear, Jonesboro	75.00
	75.00
P. C. Barton, Jonesboro	75.00
C. Darton, Jonesboro	
G. W. Hays, Camden	75.00
Nashville—Á. H. Autrey	25.00
Paragould—W. C. Wood	75.00
Pine Bluff, First—C. D. Wood	75.00
Waldran—J. W. Hulsey	25.00
Arkadelnhia—I. A. S.	75.00
Arkadelphia—L. A. S. J. D. Sayers	40.00
Chapters	
Stephens church	75.00
Clarksville—L. A. S. Warren—J. E. Brown	25.00
Warren—J. E. Brown	25.00
Camden—W. M. Wright	75.00
Batesville, First—L. A. S. (Mrs. Grant)	50.00
Mrs. W. B. Grant, Batesville	25.00
Ohio Street, Pine Bluff-Q. Whittington	75.00
Rison church Dulaney	25.00
Little Rock, First—Ben Cox	75.00
The Course and Ma Dathal There William	
Dr. Gray and Mt. Bethel—Thos. King	25.00
Star City—W. L. Compere	25.00
Kingsland—E. A. DuLaney	25.00
Marianna. First church—A. Fox	25.00
Malvern, First church—F. C. Sims	25.00
H. P. Church, Springdale	10.00
Booneville—W. J. Hinsley	25.00
Sulphur Rock—Frank Wright	25.00
Dardanelle—H. E. Walters	25.00
Man A T Flans Calland	
Mrs. A. J. Espy, Cabot	40.00
Magnolia, Central—Wm. Cooksey	25.00
Alex McPherson, Leslie	75.00 .
L. O. Vermillion, Baring Cross Wynne—J. W. Williams Forrest City—E. P. J. Garrott	25.00
Wynne—J. W. Williams	100.00
Forrest City—E. P. J. Garrott	50.00
Heber Springs—Mrs. Ida Burns	25.00
Chas. Rice, Bentonville	75.00
A. M. Rogers and J. T. Benson	75.00
Take Village W D McErrer	
Lake Village—W. R. McEwen	25.00
West Batesville—E. D. Cunningham	25.00

Springdale, Second—J. R. Barnett C. E. Perryman, Hazen M. Culp—Collection at Hazen and DeValls Bluff— J. H. Landes Hot Springs, First—C. F. J. Tate	75.00 25.00
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Unto the Lord on high great praise is due because of His over-reaching blessings upon this department of our business for Himthis year. We have been far from going alone. Goodness and mercy in this far-stretching matter have not only followed us, buthave well overtaken us. It is a high business to grow gospel prophets, and our Heavenly Father has been unwilling in His wisdom to leave us to ourselves in doing it, but rather has manifested. His molding hand all the way. Gifts in ministerial students and in material support for them have come along after a good fashion, as may be seen below. The Lord knows about the essential and indispensable foundations of all kingdom business, and in this matteris caring for such foundations after a high order. May angels record on leaves of gold our profound and ever-rising gratitude to God for His guidance and blessings this year.

OUR PREACHER STUDENTS MISSIONARY BAPTISTS.

The following report will show the aim and ambitions of ouryoung prophets in Ouachita. They are missionary inside and out. When they come to the leadership of our denomination in Arkansas, and they are coming, missionary wheels will take on a more and more solid appearance. Their Ministerial Association of struggling, starving poverty gave in all away beyond \$100 to State-Missions. Then their work during the summer months was:

Days of labor970	
Churches organized 6	
Sunday Schools organized	
Number of meetings held 68	
Conversions, about956	
Baptisms	
Additions892	

After knowing these facts, is any Baptist soul low enough totalk sneeringly of this matter of aid for ministerial students asbeing a mere charity business? Angels hide their faces at such talk on the part of God's people. Have Arkansas Baptists in all their history spent any mission money that counted more in souls redeemed than the \$2,871.96 put this year into this half hundred' Holy Ghost chosen evangels of the cross? Heaven whispers the answer, if we have ears to hear it!

NOT CHARITY BUT DENOMINATIONAL INVESTMENT.

Some of us have had a decidedly wrong idea of this matter of Ministerial Education. We have looked on the fund to be raised to-keep the young preachers in college as a CHARITY fund, and even a more than secondary side issue of charity at that. How even the hint of such a thought shades our wisdom! Money put into these-

men is a denominational investment paying the highest possible dividend. No, these preachers are not a set of beggars. Let that thought perish beyond resurrection. We partly pay preachers for preaching and count it money well placed, and it is. But we ask which preserves more life, a bushel of corn planted in the soil or a bushel fed to the horse that plows the corn? The philosophy involved in the question ought to be a telling rebuke to many of our churches in Arkansas. In the reaching words of Dr. B. H. Carroll, we say:

"A few considerations will help to show that what is given to this fund is one of the best possible investments for the Lord's work. The vast majority of our young ministers come from our smaller churches and from families that are not blessed with abundant means. Were no aid available many of these would either give up the idea of the ministry, because, seeing no way of obtaining preparation adequate to the growing demands of the times in a reasonable period, or begin their work without any educational training, and all would lose precious years while gathering means to pay their own way. The fund which saves men to the work of the ministry, which helps to furnish well-equipped pastors for our churches, and which enables them all to enter upon the full work of the ministry years earlier than they could otherwise do, surely has high claim upon our people."

Have we wisdom and grace enough to keep silent and do business right when such a spiritual philosopher, religious statesman and denominational giant speaks? Let our future answer. May He who calls preaching laborers into the harvest help us to let wisdom have her way in this matter that touches heaven and hell in its reach!

BAPTISTS A PREACHING AND PREACHER DENOMINATION.

It takes no philosopher even in this twentieth century to tell why the Lord spoke of "the foolishness of preaching." And yet, there is a deep, eternal, underlying first principle that brought about the underscored emphasis on preaching on the part of the New Testament writers. Their wisdom in this matter reached all the way to now and here. The history of the Christian religion in its record of untold lapses and losses, when there was a let-up on preaching, teaches us the lesson in a way it is hoped, not to be forgotten by Baptists.

The lesson is that God's people will inevitably put emphasis on gospel preaching or ritualism, on sermons or gowns. It is preacher or priest. So our forefathers, and country brethren especially, were not far wrong when they said, "Let's go to preaching." Other phases of worship are important, but Christianity is a preaching religion. Men can make priests, but it takes God to make preachers. No other religion has the preacher, unless it has borrowed him. This all means, of course, that Baptists are a preacher and preaching denomination in the right sense, and if we are to continue to hold the simple New Testament teachings concerning a church and its work, we must ever remain a preaching and preacher denomination. Have we wisdom after the fashion of Jesus? With little done before he began and only three years in which to launch the great world religion that is to reach multiplied billions, he spent

the most of the three years in training preachers. What folly this would be among some classes of today, and classes who think wisdom is sick when they are sick. But it was highly worthy of the great Founder and Builder of Chritianity. It is the way to turn earth heavenward.

Our fathers were right when they taught that ultimately the preaching business was the main thing for which our denominational colleges were founded and our churches preserved. They were on the main line then and running at a good rate. Unless we are willing to go to the side track or ditch, we will make all our denominational trains through trains after the same order. Growing preachers is the highest business this side of the golden gates!

FINANCIAL REPORT.

We have mentioned in another place God's faithfulness in blessing this phase of our work, but we could not afford to talk about the faithfulness of the churches and brethren in caring for this work in the same paragraph. Pledges unpaid and letters about such pledges ignored and unanswered are enough to make sinners weep, to say nothing of angels. After long experience and observation your Board gives it as their sober judgment that the utter lack of the sense of duty and obligation among some of our people to pay pledges made to denominational interests is the place where our denominational fence is lowest. It is the most serious and humiliating and heart-breaking and heaven-shaming matter of this hour! We call heaven and earth to witness and ask and pray for the sake of all that is good and right that neither at this meeting nor ever any more till earth's dying day the people of this Convention make a pledge, every penny of which they do not do their best to pay if blood and breath last! We say this with no spirit of criticism, and if we are guilty we take our part of the blame, but thousands of Baptist hearts, sore and contrite, in this State ought to be in sack cloth and ashes over this matter with reference to several phases of our denominational work. Many churches, church organizations, brethren and sisters, have done nobly indeed in paying all pledges and giving amounts not pledged. We thank one and all and God for this good help.

It is with very great pleasure and gratitude that we mention generous gifts to the Bible Department by Bro. and Sister G. W. Puryear, Bro. and Sister G. W. Bottoms, and others whose names we are not allowed to give. These gifts were for the purpose of furnishing the Bible Room, buying special gift books for the young preachers, purchasing a special reference library, and paying for what we think is the best lecture course in the history of Ouachita College. This is all good and growing better. Let all the people praise Jehovah and stretch up and out after a fashion worthy of the battle we are pressing to victory!

WHAT WE ASK NOW.

1. A cash collection here and now of \$320.46. Nearly fifty

preachers at Ouachita College look to you for relief this hour or they must look toward their homes. We have borrowed to the limit. The banks want their money and the brethren want bread.

- 2. That we be given an open field for Ministerial Education December and January and that in this state-wide campaign we raise \$5,000.00.
- 3. That every pastor preach at least once at the top of his ability on this great matter which, if rightly handled, will bring us out of all our denominational troubles, and that every church and church organization and individual double all former gifts to this interest in keeping with the increased and growing attendance of young preachers at Ouachita.
- 4. That believing prayer be made to the ends of the State for this work. It is the foundation of all the rest that we undertake for God. For the first time in the history of the college one man is giving every minute of his time to teaching the Bible and looking after the preachers. On your knees turn heaven our way!

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

It is a source of gratification to know that the old revulsion of feeling against an educated ministry is rapidly passing away. Even from many of the weaker churches of the State calls are coming for strong, well-trained pastors.

It is a lamentable fact, however, that so few of our churches are giving anything to keep our ministerial students at Ouachita

and our seminaries.

We rejoice in the fact that a new emphasis is being placed on Ministerial Education throughout Arkansas, and especially at our

beloved Ouachita College.

The strong personality and broad intelligence and sympathy of R. G. Bowers and J. S. Rogers at Ouachita mean more than we can estimate for the preparation and poising of the young ministers of our State.

Thus, we have beyond question, the brightest outlook for Ministerial Education in the history of Arkansas Baptists. We have about fifty ministerial students now at Ouachita and a prospect of sixty or more before the close of the present term.

The board of these young men must be paid and Arkansas Baptists can invest their money in no better way than to make it preach for many years through living, God-called messengers.

We therefore recommend:

- 1. That Arkansas Baptists, at as early a date as possible, raise \$5,000 for this fund and send to J. S. Rogers.
- 2. That churches and individuals pay what they pledge, unless providentially hindered.
- 3. That this body set apart the months of December and January as a period of time during which we shall raise, under the leadership of the Board of Ministerial Education, five thousand dollars for the work of training our young men in the work of the ministry, and
 - 4. That we hereby request the other agencies and organiza-

tions of the Convention to co-operate heartily in this movement, and see that it is pushed to a successful conclusion.

E. E. DUDLEY,
W. R. JONES,
J. F. BLACK,
J. J. HAYNES,
G. L. HAYES,
ARTHUR FOX,
S. D. GRUMBLES,
FRANK WRIGHT,
WM. COOKSEY,
D. W. BOLTON,
H. W. JEAN,
R. W. WARE.

40. The report of the Committee to whom was referred the matter mentioned in paragraph 25 reported as follows, and the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SPRINGDALE CHURCH.

We your committee on the Springdale church have examined all the testimony concerning the difference between the first and second churches and find that the trouble grew out of a personal minunderstanding between two or more members

misunderstanding between two or more members.

Therefore we recommend that this Convention seat the messengers from both churches and that, at an early day, each church call a council of outside brethren, who together, will try to conclude peace and harmony.

W. A. FORBES, H. C. ROSAMOND, J. G. LILE, G. W. PURYEAR.

41. The Convention adjourned with prayer, led by J. S. Compere, of Fordyce.

Friday Evening Session.

- 42. Devotional exercises were led by J. G. Harris, of Little Rock.
- 44. The report of the Committee on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was read by Otto Whittington of Pine Bluff, and, after discussion by Otto Whitington, C.

F. J. Tate of Hot Springs, Ben Cox of Little Rock, and W. A. Ramsey of Little Rock, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND B. Y. P. U. WORK.

