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ARKANSAS BAPTIST ANNUAL

JONESBORO 1917

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

(Sixty-Ninth Year)

HELD AT

JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

December 5-7 1917

Next Session will convene on Wednesday after the first Sunday in December, 1918, at 10:00 o'clock, a. m., with the First Baptist Church, Helena, Arkansas.

Preacher of Annual Sermon C. D. WOOD, Jr.

Alternate, L. M. Sipes.

OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

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	H. G. Pugh	

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

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T. D. Brown	Dr. J. P. Runyan	P. C. Barton
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Carroll County—A. J. Russell	Little Ri
Concord—R. F. Roe	Independe
Dardanelle—G. L. Veazy	Mount Z
Friendship—H. G. Atkinson	Pike Cou
Grand Prairie—J. T. Fowlkes	Rocky Ba
Pulaski County-Dr. J. H. Estes	United-

Little Red River—
H. Gidinghagen
Little River—J. T. Benson
Independence—John Q. Wolf
Mount Zion—L. D. Summers
Pike County—D. W. Cornish
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E. P. Alldredge	S. H. Campbell	J. W. Conger
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Term Expires at Meeting of the Convention in 1920.

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Term Expires in 1919.

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Term Expires in 1920.

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Term Expires in 1920.

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Mrs. E. Longley, Little Rock Mrs. J. L. Hawkins, Little Rock Mrs. C. B. Davidson, Little Rock

TRUSTEES OF MONTICELLO ORPHANS' HOME.

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C. A. Wooten, Helena

H. C. Fox, Pine Bluff

C. D. Wood, Jr., Monticello

G. W. Purvear. Jonesboro

R. L. Deal, Monticello

R. F. Hvatt, Monticello

J. B. Luck, Warren

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MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE.

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C. F. J. Tate, Hot Springs

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H. Loewer, Wheatlev G. W. Purvear, Jonesboro

F. C. Sims, Dermott

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H. C. Fox, Pine Bluff

T. H. Plemmons, Helena

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L. M. Sipes, Conway

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E. P. Alldredge, Little Rock

MEMBER OF THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD FROM ARKANSAS.

T. D. Brown, Little Rock

MEMBER OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD FROM ARKANSAS.

S. H. Campbell, Little Rock

The election of Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention referred to the Executive Board.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.-Name and Object.

Sec. 2. The object of this Convention shall be to aid the churches in their divinely commissioned work of evangelization, education and beneficence.

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.
- Sec. 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, and a Treasurer, 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.
- Sec. 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.
 - Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record

of the proceedings of the Convention, and to file and keep in order all papers deemed important to be preserved.

- Sec. 4. Officers shall be elected as soon as the names of messengers shall have been enrolled.
- Sec. 5. All the officers of the Convention shall be elected by a majority of all the votes cast.

Article V .- Boards.

- Section 1. This convention shall elect an Executive Board which shall attend to the business and perform the duties of this Convention during the interim of its meetings.
- (1) This Board shall be composed of seventy-five (75) members, one from the bounds of each Association, the remainder from the State at large.
- (2) Upon the adoption of this Constitution one-third of the members of this Board shall be elected to serve one year, one-third to serve two years, and one-third to serve three years; but hereafter each member shall be elected to serve three years, the Convention annually electing successors to all those whose terms expire and filling all vacancies otherwise occurring.
- (3) Fifteen members of this Board shall constitute a quorum after due notice to all members at least five days before the time of meeting.
- (4) This Board shall co-operate with the churches in gathering and disbursing funds for evangelization, education, orphanage and hospital work, Sunday School, publication and B. Y. P. U. work, and whatever other work this Convention may see fit to engage in not otherwise provided for; except that, without specific orders from the Convention, it shall not be the duty of this Board to raise endowments for educational institutions.
- (5) This Board shall report annually its work to this Convention.
- (6) This Board shall employ an adequate force of agents and workers to conduct its business.
- (7) This Board, upon the arising of an emergency, may change the time and place of the meeting of the Convention.
- Sec. 2. The Convention shall also elect the following Boards, viz:
- (1) A Board of Trustees of Ouachita Baptist College and a Board of Trustees of Central Baptist College, one-third of the members of whose boards shall be elected annually.
- (2) A Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home, consisting of nine members, three of whom shall be elected annually.

- (3) A Board of Ministerial Education, to consist of seven members, to be located at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and to be elected annually.
- (4) A State Executive Committee, consisting of twelve women, whose duty it shall be to distribute literature and to encourage women and children in systematic beneficence toward all the objects fostered by the Convention.

Article VI .- Meetings.

The Convention shall meet annually, "if God permit," on Wednesday after the first Sunday in December.

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.

LIST OF MESSENGERS.

Bartholomew Association.

Crossett-B. L. Bridges. Dermott-F. C. Sims, N. C. Denson. Monticello-J. F. Tull, W. F. Dorris. Montrose-T. M. McGee, Mrs. T. M. McGee. Union Hill-Wm. N. Roberts. Warren-J. B. Luck.

Benton County Association.

Garfield-J. V. Bilhorn. Rogers-O. A. Greenleaf, Mrs. W. E. Talley.

Big Creek Association.

Liberty-Mrs. W. H. Bowling. Salem-W. H. Bowling, Oscar E. Ellis.

Black River Association.

Bethel-Isaac Smith, Paul Moore, Hoxie-J. P. Dunn, Mrs. Geo. Bates, Mrs. C. E. Post. Imboden-G. B. Borah, R. V. Goss. Swifton-J. L. Johnson, Mrs. J. L. Johnson.

Walnut Ridge-W. A. Henry, H. E. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. H. R. McCarroll.

Buckner Association.

Hartford-Jno. E. Tatum. Mansfield-W. F. Warren, F. K. Ringsmuth, W. A. Martin. Waldron-S. B. Barnett.

Carey Association.

Bearden-Giles C. Taylor. Fordyce-G. M. Ford. Prosperity-J. F. McDonald, L. F. McMurry.

Caroline Association.

Augusta-J. E. Brown, S. K. Davis. Bald Knob, Central-Mrs. L. E. Holdford. Beebe-J. R. Barnett. Caney Creek-T. A. O'Bryant.

Carlisle—L. Tomme, Mrs. E. M. Williams, Mrs. Hattie Sanders.

Des Arc-F. M. Carter.

Grand Prairie-C. M. Friend.

Lonoke-G. L. Boles, R. P. Bain.

McCrory-A. J. Porter.

Pleasant Grove-J. R. Robinson, Luke Finney, Mrs. J. R. Robinson.

Searcy—Wm. Cooksey, J. F. Shands, Dr. J. L. Jones, Mrs. J. L. Jones.

Carroll County Association.

Green Forest-J. B. Rose.

Clear Creek Association.

Ozark-L. W. White.

Concord Association.

Booneville—W. J. Hinsley, W. B. Taylor, J. O. Wright, E. O. Barlow, Mrs. A. O. Skinner, Fred Cantrell.

Fort Smith, Calvary-C. P. Walters.

Fort Smith, First—B. V. Ferguson, Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, John Ayers.

Fort Smith, Lexington Ave.-Jno. F. Johnston.

Greenwood-O. M. Stallings, E. M. Bartlett.

Oak Bower-J. F. Brewer.

Crooked Creek Association.

Bellefonte-W. J. Hall, L. A. Robertson.

Capps—J. C. Vaughan.

Jasper-A. M. Crain.

Walnut Grove-W. I. Holt.

Current River Association.

Corning-L. W. Russell.

Reyno-W. A. Cummings.

Success-R. A. Hawthorne.

Dardanelle Association.

Plainview-J. I. Owens.

Fayetteville Association.

Fayetteville—L. E. Barton, W. A. Moffitt, White Walker. Prairie Grove—M. G. Burnett, Mrs. W. I. Hilliard. Springdale—W. I. Elledge.

Friendship Association.

Pine Bluff, First-W. J. E. Cox.

Pine Bluff, Hazel St.—Alex McPherson, Mrs. W. A. Bobo.

Pine Bluff, Ohio St.—W. C. Wood, Mrs. W. C. Wood, S. D. Talent, Mrs. Walter Pickering, Mrs. S. D. Talent.

Star City-D. W. Bolton.

Gainesville Association.

Center Hill-Elsie Gay, Ella Little.

Friendship-J. D. J. Faulkner.

Marmaduke-Mrs. Ada Lively.

Paragould, First-J. W. Sloan, Mrs. J. W. Sloan.

Paragould, Second—R. F. Liddell, Mrs. R. F. Liddell, W. L. Wetherford, Mrs. W. L. Wetherford, Mrs. W. C. Fitzgerald.

Piggott-M. H. Potter.

Rector—L. J. Covington, Mrs. E. J. Teague, Mrs. A. J. Snider, Mrs. Ollie Bearden, Mrs. L. J. Covington.

Rock Hill-J. T. Rogers, Mrs. J. T. Rogers, Ernest Howell.

Grand Prairie Association.

DeVall's Bluff-Mrs. J. T. Fowlkes.

DeWitt-W. G. Mathis, C. W. Fox.

Gillett-Carl Sager.

Hazen-H. Y. Morris.

Stuttgart-D. A. Gregory.

Greenbrier Association.

Conway—L. M. Sipes, J. W. Conger, J. J. Stephens, D. S. Campbell, O. O. Florence.

Oak Bowery-J. E. Claunch.

Sulphur Springs-J. W. Day.

Hope Association.

Hope, First-W. R. Alexander, A. Fox, J. T. Bowden, Mrs. J. L. Morgan.

Hope, Central-W. H. Joyner, W. M. Jones.

Salem-B. B. Hawkins.

Stamps-L. M. Keeling, L. A. Kennedy.

Texarkana, Beech St.-Jos. P. Boone, J. D. Sayers.

Independence Association.

Batesville, First-H. T. Crumpton, Mrs. Annie McNeil.

Batesville, East-Silas J. Burge.

Batesville, West-T. J. D. King.

Newport—J. W. Gardner, Mrs. J. W. Gardner, Mrs. M. A. Hurley.

Pleasant Valley-Mrs. T. S. Ottinger.

Rehoboth—T. S. Ottinger.

Stony Point-O. E. Boyer.

Sulphur Rock-Frank Wright, Mrs. Frank Wright.

Judson Association.

Hampton-L. E. Holt.

Liberty Association.

Camden-W. M. Wright.

ElDorado—Livingston Mays, Mrs. H. C. Rosamond. Junction City—J. T. Walters.

Little River Association.

Ashdown-C. S. Wales.

Little Red River Association.

Heber Springs—E. P. J. Garrott, Mrs. E. P. J. Garrott, Neil Little, Mrs. H. S. Dawley, Mrs. Ida Burns, Mrs. N. B. DeLoach. Pearson—S. C. Stark, Miss Willie Stark.

Mount Vernon Association.

Elaine-J. W. Porter.

Forrest City-J. R. G. White, Mrs. J. R. G. White, V. B. Izard, G. E. Holt. Otto Mathis.

Helena, First—T. H. Plemmons, Mrs. T. H. Plemmons, W. W. Moore, C. S. Fitzpatrick.

Marianna-W. C. Boone.

Riverside-Lula Blackman.

West Helena-T. T. Thompson, Mrs. T. T. Thompson.

Wheatley—H. Loewer, Mrs. H. Loewer, W. S. Hemenway, W. Q. Young, Mrs. P. A. Hemme.

Mount Zion Association.

Blytheville, First—L. D. Summers.
Blytheville, Second,—Miss Sue Harris.
Cardwell, Mo.—W. H. Lockard.

Earle-Albert Horner, Mrs. Albert Horner.

Harrisburg-M. Culp, Mrs. M. Culp. Jonesboro, First-J. R. Hobbs, J. R. Gregson, G. W. Puryear,

J. G. Harris, C. T. Wilson, Dr. J. L. Burns, Mrs. D. T. Rogers,

J. Windbigler, E. A. Peterson, W. R. McEwen, E. P. Osborn, R. E. Montgomery, B. H. Parish, E. P. Minton.

Luxora-C. D. Bowden.

Marked Tree-J. H. Turner.

Manila—T. J. Latimer, Mrs. R. A. Mahan, Mrs. A. K. Blythe, Mrs. J. C. McCrov.

Monette-Mrs. John Hogan.

Mt. Zion-A. A. Ryan.

Osceola—G. H. Lewis, Mrs. Tom Henderson, Mrs. Ida Tucker, F. B. Hale.

Sedgwick-Mrs. G. W. L. Brown.

Walcott-J. W. Seay, H. S. Williams.