Your committee on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. bring for your consideration the following report:

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We may well rejoice in the notable signs of progress in this work all over our state. Sunday schools have been organized, others re-organized and one of the most signal signs is the placing of Paro. W. A. Canney in the field as our B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School field man. The Baptists as never before are waking up to the fact that we must in self defense have the teaching department of our churches.

The great throng of Baptists that are coming into our churches every year will continue not to be able to tell why they are Baptists until our Sunday Schools are given the proper emphasis and support and have received their rightful place in the work of the Kingdom. Many churches today are weak in the faith and destitute of efficient leaders and defenders because they have not given the right attention to the teaching clause in the great commission of our Lord. These are the churches that are most liable to be swept away by every wind of doctrine.

Every Baptist church in Arkansas should have a teaching department. We will never make the progress we should, we will never occupy our own rightful place as we should and we will never carry out the great command of our Lord as effectively as we should

until this is true.

We deem it advisable in this report to state some facts that will give our people a correct view of our conditions. According to the minutes of 50 associations representing 1534 churches and 107,000 members, last year we had only 624 Baptist Sunday Schools with an aggregate enrollment of 38,000, allowing for the neglect of church clerks to report Sunday School statistics, and for the organization of new schools and growth of attendance this year we assume that we now have in the state 750 schools with an enrollment of 50,000 pupils. In other words that there are 800 Baptist churches without Sunday Schools. But what of the schools we have? With few exceptions they are far below the standard. They are poorly housed, inadequately equipped, ungraded and almost unorganized. Officers and teachers are untrained and the enrollment low in proportion to church membership. As a natural quence, results are unsatisfactory. There are, however, signs of improvement to which reference has been made. The great needs of our Sunday Schools are trained officers and teachers, holding weekly meetings, graded schools and well equipped Sunday School rooms. The one thing that can supply these needs is a consecrated church membership alive to the interests of the Kingdom.

In view of these things we recommend that our State Board use their utmost efforts to encourage our existing Sunday Schools to push the graded system and all the work outlined by our Sunday

School Board, and urge our pastors and missionaries everywhere to

organize Sunday Schools where they do not exist.

We have, by the aid of the State Mission Board and the Sunday School Board, a man in Bro. W. A. Ramsey whose business it is to help us push this work. We heartily recommend him to the churches of Arkansas and urgently ask that you send for him, advise with him, and use him in every way vou can.

We further recommend the county and State organization of our Sunday School forces for the purpose of building up the schools we now have to a higher state of efficiency and of establishing a Baptist Sunday School in every community.

B. Y. P. U.

Your committee is happy to say that this great work has passed far beyond the stage of experiment and is rapidly finding its place in our denominational life. It is now receiving endorsement and co-operation from our missionary organizations, educational institutions and our denominational literature. The Sunday School is the teaching department of the churches and the B. Y. P. U. is the training department. It is to develop praying members, singing members, paying members, soul winners, efficient teachers, wise and capable deacons. The B. Y. P. U. comes in answer to a long and crying need and the development of the times will wait no longer.

We are now doing some definite work along this line. Ramsey has been in the field for the past four months. In that time, by correspondence and visitation he has gotten in touch with 65 active unions, has held 10 institutes, visited 23 unions, reorganized 5 unions and organized 3 new ones. During this time many other unions have been organized and the reports of work and progress from all over the field are gratifying. Seventeen study classes have been organized and hundreds of our young people are taking the B. Y.P. U. course of systematic Bible reading. The State has been thoroughly organized and next spring 14 district B. Y. P. U. associations will be held.

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY.

We heartily commend the policy of our officers in holding a summer assembly each year. These meetings are growing in every way. One enlargement of this work is seen in the arrangement of a teacher training institute during the assembly and the issuing of Sunday School Board certificates for work done.

SOME NEEDS.

The officers of our State organization are feeling greatly the need of a more hearty support of this cause on the part of the pastors of the State. The pastors are hereby urged to give every reasonable support to the field work, and to get as many of the young people of their churches as they possibly can to attend the summer assembly.

Another need is that of literature. We are glad to say that our wise and efficient Sunday School Board is supplying this need. The need now is that we use it.

We recommend that the Sunday Schools use the literature published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

We recommend that in the future separate committees be appointed on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work.

We further recommend that a State Mission day be observed:

in our Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.

Respectfully submitted,

OTTO WHITTINGTON, CHAS. HAYCOCK, JEAN S. BOYLE, R. F. NANNY, H. L. WINBURN. W. A. RAMSEY, S. C. PARRISH, S G KEAHEY

The report of the Missionary and Sunday School Board was read by Secretary John T. Christian, after which the report of the Committee on State Missions was read by J. S. Compere of Fordyce. ports were discussed by J. S. Compere of Fordyce, A. P. Scofield of Little Rock, J. S. Rogers of Arkadelphia, J. J. Hurt of Conway, H. L. Winburn of Arkadelphia, P. C. Barton of Jonesboro, W. M. Wright of Camden, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE

MISSIONARY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 31, 1911.

With grateful and thankful hearts we have gathered in another State Convention and we desire to record and express our praises unto God for His manifold blessings. We are anew reminded that God is with us, and in a marked degree that He has exemplified His ancient promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Nevermore certainly did God lead ancient Israel "by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and by night" than He has led The living mighty presence of God is our powerful stay and refuge.

HOW THE WORK BEGAN.

There have been many limitations and embarrassments in our work this year. The work was begun under the burden of some debt, that under normal conditions would not have been perplexing. In February Brother J. S. Rogers, the brilliant secretary, handed in his resignation. Brother John T. Christian was elected by the Board secretary to succeed him. The new secretary took charge of the work with a vigorous hand, but he was handicapped by not knowing the work in detail and not having a personal knowledge of all of the fields in the various sections of the State. The college campaign was also strenuously promoted, almost to the exclusion of every other interest, to within a few weeks of the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention Board rejoiced that

it had a part in this great enterprise, but nearly all of the missionaries and missionary pastors were turned aside for months from the regular work. The boll weevil in some sections of the State and low price of cotton causing farmers to hold it in many sections of the State has retarded collections for State Missions. The general rains on the last two Sundays of the Convention year cut off well nigh all public collections. What is equally manifest was to all who thought over the situation there was one of the periodical reactions that come to every great work. It was not in the nature of hostility to the work, but simply a relaxed effort on the part of many. number of churches fell far more than five hundred dollars below the offerings for State Missions last year. All these things, and many more, have stood in the way of an ideal year's work by the Convention Board.

NO PESSIMISM.

There is, however, no pessimism in this report. The missionaries are as fine a body of men as ever worked for any Board: and they have done a magnificent work and have reported great progress. Never have the missionaries and evangelists had more open doors or been more gladly received. The secretary attended twenty associational meetings, a larger number than any one person ever attended in one year in Arkansas. He was well nigh everywhere gladly received. The progress was beyond what we could ordinarily expect. The change in conditions will demand in many associations an enlargement of our missionary force, but it affords untold possibilities as well.

MISSIONARIES.

The following missionaries have been under the Board during the current year, and have served at the following rate by the year: D. W. Bolton, Texarkana, missionary in Hope Association,

\$450.

2. J. T. Bowling, Hatfield, missionary in Ouachita Association, \$300.

3. J. E. Brown, Alma, missionary in Clear Creek Association, \$450. Resigned May 1.

J. O. Butler, Black Springs, missionary in Caddo River and Pike County Associations, \$600.

S. B. Barnett, Atkins, pastor Atkins and Lamar churches,

Atkins \$200, and Lamar \$75.

Dave Bryant, Booneville, pastor Barber Church, \$36. W. A. Bryan, Arkadelphia, pastor Sweet Hill Church and evangelistic work; Sweet Hill, \$100; evangelistic work, \$60 month.

8. J. H. Bracewell, Almyra, pastor Almyra, \$200. C. W. Betts, Wilburn, pastor Wolfe Bayou, \$25.

G. B. Borah, Imboden, pastor Hoxie, \$100.

11. J. R. Barnett, Gentry, pastor Gentry, \$200. Began work March 5.

12. L. C. Bauer, Newport, pastor Newport, \$400. Began work May 1,

13. Robert Cooke, Rogers, missionary in Benton County Association, \$300.

J. P. Crawford, El Dorado, missionary in Liberty Association, \$300.

H. P. Church, Springdale, missionary in Fayetteville and Madison County Associations, \$600 and 40 per cent on books.

16. Joseph Connell, Van Buren, pastor Van Buren, \$400.

A. F. Cagle, Arkadelphia, pastor Dudley Avenue Church,

17. \$100. Resigned September 1.

Wm. Cooksey, Magnolia, pastor Newport and Magnolia. Newport, \$400. Resigned at Newport April 1 and began at Magnolia same date. Magnolia, \$420.

J. F. Colston, Shiloh, pastor Brownsville, \$50.

J. S. Compere, Magnolia, pastor Central Church, Magnolia, \$420. Resigned March 1. 21. J. F. Crawford, Van Buren, pastor Concord, \$36.

C. T. Carpenter, Marked Tree, pastor Marked Tree, \$240. N. C. Denson, Dermott, pastor Dermott, \$15 a month and pastor McGhee, \$10 a month.

W. M. Duren, Zion, pastor LaCrosse, \$25.

G. M. Ford, Cabot, missionary in Greenbrier Association, \$400.

J. F. Ford, Plumerville, missionary in United Association, \$500 and \$100 in books.

R. L. Finley, Mena, pastor Board Camp, Salem, Mt. Olive, Concord and Corinth, \$100.

T. D. Frasur, Chickalah, pastor Rock Creek, \$50.

S. D. Grumbles, Batesville, pastor West Batesville, \$250. 29.

30. D. H. Gill, Harrison, pastor Harrison, \$300.

M. F. Gathright, Mulberry, pastor Altus and Hartman: 31. Altus, \$50; Hartman, \$50.

J. T .Howell, missionary in Red River Association, \$600. J. B. Gordon, Helena, Helena Mission, \$300. Resigned

September 1.

J. H. Hardy, Harrison, missionary Crooked Creek Association, \$300.

H. N. Hefner, Bigelow, pastor Bigelow, \$180. 35.

F. A. Holt, Delight, pastor Murfreesboro, \$100. H. G. Johnson, Houston, pastor Perryville, \$150. 37.

38. C. Hodge, Mountain Home, pastor Mountain Home, \$200.

G. L. Jenkins, Waldron, pastor West Hartford, \$60; pastor James Fork, \$50.

40. W. M. Kelley, Benton, \$75 a month evangelistic work for six weeks.

C. N. Kimberlin, Newark, pastor Sulphur Rock, \$150 and Newark \$150. Resigned May 1.

42. R. F. Kirby, Russellville, pastor Russellville, \$300.

43. J. T. King, Junction City, pastor Junction City, \$100. Frank Kerfoot, Fort Smith, Lexington Avenue, \$300.

44. H. C. Lamb, Yellville, missionary in White River Association, \$200. Resigned as missionary May 1, and then pastor Yellville \$75, Bellfonte \$50.

J. P. Lovelace, Cotter, pastor Cotter, \$100, and missionary

in Rocky Bayou Association, \$200.

47. C. A. Long, Paragould, pastor Hartford, \$200, August and September.

48. L. L. Lusk, Rogers, pastor Sulphur Springs, \$300. I. D. Lamb, Harrison, pastor Rock Springs, \$25. 49.

H. A. Munn, Warren, missionary Bartholomew and Jud-50.

\$50 per month. Worked three months.

C. Skinner, Arkadelphia, \$50 per month. Worked three months.

113. Carl Hinton, Arkadelphia, missionary Miller and Sevier

Counties, \$60 per month. Worked six weeks.

114. Mrs. W. S. Farmer, Little Rock, Woman's Work, \$20 per th. This appropriation is paid from the fund allowed for the month. conduct of Woman's Work.

115. Miss Sadie Espy, Little Rock, \$60 per month.

There have been 115 missionaries this year under the Board. Part of them have given their entire time; while others have labored only a few months, or have given a limited portion of their time to the Board. The salaries of the missionaries vary almost as widely as their fields. In employing missionaries the Board has tried to take into account all of the circumstances. We have cooperated with churches and associations. We have frequently paid part of the salary and some church or association paid the remainder. We only take in account, however, the amount contributed by ourselves. In no instance do we count as mission money salaries paid by churches or associations. In co-operating with other bodies we do not insist upon any cast-iron rules; but rather, the methods are flexible that the requirements of the case may be met. We strive to remember two things: How to most certainly extend the Masters' Kingdom, and how the money entrusted to the Board may be best expended. The desire is to give to the people acceptable preaching. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes it.