Wynne-J. W. Williams, Mrs. J. W. Williams, H. J. McCool.

Pee Dee Association.

Leslie-J. L. Jenkins.

Shady Grove-T. W. Harness.

Pulaski County Association.

England-H. W. Jean.

Levy-W. T. King.

Little Rock, First—T. D. Brown, H. G. Pugh, E. C. Nowlin, C. A. Riley.

Little Rock, Immanuel—E. P. Alldredge, W. P. Kime, E. J. A. McKinney, Mrs. E. P. Alldredge, Otto Whittington, Mrs. J. H. Estes, Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney, W. F. Miller.

Little Rock, Pulaski Heights—A. H. Autrey, J. S. Rogers.

Little Rock, Second—Sam H. Campbell, J. S. Compere, A. J. Ashburn, Dr. J. P. Runyan, Mrs. J. L. Jackson, Mrs. C. E. Witt.

Little Rock, South Highland-J. H. Reynolds.

Little Rock, Third—O. T. Finch, J. O. Johnston, J. B. Searcy. North Little Rock, First—E. F. Curle, Mrs. E. F. Curle, Dr. H. L. White, Mrs. H. L. White.

Red River Association.

Arkadelphia, First—B. B. Bailey, C. E. Dicken, P. Zellars, C. G. Elliott, J. G. Lile, W. N. Adams.

Bethlehem—J. H. Summers.

Prescott-W. A. Forbes.

Russellville Association.

Clarksville—C. E. Painter, W. E. Atkinson. Pottsville—E. D. Allmon, D. B. Moore. Russellville—A. F. Cagle, W. F. Hall.

Saline Association.

Hot Springs, First—S. W. Kendrick.
Hot Springs, Park Place—T. H. Jordan.
Hot Springs, Second—C. F. J. Tate.
Malvern, First—J. T. Howell, E. H. Frisby, D. D. Glover.
Malvern, Third—J. B. Swanner.
Pleasant Hill—I. H. Pettus.

Spring River Association.

Mountain View-R. A. Suggs, T. D. Jefferson.

State Line Association.

Ravenden Springs-J. W. Harvey.

United Association.

Morrilton—V. C. Neal. Plumerville—J. K. Smith.

White River Association.

Mountain Home-H. F. Vermillion.

PROCEEDINGS

Jonesboro, Arkansas, December 5, 1917.

- 1. The sixty-fourth annual session (sixty-ninth year) of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention was called to order at 10 o'clock a.m. by President John W. Conger, of Conway, in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas.
- 2. B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, led in a devotional service, and J. B. Searcy led in prayer.
- 3. Upon motion, it was ordered that all who knew themselves to be eligible to membership in the Convention be allowed to participate in the organization and proceedings of the body; and, further, that the Secretary's roll should be incorporated in the proceedings of the body.
- 4. Officers of the Convention were elected as follows:

President-J. W. Conger, of Conway.

Vice Presidents—L. E. Barton, of Fayetteville, and G. W. Puryear, of Jonesboro.

Secretary—E. P. J. Garrott, of Heber Springs.

Treasurer—Dr. J. P. Runyan, of Little Rock.

Auditor-H. G. Pugh, of Little Rock.

- 5. B. V. Ferguson, of Ft. Smith, was elected Press Reporter.
- 6. Visiting brethren were received as follows: B. D. Gray, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.; Geo. B. Eager, representing the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Carson Taylor, evangelistic singer, Lufkin, Texas.

- 7. The President announced as the Committee on Order of Business the following: A. H. Autry, John Ayers, C. F. J. Tate, G. M. Ford, B. L. Bridges.
- 8. Upon motion, the President was instructed to appoint committees to report at this session on Camp Pike Activities, the Laymen's Movement, and Stewardship and Pastoral Support.
- 9. Ministers who have come into the State since the last session of the Convention were introduced as follows:
- W. F. Warren, Mansfield; A. J. Johnson, Second Church, Blytheville; Giles C. Taylor, Bearden; L. W. White, Ozark; C. E. Painter, Clarksville; H. T. Crumpton, First Church, Batesville; C. S. Wales, Ashdown; J. D. Bilberry, Garfield; L. J. Covington, Rector; H. J. McCool, Wynne, J. T. Jenkins, Leslie; G. H. Lewis, Oscoola; W. C. Boone, Marianna; Arthur Fox, Hope; J. W. Gardner, Newport; J. W. Porter, West Helena; S. W. Kendrick, First Church, Hot Springs; A. E. Chapman, Blytheville; R. F. Liddell, Second Church, Paragould; C. L. Bowden, Luxora; T. J. Latimer, Manila; S. E. Kirby, Camp Pike, Little Rock; A. D. Hicks, Batesville; M. G. Burnett, Prairie Grove; W. H. Joiner, Magnolia; Carl Sager, Gillett; L. T. Mays, ElDorado; L. H. Davis, Stella.
- 10. At the suggestion of the President, the chautauqua salute was given this large company of new ministers, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung, and N. C. Denson led in prayer for God's blessings upon them in their work.
- 11. J. R. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, and host of the Convention, delivered the address of welcome, to which J. P. Boone, pastor of Beech Street Church, Texarkana, responded.
 - 12. Sam H. Campbell, of Little Rock, led in prayer.

- 13. J. B. Gambrell, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, was introduced.
- 14. J. F. Jernigan, of Paragould, a Methodist minister, was introduced, and sang a patriotic song.
- 15. After various announcements had been made, the first session of the Convention closed with prayer by C. D. Wood, Jr.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

- 16. After a pipe organ recital by Mr. Allen, of Atlanta, Georgia, the congregation sang "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and J. R. G. White, or Forrest City, led in prayer.
- 17. The appeal of the St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, for financial help was presented by L. E. Barton, of Fayetteville. A motion prevailed that the Convention approve and indorse their request for \$1,000 from the Baptists of Arkansas, and that the matter be referred to the Executive Board for adjustment.
- 18. By request, Carson Taylor, of Lufkin, Texas, sang.
- 19. President Conger read a communication from the Secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, asking indorsement by this Convention of the observance of Education Day in the Sunday Schools of the South. A motion to approve the movement prevailed, and the matter was referred to the Executive Board for execution.
- 20. The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by H. F. Vermillion, and after discussion by H. F. Vermillion, E. J. A. McKinney, Chas. G. Elliott,

Otto Mathis, E. P. Alldredge and Carson Taylor was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee rejoices to report that the temperance cause has made much progress within the year. Our national Congress has passed many laws restricting and prohibiting the sale of intoxicants and the sentiment of the American people has rapidly crystalized in favor of prohibition. At least two states have adopted constitutional prohibition and many cities, towns and counties have voted liquor out. We are thankful that the capital of our nation is now dry.

We are also thankful for the safeguards that have been thrown around our enlisted men by the War Department and the Navy Department of our government. We sincerely hope that still further protection against temptations to vice and drink may be given the boys who are to fight our battles for us, and we suggest the removal of the camps from Alexandria, La. and Fort Worth, Tex., and other places where prohibition cannot be had.

We would also urge upon the Congress that they speedily submit to the states for their ratification and amendment to the National Constitution providing for the prohibition of the liquor traffic for beverage purposes.

We are glad that our Baptist people have had and are now having a worthy part in the fight against this mighty foe to human welfare and we hereby call them to a continued and relentless warfare against the liquor traffic until the victory is complete and final.

We reaffirm our faith in the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the Anti-Saloon League and other organizations making a common fight for temperance and civic righteousness. We recommend the appointment of the usual number of members of the Executive Committee of the State Anti-Saloon League.

We respectfully petition President Wilson to use the authority conferred upon him by the National Congress to prevent the use of grain and coal for the manufacture of beer or other alcoholic liquors to be sold for beverage purposes.

H. F. VERMILLION, W. E. ATKINSON, W. H. BOWLING MRS. IDA BURNS, T. A. O'BRYANT, J. A. CROOM,

Committee.

- 21. E. P. Allredge made a statement relative to certain debts of the late H. C. White, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, which he, with others, had satisfied with a note; and a free-will offering of \$85.09 was made to reimburse the endorsers of said note.
- 22. Upon motion, the President was instructed to appoint a committee to call the attention of President Wilson and the National Congress to certain recommendations in the report on Temperance. The following were appointed: E. J. A. McKinney, S. H. Campbell, T. D. Brown, E. P. Alldredge, O. T. Finch.
- 23 The report of the Trustees of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was presented by J. B. Gambrell, and read by B. D. Gray. This report was ordered printed in the minutes, and appears below.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

1916-1917.

The Trustees of the Southwestern Seminary make this report of the work of the Seminary for the tenth session, 1916-1917, to the seven Baptist Conventions appointing us: Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Southern Illinois.

We report the following items of Divine favor upon our Seminary during this session. God's blessings have been rich upon us and to Him we herein express our unmeasured praise:

- 1. An increase of strength in organization and scholarship on part of administration and faculty. A marked growth over former years is seen in the scholarly attainments and ability of the student body.
- 2. The number of students, including the summer school, shows an increase over the previous year of almost 30 per cent, from 281 to 363.
- 3. The number of the teaching force was increased by an additional teacher in the department of Religious Education, a Domestic Science teacher and an assistant in the department of Piano in the Training School.
- A larger sum than ever before was collected on the endcwment notes—\$34,238.00.

- 5. Although the cost of everything has greatly increased, and although we had to face all the conditions of war and the unparalleled drouth in a section from which a large part of our support comes, and although our endowment income is only about half enough to pay running expenses, we come to the Convention with all bills on running expenses for this session paid in full. The administration secured more than \$35.000 in cash outside of endowment interest, on running expenses and interest on indebtedness.
- 6. The marvelous blessings of God on the Seminary in its material equipment and working force; ten years ago we had only a faculty of five men and one clerical helper and pledges for \$10,000 per year for three years. Now we have a faculty of 19 professors, teachers and assistants, seven evangelists and eleven other helpers in administration, making thirty-seven people, and a property in land, buildings, endowment and equipment worth at least \$900,000.00 above all liabilities.
- The practical efficiency of the Seminary force as a Kingdom agency has been demonstrated this past year as never before. More than 200 men and women have gone out each Saturday. Sunday and Monday into the churches, mission fields, Sunday Schools, factories, streets and highways in and around Fort Worth for a distance of 150 miles preaching, teaching and winning the lost. At the opening of the present session a report from 88 of the members of the faculty, students and the seven evangelists of the work done by them from October 1, 1916, to October. 1917. It was found that these 88 held 477 revivals, preached 17.420 sermons, witnessed 10,252 professions of faith, baptized 6,080 into and otherwise led into Baptist churches 9,611 people and raised in cash \$317.994 for all denominational purposes. This does not include the work of a 100 other preachers and the 150 women who were students last year. It shows that 88 men averaged 67 baptisms, 109 additions, 116 professions and more than \$3,600 each. It only cost the denomination \$58,000 to give training to these 88 and 275 others while they did all this work. This includes the running expenses of the Evangelists. Certainly the Seminary is a paying proposition as a mission agency alone.
- 8. The President and faculty have inaugurated two advanced movements in the Seminary life, which we believe will mean much for the usefulness of our Seminary. They have started the publication of a quarterly magazine, the Southwestern Journal of Theology. It already has a circulation of 534 and is almost self-supporting. It was felt that the Seminary needed a voice to reach

the people with its teaching and constructive agencies. They have also started a summer term of six weeks beginning immediately after the regular session and closing before the revival period begins—thus providing an opportunity for busy pastors, evangelists and others to pursue studies and get inspiration for the summer's campaigns. The first summer term was a great success. We enrolled 110 students, many of them were new students. We rejoice in these new phases of growth in the work of our Seminary. These eight items of God's blessings and other things caused us to rejoice in the work of our Seminary this year.

The Financial Exhibit.

An official auditor has made a complete report of his audit of the President's books to your Board and is filed in the records. This report shows the following items of interest:

- 1. Received on Boarding Hall, \$19,853; paid out, \$20,512; deficit, \$650, which is more than covered by accounts receivable.
 - 2. Received on land fund, \$6,376; paid out \$7,950.
- 3. Received on Training School Building fund, \$5,413; paid out. \$20.727.
- 4. Received on Street Car Operating Expenses, \$3,111; paid out. \$2.984; profit. \$127.
- 5. Received on salaries, administration expenses, etc., \$37,575; paid out, \$44,121; deficit, \$6,555.—this deficit was all paid by November 1, 1917.
- 6. Received on Department of Evangelism, \$15,344. Paid out, \$14.763.. Profit. \$581.
- 7. Received on Endowment, \$50,321, Loaned out, \$37,728. On hand, \$12,593.
 - 8. Total indebtedness on Seminary property, \$135,500.
 - 9. Total resources, \$1,021,274.
 - 10. Resources above liabilities, \$885,774.