The Board does not in any instance usurp the authority of the church; in every instance when a missionary pastor is aided the church is expected to exercise all of its functions in the selection of

such a pastor.

STATISTICAL EXHIBIT.

Days of labor	17,770
Sermons and addresses	14,865
Religious visits	2,929
Conversions	3,660
Baptisms	2,281
Additions by letter and restoration	1,617
Total additions	3,898
Churches organized	20
Meeting houses built and repaired	36
Sunday Schools organized	103
Tracts distributed	16,748
Collected for State Missions by missionaries\$	6,478.33
Collected for other Missions by missionaries	3,601.69
Collected for building, repairs and incidentals. 1	
Ministerial Education and Orphanage	4,715.24
Total collections	3,232.62
Subscriptions to Advance	200

CHURCH BUILDING.

We would especially call your attention to the most extensive work done for years in this direction. While we have no direct church building fund the Board constantly encourages the repairing of church houses, and the building of new and suitable houses of worship. It is also impressed upon our general missionaries that in all populous and growing communities, where we have no suitble buildings, lots should be secured and houses built as speedily as possible. This year the missionaries have reported 36 church houses built or repaired. It is also worthy of remark that among the contributing churches of the State there is an era of church building enterprise.

THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

A commission was appointed by the last Convention to adjust the book business of the Board. After frequent conferences the business was sold outright to Brother A. P. Scofield. While the book dpartment is personal property, the Board lends it its moral support and rent free in our offices. Brother Scofield in return allows a percent on all books and by the Board in Colporter's work. The business reverts to the Board at the expiration of five years.

THE WOMAN'S WORK.

The Board has always placed the highest value upon the work done by the women. An appropriation of \$500 was made for the prosecution of Woman's Work. Mrs. W. S. Farmer has continued as the efficient Corresponding Secretary. For some months Miss Sadie Espy has served as organizer in the State. She has attended a number of associations and has held many meetings in churches for women and children. The future of the work is increasing promisingly.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT.

As this work is somewhat new, we give it larger space than it would otherwise demand. We are fortunate in securing Prof. W. A. Ramsey as the field man. He writes: "I entered the field as B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Worker July 1st, and with the exception of six days idleness on account of sickness, have put in every day, either on the field or in the office. Have held ten workers' conferences or institutes, visited 20 unions, 25 Sunday Schools and four weekly teachers' meetings.

"Since I began the work 10 B. Y. P. U.'s have been organized and 8 inactive unions have been reorganized. A great many new Sunday Schools have been organized, 4 have been reorganized into departments and under church control, 5 have been graded, 13 teacher training classes have been started, 16 weekly teachers' meetings added, 4 county and one associational Sunday School Union organized; four associations have passed resolutions and appointed officers or committees for the organization of county organizations.

"These activities have been accomplished either directly or indirectly through my work, and I have definite knowledge concerning them. There have doubtless been many forward steps along these lines, of which I have obtained no definite information.

"The great hindrance to systematic work, especially along Sunday School lines, has been the lack of organization by means of which a knowledge of the field can be gained and intelligent co-oper-The only basis of information is found in the associational Minutes, in which Sunday School statistics are meagre and inaccurate. From them we learn that many of our country churches are without schools, or young peoples' societies. Here is one of our greatest needs, but one man can cover very little of the State in the course of a year in the work of organizing country Sunday Schools. This is a work for associational missionaries and county Sunday School associations. A general field man will do well to attend county conventions and hold county or district institutes. Judging from personal knowledge of conditions gained from visiting schools in every section of the State, the most urgent Sunday School work is securing county organization and building up to a higher state of efficiency the schools now in existence. Along this line the crying need is for trained teachers and officers, pastoral leadership, the enlistment of church members, weekly workers' meetings, graded schools, better equipment and adequate Sunday School rooms. While we have fallen behind the times along these lines, there has been a great awakening of interest, and as alreay indicated, there has been marked improvement during the year.

"I have everywhere been encouraged by the hearty co-operation of the pastors, Sunday School workers and the entire Baptist Brotherhood. There have been more demands for my time and services than I could possibly give. The young peoples' work is fairly well organized, and the number of unions is rapidly increasing. Pastors are giving more encouragement to their work, and the young people are themselves naturally more eager to learn and adopt new methods and ideas of work. In other words, they are more receptive and more responsive. Four months' experience have changed my views in this respect. I had the idea that the greater part of my time would be required in the B. Y. P. U. work, and indeed, work with them is more satisfactory in results, for I can accomplish as much in a day with a B. Y. P. U. as in a week with a body of Sunday School workers, and for that very reason, more work is needed among the Sunday Schools. But at the same time, the importance of the B. Y. P. U. must not be overlooked. From that institution must come our best trained workers in the Sunday Schools and all departments of a church work. I have found in churches with active B. Y. P. U.'s a far greater proportion of trained workers, and much less complaint on account of lack of teachers and workers.

The work has hardly begun. In the four and one-half months I have only obtained a partial view of the field. And the knowledge thus gained overwhelms me with the greatness of the task and my poor strength and fitness to meet the requirements. If we could afford it, four able men could be used for all time to great advantage to the denomination.

"The Sunday School Board has rendered valuable assistance. Literature has been furnished on demand. One of the Field Secretaries, Arthur Flake, spent ten days with me in institute work, and he and two other specialists will give me a week next spring. W. B. Spillman will spend a part of the winter with me in work with the

college towns, and I have the promise also of help from Beauchamp and Lee. There is plenty of work ahead."

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

This Board has been of valuable assistance to us. On several occasions we have received consignments of tracts for free distribution and a donation of books for colportage. In addition there was a gift of \$500 for a Sunday School Field Man in Arkansas. The continued and invariable good will of the Sunday School Board through Dr. J. M. Frost and the field men who have assisted in institutes in our state have had far reaching consequences.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Board has always co-operated with the Convention Board and has extended to us loyal assistance. This year the Home Board has given to our work \$6,750. It behooves all of our churches to give the warmest sympathy and the liveliest contributions to this great evangelizing agency.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It is a matter of sincere regret that our contributions for Home and Foreign Missions fell almost one-half of the amount given the year before. Some of the reasons of this have already been enumerated, but in our judgment this decline ought not have happened. There can arise no condition of affairs when a want of interest and co-operation with world-wide evangelism should grow cold or lack in holy enthusiasm. We trust this will never again occur. There is no excuse for Arkansas to give less, but there ought to be a steady and healthy growth.

FOREIGN POPULATION.

The sudden and amazing increase of foreign population in Arkansas is one of the portentious signs of the times. It has been claimed in the near past that the population of this State has more pure Anglo-Saxon blood than perhaps ony other State in the Union. That may have been true in the past, but it is certainly no longer a fact. Foreigners have come among us by the thousands and are coming in untold numbers. There are especially German, Italian and Greek immigrants. The finishing of the Panama Canal means the constant increase of such citizenship. The next census will probably show as many foreign as American-born people in this commonwealth. The Convention must begin as early as practicable work among these incoming foreigners.

CONCLUSION.

We have profound reasons to thank God and to go forward. The reverses of the hour should only inspire us to do greater things for His name. There should be no retrograde movement among our people, no loss of time, no hesitation. The command should ring clear and strong from this Convention to the Board: Forward the lines. We were never more certainly in a position to win great battles than at this moment. The hearts of the Baptists are turning to the Convention as never before. The people are ready to hear faithful gospel preaching and to obey the Word. Not one man should falter, not one church sound a retreat. Your Convention Board is ready to go forward with a holy optimism born of faith.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

The existence of this Convention is the evidence that the Baptists of Arkansas believe in State Missions. In a large measures the Convention is organized and carried on to do the work of State Missions, and if it were not for State Missions there would be no State Convention. Our Board deserves deepest gratitude and heartiest support from every Baptist in the State for the work it has done.

There are several considerations that emphasize the need for such work. While a great work has been done in the past few years, and while we rejoice in the great good that has been accomplished, yet it is doubtful if the destitution in Arkansas has ever been sogreat as it is now. Among the causes for this condition may be mentioned the streams of immigration coming into the State, the rapid growth of the cities and large towns, and the abundant material prosperity of the country which feeds the passion for moneygetting and pleasure-seeking.

The building of the Panama Canal and the various advertisingschemes that are being used to interest people in Arkansas, are sure to add increasing multitudes to our population. These people bringmoney with them, and their object is to make more money. The older settlers are caught by the craze for wealth, and there is danger that where wealth accumulates religion will decay.

The State Board could use to great advantage many times the amount that is placed in its hands every year for State Missions, and we believe that if the Baptists of the State would furnish the Board the money needed for this work it would be a wise investment and God would pour out His blessings upon us. In the northern half of the State, especially in the mountain section, is a wide field of destitution. Every dollar contributed to State Missions the past five years could have been expended with profit in the mountain sections of the State. The river bottom country constitutes another great field of destitution. In this bottom country the need for missionary work is emphasized and intensified by the large negro population, the almost unrestricted sale of liquor, and the temptation to exploit the negroes, without regard to moral principle, forthe money that can be made out of them. Then, the time has comewhen we must take up the task of city missions. In such places as Little Rock, Hot Springs, Fort Smith, Helena, Pine Bluff, and possibly others, there is need for such work, and we will lose greatly if we fail to provide for it. The time to take care of this situation is now, before it becomes so difficult that we can not handle it. Besides these special fields there is destitution in every county and association in the State that calls loudly for the work of the missionary.

We most heartily commend the work of our State Mission Board as it has been carried on the past year in the various lines of its activity, and we express our confidence in its wisdom and ability to do the work that has been entrusted to it. Every line of work that is carried on by the Board is urgently needed, and we believe it should receive hearty support from every Baptist in the State. The ability of the Board to do the work entrusted to it depends on the support it receives.

We rejoice that the Board had the good providence to find a

worthy and capable successor to Secretary Rogers in the person of our present beloved Secretary Christian. We rejoice also in the putting of Brother Ramsey into the field to look after the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. interests. We especially commend these two actions of the Board.

We recommend:

1. That the Board and Secretaries see that the pastors throughout the State are constantly supplied with facts and figures concerning the work, its progress and its needs.

- 2. That the pastors make special effort to put this information before the people.
- 3. That an effort be made to enlist every member of every church for the support of this work with prayer and money.
- 4. That the Board be directed to pursue an aggressive policy the coming year, having due regard to the amounts it may reasonably expect to receive.
- 5. That it be expressed as the sense of this body that we should extend all possible help to City Missions, and that the Board be asked especially to emphasize the following lines of work: Helping to pay salaries of associational missionaries, helping to support pastors where it may be necessary, and the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work.

 Respectfully submitted,

 J. S. COMPERE,

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J. DANA TERRY,
E. RAWLINGS,
C. C. TOBEY,
T. W. KERFOOT,
W. W. BIRD,
G. S. BOLES,
J. T. FOWLKES,
T. R. ALLEN,
J. B. ALEXANDER,
C. A. WESTBROOK,
JOSEPH CONNELL,
J. O. HILL,
A. T. COLEMAN,
J. B. LUCK,
J. R. BARNETT,
T. P. BLAKE,
C. F. J. TATE,
J. G. LILE,

Committee.

- 46. On motion, the Convention requested of H. L. Winburn that his address be furnished the Baptist Advance for publication.
- 47. The Committee on Order of Business was requested to arrange for shorter evening exercises.
- 48. The Convention adjourned with prayer, led by J. F. Love, of Dallas, Tex.

Saturday Morning Session.

- 49. Devotional exercises were led by C. F. J. Tate, of Hot Springs.
- 50. Report of the Committee on Baptist Memorial Hospital, at Memphis, was read by E. E. Dudley of Jonesboro. After discussion by E. E. Dudley, J. B. Alexander of Wynne, W. H. Sledge of Helena, J. B. Gambrell of Texas, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF

COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Baptist Memorial Hospital, located at Memphis, Tenn., is an institution begun and fostered by the Baptists of Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee. Its purpose is to obey the command and to follow the example of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in administering

in His name and in His spirit to the suffering bodies of men.

It is owned and controlled by a joint board of trustees, consisting of nine from Arkansas, nine from Mississippi and fifteen from Tennessee, appointed annually by the Baptist Convention of these three States. Ground was broken for the building in December, 1909, since which time steady progress has been made in its construction, until now it is reaching completion, and will be ready for

opening early in the spring of 1912.

This building represents the very highest achievements of the architects' and builders' art, and when finished and opened to tre public, will be the equal of anything of its kind in the country, north or south. The middle section of this building which is now under construction, and is referred to in this report, will cost when finished and furnished and completely equipped for service, about \$225,000. It will contain 100 private rooms, besides offices, kitchens, laundry, operating rooms, etc., and six open wards, giving a minimum capacity for 150 beds. Our General Secretary, Rev. Thos. S. Potts, reports that up to this time about \$115,000 in cash has been received, of which in round numbers \$65,000 from Arkansas. In addition to this there are about \$100,000 in unpaid subscriptions.

The fact that most of this work has been done in a little more than a year and a half is certainly an indication that our people regard it as one of supreme importance, and we feel it will be a serious mistake on our part not to press it now, vigorously and earnestly, until complete victory is assured. Therefore, we recommend:

1. That this Convention appoint annually nine brethren as its representatives on the joint board of trustees, whose duty it shall be to promote the interests of the institution in the State, to meet

with the full Boald in counsel, and make an annual report of their stewardship to this body.

- 2. That a committee to be known as "Committee on Baptist Memorial Hospital" be appointed annually to present such features of the work to the Convention as its interests may demand.
- 3. That, as our Board of Trustees are now under heavy obligations, on account of accumulating bills which must be met at completion of the building, we request our pastors to give to our Secretary at as early a date as possible an opportunity to present the work to the people.
- 4. That we give all encouragement to the work of raising the balance of the \$25,000, which we feel Arkansas should contribute to this fund.

Finally, your committee expresses this as its conviction, that the successful building and operation of this hospital by our people will prove, not a hindrance, but a stimulus and encouragement to the building of others at other places, as necessity may demand.

51. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by Sam H. Campbell of Litle Rock. After discussion by W. H. Smith of Richmond, Va., assistant corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, J. B. Gambrell of Texas, and S. H. Campbell, the report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Just one sweeping, all-comprehensive glance over the field of missionary endeavor will cause every redeemed soul to breath forth into saying with the Psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for his mercy endureth forever." The Acts of the Apostles, that divinely inspired and thrilling history of the heroic endeavors of the messengers of the Cross and the glorious victories won by them in turning the thousands from darkness to light in the first century of the Christian era is being repeated many times over by the ambassadors of Christ on foreign fields in this our day. And in this glorious work our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., can claim a large share. It is impossible to tell of all the splendid work accomplished by our missionaries in giving simply the number of conversions and baptisms. But that you may see how gloriously God has blessed the efforts of our missionaries in all the fields in which we are working we call attention to the following facts, taken from the latest report of the Board: There are now 273 missionaries and 531 native helpers, making a total of 804 Among these are 15 medical missionaries and 5 trained nurses, working in seven hospitals and 12 dispensaries, who treated during last year 40,716 patients and led into the baptismal waters 3,618 converts. We now have 297 churches and 605 out-stations with a membership of 21,343. We have 233 houses of worship and 372 Sunday Schools with 13,226 scholars. There are 175 day schools with 4,068 pupils; 11 boys' boarding schools, with 643 pupils; 18 girls' boarding schools, with 958 students, and 2 colleges

with 118 students. Special attention is called to the fact that there are 7 women's training schools with 140 students, and 9 theological training schools with 212 students. The four mission printing presses are sending out Bibles and millions of pages of religious literature. Our missions are in China, Africa, Japan, Mexico, Italy Brazil and Argentine. The reports coming from all the fields are most encouraging and the outlook is exceedingly hopeful.

Do not these facts show how marvelously God has blessed our work and workers, and do they not call forth our thanksgiving to-

God for all His abundant mercies?

But the sign of God's approval upon the work and the deep, burning need of the people to whom we are called to minister force us to fairly and squarely face the issue of our duty at this hour and for immediate future. Our forces are far too inadequate and our material equipment is decidedly too meager to meet the crying demands which come to us from those who are perishing in superstition and sin and stretching forth their hands of desperate appeal to us for aid. We need to extend the far-flung battle line; to send' out new recruits to make more impregnable the forces who are battering down the strongholds of sin in the lands where Satan has reigned through these thousands of years; we need to hear anew the command of our King to do all this work and to realize our ability to do it if we only would. Think of the wealth of Southern Baptists, and yet we allowed our Board to close its year's work last April with a debt of \$89,600. This debt must speedily and forever be removed, and the work constantly enlarged. We cannot under God fail to do what He has committed to our hands. To do it Southern Baptists this year must raise for Foreign Missions \$600,000, and Arkansas Baptists must raise their apportionment of this amount. which is \$16,500.

We, your committee, recommend that every pastor, aided by his Ladies' Missionary Societies, his Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. workers, and all others whom he can enlist in the service, trythrough the distribution of leaflets and tracts, and by the organization mission study classes, and by the wider circulation of the Foreign Mission Journal throughout his entire membership, and by constant and earnest appeals from his pulpit to bring his people to see that we can and must raise in Arkansas this year \$16,500 for

Foreign Missions.

We further recommend that pastors more frequently and universally write to Drs. Wm. H. Smith and T. B. Ray for missionary information—information about books and literature bearing upon mission fields their deep need and ripe condition and ready response to the appeals of the gospel. Let every blood-bought follower of

Jesus Christ make this the motto of his life: "The world for Christ in this our day." Respectfully submitted,

SAM H. CAMPBELL, Chairman, W. R. McEwen, N. C. Denson, J. W. Kimbro, E. A. Dulaney.

52. Report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by F. C. Sims of Malvern, and, after discussion

by F. C. Sims and J. F. Love of Dallas, Tex., assistant corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board. was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee reports with much pleasure that the Lord has greatly blessed the work of the Home Mission Board during the past year. While there has been no great increase in the work done, yet there has been a substantial gain from every standpoint. The work was laid out on a safe and sane basis and the Lord has shown his approval by the great number saved under the preaching of the Missionaries of the Board.

Many things accomplished by the Missionaries will never be known this side of eternity. Yet we all rejoice in the visible re-

sults, which are as follows:

Amount collected, \$333,534.43; number direct and co-operative Missionaries employed, 1,302; amount collected in Arkansas, \$6,612.58; amount expended in Arkansas, \$8,165.26. By baptism in Arkansas, 3,749; by letter in Arkansas, 2,055; total additions in Arkansas, 5,804; number received by baptism throughout Home Mission territory, 26,866; by letter, 22,431; total additions under Home Mission workers, 49,297.

Brethren, although the above figures seem large, yet they do not express the heighth of attainment along missionary lines of the Baptist brotherhood of the South. The Baptists of the South have been laying a broad foundation for an enlarged work for God in

the future, and God is leading them in this work.

A great work has been done by our Home Mission Board during the past year in establishing and maintaining mountain schools, in preaching the gospel of the kingdom in our great and wicked cities, in carrying the message of life unto the foreigner who has come to our shores, in giving the Gospel message to the Indian, and in doing active missionary work in Cuba and Panama. while our work in these fields was great, yet we are only beginning to touch the border of these great mission fields and we are only beginning to catch a glimpse of the manner in which these great mission problems may be solved.

We are hopeful that the Baptists of Arkansas will catch a new vision of this great work and that we will enter into the next Convention year praying God to lead us into enlarged giving and greater activity along mission lines.

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. SIMS, Chairman. T. E. MCKENZIE, L. L. ABBOTT, J. A. KIMBROUGH, C. N. WHITE, W. H. Crews, H. G. Johnson, W. D. JOYNER, GEO. W. HAYS.

Saturday Afternoon Session.

- 53. Devotional exercises were led by G. M. Ford, of Cabot.
- 54. Mrs. Lula Markwell, president of the Arkansas Womans' Christian Temperance Union was introduced.
- 55. A. J. Vining, of Toronto, Canada, addressed the Convention on "The Peril of Romanism." An opportunity was given for those who wished to subscribe for pews, at \$15.00 each, for the new Baptist Church in Prague. The following subscriptions were taken:

"HUSS MEMORIAL PEWS."

Calvary S. S., Fort Smith; Paragould, First Church; Benton S. S.; Prescott S. S.; W. A. Forbes, Prescott; Ross Moore Baracas, Pine Bluff; Sweet Hill S. S., Arkadelphia; Camden S. S.; Philathea Class, First Church, Pine Bluff; Women's Bible Class, First Church Pine Bluff; Central College Girls, Conway; Stephens S. S.; J. F. Black, Texarkana; Second Church S. S., Little Rock; Stamps S. S.; Crossett S. S.; Brinkley S. S.; Ouachita Young Preachers, Arkadelphia; Conway S. S.; Forrest City Baracas; First Church, Little Rock; Cedar Street, Little Rock; Philathea, Stuttgart; Mary K. Eagle Class, Jonesboro; W. A. Ramsey, Fayeteville; Calvary S. S., Eureka Springs; Pine Bluff, First Church, Class No. 7.

56. Report of the Committee on Temperance was read by E. J. A. McKinney of Little Rock, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Comes your committee and reports as follows:

Last year when we met in convention the state election had just been held and prohibition showed a gain of six counties in Arkansas and no county reported a large majority for liquor. Few changes have taken place since except Fulton and Poinsett counties by compromise are now dry.

Your committee is in receipt of a communication from the Executive Committee of the Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas, notifying us of the plans of the league to submit a state-wide prohibition

bill to the people and asking for an expression from us.

Owing to the unsettled opinion of our brethren as to method and the danger of being misunderstood politically, we your commit-

tee decline to endorse or reject the above plan or any other plan of procedure but, believing the sale of liquor and the saloon to be a curse to our churches, a curse to our schools, a hindrance to our religious prosperity and contrary to the live beings of God's word, we recommend that all Baptists stand firm against the sale of liquor and the saloon and for securing prohibition in the best and quickest way possible. As delegates to the annual Convention of the Anti-Saloon League, recommend J. O. Johnston, Ben Cox, P. C. Barrton, W. R. Jones, M. P. Watts, E. J. A. McKinney, S. H. Campbell, O. J. Wade, G. L. Boles, G. M. Ford, R. G. Bowers, J. W. Conger, J. W. Hulsey and Otto Whittington, and as alternates, J. B. Alexander, A. P. Scofield, E. P. J. Garrott and J. S. Compere.

And that those present be authorized to fill any vacancies at

said meeting.

We recommend as a Standing Committee on Temperance E. J. A. McKinney, J. H. Estes, A. S. Scott, S. H. Campbell and A. P. Scofield, Ben Cox and G. M. Ford. We file herewith the report of the Temperance Commissions and recommend the same be adopted.

57. Report of the Committee on Publications was read by J. S. Rogers of Arkadelphia. It was discussed by J. S. Rogers, J. G. Harris of Little Rock, J. S. Compere of Fordyce, J. F. Love of Texas, W. R. Jones of Yellville, J. B. Gambrell of Texas, E. J. A. McKinney of Little Rock, A. H. Autrey of Nashville, M. P. Watts of Camden, W. J. Hinsley of Booneville, M. Culp of De-Valls Bluff, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

A really religious publication is a religious power. It shows no lack of the sense of reverence for the Holy Spirit, no lack of the sense of his rising dignity and fear-filling sacredness when we say that the Third Person in the Trinity is an editor. The Bible is heaven's publication. We are on the right track when we push stiff, stout, orthodox Baptist publications and papers to the borders of all the lands. If wisdom may be permitted to sit on the throne among Baptists in Arkansas we will do right, sure enough right, about the Baptist Advance particularly.

ENLIGHTENMENT BEFORE ENLISTMENT.

We can do most anything God wants us to do provided we can rally our people to it in solid breast. The uncovered secret for enlisting sensible people for a righteous cause is enlightenment. True light is the bugle call that will bring all of our people out of the bushes and into fighting line. Ignorance about denominational affairs is just another way of spelling out confusion and kicking and setting back generally among our people. The reason so many of our churches are on the side-track with the switch locked is because the pastors and others do not get their members to take and reast the Baptist Advance, the Interpreter, and the Home and Foreign Mission Journals.