Women's Training School.

The Women's Training School Department has eight teachers and assistants aside from the Seminary faculty. The enrollment this year, including summer school, was 150. The departments of Music, Expression, Domestic Science, Kindergarten, Settlement Work, together with the immense amount of practical work by the students have been successfully conducted. The indebtedness

on the Women's Building is around \$35,000. The women of the B. W. M. W. are planning to take care of this in the next two years. It is also their purpose to provide the \$3,500 necessary to pay the running expenses of the Training School this coming year. This deparment of work is making a large contribution to the cause of Christ in training young women and preachers' wives in the enlarging work of the Kingdom of God. We have established a day nursery, making it possible for a number of mothers, preachers' wives, to have all the advantages of the Training School. The preacher's wife needs training and culture as much as the preacher himself does.

Seminary Evangelists.

This department is thoroughly justifying itself in bringing students to the Seminary, in making friends for and popularizing the Seminary, in winning souls, calling out the called, establishing high standards in denominational and New Testament evangelism, in indoctrinating the people, and is a source of income to the Seminary. This last year, with a part of the year before, they paid all of their salaries and expenses, and brought into the Seminary \$933. The report of their work follows:

Evangelist Meetings	Sermons	Profes.	Baptisms	Addition
A. J. Morgan 15	463	450	258	348
W. R. Earp 15	300	247	194	288
W. T. Sherrod 12	450	574	269	421
P. F. Evans 6	200	227	102	150
R. L. Estes 14	300	372	174	235
W. B. Holland 6	100	261	120	138
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Total 84	2268	2709	1478	2013
Evangelist Money Re	eceived	Paid	Out	Balance
A. J. Morgan\$ 2,744	1.13	\$ 2,571	1.02	\$150.86
W. R. Earp 2,828	3.31	2,823	3.31	5.00
W. T. Sherrod 2,459	0.02	2,676	5.76	360.81
P. F. Evans 2,433	3.08	2,093	3.18	208.01
R. L. Estes 1,772	2.66	1,772	2.66	
W. B. Holland 542	25	3,894	1.58	63.34
From F. M. M'Connell's				
work, previous year_ 65	5.00			63.34
Total\$16,902	2.82	\$16,391	1.74	\$933.83

Students Aid and Loan Fund.

More and more as the Seminary grows in its student body the problem of student support becomes more serious. There are but two ways to care for the personal expenses of our students, from the students aid and loan funds and from pastorates in nearby churches. Only a limited number can make their way by other work than preaching. Most all of the students got pastorates last year. More and more the churches are seeing the good pastoral work of our students and using them as pastors. The students funds show the following figures for last year:

Received on Aid Fund from Texas State Board Received from other sources	
Total	\$7,533.47
Received from Loan Funds—	
Boone Fund	\$2,867.00
Boyd Fund	2,149.00
Total	\$5.016.00

All of which was paid out or loaned to the students—with a deficit on Aid Fund of \$1,281.73. We have helped by all of these funds about 100 students. The brethren everywhere should see the great value of money invested in these students. It would be one of the most far-reaching investments anywhere for some brethren to greatly enlarge our loan funds. We ask the co-operation of the churches in solving this important question.

Emphasis Upon Several Matters.

Your Board desires to lay special emphasis upon several matters of increasing importance.

1. The Department of Gospel Music in the Seminary needs to be brought to the attention of the brotherhood. Heretofore, there was no place in all of America where Baptist singing evangelists could secure competent training in Gospel Music under other than inter- or non-denominational environments. The brotherhood needs to know that now our gospel singers can get the very best training in music and Bible study and practical religious work here in our Seminary. It is important that our singers should be sound in the faith. They ought to be trained under Baptist influences. This department has grown in two years so that an assistant teacher had to be employed.

- 2. We call special attention also to the Department of Religious Education. There is a growing demand for trained Sunday School workers. Large positions with good salaries are being opened to consecrated men, not preachers, as Superintendents of Sunday School work, and as pastors' assistants. With our regular professorship in Religious Education we have secured the services of one of the best Sunday School specialists in the country. He gives his time in class-room and on the field in practical Sunday School leadership, training men for the great work opening in this line. This is a worthy and important enlargement of the Seminary's efficiency as a denominational constructive agency.
- 3. More and more all education is seeking to face out and reach the people. The Seminary is seeking to keep pace with this outward movement by its evangelistic force, a group of trained men who give all their time in holding revivals among Baptist churches only. They do not and will not hold union meetings They are promoters of denominational education, missionaries of all Baptist movements and enterprises. They are popularizing your Seminary in the evangelistic spirit and sending to us students and securing funds for all of our work. The churches need to use these men in their church revivals. You will not only carry on sane evangelism but you will connect up your evangelism with a great Kingdom enterprise.

This Seminary's Extension Department is also a part of this outward movement. Pastors, Sunday School workers and mission workers can get the advantage of all of our work by correspondence. Around 125 people enrolled this year and took courses of study. Many others should take this opportunity to become more efficient in their fields of labor.

4. Baptist people have ever been a country people. The first Baptist preacher was a country preacher. He lived in the hill country of Judea. There is great need for us to give constant and effective attention to work among the country churches. Rural life in receiving the attention of educational leaders in all phases of literary and industrial training. Your Seminary is joining in this wider movement. We have a country church department. The professor in this department is giving much study to rural church life, giving a course of lectures, carrying on extension work in visiting churches, farmers' meetings and other gatherings in interest of rural life. He is seeking to turn to the country churches some of our strongest preachers. The country churches are entitled to the best of our men. Good roads, a modern school and a strong church, will prevent the strength of the country from moving to

the cities. All of this will be good for Baptists and Christ's cause.

5. We call your attention with emphatic emphasis upon the growing need for the Seminary to have a great administration building. Soon the present administration accommodations will be needed as they are intended for dormitory purposes. Your Seminary will soon need a building for its growing classes and enlarging force—a great building to accommodate for generations to come a really great Seminary. This Seminary was laid out by a big heart, a big brain and according to a great pattern. It cannot be small. It is rapidly growing and must be given large room for growth by a liberal people.

Another need pressing and becoming increasingly critical is ample endowment. Our endowment should speedily be increased to a million dollars. The burden of securing an enlarging deficit each year for running expenses is too heavy for the Seminary's administration. The Conventions should soon devise ways and adopt means for largely increasing its endowment. One per cent of war profits gained by Baptists in these seven states alone would adequately endow and equip this Seminary. It must not be long before all the states owning this institution should join in a great wide-sweeping campaign for endowment. Until this opportunity is given for a wide campaign for endowment the brethren of the states should give liberal offerings or ample places in their church budgets for the running expenses of the Seminary. We must not let this matter be put in a corner or left out of the regular giving of the churches. It costs at least \$100 per year for every student. Each state ought to provide a sum sufficient to care for all the students attending from that state. To these funds the states contributed as follows:

Oklahoma, \$399.35; Louisiana, \$529.80; Arkansas, \$750.00; New Mexico, \$346.95; Illinois, \$300.00; Mississippi, \$450.00; Texas, \$10.000.00.

These figures do not include amounts raised by the President in meetings, but only the sums sent in through the secretaries of the Boards, up to September 18, 1917.

This is a matter involving the very life of the Seminary, and must receive the attention of the brotherhood. This Seminary is entitled to live in the largest and best way. It lives to train leaders and with trained leaders the Baptist way is always upward and onward.

- O. S. LATTIMORE, President of Board,
- J. K. WINSTON, Secretary of Board,
- L. R. SCARBOROUGH, President of Faculty.

Exhibit A.—Balance Sheet, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, September 18, 1917.

Resources.

Real Estate—Lands \$170,587.36 Buildings 300,000.00 Improvements 36,082.35—	-\$	506,669.71
Furniture and Fixtures\$ 7,932.77 Library and Paintings 7,000.00-	-\$	14,932.77
Bills Receivable—Real Estate\$ 15,282.38 Accounts Receivable—Seminary Hill Ad. 2,598.77 Accounts Receivable—Hubbard Highland Accounts Receivable—Fort Worth Hall. 2,394.85		
Accounts Receivable—Current Fund	-\$	27,409.22
Baptist Seminary Street Ry. Co. Stock Seminary Magazine Revenue and Expenses Cash on hand and in Bank	\$	23,750.u0 295.80 41,995.46 9,294.25
Invested Notes\$156,938.46 Endowment Realty Appraised 13,107.50 Endowment Common Notes 226,880.94	\$	624,347.21 396,926.90
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Liabilities.		
Capital\$477,423.60 Less Marquette Land Valued at 2,000.00- Mortgage	-\$	475,423.60 30,000.00
Bills Payable—Schedule No. 1		105,500.00 830.51
Endowment Principal\$396,926.90	\$	611,754.11
Endowment for Investment 12,593.10-	-\$ —	409,520.00

\$1,021,274.11

- 24. The interests of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, were presented by Geo. B. Eager, professor in that institution.
- 25. J. B. Gambrell, professor in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, spoke in the interest of that institution.
- 26. Greetings from the Arkansas students in the Southern Seminary were brought by Geo. B. Eager, and from those in the Southwestern Seminary by H. D. Morton
- 27. Upon motion, the Executive Board was instructed to raise \$1,500 for the current expenses of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- 28. The report of the Committee on Sabbath Day Observance was read by J. F. Johnston. After discussion by J. F. Johnston, C. F. J. Tate, S. H. Campbell, W. J. E. Cox, W. E. Atkinson, E P Alldredge, A H. Autry, J. P. Dunn, O. A. Greenleaf and V. C. Neal it was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH DAY OBSERVANCE.

We your Committee on Sabbath Day Observance, report as follows:

- That the Lord appointed a day which was His when His people should rest from their labors and worship the Savior. This day was sacredly observed by the Apostles and early Christians by refraining from gainful occupation and devoutly worshiping our Lord.
- 2. That there is apparently a growing tendency to Sabbath desecration in automobile riding, excursions, dances, theatres, picture shows, foot and baseball games and Sunday picnics. Complaints have been made from many quarters that the public school teachers were taking our young folks on Sunday picnics. This should be condemned.
 - 3. That we have splendid Sabbath laws.

Your committee therefore recommends:

1. That our pastors and membership assist the officers in enforcement of Sabbath laws.

2. That we carefully teach and train our young people to reverence God's day and worship Him instead of desecrating it.

J. F. Johnston, J. P. Dunn.

S. K. DAVIS.

A. M. CRAIN,

N. C. DENSON.

H. T. CRUMPTON,

Mrs. J. E. Childs,

Committee.

29. After prayer by Geo. B. Eager, of Louisville, Kentucky, adjournment was taken until 7:30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

- 30. Called to order by President Conger. After singing "Amazing Grace," Otto Whittington led in prayer.
 - 31. Committees were announced as follows:

Camp Pike Activities—J. O. Johnston, M. H. Potter, L. J. Covington, E. D. Allmon, Mrs. W. L. Weatherford, H. E. Kirkpatrick, W. A. Henry, M. G. Burkett, W. A. Forbes.

Laymen's Movement—Dr. J. P. Runyan, J. R. Gregson, Mrs. L. E. Holdford, C. S. Fitzpatrick, E. M. Bartlett, W. J. Hall, L. W. White, A. M. Crain, J. Windbigler, W. I. Holt, C P. Walters, F. K. Ringsmuth.

Stewardship and Pastoral Support—J. S. Compere, Mrs. H. L. White, C. P. Walters, C. S. Wales, Otto Whittington, L. W. White, J. A. Wheatley, Mrs. C. D. Wood, Frank Wright, Mrs. J. L. Williams.

Foreign Missions—B. V. Ferguson, Giles C. Taylor, J. H. Turner, Jno. E. Tatum, Mrs. E. J. Teague, L. Tomme, J. C. Vaughan, W. F. Warren, J. O. Wright, Mrs. E. M. Williamson.

Nominations—C. D. Wood, J. B. Swanner, L. M. Sipes, Mrs. Hattie Sanders, Mrs. O. A. Skinner, Mrs. Nannie Stanley, J. K. Smith, Mrs. Ida H. Tucker, W. M. Wright, P. C. Barton, C. F. J. Tate.