ENLIGHTENMENT BEFORE ENLARGEMENT.

The woods are full of Baptist dwarfs. The question comes up now and then whether Jesus, if he were to talk with some of our pastors of today about their love for him, would not have to say

each time "Feed my Lambs."

Baptists grow on light. They never have done large things in the dark. The Baptist train will not run without a half-mile headlight and definite orders from the great head despatcher. It's all good too. Any Arkansas pastor with his church is well on his way to large and ever enlarging things when he and all his people read the Baptist Advance, with our other denominational publications in every home is the Baptist way to execute Paul's high call to outstretching and overtopping enlargement in all denominational matters.

A MORE DEFINITE WORD.

Your committee recommends the publication of our own Sunday School Board, at Nashville; "Our Home Field," published by the Home Mission Board, in Atlanta, Ga.; The "Foreign Mission Journal," published by the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va.; the "Doctrinal Interpreter," published at Booneville, Ark.; and "The Orphanage Gem," published at Monticello, Ark.

From the Book Department in the Mission Rooms at Little Rock under the management of Bro. A. P. Scofield, you can obtain any book published at the lowest cost. It's a great thing for us to make much of the book business and, more, it is a better thing to

make much of the reading of good books.

THE MAIN THING-THE ADVANCE.

The "Baptist Advance" is indispensable. A wagon might run without wheels, but Arkansas Baptists cannot run without this paper. Editor McKinney is in the top notch as an editor. He has not seen any limitations to the sacrifices he is willing to make for the denomination in this matter. So all of us to a man ought, for certain, to be by it and under it and up to it and in it and after it and out for it to the lines of the state. It is the John the Baptist, the forerunner, of great things for Baptists in this land. It is of almost infinite worth of every phase of our denominational work. Its loyalty and othodoxy reach clear on out after the new testament order. The Advance merits and, by its merit, ought to command the high support of all of us.

In view of all the above and the following facts we make be-

low some recommendations. The facts may be noted thus:

1. The paper is almost self-supporting. Bro. McKinney says he has lost litle or nothing on it in two years.

- 2. The paper has no paid agent on the field, and ought not to need any.
- 3. The paper has been put at a dollar a year at present for the worthy purpose of reaching the masses of the people.
- 4. Bro. McKinney's five year contract with Advance Board will expire December 1, 1912.

The recommendations:

1. A prayer now by the Convention for the editor and paper.

2. That all the pastors see that there is an active, per-

manent agent in every church and the pastor ought to be the agent to get new subscribers and renewals. We would urge that all renewals be in advance. There are this hour and always are thousands of dollars due on subscriptions. This ought not to be among folks named Baptists.

3. That every evangelist and missionary of the State Mission Board be considered far from satisfactory unless he tries earnestly

to get subscribers for the Advance.

4. That a committee of five including the President of the Convention be appointed at this session to consider conjointly with the Advance Board and editor plans for the future and that they report at the next Convention.

5. That a state-wide cash campaign for the paper at a dollar a year be put on during the month of December and that the whole denominational force work at it as a life and death matter to put

the paper into every Baptist home in the state.

58. The Convention adjourned with prayer by A. J. Vining of Canada.

Saturday Evening Session.

- 59. Devotional exercises were led by G. L. Boles, of Lonoke.
- 60. Report of Committee on Nominations was read by R. G. Bowers and adopted. (This report is embodied in the Directory, on the first pages of this volume.)
- 61. Report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita and Central Colleges was read by Ben Cox of Little Rock. Report of the Committee on Education was read by F. F. Gibson of Fort Smith. The two reports were discussed by R. G. Bowers, president of Ouachita College; J. W. Conger, president of Central College; J. B. Gambrell of Texas, and the reports went over for further consideration until Monday.

REPORT OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE OUACHITA-CENTRAL SYSTEM OF COLLEGES AND ACADEMIES.

In reporting to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention this Board desires to express profound gratitude to God for His continued blessings upon our Baptist colleges. We also record here our appreciation of the co-operation of the brotherhood in the work we have had to do. We have felt the helpfulness of many friends in the tasks that have been upon us. For this we are grateful.

Our Baptist colleges are in a prosperous condition, and they are getting a stronger hold on our people. Many people also who are not Baptists are loyal and tried friends of our schools.

THE ACADEMIES.

During the time that it has been the policy of the Board tofoster Academies we have had under our control five such institutions. During the past year three of these academies have been disposed of, namely: Ouachita-Judson Academy at Fordyce, Arkansas, Bentonville-Ouachita Academy at Bentonville, Ark., and Magazine-Ouachita Academy at Magazine, Arkansas. This leaves us still in possession of Ouachita-Maynard Academy at Maynard, Arkansas, and the Mountain Home Academy at Mountain Home. Arkansas. The two academies still the property of this Convention and under the direction of this Board, nominally, have good men in charge this year.

With the constant improvement and rapid growth of the High Schools in Arkansas, the Academies have a desperate struggle for It is practically impossible to maintain one of these schools without some income outside of the tuition. Without endowment the community where the school is located must put up money to help, or the principal usually suffers heavy loss. This being the case as opportunity has arisen, the academies have been sold to the

communities where they are located at practically nominal cost.

OUACHITA COLLEGE.

Ouachita College is in the midst of a prosperous year's work. The general condition of the college is gratifying. The progress is

steady and permanent. The spirit of the school is unsurpassed.

Since the meeting of this Convention last year at Fort Smith we have been put to the necessity of making a change in the president's office at Ouachita College. About the middle of the last school year President H. S. Hartzog resigned, to take effect at the close of the school year, in June. Dr. Hartzog served the college aspresident for four years and did efficient work. deeply regretted by many. His going was

Rev. R. G. Bowers was immediately chosen as his successor and is now in charge. He is an alumnus of the institution and has been closely associated with it for years and his heart is thoroughly in his work, and the best of results are being obtained and are confidently expected in the future. The faculty at Ouachita College, with few exceptions, remains the same this year as last. The whole school is characterized by a spirit of harmony, aggressiveness, and co-operation.

Ouachita is fully up to the standard of former years in every In some respects we are glad to record decided progress. The number of young men in attendance is larger than formerly. There are more ministerial students than ever before. more boys from the country than for years. The scholastic standing of the student body is higher than last year. All of these points are gratifying and mean continued progress. We are hoping for a continuation of these pleasing conditions.

SOME RECENT GIFTS.

During the last year Ouachita College has received some gifts that for their value and for the gracious purposes of the donors should have special mention here.

By the liberal help of Dr. A. U. Williams of Hot Springs an eleven-acre tract of land has been added to the college campus, and by the untiring efforts of Prof. Pollard White and the contributions of many friends, it has been made a superb athletic field. A very desirable lot adjoining the Forbes Industrial Home has been bought and added to the college property as a gift from W. A. Forbes of Prescott and Rev. P. C. Mays of Vesta. This lot is well worth \$2,000. A friend recently sent in a deed to 202 1-2 acres of land, valued at \$5,000. A gift of \$5,000 from one friend has recently been made toward the endowment of the Bible Department. These and a few smaller gifts from friends we desire to acknowledge and for them express our gratitude.

THE VITAL NEEDS OF OUACHITA COLLEGE.

Ouachita College is the only Baptist college in Arkansas that receives men into the student body. It has but little opportunity of increasing the number of male students in attendance for want of boarding facilities. The greatest need now is a dormitory for young men. The hope of our denomination is in the proper religious education of our young people. We must not neglect our men. At present there are many young men who would be in Ouachita College if cheaper board could be had. To relieve this situation and save our young men to the best for our cause we must have a dormitory for them. This would increase the attendance for two reasons. It would give cheaper boarding facilities and give more thorough, careful supervision of the student.

Any man who wants to do good with his money can scarcely find a better place than this to invest: Notice, a dormitory costing \$30,000 to \$40,000 can be so conducted as to make it one of the greatest assets the college has and at the same time make a saving to the students attending Ouachita College equal to 20 per cent per annum on the cost of such building. This is a crying need, and it is a shame that we haven't it.

One other need at Ouachita College is being thought of now by many. Endowment is the all-important thing now. Without it we cannot stand. We must endow Ouachita College or we must lose her with all her helpful service. The college is putting \$5,200 a year into Ministerial Education. This will be done most cheerfully so long as we can. This we cannot long do without very material help. However completely we may clear away the debt, it will soon accumulate again, unless we have an endowment. We would emphasize this as vitally, yea, even critically important and urge upon every friend of the college to do his best immediately in securing this much-needed endowment.

BIBLE DEPARTMENT ENDOWMENT.

Mention has already been made of some worthy gifts toward the endowment of the Bible Department of Ouachita College. The

endowment of this department now amounts to a little more than \$21,500. This amount has been secured, as follows:

Sale from Brittain farm\$	14,000.00
Gift from friends	5,000.00
Three friends	2,500.00

\$21,500.00

Another friend has promised to make a gift of several thousand dollars soon.

May God put it into the hearts of His people to make the Bible Department at Ouachita College self-supporting. To do this the endowment of the department should be run up to at least \$50,000 immediately. This can be done without doubt. It should be done for the sake of the college and for the sake of the cause we represent. This department is in most prosperous condition and is worthy of our most loyal support.

CENTRAL COLLEGE.

A new day has dawned for our Woman's College. Following the resignation of W. W. Rivers, Dr. J. W. Conger was elected president, and he has now a compact organization, and Central College is rapidly taking its place beside the leading colleges in the State in numbers, in thoroughness of work, and in the character of clientele.

Patronage.—At this time last year the total enrollment, counting the Kindergarten and Primary Departments, was 129. Now the number is 165, after discontinuing these lower departments. The president confidently hopes to enroll 200 by the close of the scholastic year. The average age of the young ladies is slightly above 16 years. The non-resident students number 106. There are 43 non-church members.

Faculty.—We feel that the president has been very fortunate in associating with him a corps of unusually strong and enthusiastic teachers, who are awake to every interest of the college. A beautiful spirit of harmony prevails, and each is a specialist in her line and adds womanly grace and dignity to the institution.

Curriculum.—The curriculum will be made broader and deeper in its scope, and new departments, subjects and courses added from time to time, as we continue to realize the true ideal of woman's education. The department of household economics, embracing sewing, dressmaking, drafting, cutting, fitting, hat trimming and cookery in all of its forms, together with physiology, hygiene and chemistry, has been added and is well patronized.

Improvements and Furnishings.—The main building has been renovated; the walls in the corridors, auditorium, library and class rooms beautifully tinted; the parlors and dining room and living rooms repapered and newly furnished; equipment for the household economics department installed; new waterworks with bath rooms and lavatories put in on each floor with hot and cold water attachments; a new sewerage system installed; steam heating plant improved so as to give perfect satisfaction; two pianos purchased for conservatory; concrete walks laid on the campus, and a large two-story 20-foot porch, with fluted colonial columns added to the front

of the building. Other changes have been made, so that your Woman's College is now beautifully furnished and equipped.

Organizations.—All departments are now thoroughly organized, the literary societies are doing very effective work in beautifully-furnished halls. Thirty-five young ladies in the Young Woman's Christian Association are planning large work for the year. The Bible Class, under the president, now numbers twenty, and Mission Study Classes will soon be organized. The Athletic Association is well officered and full of spirit.

Needs.—The Science Department must have adequate equipment and the library, now numbering about 3,000 volumes, should be enlarged, but the great demand for another year will be more room. The Cottage Home and the Main Building are full. Additional buildings are a necessity. We can double our number of boarders next year, if we have the room. We must have the Cottage Home on the campus, which will cost approximately \$2,500, and one Cottage Home should be erected each year for the next five years, when we will surely be able to accommodate 100 ambitious young women with limited means. We must also put the other wing to the Main Building to complete the original design. The cost for building and furnishing this will be about \$10,000. A conservatory building of modern design and appointment is also needed. This would cost about \$20,000.

Central College earnestly requests and expects the fullest sympathetic co-operation of our pastors and churches throughout the 'State.

DEBT-PAYING CAMPAIGN.

For the past two and a half years a campaign has been pushed in the State for the purpose of raising money to liquidate the indebtedness of our colleges. The general outline and results of this campaign are familiar to most of you. During this time we have raised and disbursed about \$80,000. The paying of debts is not finished. We urge upon all persons having unpaid obligations in the form of pledges or notes to pay at once. Everyone can see the vital importance of this. Certainly this is the time for the friends of our colleges to make a heroic sacrifice for Christian Education. Let everybody pay now. This is certainly most extraordinarily important.

Receipts since last Convention—	
Contributions from churches and sale of property. Collections on notes	\$30,019
Collections on notes	10,530
Life insurance of J. W. Wilson	
Total	e 51 540
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Disbursements since Convention—	
Paid on Ouachita College debts	
Paid on Central College debts	
Salaries of field men and office force	
Office expenses, printing and postage	1,463
·Cash on hand	756
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FUTURE MORTGAGES PROHIBITED.

We recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS, Certain pledges have been made for the payment of certain sums for the benefit of Ouachita and Central colleges, upon condition that the properties of said colleges shall not in the future be mortgaged or otherwise encumbered, and

WHEREAS, It is deemed inexpedient that said properties should

be mortgaged in the future, for any purposes; therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that it is unwise to mortgage said properties, and the trustees of said colleges are hereby directed and instructed to amend the charters, by-laws and constitutions of both of said colleges in such manner that the properties thereof, or any portion thereof, shall not at any time in the future be mortgaged or otherwise encumbered under any considerations, or for any purposes whatever.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The importance of Christian Education cannot be overestimated. "It needs to be emphasized more than ever before that our denominational Christian schools and colleges stand today as one of the greatest hopes of our country." When our schools suffer for lack of support, our denomination suffers with them. One crying need in Arkansas today is better support for the schools we have founded. We need a keener denominational conscience along this line. "For our colleges to be hampered is for our denominational future to be hampered. To allow our colleges to be limited for room in which to do their work and to be embarrassed by debt is to-strangle our very denominational life."

Your committee would prayerfully and lovingly lay upon the hearts of Arkansas Baptists the importance of fostering our

schools.

Your committee would recommend:

- 1. That all pledges on the debts of our schools be paid as soon as possible.
 - 2. That we push with all vigor endowment of our schools.
- 3. That in order to provide for the annual deficit of our schools till the endowment is sufficient to meet it, that an offering be taken in our churches each year.

FINEY F. GIBSON, J. J. HURT, M. P. WATTS, W. R. SMITH, A. C. JONES, T. A. O'BRYANT, J. T. BENSON, J. S. ROGERS.

- 62. Report of the Committee on Divine Services was read by C. D. Wood of Pine Bluff.
- 63. The Convention adjourned with prayer by J. F. Little of Rogers.

Sunday Afternoon Session.

- 64. The Convention was called to order by the President and was led in prajer.
- 65. The Men and Religion Forward Movement was discussed by Ben Cox of Little Rock and C. D. Wood, Jr., of Pine Bluff.
- 66. On motion, the Convention adopted the following resolution:

Whereas, The boys and girls of today are the men and women of tomorrow, and

Whereas, They are our boys and girls, and the State is greatly interested in them, and has provided for a Juvenile Court, whose purpose and special duty it is to care for the abandoned, and correct and discipline the habits and lives of those who are going, and have gone, astray; therefore be it

Resolved, That this Convention does approve and encourage the same, that the good work may go forward to its fullest extent, and to the end that the knowledge of God shall fill the earth as the

waters cover the sea.

67. The report of the trustees of the Baptist Orphans' Home was read by J. W. Kimbro, of Monticello. The report of the Committee on Baptist Orphans' Home was read by J. F. Tull of Monticello. The reports were discussed by J. W. Kimbro, J. N. Williams, and J. F. Tull. Action upon the reports was deferred until tomorrow. Seventy-eight children from the Orphans' Home were introduced to the Convention.

REPORT OF ORPHANS' HOME BOARD.

We your Board of Directors of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans'

Home would submit this our annual report:

Our Heavenly Father, while he has graciously blessed our colleges and mission work, has not forgotten the Orphans, but it seems to us He has powerfully, and significantly and specifically blessed our orphanage wrok during the past conventional year.

When the Convention closed at Fort Smith in 1910 leaving the equestion of the permanent location of the orphanage still unsettled, and our Home at that time crowded to overflowing with children, it being necessary to put 15 or 20 children to sleep in the same room,

it was only by their wise resolution of the Convention just before it closed authorizing and directing the board to erect an annex or cottage to partially relieve the crowded conditions existing at that time, that enabled your board to cope with the situation at all, without waiting for the regular meeting of the board, after counselling with and consulting with the members of the board before leaving the Convention, the Executive Committee of the Home proceeded to have plans and specifications made and to receive bids for the erection of an annex to the Home, a building that has given us a great deal more room, has greatly improved the sanitary condition of the Home, and has added much to the appearance of the Home.

A regular meeting of the Board was held as usual in February, 1911, at which meeting the action of the Executive Committee in building said annex was unanimously approved and ratified by the Board. At this meeting of the Board, after considering the fact that in every southern state, save perhaps one, the Baptists maintain orphanages, and that Arkansas was the only state that had a Financial Secretary employed to travel over the state to solicitand collect funds for the maintenance of the Home, and the fact that the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home had been in existence for 16 years and has had sufficient time to educate the Baptists of the state as to the great work being accomplished by the Home, and the necessity of regular and systematic giving to this work, and after much prayer to Almighty God for guidance, the Board unanimously passed a resolution dispensing with the office of Financial Secretary of the Home, we your Board saw no reason why the Baptists of Arkansas should not have as implicit and firm faith in our Lord and Master as the Baptists of other states, and no reason why the Baptists of Arkansas could not be depended upon as much so as: Baptists of other states. And we desire, brethren, to report to you that the faith we have reposed in our blessed Master in this actions has been rewarded, the placing of the responsibility of this great work upon the Baptists of Arkansas directly have resulted in better organization and more systematic giving to this work by the Ladies' Aid Societies, Sunday Schools and Churches of the state, and we are happy to report to you that since dispensing with the Financial Secretary, this is due largely to organization perfected by Rev. F. P. Turner, Financial Agent, we have collected moremoney for the Home than ever before in the same length of time.

But notwithstanding this, owing to the absolutely necessary improvements that have been made at the Home this year which has cost about \$3,000 outside of the labor of superintendent and boys of the Home, had said improvements been made altogether under-

contract, the cost would have been much more.

You will see from report of the Treasurer of the Board heretoattached and made a part of this report, the Board is in debt to the-Monticello Bank & Trust Company in the sum of \$4,200, which is by resolution of Board, secured by mortgage to said Bank & Trust Company.

We have farmed more land, our crops have been much better cultivated, and greater crops have been harvested this year, and the-

Home has been more nearly self sustaining than ever before.

Brethren, it is necessary that this debt be wiped out as speedily as possible. And in order to carry on this work in a decent and successful way, in such a manner as becomes the great Baptist de-

nomination of the state of Arkansas, that we inaugurate an immediate and strenuous campaign for money with which to provide more buildings, steam laundry, printing press, etc., that we may have such an Orphanage and be able to do the work that other states are doing in this line.

We, your servants, have done our best, after prayer and meditation, we have used our best judgment, and have endeavored to do with the orphanage what our Lord wanted us to do.

Praying that the Baptists of Arkansas will arise in their might and do the thing that should be done for the Home, we await your recommendations.

> Fraternally yours, Z. T. WOOD, President

J. W. WINBRO, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT-BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME.

Below is a condensed financial statement of the Treasurer of the Arkansas Baptists' Orphans' Home for the Convention's fiscal year, showing receipts and disbursements:

RECEIPTS.

Received of F. P. Turner for month ending November 25, 1910, and including Convention collection	1,978.76
Received of F. P. Turner during 5 months ending April 25, 1911	2,466.40
during year	4,285.53
months	749.26
Received of all other sources by Treasurer direct	941.28
Total receipts\$ DISBURSEMENTS.	10,421.23
Deficit November 15th, 1910\$ Six months salary and expenses deducted from remittance of F. P. Turner, Financial Sec-	2,236.83
retary	885.52
were countersigned by President of Board	11.805.25
	195.60
Total deficit and disbursements\$ Less total receipts	
Deficit due Monticello Bank & Trust Co\$	4,701.97

The Treasurer has paid all warrants presented to him, and so far as he knows the above represents the indebtedness of the Home. Quite a portion of the above disbursements were made for improvements, but inasmuch as the warrants upon the Treasurer do not state for what purpose the same are drawn, information as to cost of improvements will have to be obtained from the Secretary or Superintendent, or both.

Hereto is attached a copy of statement made a year ago, should a comparative statement be desired.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. HYATT, Treasurer.

November 16th, 1911.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home is the pass key by means of which all the other enterprises fostered by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention find their way into the Arkansas Baptist heart. The heart which this key cannot open will remain closed to every good cause. Arkansas Baptists will never be any stronger anywhere than they are at this point. The Baptist who is weak here is weak on State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Min-

isterial Education and everywhere else.

If the sight of a ragged, hungry orphan child, standing by the wayside with streaming eyes and outstretched hands does not touch the heart of Arkansas Baptists, then nothing will. Those of us who are best acquainted with the real situation at our orphanage, and who live nearest to the heart of the institution are least surprised that we have a debt on our State Mission Board, and that many of our other interests are suffering. You cannot smile with one side of your face, while the other side is sorely pinched. The building of a great orphanage in Arkansas means the building larger of everything else.

We have come to a time in Arkansas Baptist matters when we are compelled to build an orphanage. This is the next item on God's program for Arkansas Baptists. Fact is, the building of this institution is long since overdue and it would be a disgrace if we should piddle at the matter any longer. Unless we do something heroic today we will prove ourselves unworthy of the name that we

bear abroad.

The only matter of real surprise which deserves to be herein reported is that notwithstanding all our failures, the hand of our Heavenly Father has rested in blessing and benediction upon the Home this year, and it is now far and away better in every way than it has ever been before. Our Superintendent has outdone himself in making the most of what has been placed in his hands, the contributions to the support of the institution have been more general and voluntary than ever before, the loving interest taken in the Home has been more widespread than ever before, the general health of the children has been good, a splendid crop has been grown upon the farm, the pasture lands have been improved, the stock of all kinds on the place has multiplied, all the children who are old enough are in school, an average of one hundred have been in Sunday School all the year, thirty six of the larger children have been baptized into the fellowship of Monticello Baptist church, a buoyant spirit animates all the children and the management, and a great white way of high hopes lights the future path of this heaven born institution.

THE NEEDS

Are many. Space forbids the mentioning of them all here. Some of them are:

1. Room-The simplest rules of hygiene demand that we im-

mediately double the room which we now have. The children who are there need it, and not to have it bars out the many who are begging to be admitted. Tender hearted people who visit the home are moved to tears at the sight of the crowded conditions which exist Orphan children do not need many comforts, and do not expect many, but no child deserves to be stunted mentally and physically by being compelled to sleep in a room with twenty others like our orphan children do.

A Small Steam Laundry-The girls in the home who are from twelve to sixteen years of age do all the washing for the 143 inmates of the home. To do this they are compelled to work around a lot of wash kettles in the open air in all sorts of weather. Try to imagine the task that rests upon these girls, and try to imagine the answer that Arkansas Baptists will give to God for all the injuries to health caused by this exposure.

Teams and Farming Implements.-We require our Superintendent to bring the farm up to a high state of efficiency, and make the home self-sustaining, but give him nothing to work with except such as he can scrap up and gain by trading. Superintendent Williams is undertaking to meet our expectations, and is succeeding almost to the extent of making something out of nothing, but the dear fellow's heart must often ache and his self respect must often suffer

An Arrangement for the Care of Girls who Pass the Age Limit.—Many of the larger girls are near the age when they will have to go out of the home and assume their own care and up-keep. What will become of them? Some of them were without training when they came to the home, and have been there only a few years, and are not prepared to make a living except by the labor of their hands. They are less able now to meet the great outside world than they were when they came to the home, and should not be set adrift on the cold world. We must do something about this matter.

We recommend that this Convention instruct our Board of Trustees to immediately lay plans for meeting all the needs herein mentionel, and urge all the pastors' co-opertion in the work of this body to lend all the forces at their command, and that all our denominational agencies be urged to co-operate.