Orphans' Home—J. B. Luck, Mrs. J. C. McCroy, Mrs. M. L. Morris, W. R. McEwen, T. M. McGee, J. F. McDonald, Alex McPherson, Otto Mathis, Paul Moore, W. J. McCool, D. B. Moore.

Sunday Schools—S. H. Campbell, C. E. Myrick, G. H. Lewis, Livingston Mays, L. F. McMurry, W. A. Moffitt, Mrs. Frank Massey, Mrs. H. R. McCarrell, J. G. Muse, W. G. Mathis.

Work Among Negroes—T. H. Plemmons, J. L. Newsome, Horton Navy, T. S. Ottinger, J. W. Porter, Mrs. M. H. Potter, Mrs. L. Pilkington, I. H. Pettus, C. E. Painter, Victor Pond.

Obituaries—V. C. Neal, Mrs. J. R. Robinson, F. C. Sims, T. T. Thompson, C. S. Fitzpatrick, J. W. Sloan, S. C. Stark, Robert Suggs, Miss Willie Stark, O. M. Stallings.

Aged Ministers Relief—J. T. Howell, Mrs. J. T. Rogers, L. A. Robertson, Mrs. Walter Pickering, J. B. Rose, E. Rawlings, J. H. Reynolds, J. R. Robbins, W. M. Roberts, Ed Ryland.

Hospitals—L. D. Summers, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Dr. J. P. Runyan, William Jones, Thos. King, S. W. Kendrick, H. E. Kirkpatrick, W. T. King, L. M. Keeling, R. F. Liddell, H. Loewer, Mrs. Jack Lewis.

Woman's Work—Mrs. B. V. Ferguson, G. E. Holt, Albert Horner, Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney, Mrs. H. Loewer, Mrs. T. H. Plemmons, Mrs. Frank Wright, Dr. J. K. Joyner, J. T. Jenkins, Mrs. J. L. Joyner, Mrs. J. W. Gardenr, W. H. Joyner, H. W. Jean.

Schools and Colleges—L. E. Barton, John Ayers, Dr. J. P. Runyan, E. P. Alldredge, J. P. Boone, G. W. Puryear, W. W. Moore, John T. Walters, W. M. Wright, J. F. Tull, J. W. Williams, D. D. Glover, Mrs. A. D. Jones, O. A. Greenleaf.

Ministerial Education—W. J. E. Cox, T. H. Jordan, D. A. Gregory, J. W. Gardner, W. S. Hemenway, B. B. Hawkins, W. F. Hall, L. E. Hall, L. E. Holt, Mrs. Tom Henderson, W. O. Heath, Ernest Howell.

State Missions—T. D. Brown, L. D. Summers, W. J. Hinsley, W. C. Boone, E. H. Frisby, A. Fox, M. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. T. Fowlkes, W. A. Forbes, J. D. J. Faulkner, J. G. Harris, Miss Ida Gordon.

Home Missions—E. P. Alldredge, R. H. Dudley, W. L. Compere, R. P. Bain, W. I. Elledge, O. E. Ellis, Mrs. J. H. Estes, C. G. Elliott, Mrs. W. A. Bobo, Mrs. E P. Alldredge, O. T. Finch.

B. Y. P. U.—J. R. G. White, L. J. Covington, J. E. Brown, J. F. Brewer, A. E. Chapman, E. F. Curle, W. A. Cummings, W. J. Hinsley, F. M. Carter, A. F. Cagle.

Temperance—H. F. Vermillion, W. E. Atkinson, W. H. Bowling, D. W. Bolton, T. C. O'Bryant, Mrs. Ida Burns, J. T. Bowden, M. G. Burkett, J. R. Barnett, J. A. Croom.

Lord's Day Observance—J. T. Johnston, H. T. Crumpton, A. M. Crain, A. L. Coleman, William Cooksey, H. C. Crum, Mrs. J. E. Chiles, N. C. Denson, S. K. Davis, J. P. Dunn.

Publications—P. C. Barton, Dr. J. P. Runyan, L. M. Sipes, B. B. Bailey, W. A. Forbes, V. B. Izard, T. T. Thompson, W. A. Cummings, M. Culp, W. M. Wright.

32. The report on Ministerial Education was read by W. J. E. Cox, and after discussion by W. J. E. Cox, L. E. Barton and H. F. Vermillion, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Apostle Paul in his first epistle to Timothy specified aptness to teach as one of the necessary qualifications of a bishop. We believe that aptness to teach means something more than a bare acquaintance with the fundamentals of the Gospel. The demands for a thoroughly trained ministry are greater now than ever before in the history of Christianity. The great development in general education among our people is requiring more and more a thoroughly equipped ministry. Even the children are criticising the knowledge and language of the preacher of today. In many instances they feel that he does not know as much as they know and is therefore not qualified to teach them.

We need to impress our young men who feel called to the ministry that it is not only the highest of all callings but a calling which deserves and requires the greatest possible preparation. A theological training in one of our seminaries is of great importance but a collegiate training ought to be regarded as a necessity. We believe that both of these courses can be had by any young man whose heart is set upon preparing himself for the greatest possible service in the ministry.

Hitherto God has impressed poor young men with the desire to enter the ministry. Most of them need some help and many of them much help. Many of them, who manifest a self-sacrificing spirit, cannot secure the preparation they need and earnestly desire without help from our churches. Ministerial education is one of our greatest denominational enterprises and greater emphasis should be put upon it in all our churches. It is unquestionably at the foundation of all our denominational work. Neglect of this means neglect of all our mission interests.

The Arkansas young men who are preparing for the ministry are distributed among our schools as follows: One at Maynard Academy, seven at Mountain Home College, thirty-three at Ouachita College, five at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and fifteen at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

We believe that this number could be largely increased if more assistance was given them. A mere pittance is now given them.

We recommend that the Executive Board make an earnest and persevering effort to raise \$6,000 for ministerial education during the present convention year and that this amount be increased from year to year as the demands may require.

> W. J. E. Cox. T. H. JORDAN. L .E. HOLT. B. B. HAWKINS. J. W. GARDNER. ERNEST HOWELL

D. A. GREGORY

Committee

33. The following telegram was read, and Mrs. J. G. Jackson appointed to send a suitable reply:

President J. W. Conger:

Greetings to you and Convention assembled. Trust it will be the greatest Convention ever held. Regret I cannot attend. Mrs. C. M. Roberts.

- President Arkansas Baptist W. M. U.
- 34. A telegram from Moorehead Wright, State Director of War Savings Certificates Organization, requesting that time be given a representative of the organization to present this matter, was read and referred to the Program Committee.
- The annual sermon was preached before the Convention by B. B. Bailey, of the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, who had for a text Romans, 5:20.21.

36. Adjourned with prayer by B. D. Gray, of Atlanta, Georgia.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

- 37. After a brief pipe organ recital, the President called the Convention to order, and J. F. Brewer led in prayer.
- 38. I. J. Van Ness, Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., was introduced.
- 39. The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by E. P. Alldredge, and after discussion by B. D. Gray and J. B. Gambrell, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS. The Multiform Work of the Home Mission Board.

We call attention to the multiform work of our Home Mission Board:

In Evangelism and Church Building and Enlistment, in Cuba and Panama and the Southern Highlands, among Foreigners and Negroes and Indians, through co-operative missions in such needy States as New Mexico and Arkansas and Oklahoma and Louisiana and Florida, in cities and towns and country-side, our Board has a great work.

Great Evangelistic Work.

Our Home Board last year reported 37,724 baptisms, 22,945 of which were creditable directly to Home Missions. while the rest were creditable to co-operative agencies. Last year the total receipts of the Board for all objects were \$474,792, while the administrative costs were \$22,638, or only 4.7 per cent. This suggests great economy in administration. While we applaud a wise economy, we must not forget that efficiency in secular business has nearly always required considerably larger administrative costs than this.

Helping Weak Churches.

Our Board must not only wisely expend money; it must aid in nurturing and instructing the sources of its supply, which are among nearly 3,000,000 Baptists, most of whom belong to churches with only once-a-month preaching by absentee pastors. To do this service with any real effectiveness will necessitate some expense We would encourage our Board in incurring expenses required for efficiency.

The Call of the World War.

The great world war is a challenge to every moral and spiritual resource in America. Hundreds of thousands of homes will experience a new soul-hunger, a new sense of need, in the giving of their sons to fight in the nation's armies for justice and democracy. The American farmer must feed the world. The farmer's church, already in need of inspiration and new methods that it may serve a new rural world, must be the center from which the farmer shall gain added understanding and courage to do his part for God and for country. Southern Baptists must do their full share to save and to serve the religious needs of our American boys in the camps, and to protect them from the foul birds of prey that gather in the wake of every army.

General Increase Called For.

Realizing that new and heavier burdens must in this crisis be borne by Baptists of the South in the Home Mission Field, the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans instructed the Board to pursue its work on the basis of an apportionment of \$505,193, and the annual meeting of the Board in June planned the year's work on that basis. It is the first time Southern Baptists have undertaken to raise half a million for Home Missions, but the abounding needs and opportunities call for it. Our Baptist people are prosperous. They can enjoy their prosperity without moral deterioration only by serving God and country and men with their substance. Patriotism and true religion call us to a large support of Home Missions

Special Calls on Home Board.

In addition to the general considerations we call attention to the great new, special and urgent calls made upon the Home Mission Board this year. We mention the following:

1. The launching of the Training School at New Orleans has called for \$10,000 from the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board. It has also cut off the large help to the Home Mission Board from the Sunday School Board and has made it necessary for the Home Mission Board to provide for one-half of all the

current expenses of this new Training School, which will mount up into the thousands by the end of this year.

- 2. We have multiplied thousands of foreigners who are shut off here in America on account of the world war and can not get back to their native lands, and for these the Home Mission Board must do large work.
- 3. There has come a phenomenal awakening among the Indians in all sections of the south and among the French-speaking people in Louisiana—an awakening which demands a very much enlarged effort on the part of the Home Mission Board for these people.
- 4. The Home Board has been forced to begin work this year among the remnants of the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi and among the Cherokee Indians in Western North Carolina.
- 5. By order of the Southern Baptist Convention at New Orleans a Tuberculosis Commission was appointed by the Home Board which will make a thorough study of the needs of one or more hospitals for tuberculosis over the south. This Commission must have considerable money for expenses in making its far-reaching investigation—and these funds likewise must come out of the Home Mission Board's treasury.
- 6. By specific order of the Southern Baptist Convention and in order to help the several states over the South to cope with the problem of caring for the religious needs of our soldier boys in the 21 cantonments the Home Board is called upon to expend not less than \$60,000 in this work before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention next May. And this is extra above the \$505,000 already mentioned.
- 7. As all are aware, the present high cost of living and the cost of building material and printing material puts increasing demands upon the treasury of the Home Mission Board. Every department of its great work will be obliged to have more money to do the same work done last year, to say nothing of the money required to meet these new immediate, insistent, urgent, special calls enumerated above.
- 8. Finally, the Home Mission Board is increasing her gifts to a certain number of the states of the South—and among them our own Arkansas. Indeed, besides helping us save Ouachita College and taking care of urgent and pressing needs of certain of our church buildings, the Home Mission Board has very nobly and generously increased her gifts to our State Mission work in Arkansas more than \$6,000 for this year, besides large help granted toward our mountain schools at Maynard and Mountain Home.

In view of these new and urgent needs of the Home Mission Board and in view of this Board's most generous help to our Arkansas work we recommend:

That our churches lead the way among the states in the South in providing for the extra funds for this urgent work, and

That Arkansas Baptists undertake to increase their offerings for Home Missions this year not less than 25 per cent over last year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. P. ALLDREDGE,
OSCAR E. ELLIS,
W. I. ELLEDGE,
MRS. J. H. ESTES,
MRS. W. A. BOBO,
R. P. BAIN,
MRS. E. P. ALLDREDGE,
W. L. COMPERE.

Committee

- 40. The following telegram was read, and the Secretary instructed to reply:
- J. W. Conger, President Arkansas Baptist Convention, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Phillippians 8:3-6 expresses sentiment of my heart.
F. F. GIBSON.

- 41. General Secretary J. S. Rogers announced that the Executive Board lacked only \$75 of having sufficient funds to report the Orphans' Home free of debt. A free will offering was made which more than covered the deficit.
- 42. The War Savings Certificate was explained by C. S. Fitzpatrick, of Helena. Upon motion, the plan was endorsed and pastors urged to present the matter to their congregations.
- 43. A motion was made that the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "and an Auditor" in Article IV, Section 1, and it was so ordered.
- 44. After a period of worship, led by Arthur Fox, of Hope, the Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 45. Devotional service was led by I. J. Van Ness, of Nashville, Tennessee.
- 46. Called to order by Vice President, L. E. Barton.
- 47. The report of the Trustees of Ouachita College was read by President C. E. Dicken, of Ouachita. The report of the Trustees of Central College was read by President J. W. Conger. By order of the Convention these reports appear below.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE.

The desire on the part of American Baptists to found and maintain colleges where learning and religion might be developed in symmetrical unity has meant much toward the development and growth of this denomination. This desire found expression on the part of Arkansas Baptists in the year 1886 in which year Quachita College was founded at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and since which time it has been a source of life and power and development to the Baptist hosts of the state. Nearly ten thousand students have had access to the opportunities it has afforded for development and over one thousand have been graduated from the institution. In the touching of all these lives the ministry of the college has been to pour back into the denomination those trained for leadership and filled with the zeal for consecrated service. institution is the real missionary enterprise at the command of Arkansas Baptists. It is at the very heart of State Missions. means an investment in lives and characters which are building down the years to the glory of God in the development of righteousness in our commonwealth. Aside from discharging this obligation to the denomination which founded it. Quachita College has not been unmindful of her duty to the State, for she has maintained at practically her own cost for nearly 20 years a Military Department under the direction of the War Department of the United States and now, at this period of our national emergency, the institution has over one hundred commissioned officers in the national The name and fame and influence of our institution is reaching unto the uttermost parts of the earth. There never has

been a time in the history of the world when Christian Education stood for as much as it does in this day. The world is at war primarily because of the development of a materialistic educational ideal in one of the greatest nations of the earth and the only hope of permanent peace lies in the development of the true educational ideal which consists in a renewed emphasis upon Christian Education as set forth by such institutions as our denominational schools in this and other states and lands so that the ideals of Christ may reign and rule in the hearts of the people and among the nations of the earth. The call upon denominational schools of this day is to make this impress upon the civilizations of the world and it is indeed a mighty calling and a great work claiming as it rightfully should the consentrated attention, the hearty sympathy, the willing sacrifice and the fullest co-operation of God's people.

Looking toward the fuller accomplishment of this great work in connection with Ouachita College, we, your board, desire to make the following suggestions and recommendations:

Equipment.

It is our judgment that the equipment of Ouachita College must be materially increased in order for the school to meet the demands made upon it and to keep pace with like institutions. On October 14th, 1917, the Cone Home was almost completely destroyed by fire. On this Home was carried \$5,000 insurance. Settlement has been agreed upon with the insurance company for \$4,735.31. The President recommends that this be used to cancel the indebtedness assumed by the ladies. The Board unanimously sustains this recommendation. When the Cone Home, in which was conducted the Co-operative Board Club, was burned it became absolutely necessary to find a place for the continuance of this club in which the boys might obtain board at actual cost, or many of them would have been obliged to leave. To meet the emergency the President rented and is using a portion of the Caddo Hotel in which the Co-operative Boarding Club is being conducted under the management of Prof. and Mrs. Jennings. This means, of course, additional expense to the College, for the sake of holding the students, which cannot be continued beyond this year. The proper conduction and maintenance of the school demands the erection of a new dormitory between now and the opening of the next session

Endowment.

 In keeping with the instructions of the Convention of last year the Board of Trustees and the President of the College have been exerting themselves in so far as they were able toward the raising of endowment and we are able to report that we now have \$51,250.00 endowment drawing interest at five per cent, \$20,000 of which has been locally subscribed and paid in at Arkadelphia, and \$21,000 the bequest of Mrs. Wilson, of Arkadelphia. It has been suggested that this Convention subscribe and pay in to the Endowment of Ouachita College the sum of \$100,000 in Liberty Bonds, thus serving the Government on one side, making the best possible investment for the College themselves and giving the Institution the benefit of the interest. This seems to us a wise and profitable suggestion and we heartily recommend it for your consideration

Faculty.

3. We find that the Faculty of Ouachita College is deserving of high commendation, not only because of their several abilities to fill the positions which they occupy, but because also of the distinct Christian influence of their individual lives and characters extended throughout the student body and community. Every member of the Ouachita College Faculty is a consistent member of the Baptist Church save two. Prof. L. H. Mitchel, who is serving his tenth year as Director of the Conservatory and whose exemplary life is known to all, is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Prof. Alfred Hall, Head of the Voice Department in the Conservatory. at present in the employ of the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia as Organist in connection with his work at the College and serving his second year at Quachita College, is also a member of the Presbyterian Church and is an exemplary Christian gentleman. It is the judgment of the President of the College and the opinion of your Board that the College will not be able to maintain its present high standard with respect to the Faculty without increasing the salaries of the Heads of the several Departments. and we believe that the men who are at present serving in these capacities are doing so at a distant pecuniary sacrifice on the salaries which they are receiving.

Increased Cost of Operation.

4. We find that the economic condition of the present time, with which every delegate in this Convention is perfectly familiar, has increased the cost of operation at Ouachita College over fifty per cent; and were it not for the policies of economy and management which are prevailing at the present time in the conduction of the institution we should find ourselves hopelessly encumbered with debt. It has not been found possible to operate Ouachita

College free of an annual deficit in ordinary times and we therefore cannot expect to do so in times like these, and we must make provision in some manner in order to maintain the credit of the institution.

Ministerial Education.

Both the President of the College and the Board of Trustees recognize the importance of this department in Quachita College. At the present time there are thirty-three ministerial students, and sixteen who are either sons or daughters of ministers receiving free tuition. The problem of an Educated Ministry is a very vital one which faces our Denomination. In our judgment provision should be made where necessary to care for and educate at Ouachita College every worthy young man in our denomination who is sinsere in his conception of his call to the ministry. In our judgment, Dr. A. M. Croxton, who is a graduate of Furman University and a graduate and post-graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is both by nature and training affording exceptional opportunities to all who are preparing themselves at Ouachita College to preach the Gospel of Christ. The President of the College is making no difference between the scholastic requirements in the Ministerial Department and the scholastic requirements in any other department, and insists that it is impossible for a student in this Department to meet the scholastic requirements if he finds it necessary to devote too much of his time to preaching while in attendance at the College and that the emphasis must be laid upon the preparation to preach instead of attempting to preach too much while a student.

Financial Management.

6. In keeping with a stated policy of the President of the College, he has furnished the Board of Trustees and this convention a certified accountant's statement covering the period of his administration which is from June 1st, 1916 to October 15th, 1917. With this statement he is publishing for the consideration of this Convention the Accountant's signed analysis which is in the form of a letter to the Board of Trustees concerning the manner, method and efficiency in the handling of the Convention's business in connection with Ouachita College. We heartily endorse this policy of the President of the College and especially do we recommend the publishing of the Accountant's analysis of the manner and method of handling the funds at the College which we consider to be of vital importance to the Convention.

Attendance.

7. Notwithstanding the serious inroad made upon the attendance among the various institutions in the country we find that Ouachita College has held up well in this respect, though the attendance on the part of the boys is considerably decreased, while the girls have increased. The total enrollment at present is 249, 140 girls and 109 boys, 84 girls in the Young Ladies' Home and 13 girls in the Industrial Home; attendance from the city, 43 girls. The total enrollment for the last two years has been 294. This indicates that this enrollment will hardly be reached this year. The selective draft has decreased the attendance on the part of the boys at least fifty percent.

We are now in a critical condition. We must have an adequate dormitory for the boys ready for use by next September. We must have an additional \$100,000 in endowment by that time if we are to go without a deficit. The College cannot bear the expense of a man to make the campaign. We therefore recommend that the Executive Board of this Convention be instructed to pay the expenses of a first-class man to be selected by this Board to do this work.

On motion adopted by the Board of Trustees in session at Jonesboro, Arkansas, December 6th, 1917.

W. N. ADAMS, President, Board Trustees.

C. C. Tobey, Secretary, Board Trustees.

Condensed Statement of Report of Expert Accountants on Ouachita College.

ASSETS

Current—		
Cash in Drawer(Page 7)	\$ 878.40	
Cash in Bank(Page 7)	8,313.19—\$	9,191.59
Accounts Receivable(Page 6)		488.50
Bills Receivable(Page 6)	399.00	
Bills Receivable—		
(Rediscounted)(Page 6)	591.00	
(Old)(Page 6)	475.25—\$	1,465 25
Prepaid Expenses per Inventories—		
Unexpired Insurance(Page 4)	917.26	
Light and Water Prepaid(Page 4a)	750.00	
Salaries Prepaid(Page 3)	2,005.60	
Advertising Prepaid(Page 3)	1.079.98	
Expenses Girls Home Prepaid(Page 3)	1,335.08	

Pasture and Barn Inventory(Page 4a) Canned Goods Inventory(Page 4) Stationery (Office) Inventory(Page 4)	1,680.00 833.90 64.40	8,666.20
		\$10,811.56
Property—		
Pianos(Page 4)	5,953.59	
Library (Estimated 7,000 Vol.)(Page 4)	10,000.00	
Furniture(Page 4)	14,111.25	
Buildings—		
(Administrative)	47,780.00	
(Conservatory of Music)(Page 4)	28 750.00	
(Young Ladies Home)	33.500.00	
(Industrial Home)	3,000.00	
(Cone Home) Burned 10-14-17		
(President's Home)	8,500.00	
(Campus Cottage)	1,000 00	
Lots (two in Argenta) no value obtainable		
Land (Campus and other)	32,500.00—	185,094.81

\$204,906.40

The institution has an endowment of \$51,250.00 held by committee composed of W. N. Adams, N. D. Huie and C. C. Tobey, with C. C. Tobey as treasurer, who is under bond for \$100,000 00. This Endowment Fund is yielding 5 per cent interest.

In addition to the Liabilities shown herein there are two notes issued for pianos, for \$1,375.00 each. The values of these new pianos are not used in this statement. (Since this statement one of these notes due November 7, 1917, has been paid.—C. E. D.

Condensed Statement, Receipts and Disbursements. From June 1, 1916, to October 15, 1917.

RECEIPTS.

Board, Tuition and Fees	9,000.00 100.25 6,912.50 37.68 141.76 152.98 310.00
Dairy and PastureMiscellaneous	

Total Receipts

\$ 68,502.46

DISBURSEMENTS.

Salaries\$ Advertising and Canvassing Labor	25,290.98 3,454.99 264.04
Repairs and Improvements	4,535.67
Interest	43.20
Office and General Expense	8,007.50
Refunds	303.10
Loans	173.60
Dairy and Pasture	932.05
Girls Home	8,117.32
Bills Payable (borrowed money)	6,912 50
Lyceum	594.71
Old Accounts paid	681.21

Total Disbursements

\$ 59,310.87

Balance on hand Oct. 15, 1917_____

\$ 9,191.50

(Signed)

TAYLOR E. CRESS & COMPANY, By Taylor E. Cress, Certified Public Accountant.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL COLLEGE.

Your Board desires to submit the following report of your Woman's College.

It is with sad hearts, we mention the passing of one of our most loyal members, Bro. Lee Pendergrass, of Helena. The Committee on Obituaries will give proper recognition to this strong and useful brother.

Patronage.

We registered the past year the largest patronage in our history. The total enrollment was 205; boarders, 117; students in Literary Department, 145; students in Fine Arts, 225; students in Home Economics, 30. We gave 29 diplomas and seven certificates at Commencement

Local patronage for the present year is not so large as last year because of local conditions. A number of independent teachers have canvassed the town, and hence have taken away some students, and as the State Normal gives free tuition, some of the Literary students take advantage of this. The boarding patronage at the beginning of the year fell short about ten. Last year our building was unduly crowded, and we lost a number of boarders during the first few months so that the boarding patronage now is about the same as it was last year at this time, 108. We have at present 47 counties represented. Patronage is better distributed than ever before.

The Senior Class of the past year completed the gateways to the campus, so that we now have four brick and stone columns. The class of the present year has decided to leave as its memorial two electric arch-ways, spanning these columns at the entrance to the campus. The contract has already been let and will cost \$385.

Each year it has been necessary to have repairs, but this expense was reduced to its minimum during the past summer. Some work was done on the boiler, the roof was painted, some additions made to the servant's house, and linoleum was placed on the lower corridor floor. The total expense for all repairs amounted to \$278.39.