We further recommend that all the Sunday Schools in the state be requested to set aside one Sunday in each month as Orphan's Home Sunday and that the collection on that day be given to the

Orphans' Home.

We recommend that our churches be asked to assume the responsibility of feeding children, as the Womens' Societies are clothing them.

> J. F. Tull, E. D. CUNNINGHAM, W. H. RUTHERFORD, JOE STARK, ALEX MCPHERSON. W. H. SLEDGE.

The Convention adjourned with prayer. **68.**

Monday Morning Session.

- 69. Devotional exercises were led by M. Culp, of DeVall's Bluff.
- 70. Report of the Treasurer of the Missionary and Sunday School Board was read by John T. Christian of Little Rock, as follows:

/	REPORT OF TREASURER.	•
l	Received for State Missions	. \$18.793.69
ι	Received from Home Board	
	Received from Sunday School Board	
	-	\$26,043.69
	Deficit	. 8,433.37
		\$34,477.06
	DISBURSEMENTS.	•
	Salary and traveling expenses	.\$30,799.44
	Office expenses	. 1,112.59
	W. M. U	. 413.25
	Interest	. 915.00
	Tents and torches	
	Minutes and secretaries	. 362.48
	Books	. 601.38
	J. H. Estes.	\$34,477.06 Treasurer
	I have examined the account and find it correct.	1 / 0000/ 6/.
	M P. WATT	s. Auditor.

71. On motion, the Convention

Resolved. That it is the sense of this body that, at the time that seems best to them, the faculties and trustees of Ouachita and Central Colleges, shall place in the curriculi of these institutions, as a requirement for any degree, at least one year of Bible study.

72. Report of the Committee on Colored Work was read by Ben Cox of Little Rock, and adopted.

COLORED WORK.

We, your Committee on work among the colored people beg leave to report that we feel very much encouraged at the fraternal relation between the white and colored Baptists of Arkansas. We re-

joice at the cordiality displayed by our Convention toward the fraternal messengers from the Negro Baptist State Convention, and we call the special attention of our people to the address of Dr. E. C. Morris, which was, by act of the Convention, made a part of the Minutes.

We are glad to learn that, in Little Rock joint quarterly meetings are held by the white and colored pastors of that city, and we recommend that the same course be followed in all other places

where practicable.

As said in last year's report upon this subject, "The negro in our midst furnishes us one of the most promising fields of missionary effort." We learn with gratitude of the good work which has been done among the colored Baptist women of Little Rock by some of our consecrated workers, and it encourages us to know that Miss Sadie Espey of that city feels specially called of God to that line of effort.

We recommend, therefore, that our State Board, as soon as practicable, arrange to employ Miss Espey for work in that interest, and we earnestly request that much prayer be made to God in BEN COX. Chairman.

her behalf.

- 73. The Convention was addressed by Frank Barrett, Superintendent of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League, and by L. L. Abbott of Little Rock.
- 74. On motion, the following paper, presented by Allen Hill Autry of Nashville, was adopted:

PROHIBITION OF THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Nothwithstanding the magnitude of the evil of intemperance, the tremendous social, financial and political power of the saloon business, and the astounding indifference of many good citizens who ought to be aroused to activity against its encroachments, we are still firm in the belief that an awakened and aggressive Christianity can and should under Divine guidance deal the liquor traffic its death blow. We are not dismayed, but in the name of the Lord Jesus we call upon every member of our churches to put forth increased and persistent effort to accomplish the overthrow of this mighty agency of evil—the legalized liquor traffic—a business that debases all who come under its baneful sway, while it brings indescribable wretchedness to thousands of innocent sufferers.

First.—We insist that total abstinence from all intoxicating beverages is the plain duty of every individual, and an obligation

which rests with peculiar weight upon every Christian.

Second.—We rejoice in the existence of all those organizations which are committed solely to the principles of total abstinence, and those that are seeking to secure the legal prohibition of the liquor traffic. To them all we bid a hearty God-speed, and commend to the favorable consideration of our people the various organizations that are earnestly and courageously and legally striving to secure such beneficent results. When at all possible, we would join hands with them all for the purpose of exterminating the liquor business.

Third.—Recent developments in legislative halls and in statecraft have convinced us more firmly than ever of the truth that the liquor traffic can never be legalized without great injury to the individual, the home, the State and the nation. Planting ourselves upon the bedrock of this indisputable proposition, we declare that no citizen and no Christian has the right by example, by voice, by influence, or by his ballot to contribute to the establishment or to the maintenance of the ungodly license policy as now applied to the liquor traffic. We are unalterably opposed to the enactment of license laws, because such laws are wrong in principle and ineffect-ual even as a means of restraint. We will not be content with any system of levying tribute upon this corrupt and death-dealing We insist upon its entire and complete destruction, and to the accomplishment of this result we pledge our best efforts. churches of God should be always and everywhere the courageous and unflinching foes of this enemy of all that is pure and good, and should continue their unrelenting warfare on the liquor traffic until the saloon business shall have become a thing of the past—"twice dead and plucked up by the roots."

Fourth.—We deplore the fact that our general government, by its internal revenue system, continues to give legal recognition to so corrupt a business, and especially do we deplore the course pursued by the government in accepting and collecting revenue from persons in prohibition territory who are known, or should be known, by the officers of the treasury department to be engaged in the violation of prohibitory law.

Fifth.—We agree that it is not the province of the churches to assume the control of the franchise of the citizen; but it does not follow, therefore, that the churches must be silent concerning great evils because they have entrenched themselves in law, or have become potent in influencing legislation or controlling political campaigns. One of the greatest dangers to our country's welfare is the tremendous power which the organized liquor power wields in political affairs, a power so great and so promptly applied, with rare exceptions, that candidates for public affice dare not speak their sentiments concerning the liquor traffic, while officeholders ambitious to secure a re-election realize that the faithful performance of their duty in the enforcement of law against the saloon business would be fatal to their hopes for promotion.

When the faithful Christian is as prompt with his political rewards and punishments as is the supporter of the saloon traffic, the cause of civic righteousness shall have made a noble and telling advance. Therefore, we, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, record it as our deliberate judgment that no political party has a right to expect, nor ought it to receive, the support of Christian men so long as it stands committed to the license policy, or refuse to put itself in the attitude of open hostility to the saloon business.

In accordance with these profound convictions, to which our churches have given continuous expression, we again declare our sympathy with every wise effort for the final and complete suppression of the liquor traffic.

To this end, also, we courteously and urgently recommend that every citizen, who stands for purity in the Home the State and the Church, vote for those men *only* in the legislative judicial and exec-

University, and entered actively upon the work of the ministry, utive departments of our government who favor the enactment and the enforcement of laws for the suppression and the destruction of the liquor business.

75. On motion, a resolution was adopted changing Section 1, Article IV, of the Constitution, which appears in the revised form.

76. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Recording Secretaries be paid \$50 for their services and that they be authorized to have printed and distributed 2,500 copies of the Minutes of this Convention at the earliest possible day.

Resolved further, That the Statistical Secretary be paid \$25-

for his services.

77. On motion, the following paper was adopted:

WHEREAS, this Convention has been royally entertained by the Baptist Churches, the other churches and the community of Pine Bluff: therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Convention extends to them our heart-

iest thanks.

2. That our thanks are also extended to the railroad companies for courtesies shown in transportation; to the street car com-

pany, to the postmaster and telephone company.

- 3. That we thank the Pine Bluff Daily Commercial and Daily Graphic for their excellent reports of the Convention. We pray God's blessings to rest upon them and all the interests of His Kingdom in Pine Bluff.
- 78. On motion, it was ordered that hereafter the proceedings of the Ministers' and Laymens' Institute have a place in the Convention Annual each year.
- 79. The Committee on Obituaries made its report through J. B. Searcy of Little Rock, after which special prayer was offered for the bereaved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries beg leave to offer the following: There being no documents coming into our hands from the various parts of the State, we have had no means of ascertaining who of our number have died, only from personal recollection. The following, during the year, have laid down the cross and taken on the crown:

ELDER W. H. PASLEY.

He died at the home of his daughter, in Forrest City. He was born in South Carolina in 1832, was a full graduate of Furman

He came to Arkansas soon after the war, and spent his long and useful life in preaching, mainly to country churches in Eastern Arkansas. He was mighty in the Scriptures, and was held in high esteem by his brethren. For a number of years before his death he was Moderator of Mount Vernon Association, and was a recognized leader of the Baptist cause in his part of the State. He was just verging on his four-score years when called to his reward.

ELDER WILLIAM TUCKER.

Died in the early spring, at his home near Bauxite. Your committee has not a record of his birth, but he must have been nearly four-score years old. Only a few months before his death he and his wife celebrated their golden wedding. Elder Tucker was brought into the church and the ministry in 1868, in Desha county, through the ministry of Elder J. F. Griffin, a missionary of Bartholomew Association. Later, Elder Tucker moved to Little Rock and was city missionary for a number of years. He looked mainly after the poor of the city, and dispensed the charities from the benevolent citizens of Little Rock. He was a man of unquestioned integrity, and did a good work in this field. He moved to the country and was pastor of a number of churches in the Saline Association. He was a good man and many were added to the Lord through him. He was uneducated and poor, but, nothwithstanding these obstacles, he did a monumental work for the Lord and his brethren. He owned a small tract of land, through which the Rock Island railroad proposed to run, and he was able to sell that property a few years before his death for a good figure, so he had ample means in the evening of his days for all his wants. His memory is precions

ELDER J. S. EDWARDS.

This brother was born in Virginia and died at Mena, Arkansas, in June. He was pastor at Munroe, La., for a few years, where he did a good work. Only a few months before his death he moved to Mena and began work there, and died suddenly among comparative strangers. However, the church people and the different societies of which he was a member gave him an honorable burial, and recognized his moral worth.

DEACON J. B. SANDERS

Died at his home in Forrest City. He was a graduate of Mississippi College in a class of the '50's. He was a devout Baptist and a remarkably intelligent man. He served long and well as deacon, and purchased unto himself a good degree and great boldness in the faith. Like a shock of corn, fully ripe, he was gathered into the garner.

MRS. M. J. HAYNES.

She was the wife of Elder J. J. Haynes, and was born in Georgia in 1842. She and Brother Haynes were baptized by Elder S. J. Smith, a missionary of this Convention, in 1860, at Pleasant Hill Church, Columbia County, Arkansas. She fell asleep in Christ at her home in Mena, Arkansas, September 25, 1911. Sister Haynes was a modest, retiring woman, and a casual acquaintance did not reveal her worth. She was a good housekeeper. She served for her

family, was a devout Christian, and the mainspring of her husband's usefulness as a minister. In the death of Sister Haynes not only her husband and family, but this Convention is bereaved. But she, with the other noble ones mentioned in this tribute, rest from their labors and their works will follow them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. SEARCY, Chairman. WILLIAM COOKSEY, N. C. DENSON, J. HAYNES.

- 80. On motion, the President was instructed to appoint a committee of five to confer with brethren of the Green brier Association, looking to co-operative work between the State Convention and the State Association. The President appointed John T. Christian of Little Rock, J. J. Hurt of Conway, R. G. Bowers and H. L. Winburn of Arkadelphia, and Otto Whittington of Pine Bluff.
- 81. The report on Christian Education, on which action was deferred until today, was discussed by H. L. Winburn, R. G. Bowers, H. T. Bradford, and went over until the afternoon session.
- 82. The Convention adjourned with prayer by H. C. Rosamond of El Dorado.

Monday Afternoon Session.

- 83. The Convention was called to order by Vice-President Hays, and was led in prayer by J. F. Tull of Monticello.
- 84. Further discussion of the reports on Christian Education was had from R. G. Bowers of Arkadelphia, H. T. Bradford of Lonoke, J. J. Hurt of Conway, and reports were adopted.

85. On motion, it was

Resolved, That the Auditor of the Convention be requested to audit the accounts and indebtedness of Ouachita and Central Colleges and submit them to the Secretaries of the Convention for publication.

· 86. Report of the Special Committee on Removal of the Orphans' Home was read by J. J. Hurt of Conway, after which, the report of the Committee was accepted and the Committee discharged.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME

We, your committee, to whom was referred the question of removing the Baptist Orphans' Home from Monticello, beg to state that the interpretation of the instructions given us has been so problematical that our hands have been tied; and we come now asking that either the Convention interpret the instructions given us, or else give instructions to this or some other committee that are clearly intelligible.

JOHN JETER HURT, J. H. ESTES, FINLEY F. GIBSON, P. C. BARTON.

87. On motion, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the Orphanage should remain at Monticello.

- 88. Report of the Trustees of the Orphan's Home, and of the Committee on Orphans' Home were adopted. See Section No. 67.
- 89. On motion, the President was instructed to appoint a committee of five to consider the advisability of a Baptist Education Commission for Arkansas, and, in case the Committee recommend the appointment of such a Commission, they shall also outline its duties. The Chair appointed Ben Cox of Little Rock, R. G. Bowers of Arkadelphia, J. W. Conger of Conway, John T. Christian of Little Rock, and John Ayers of Fort Smith.
- 90. After singing, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the Convention adjourned to meet in the City of Hot Springs, on Thursday before the Third Sunday in November, 1912. The closing prayer was led by E. J. A. McKinney of Little Rock.

H. T. Bradford, President. John Jeter Hurt, E. P. J. Garrott, Secretaries.

Ministers' and Laymen's Conference.

The Arkansas Baptist Ministers' and Laymens' Conference met on Tuesday evening, November 14, 1911, at the First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and was called to order by the President, Allan Hill Autrey.

Devotional services were conducted by C. A. Westbrook.

The election of officers resulted in the re-election of Allan Hill Autrey, President, and J. S. Compere, Secretary.

The introductory sermon was preached by S. H. Campbell. Subject, "Fidelity." Text, Rom. 2:10. J. J. Haynes led in prayer.

After a song and announcements adjournment was had till Wednesday morning. Benediction by Wm. Cooksey.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The devotional service was led by J. S. Compere.

- H. L. Winburn presented "The Problem of Ministerial Supply." Discussion by A. F. Coleman, C. N. White, J. S. Compere, W. R. McEwen, E. P. J. Garrott, Wm. Cooksey.
- J. F. Tull read a paper on "The Duty of the Church to Non-Contributing and Non-Attending Members."

On motion Brother Tull was requested to submit the paper to the Baptist Advance for publication.

The subject was discussed by J. S. Compere, J. J. Haynes, W. M. Wright, W. E. Atkinson, Virgil C. Neal, C. D. Wood, Jr., J. B. Luck, A. F. Coleman, W. R. McEwen, A. H. Autrey, —— Smith, Otto Whittington.

In the absence of the regular appointees Brethren C. A. Westbrook and S. H. Campbell were asked to lead in the discussion of the afternoon subjects, and W. E. Atkinson was asked to present "A Message from the Pew to the Pulpit" at the night session.

Adjourned till 2 o'clock.

Benediction by J. W. Hulsey.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

William Cooksey conducted the devotional exercises.

The subject of the "Church and Evangelism" was introduced by C. A. Westbrook, and S. H. Campbell presented "The Church and the Development of Spiritual Life." These subjects were discussed by A. P. Scofield, Otto Whittington, J. S. Compere, A. H. Autrey, C. N. White, L. R. Scarborough.

At this point several new pastors in the State and visitors to the Convention were introduced.

A motion prevailed asking the Convention to make it a perma-

nent order that the proceedings of the Ministers' and Laymens' Conference be printed with the Minutes of the Convention.

The President was directed to appoint a committee to prepare a program for next meeting. The following were appointed: W. E. Kimbrough, Virgil C. Neal, J. W. Hulsey.

Brother Scarborough conducted a very helpful devotional service.

Adjourned till evening.

Benediction by J. J. Hurt.

WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Devotional meeting was conducted by E. P. J. Garrott.

"The Relation of Prayer to Efficient Service" was discussed by O. J. Wade, and W. E. Atkinson presented "A Message from the Pew to the Pulpit."

J. W. Hulsey led in prayer.

On motion L. R. Scarborough of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was requested to bear the greetings of this body to the Arkansas men in the Seminary and to the Texas Baptist Preachers' Conference.

Adjourned till next year.

Benediction by E. C. Perryman.

ALLAN HILL AUTREY, President.

J. S. COMPERE, Secretary.

List of Ordained Ministers Alphabetically Arranged.

Abee, Elijah, Helena. Abernathy, S. W., Traskwood. Adams, J. B., Cedar Glades. Adams, E. J., Rogers. Adams, Jas., Mabelvale, Rt. 1 Adams, M., Ozark. Adams, B. C., El Paso. Adams, T. W., Little Rock. Agan, G. B., Stamps.
Alexander, J. B., Wynne.
Allen, J. B., Jonesboro, Rt. 2.
Allen, T. R., Paragould.
Allen, S. W., Deroche.
Allen, David, Heber Springs. Allen, David, Heber Springs. Allen, D. A., Cushman. Allen, W. J. F., Jonesboro. Allison, J. A., Noland. Allison, C. D., Florence. Almond, J. J., Arkadelphia. Anderson, Thos. Cabot. Anderson, Wm., Harrisburg. Anderson, G. S., Little Rock. Anderson, Sam, El Paso. Anthony, G. C., Peoria. Anderson, Sam, El Paso.
Anthony, G. C., Peoria.
Appling, E. F., Sheridan.
Armstrong, M. D., Emmett.
Armstrong, J. G., McRae.
Ashcraft, J. T., Prattsville.
Atchley, J. O., Herd.
Atkins, Henry, Urbana.
Atwood, F. L., Fordyce.
Autrey, A. H., Nashville.
Avery, J. W., Sheridan

Baars, F. D., Little Rock Bacon, J. A., Evansville Baggett, J. L., Dierks Bailey, W. R., Maple Bailey, J. E., Formosa Baker, J H., Calico Rock, Bain, R. P., Lonoke Baker, J., Peel Baldwin, E., Ola Ballard, L. S., Little Rock Bandy, Y. C., Nashville Barham, W. R., Prescott Barnes, B. F., Pine Bluff

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Beard, J. M., Slocumb
Belew, Knox, Manson
Bell, W. J., Parkdale
Bellamy, R. B., Smithville
Belote, H. A., Cedar Glades
Benson, J. T., Geneva
Berry, J. F., Erin
Best, R. M., Alexander
Betts, C. W., Wilburn
Bevers, J. D., Springdale.
Bickers, H. C., Batesville
Bishop, J. R., Junction City
Blackburn, L. B., Brawley
Blackwell, J. D., Atlanta
Blackwood, J. D., Strong Blackwell, J. D., Atlanta Blackwood, J. D., Strong Blevins, J., Violet Bogard, B. M., Little Rock Bogard, J. E., Hazen Bolding, W. J., Judsonia Boles, G. L., Lonoke Boles, D. W., Stephens Borah, G. B., Imboden Borum, I. N., Magnolia Bostick, W. M., Hone Borum, I. N., Magnona
Bostick, W. M., Hope
Boswell, J. H., Boswell
Bowling, W. H., Viola
Bowers, H. L., Dover
Bowers, R. G., Arkadelphia
Bowers, M. D., Pocahontas
Boyd, J. T., Fayetteville
Bozeman, F., Fayetteville
Bracewell, J. H., Almyra
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Bradley, W. J., Waldron
Brandon, F. M., Centerton
Brandon, R. E., Scotland
Branscum, E. E., Zion.
Brantley, C. M., Yellville
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Bray, G. W., Wilmar
Brendell, G. W., Star City
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Bridges, B. L., Arkadelphia Brewer, J. F., Lamai Bridges, B. L., Arkadelphia Bridges, W. F., Walnut Ridge Bright, Adam, Herpel Brockman, J. H., Waldo Brown, J. E., Warren Brown, J. L., Charlotte Brown, J. L., Springdale Brown, A. L., Lavaca Brumbelow, A. L., Little Rock Bryan, W. A., Arkadelphia Bryant, Simon, Warren Bryant, D. M., Booneville Burke, T. B., Hot Springs Burks, J. W., Caney Burnstt, O. M., Social Hill Barnett, Chas., Board Camp Burnett, J. W., Midland Burns, G. W., Arkadelphia Burns, L. E., Arkadelphia Burns, S. J., Lamar Burroughs, J. P. Stuttgart Burroughs, J. P., Stuttgart Burroughs, J. P., Stuttgart Burt, L. J., Charleston Burton, M. C., Newburg Bush, A. F., Vilonia Butler, J. O., Black Springs Butler, E. B., Piggott Butler, J. F., Denton Butler, J. R., New Edinburg Byars, J. V., Mellville Byars, W. A., Woodberry Byers, L. M., Bingen Byrd, J. L., Ops

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Cain, W. M., Lonsdale
Campbell, S. H., Little Rock
Cantrell, W. R., Mangrum
Cantrell, J. O., Greenbrier
Cannon, B. F., Hatton
Capps, L. R., Harrison
Carpenter, C. O., Little Rock
Carpenter, C. T., Jonesboro
Carr, J. D., Prairie Grove
Carter, L. H., Texarkana

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Chastain, J. R., Scotland
Cheek, C. H., Greenbrier
Chitwood, E. P., Washita
Chitwood, W. J., Chandler
Christian, J. T., Little Rock
Church, H. P., Springdale
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Cooksey, Wm., Magnolia
Cooper, J. C., Ryatt
Cooper, E. D., Paragould
Cooper, W. M., Oxford Copper, W. M., Oxford
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Copeland, O. A., Campbell
Copeland. J. M., Nashville
Corder, W. E., Jacksonville
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Cornish, D. W., MurfreesboroCossey, J. F., Newark
Cotton, S. W., Greenbrier
Cox, Ben, Little Rock
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Davis, W. U., Okalona
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Day, M. J., Turner
Dees, A. C., Rhea
DeLano, J. H., Eureka Sp'gs
DeLaughter, B., Sparkman Dalton, G. O., Enola DeLaughter, B., Sparkman DeLaughter, E., Boughton Denson, N. C., Dermott DeVine, R. B., Stephens DeWitt, C. N., Marshall Diceton, J. C., Poyner, Mo Dickin, C. E., Jonesboro
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Dorman, G. W., Bodcaw
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Ferrell, B. F., Buck Range
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Fish, J. W., Star City
Forbes, W. A., Prescott
Ford, D. B., Witt's Spring
Ford, G. M., Cabot
Ford, G. L., Zion
Ford, J. F., Plumerville
Ford, T. C., Bee Branch
Ford, W. A., Winfield
Forrester, N. B., Huntington
Fortner, J. B., Settlement
Fortner, W. S., Settlement
Fowler, C. A., Supply
Fowlkes, J. T., Augusta
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Garrott, E. P. J., Forrest City
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Gately, R. B., Greenbrier
Gathright, J. T., Double Wells

Gathright, M. F., Mulberry
Gean, F. M., Russell
Geren, H. M., El Dorado
Gibson, F. F. Fort Smith
Gibson, F. S., Haney
Gibson, H. L., Little Rock, Rt 4
Giddens, J. R., Conway
Gill, D. H., Harrison
Gist, J. W., Franklin
Glover, H. P., Guy
Glover, P. H., Greenbrier
Goen, E. H., Booneville
Goff, W. D., Abbott
Goodman, W. W., Antioch
Gossett, R. E. L., Grubbs
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Gossett, W. H., Marmaduke
Gowin, W. A., Figure Five
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Graham, E. R., Green Forrest
Granberry, R. H., Jacksonville
Gray, E. H., Corley
Green, B. C., Lawson
Green, P. P., St. Francis
Green, T. H., Parson
Green, W. F., Pear Ridge
Griffith, A. B., Fox
Griswood, J. C., Plumerville
Grumbles, S. D., Batesville

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Hall, A. L., Fort Smith
Hall, J. A., Rogers
Hall, J. H., Paris
Hall, J. R., Marmaduke
Hall, W. P., Mansfield
Hamby, W. C., Springdale
Hamilton, Claunch
Hamlin, G. L., Amity
Hammock, J. G., Pearson
Hamorock, H. W., Bald Knob
Hanks, G. P., Johnson
Haralson, J. B, Pine Bluff, Rt. 1
Hardage, W. T., Bismark
Hardin, W. J., Deroche
Harley, N. H., Hot Springs
Harley, W. C., Barkada
Harness, T. W., Lexington
Harper, M. A., El Dorado
Harris, J. G., Little Rock
Harris, G. C., Rogers
Harris, P. G., Huntington
Harris, W. H., Blevins
Hassell, G. W., Anderson
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