The pianos in Central College, with few exceptions, were very old and no longer serviceable. It became necessary the past summer to purchase new equipment or to rent. There was no other alternative. Not being willing at the time to incur any further debt, we entered into a very satisfactory rental contract with the Hollenberg Music Company, with option to purchase. Twenty-three

pianos were involved in this contract; three Knabe Grands, and the others, No. 15 Upright Kimballs with a splendid finish. This is the best equipment any college in the state has ever had. The total cost, if we make the purchase, will be \$5,400. The total cost of the pianos at the usual price is about \$14,000. The Knabe Grands sell at \$1,500 each.

Some Official Changes.

Your Board thought it wise to relieve our President of the detail financial work connected with the College. It has been difficult for him to secure satisfactory help, with our limited money, in the way of bookkeeping, hence there have been several changes. The President could not keep the books. Until the credit of the school could be reestablished it was necessary for him to have close supervision over expenditures and collections. We desire him to give attention to the larger spiritual, educatonal and vocational needs of the students, for which he is especially fitted. Prof. D. S. Campbell, Vice-President, aided by a young lady bookkeeper, now has charge of the financial end of the institution, and Mrs. Lucile Bailey is Dean. In these three persons we have efficiency, adaptability and congenial spirits, who will work in harmony to keep Central College in the forefront of higher education in the State. There is a beautiful spirit of harmony, loyalty, and co-operation pervading the entire student body and faculty. All members of our Faculty except one in the Fine Arts Department are members of Baptist Churches.

Financial Statement.

The old notes mentioned in our last year's report were taken over by the State Executive Board. We refer you to their report and to the Auditor's report for the business statement up to September 1st of this year. We give the following statement from September 1st to November 20th:

Students' Accounts, this year	\$13,397.53
Amount collected	\$11,822.20
Accounts Receivable	1,575.33
	\$13,397.53
EXPENSES THIS YEAR.	
Food	\$1,850.88
Servants	680.55
Fuel, Light, Water	293.17
General Expenses (Home)	

295.28

Infirmary	74.65
Repairs and Renewals	278.39
Interest	70.98
General Expense (School)	353.35
Officers and Teachers Salaries	2,633.13
Lyceum	225.00
Canvassing and Advertising	106.95
Office Expenses	250.55
	7,456.15
CREDITS FOR THIS YEAR.	
Home Accounts\$	5.048.47
·	1,159.25
· ·	1,244.00
Theory and Practice	314.25
Voice	155.00
Violin	172.00
Domestic Science	368.75
Art and Business Course (\$10.00)	142.50
Yearly Fees	3,419.17
Sales Room	769.26
Miscellaneous Accounts	180.38
Total\$13	3,397.53
Cash Collected on this year's business	\$11,822.20
Cash Collected on old business	450.47
Total	\$12,272 67
Cash paid on old accounts\$ 1,863.15	
Cash paid on old notes	
Cash paid on old business not included in	
Accounts Payable	
Cash paid on canvassing	
Cash paid on this year's business 5,214.34	
Cash in Bank	
Total\$12,272.67	

Religious Activities.

During the past year there were 82 active members of the Y. W. C. A. Two hundred and fifty-two dollars were contributed, \$100 of which went to our Foreign Mission Board for the support of a native Chinese Missionary, and \$50 for evangelistic services in the College, which resulted in the saving of 19 girls. Ten dollars was contributed to the Baptist Student Volunteer Convention, and

\$10 to the piano fund of Mountain Home College. A mission study class was well organized and College credit given for the work. The girls were divided into small groups which met every Sunday evening for the purpose of reading Mission books. Five delegates were sent to the Baptist Student Volunteer Convention at Louisville, and two delegates to the Woman's Missionary Convention at Stamps.

Our religious activities are better the present year than ever before. All boarding students, excepting five, are active members of the Association. One thousand five hundred and seventy-three dollars and fifty cents was adopted as the budget for 1917-18 to be expended as follows: \$92 dues; \$100 for support of a Baptist Missionary in China; \$200 for State Missions at Camp Pike; \$300 for Central College Loan Fund; and \$881.50 to the Students' Friendship War Work Fund of the Y. M. C. A. The Reading Circles and Mission Study classes are being carried on the same as last year.

The regular Bible class study at present is given to Historical Criticism. Robinson's Historical Evidence and the Bible and Commentaries are being used. The pupils are also making a study of Old Testament characters. Dean's Life of Abraham, and Taylor's Life of Moses are being studied. The Historical books and the Minor Prophets will be studied the remainder of the present semester. During the spring semester the New Testament and the Harmony of the Gospels will be studied.

Quite an active B. Y. P. U. is maintained, with a membership of 24. The young women are taking quite a remarkable interest in training for denominational leadership. Recently Bro. E. E. Lee of the Sunday School Board taught a training class with practically every member engaged in systematic study. Twenty young women received certificates for completion of the study course, and are qualified to go back to their communities and be leaders in religious work.

Bro. S. M. Purser, of the Foreign Mission Board, gave our girls some very helpful lectures and greatly quickened interest in Missions. A number of strong young women made definite decisions to give their lives to personal work in whatever field God may direct.

Student Government.

A modified form of Student Government has been introduced at Central, and is being most successfully maintained. Placing the students upon their honor frees them from the rules and regulations that usually seem arbitrary and unfair toward a competent student body. At the same time the students never forget to keep constantly before them the student association motto, "Privileges entail obligations," thus recognizing and appreciating the great personal responsibility placed on them in the enjoyment of student government. They understand that they are given the right of self-government, carrying with it the individual dignity of maintaining the highest standard in deportment, both in and out of college.

The unusual success of this first year of student government in Central, is due to three things: the thorough and detailed work of the organization; the splendid response from a student body that recognizes the value of high standards and right living; and the spirit of co-operation between faculty and students.

Central Normal Course.

During the past session the department of Education in Central College arranged its work so that its course of study met the immediate needs of those desiring to teach. It has ever been the case that our colleges have been called upon to furnish a large number of teachers for the rural and city schools. Arrangements were perfected through the co-operation of the State Department of Education whereby students of Central College who complete the course in Education may receive license to teach without examination. During the first year of this arrangement the requirements for teaching experience was waived. This year, however, it is required that each student present a certificate of successful teaching experience. Not having a model school, a far more suitable arrangement was made whereby each student gets actual experience as a cadet teacher in the City Schools of Conway. Last year eighteen young women received license to teach, and all of them are teaching except one. This year there are twenty-three in the class, all of whom will be ably qualified for teaching service at the close of this year.

Central Loan Fund.

During the past few years there has been a very heavy demand for aid of worthy, ambitious young women of limited means. Hence President Conger inaugurated in a quiet way a movement to create a loan fund for those advanced in their work, and who have proved worthy. This fund was begun by the First Church of Fort Smith who gave \$75 which was immediately loaned to a senior girl, an orphan, who after graduation has been the principal of a splendid school. About \$20 was given by the Alumni Association, and \$100 by Mrs. Ida B. Frauenthal, of Conway. A few

other contributions and interest on the loan brought this fund up to \$293.67 at the close of the past scholastic year ending June The following amounts have been added since that date: Louise Llewellyn, \$2; Ted Homer, \$2; Stella Lowrance, \$2; Emma Williams, \$15; Annie Horton, \$12; Lillie Mayo, \$15; Laverne Bratton, \$15; Juanita Hines, \$5; Cecil Shelby, Lois Wiggins, Fay Kennard and Dora Payne, of Batesville, \$47; Pauline Moore, \$15; Leona and Georgia Roberts, \$30: Ellie Smith, \$9: Dorothy Rankin, \$15: Hazel Moss, \$15; Mary Elliott, \$15; Helen Jackson, \$10. (All students of Central.) From Women's Missionary Unions, Cabot. \$6.25: Eldorado, \$5; Gurdon, \$2; Crossett, \$1.25; Dalark, \$1.50; Little Rock, Third Church, \$5; Second Church, \$10; Immanuel Church, \$5; Tiller, \$2.50; Harrison, \$2; Augusta, \$4.25; Greenwood, \$1.25; Brinkley, \$2.50; Texarkana, Beech Street, \$5; Camden, \$15; Lonoke, \$5; Helena, First Church, \$5; Dardanelle, \$2.25; Stamps, \$1.65; Conway, \$15; Monticello, \$2.10. Ladies' Aid Societies: Lonoke, \$5; England, \$5; Monticello, \$2.10; Huttig, \$1.25; Magnolia, \$2.50. Young Woman's Auxiliaries: Arkadelphia, \$1.25; Jonesboro, Baptist Young People's Unions: Perryville, \$1; Harrison, \$5; Pearson, \$2.25; Paris, \$2; Morrilton, \$15; Wheatley, \$1.25; Fort Smith, First Church, \$2.75; Malvern, First Church, \$12.55. Contribution from Y. W. C. A. of Central College this year, \$300. Total, \$981.02.

Fifteen young ladies have already been the beneficiaries of this fund, all of whom have graduated excepting four, who are at present in Central College. A number of these are daughters of ministers. Two will graduate during the present college year. All of them who have finished are teaching in some of the finest schools of the state. Six per cent. interest is charged, and hence the fund will grow larger each year. Money put into character and efficiency is missionary money of the best kind, and is the best sort of investment, as it increases through interest, and at the same time helps the girl who otherwise would never receive an education. There are hundreds of girls to whom the door of hope is forever closed unless opened by such a fund as this.

Some Historical and Educational Data.

The wealthiest colleges and universities exist in the North and East, as a result of the benefactions of men of wealth who desired to invest their money where it would be of largest service to their fellowmen. It will be so in the South as our men of wealth come to understand the true relation of the great Christian College to growth in womanhood, civilization, and religion. Already the wealthiest institutions in Louisiana, Texas, and Tennessee are

not controlled or supported by the state. The great schools of the future will be of private and denominational foundation and benefaction.

Will Baptists keep on the watch tower in educational progress? The future demands broad and sound and ample preparation. The program must be definite and big enough and sane enough to appeal to men of business judgment. The problem with us now is a matter of money—of a propaganda for raising money to meet the needs of our struggling schools. Have we vision and wisdom enough to form the right kind of a program and to organize a propaganda that will bring sufficient money, which is now in the possession of Baptist business men, to make our schools the vitalizing power they ought to be in our denominational work?

It costs more to operate a college now than formerly. Higher standards prevail, larger equipment is demanded. The teaching force is more expensive. Competition with state schools with magnificient equipment and free tuition and low living expenses, is sharp. Do the specific results of the denominational college justify its continuance? Can't the state schools do practically the same kind of work? The denominational school costs much in money and time and nervous energy. Is it worth the price?

We will no longer give money simply to tag the institution. The time when a label is all that is necessary is gone. The Baptist name is no longer a guarantee of patronage nor an argument for benefaction. The name is all right, provided the institution is measuring up to the full standard and content of Christian education in curriculum, atmosphere and life, in the faculty and student body, as well as in the post-college life of the student. The question is not "What have you been?' but "What are you today?" The college is now undergoing a pragmatic test. The strictly theoretical college along with theoretical theology has passed. These are testing times.

The drift of educational thought leads to the certain conclusion that we must center upon a few colleges whose future is secure. Permanency rests largely upon location, constituency, endowment, equipment and on realized resources. The school in the center of social, religious and civic life should ultimately survive. The endowed school only will be possible in the future. The demand for adequate equipment and endowment for a college for the women is pressing. The day for making money out of the girls' college for individuals, corporations, or churches, has passed, and it will be a disgrace in the future for us to farm out the education of our girls for such purposes. It is equally reprehensible

to pauperize our girls' souls by letting them waste time in finishing in schools that have no educational or religious ideals.

Your Board of Trustees and College President are facing the fact that with their present resources they are not able to keep pace with the rapidly unfolding work of the state. Higher education in Arkansas is increasing in volume and importance each year. There are possibilities, glorious in prospect, if we will only rise to the occasion and meet the demands of the present educational situation.

For six years Central College has been unable to grow extensively. Since the first year of the present administration every room has been filled to overflowing. We have been hoping that the Convention would turn its serious attention to our College. a quarter of a century Central has been waiting and begging for help and sympathy. Time and again, year in and year out, we have given attention to the cause of other denominational enterprises until now Central College feels that she can come with assurance to you for unstinted support and help. With proper dormitory facilities we could have increased our enrollment a year ago 100 more girls. We can add 150 more young ladies to our present enrollment if the Convention will furnish the buildings and equipment. They are willing to pay current expenses if the Convention will do the rest. This is an obligation that we should discharge and will be a service to the real builders of church and home that has never presented itself before.

For 25 years Central College has been training girls in Christian womanhood. Its glorious but struggling and checkered history is written in the womanhood and manhood of our churches, and is safe for all time. Through its 25 years of splendid achievement unnecessary and unmerited strain and uncomplaining sacrifice has been made on those conducting her destiny, because of the financial embarrassments and struggles they have been compelled to undergo. It was a question of great financial suffering with a hope of denominational relief in the near future or a surrender which meant Baptist humiliation and defeat in Conway and the state. Two families during the first few years lost their homes and other available property in order to save Central College, and all during its history sacrifices have been made by many that out denomination has known nothing about.

While the Convention for 25 years has had reports of its worl, and has passed resolutions for its encouragement and endorsement and shaped its policy, yet never in its official capacity has it ever put on a single or separate movement to raise money for this great conservator, builder and preserver of the high ideals

of womanhood of our churches. Two years ago the two College and Orphanage Boards were authorized to put agents in the fields; the Orphanage did so and is out of debt. The Central Board intended to do so, but met with opposition and hence it was deemed wise to defer action until we should have further time for consideration.

With such a splendid property in our possession, with credit fully restored, ranking high in and out of the state, with successful and capable leadership, with a strong body of united and loyal students and teachers, with a college that stands for a high spiritual idealism and practical Christianity of service, shall we say, as representatives of our great denomination, that we have given Central College, the College organized specifically to meet the needs of our girls in education and in culture, that sympathetic moral and financial support it deserves? Conway gave the ground and the buildings, now valued at more than \$100,000, and the Baptists out of Conway have given approximately \$25,000, which has paid for equipment and furnishings and interest on deferred payments. Our Conway Church has been growing in number and financial strength, but is yet far unable of itself to take care of the heavy Church and College obligations. The Church, far outnumbered and outmatched in wealth, like the Italian line on the north of the Piave river, has heroically stood the test, and held its position at great odds and at great suffering, hoping that the allies would come to the support before the line is broken and a surrender necessarily made. In view of these facts and of the thousands of young ladies who have been helped by this institution, and in view of the hundreds of graduates which we have as a heritage, shall we go forward?

Ten years ago we had more than 1,600 pupils in our Baptist schools in Arkansas; today we have not more than 600; and while Central last year reached the largest patronage in her history, we believe that the Baptists of the state should take the necessary steps to provide larger and better equipment and sufficient endowment for our colleges to make it possible for our patronage to reach a higher mark than we have ever reached.

Every thinking man must realize that within the next ten years our Christian civilization and our Baptist position will be confronted by the greatest problem which has ever caused good men to fear and give and pray. After this world war there will be an influx of immigration, and hence a new situation confronting us that will mean Sabbath desecration, laxity in morals, inroads upon the sanctity and sacredness of home life, the cheapening of true womanhood, the obliteration of church lines, all of which

is causing our statesmen and students to pause in despair in some of our great cities. If we are to meet these influences, if we are to preserve high ideals of social and religious life, we must see that the women receive the highest type of Christian education. The properly educated woman today will guarantee the properly educated men and women of tomorrow. As a rule the education of a man ends with him; the education of the women extends to future generations. We can find no better way to do our part in this great work than by giving larger life, strength and power to this institution.

Have we the right as a great religious body to refuse to open the way for Christian culture to a large number of girls who will not be satisfied except through the channels of a great woman's College? Our boys have many opportunities for help opened to them and are not so dependent as our girls. We must continue to care for our boys, but we must also place equal emphasis on the education of the girls. The girl has a right to expect this. The woman has always responded to the nurture of the Church. She has always proven true to its highest interest. She has lavished upon it unlimited love. She has always been ready to deny herself and to labor in faith for its every interest. Can we face the future as we should, if we do not know that we are properly making preparations for an educated, Christian womanhood? Let this Convention gird itself like men and women and meet Central's call, which by the struggles and successes of the past has divine approbation.

In view of these facts your Board of Trustees submits the following proposition:

First. That this Convention give its cordial and unequivocal endorsement to a campaign to be inaugurated by the Executive Board and Board of Trustees of Central College as early as possible for the liquidation of the debts that were at any time created for Central College and to erect necessary buildings, and to create a small endowment. Such campaign to continue until \$200,000 is raised in cash and good securities. It is to be understood that this campaign shall in no wise be a handicap to our regular five-year plan, or to interfere with our other denominational activities.

- 48. The recommendations contained in the reports of the Trustees of Ouachita and Central Colleges were referred to the Committee on Schools and Colleges.
- 49. Upon motion, the presidents of Mountain Home and Maynard Academy were requested to give verbal

reports from these institutions at this session of the Convention, and written reports in the future. This motion was discussed by H. F. Vermillion, W. J. E. Cox, E. J. A. McKinney, W. A. Cummings, C. E. Dicken, L. A. Robertson and P. C. Barton.

- 50. A motion empowering the President to appoint a committee to look into the legal status of the title to Mountain Home and Maynard schools prevailed, after discussion by J. R. G. White and E. J. A. McKinney. J. S. Rogers, O. T. Finch and H. G Pugh were appointed.
- 51. After discussion by C. F. J. Tate, S. H. Campbell, E. J. A. McKinney, G. M. Ford, W. J. Hinsley, J. F. Johnston, C. E. Dicken, L. O. Vermillion and O. T. Finch, the report on Schools and Colleges was made the special order for Friday, 10 a. m.
- 52. Lieut. Pat Murphy, Chaplain in the National Army, spoke of the need of equipment for religious work in his regiment, and made an appeal for help. An offering of \$1,125, a typewriter, five hundred song books and a Bible was made at the conclusion of his address. General Secretary Rogers was instructed to collect these funds.
- 53. Giles C. Tayolr led in a special prayer for Chaplain Murphy and the Arkansas troops at Camp Beauregard, Louisana.
- The Convention adjourned with prayer by I.
 Van Ness.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

- 55. The session opened with pipe organ recital, song and prayer service.
- 56. The report of the Executive Committee was read by J. S. Rogers and ordered incorporated in the proceedings of the Convention. It appears below:

In this connection the reports of the following committees were read and adopted: State Missions by T. D.

Brown, and Camp Pike Activities by J. O. Johnston. Discussion by J. B. Gambrell, T. D. Brown, J. O. Johnston, L. A. Robertson and L. D. Summers followed.

The report follows:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Messengers of the Baptist Churches of Arkansas, Assembled at Jonesboro, December 5, 1917, in the Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

The Executive Board, your servant, most respectfully submits the following annual report:

Very marked and far-reaching have been the blessings of our Lord upon the work of the churches through your Executive Board this year of our Lord, 1917. From the altars of tens of thousands of Baptist hearts in this goodly State ought to go up sweet incense of gratitude to Him who sits on the circles of the heavens and brings all things good to pass for those who love Him. Your Board would urge that all Arkansas Baptists stop now and pour out their souls in thanksgiving to the Lord of Hosts for the great triumphant year now closing, which is unmatched in all our history. God has made known His ways and doings unto the children of Israel this year after a collossal fashion, for which let each of us say, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name."

Arkansas Baptists Must Learn a New Righteousness

The supreme trouble with the world in this hour of war is that the righteousness of God's people has not run deep enough. nor far enough. Great world-changes are always a summons to God's people to a new grip with the forces of evil. At this hour the world is shaken at its very base. It is girt about, so to speak, with blood and fire. It is in a melting-pot. The foundations of the world are heaving and slipping. We are living in a sifting, searching world crisis. The most horrible nightmare in all history is upon us. Are we going to dream through it or are we going to have understanding of our times? Two fundamental ideas of government, autocracy and democracy, are struggling the struggle of death. The march of civilization is being modified in this, the most terrible and the most titanic war in history. How important that God's people realize that we are in a new world! "When thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness."

A New Testament-Standardized Program.

In keeping with the New Testament, the work committed to

your Board by the churches is divided into three departments. These departments, according to Matt. 4:23, 9:35 are Benevolence, Education and Missions. In fact the whole New Testament sets out the co-operative work of the churches after this order. Jesus and the apostles swung themselves around three great general ideas—healing, teaching, missionizing. These are the three great outstanding ways or methods for training in the kingdom of God. It goes without saying that since the New Testament program is three-fold, the Baptist program must be so. It is supremely important, too, that our program be kept well leveled up as to these three New Testament avenues of Christian activity. We submit to you our report on

I.

Christian Benevolence.

New Testament Benevolence in its fullness includes (1) Orphanages, (2) Hospitals, (3) Old Ministers' Relief, and (4) Caring for the Poor and Famine-Stricken. From this it is seen that in practice now our plans are not commensurate with New Testament fences. We are almost three-fourths short of Baptist duty in the field of Christian Benevolence.

The Monticello Orphanage.

Including all forms of gifts, the Baptists of the State have contributed to this blessed institution during the year now closing \$29,789.75. Of this amount \$25,940.74 has been given by churches and church organizations and individuals during the year, with the hope and prayer that your Board might report no debt on his heavenly institution. Much credit is due Brethren W. F. Dorris and J. G. Lile touching this matter.

There are now 60 children in the Home. During the year Secretary Dorris has placed in good homes 67 children. Your Board feels that the services of Brother Dorris are invaluable touching this point alone. We are glad to report that the Orphanage is being well managed and that the health of the children is good. Great gratitude is due the local Board at Monticello for the splendid way in which they have stood by this institution. It is estimated that it will take about \$900 monthly to pay the current expenses of the Home and thus keeping it out of debt. We urge our people to provide this much money promptly month by month. Your Board also requests the messengers of this Convention in passing this report thereby positively to forbid the erection of any building or buildings or the making of any other improvements at the Home costing more than \$500 until the actual cash is in hand

to pay for said building or buildings or improvements. The same regulation is hereby passed by the Executive Board and this Convention touching Ouachita and Central Colleges.

We pass these regulations in order that the Orphanage and our schools may not accumulate debts in the future. This will be good business and will be far better for all parties concerned.

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Christian Education.

For a New Testament people Christian Education, strictly speaking, includes religious literature, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, mountain schools, colleges and seminaries. In the matter of neglect Baptist sins are longer and bigger in the field of education than anywhere else. Your Executive Board is sure that the time is fully come for Arkansas Baptists to launch a great. systematic, intensely thorough and stubbornly persistant campaign of enlightenment that will touch and stir to action every church and church organization within the bounds of this good State. Never in our history did divine wisdom seem more certainly to direct such a line of action. Your Executive Board believes that the remedy for many, many of our spiritual ills and ailments is in the fine slogan, "Let there be light everywhere," even from the capital city to the heads of the creeks, from the churches with stained glass windows out to the churches with no window glasses to stain. We shout it out to you, and we sob it out to you that from this hour we must teach and enlighten as no people ever did. and soon we will have the most efficient and indomitable host of Baptists under heaven. Information will beget inspiration and transformation and operation. Without argument an intelligent denomination must recognize that Christian Education is positively essential to the progress of the Kingdom of God. Baptist schools with standard curricula, strong financial support, a consuming denominational spirit, undying loyalty to the Bible, and a holy unfeigned passion to train preachers, missionaries and other church leaders are the human hope of Arkansas Baptists. Your Board would add, further, that Baptist schools that do not actually train such preachers, missionaries and other church leaders and give them supreme sympathy are not at all worthy of Baptist support. We say this in order that all our people may know full well the ideals and aims of the Executive Board touching the supreme matter of Baptist education.

We quote to this Convention a paragraph from our last year's report to you and rewrite it in blood, so to speak:

"In some wise way every section of this State must be brought

definitely and perceptibly under the influence of a Baptist school, not a college necessarily, but some sort of a Baptist school. Your Board will not be misunderstood, they hope, when they say that the supreme objective of this Convention educationally is not a great school or schools, but an intelligent, trained, consecrated Baptist brotherhood and sisterhood, who, with their culture and knowledge and possessions, will serve New Testament churches and the Lord God omnipotent. Our whole Baptist company needs to get fixed on this point from this hour. Nothing can be more farreaching for us than for us to understand full well the deep necessity and the proper nature of Baptist education. If every section of this great State is put under the spell of some good Baptist school, then the time and place of divisions and discussions will be known no more and every Baptist church will be a sort of tenth legion for Christ in efficacy and service."

Financial Support Given Ouachita and Central Colleges

Your Board has paid to Ouachita College during the year on running expenses for 1916-17, \$9,000, and on an old deficit \$8,871, or a total of \$17,871. In obedience to the 1916 Convention your Board in conjunction with the Central College Board has assumed the debt of this college. The General Secretary settled the Rivers account against Central College with a saving of \$2,700. The total amount raised during the year for all forms of education was \$8.217.55

Our Two Mountain Schools Growing.

Your Board rejoices to report that our two mountain schools are doing well. The enrollment at Mountain Home this year is 95 and will probably run to 125, while the enrollment at Maynard is 76 and is likely to reach 100 this year. The work of Brethren Cummings and H. F. Vermillion, the heads of these schools, has been eminently satisfactory. During the year Brother and Sister G. W. Bottoms have very generously given \$1,000 to each of these schools. For this we desire to express our very hearty gratitude. Money cannot be better placed for God. Your Board believes that other mountain schools should be established in the state. Only short-sighted Baptists will object to a limited number of these lighthouses. Such schools give Baptists a long reach and a firm root.

Ministerial Education.

This topic refers to the education of preachers and implies the further scriptual practice of churches helping young preachers to secure such training. Is there scriptual authority for churches giving financial aid to young preachers while they are securing their educaton? To the intelligent student of God's word there is not a scintilla of doubt about it. Christ and his twelve apostles, during the three years in which the twelve went to school to the Great Teacher, had a common bag or purse into which their friends put money for their support. This bag was a Ministerial Educational Fund. Then we know that Paul encouraged, by gifts and daily support, young preachers who were less favored than he. while they were preparing themselves for the ministry of the Word. Surely Jesus and Paul can settle this matter for any Baptist. During the year the churches gave for the education of preachers the small sum of \$2,245.59. We will not reflect on the intelligence of the messengers of this Convention by arguing this foundation matter further, but we do take time to say and to say it strongly and emphatically and almost dogmatically that we know that this Convention ought to mark a decided epoch, yea, even a mighty and immediate stride forward in the education of preachers in Arkansas. Even fools do not hope to gather grain where they have not planted any. Arkansas Baptists ought to start in right now with the firm purpose soon to have 200 young preachers in our schools and to be raising \$10,000 annually to take care of them. Modern butterfly clergymen may without financial help manage to corral enough tiny niceties and soft manners to piddle and please. but if Arkansas Baptists aim to grow great, strong, constructive. statesmanlike, heavy-weight prophets for God who can preach with the authority of Sinai and the pathos of Calvary, we must get down to business in this matter with much money and more wisdom. A deep-runnng and wide-going vocational training and efficiency for God's preachers is important to Baptists beyond all comparison.

III.

Missions.

Missions in our day is the down-reach of God's love to a sinruined world expressed in the out-reach of Christ's churches with enough grace and gospel to cure and keep a sin-racked earth. It needs to be rung out to the ends of the land that missions believed in and practiced is forevermore just as much a mark of true Baptists as the immersion of believers or the preservation of the saints. New Testament Baptists believe as firmly in the present perseverance of the saints as they do in the final perseverance of the same.

Home Missions.

During the year our churches gave to Home Missions \$16,405, far more than we ever gave before. We are receiving from the Home Board for co-operative work this year \$18,000, for mountain schools \$3,200, and for church building \$3.500. For this splendid and sorely needed assistance your Board desires to express on behalf of our people our profound gratitude to the Home Board. We believe our program and our deep-set, widespread destitutions call for at least this much help for some years to come. Our Home Board is spending great sums of money to win our soldier boys to Christ and to take care of them otherwise spiritually. This Board must have our stoutest support in this great matter.

In Arkansas there is serious need for the Home Board to take up extended work among foreigners. Men with any foresight know that within five years after this world war closes there will be hundreds and hundreds of thousands of foreigners coming into this state. We have but one worker among the foreigners where we should have four or five. If we toy with this momentous matter today we will cry out with bitter lamentations over the blunder within ten years.

Foreign Missions.

Touching this phase of our work, the churches went well beyond our apportionment. They gave to all forms of Foreign Missions \$23.631.18, or a total of \$40.036.18 for Home and Foreign Missions.

This is far from our duty and our best, but it heartens us for the new and enlarged task for our belated brothers across the seas. The present world war is a mighty summons to all our churches to take a decidedly new grip on their foreign mission task.

State Missions.

In this our churches have triumphed gloriously this year. Despite the fact that we started the year with a mean debt, State Missions, as the figures below will show, have made a new record along the whole line.

Report of Our Church-Building Missionary.

Church-Building Missionary W. T. King is much in demand. He has been engaged in this work 23 months and has assisted in one way and another in building and paying for 19 church houses, nearly one each month. The further results are that all these churches have far more conveniently arranged meeting houses,

and have had saved to them in money some \$25,000 at least. Brother King has done a great work.

Enlistment and Stewardship.

Stewardship and Enlistment are mighty words now among In other years these matters have been emphasized, but not so strongly as they have this year. Our six General Missionaries give great and efficient attention to these foundation features. Then in our December, 1916, meeting of your Board it was voted to elect a strong specialist to give intensive and extensive attention to Christian Stewardship and Enlistment. Brother Compere has just had time to get started at his task, but he has started well. He is strong and capable in all directions and is certain to do better as the days go by. It is a part of the duty of Brother Compere to assist the General Missionaries in Bible institutes, mission rallies, every-member canvasses, etc., and largely to have in charge our magnificent January Bible Schools and to relieve the General Secretary at times so he can spend more time on the field. For various reasons it was thought wise to call the office which Brother Compere fills that of Assistant Secretary.

Associations Have Had an Upward Year.

The past year has marked an epoch in Association Missions in Arkansas. It is a great blunder for Baptists to slight Associations. Your Board gives first and full attention to assisting Associations in having strong, constructive missionaries. Where there have been such missionaries this year things have gone forward mightily in soul-winning, in establishing churches, in awakening swooning churches and bringing them to New Testament efficiency. In more associations than ever before all or almost all churches contributed money and gave strong sympathy to denominational interests. It is all good.

Woman's Work.

Mrs. J. G. Jackson is the Secretary of this interest. She is efficient, faithful, a reach-the-goal worker. Women make fine followers and therefore good leaders. Our Arkansas women have done great things the past yea.r They gave to all forms of education \$8,171.24, to Home and Foreign Missions \$9,240.26, to State Missions about \$4,482.63, and to all other interests \$36,187.21. This is a challenging record. Your Board appropriated \$1,000 for the expenses of woman's work and \$1,103.70 was expended. Thank God for our women. In other years they outstripped our men. This year they have surpassed themselves.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Work.

For nearly all the year we had for this work Brother and Sister A. L. Aulick employed. They resigned in September, much to our regret. We cannot speak too highly of their work. During the year Brother and Mrs. Aulick conducted an unusually large number of institutes, workers' meetings, study classes etc. They put all this work on an ascending scale. In Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work we are fingering around and fertilizing the roots of all church and kingdom matters. So your Board proposes to give immediate, prolonged and careful attention to this vital interest. We must have the finest workers in the land to deal with our young people.

The Splendid Help of the Sunday School Board.

Your Board is happy to acknowledge the splendid help of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, led by Dr. I. J. Van Ness. This Board gave Arkansas \$800 on the salaries and expenses of Brother and Sister A. L. Aulick, our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. workers, and paid for the books for our Bible Schools, which amounted to \$544.30, and also gave us \$400 in books for our colportage work, besides furnishing us with tracts and other good literature. Your Board desires to express the deep appreciation of our good people to Dr. Van Ness and his Board for this strong assistance. We believe Dr. Van Ness is leading the Sunday School Board after a fine statesmanlike fashion. May God bless him and his Board.

Rible Schools

January 15 to 20, 1917, your Board, through its workers and the pastors of the state conducted fifteen Bible Schools that resulted in great good to the denomination. These schools have the strong support and stamp of the New Testament. They are efficiency schools, trainings camps. The enrollment was around 1,000, and about \$900 worth of books were distributed free of charge. No estimate can be made of the immense value of these schools to all church and denominational work

Winning the Soldier Boys to Christ.

There are now 30,000 soldiers at Camp Pike, Little Rock, and the number will vary from 30,000 to 50,000 for months if not years to come. This puts upon Arkansas Baptists a responsibility and presents to us an opportunity that ought to stir our blood and our souls to the bottom. For us, with the message of life in our trembling hands, to face in one group 30,000 to 50,000 soldiers

ready to go to France and to death, maybe, ought to make the judgment day far more serious to us. This is especially so when we remember that these noble fellows are so tenderly open to the gospel message. Never again perhaps will God's gospel have as easy a time to put sinners over the line for Christ as now at Camp Pike. Marvelous indeed has been the work of Camp Pike Pastor, J. O. Johnston and his helpers. During the month and one-half they have worked there have been 1,416 professions of conversion. We must spend thousands of dollars in this work the coming year, and we ought to have 10,000 professions of faith and take care of the soldiers religiously otherwise.

General Summary for the Year.

Missionaries and other workers, 91; days of labor, 115,690; miles traveled, 135,329; sermons and addresses, 12,608; Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.s organized, 111; churches organized, 29; conversions, 4,384; baptisms, 2,242; total additions, 3,470.

Amounts raised: For education, \$8,217.75; Mary Forbes Home, \$179.65; Training School, \$1,844.07; Margaret fund, \$32.50; Cone property, \$1,799.42; hospital work, \$322.80; Old Ministers' Relief, \$281.21; Orphans' Home, including produce, \$29,789.75; Home Missions, \$16,405.00; Foreign Missions, \$23,361.18; State Missions, \$44,800.12; Association Missions (which did not pass through our office), \$22.700.00.

Total, excluding Association Missions, \$127,303.35.

Total for all missions, \$107,536.30.

Grand total for all denominational purposes, \$150,003.35.

From the Egypt of Debt to the Canaan of Financial Freedom.

Three years ago, when the Convention met with Immanuel church, Little Rock, your Board reported to you a State Mission debt of \$26,000, and an Orphans' Home debt of \$15,187.79, or a total indebtedness on these two phases of our work at the time amounting to \$41,187.79. The next year the Orphanage debt increased \$2,431.79, making a grand total indebtedness of \$43,618.58. At this good hour, in the blessed providence of God, your Board exultantly reports that the churches of the state, under the blessings of God and through the leadership of the finest set of pastors that ever graced any commonwealth have given enough money to pay the entire indebtedness against the Orphans' Home and the entire purchase indebtedness against the Baptist Book House and the entire purchase-price indebtedness against State Missions. We have a small balance for the Orphans' Home and a balance of some \$7.000 for State Missions.

The Best Year Yet.

This has been the best year for Arkansas Baptists in all their history. In comparing the year now closing with any other year in our history at almost any point, we must say about the figures and spirit of this year, "More and better!" "O, sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm hath gotten him the victory!"

ARKANSAS STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

Condensed Statement.

For the Year Ended November 30, 1917.

Account. Expended or	Remitted.	Income.	Balance.	Deficit.
State Missions	\$ 47.804.29	\$ 66,839,11	\$ 19.034.82	\$
Home Missions		13,420.34		453.06
Foreign Missions	14,051.06	13.894.94		156.12
Christian Education	40,635.23	5.971.96		34.663.27
Ministerial Education	2.778.21	2.245.59		532.62
Training School	1,648.61	1,648.61		
Orphans' Home	24,755.71	24,906.15	150.44	
Aged Ministers' Relief	110.00	281.21	171.21	
,	\$145,656 51	\$129,207.91	\$	\$ 16,448.60
Total Deficit to November	ber 30. 1917.		Balance.	Deficit.
State Missions:				
Balance December 8, 1	916	\$ 15,731.67	\$	8
Balance November 30,	1917	19,034.82	34,766.49	
Home Missions:				
Balance December 8, 1	916	251.83		
Deficit November 30, 1				201.23
Foreign Missions:				
Balance December 8, 1	916	5.50		
Deficit November 30, 1				150.62
Christian Education:				100.02
Deficit December 1, 191	5 and prior	. 27.861.56		
Deficit December 8, 191				
Deficit November 30, 1				73.134.14
Ministerial Education:		. 01,000.21		10.104.114
Balance December 8, 1	016	. 249.26		
Deficit November 30, 19				
	,1 ,	. 032.02		283.36
Orphans' Home:				
Balance December 8. 1				
Balance November 30, 1	1911	. 150.44	406.49	
Aged Ministers:				
Balance November 30,	1917	. 171.21	171.21	
Total Deficit as of Nove	mber 30, 191	7		\$ 38.425.46

past due

Balance Sheet as of November 30, 1917.

Resources.	Liabilities.
Active:	Current Bills Pavable:
Cash on hand and in banks. \$28,759.97	Account State Missions \$20,192,21
Liberty Loan Bond 100.90	Account Central College 5,026.07
Bills Receivable, Current 4,527.00	Account Mountain Home. 1.200.00
Accounts Receivable 87.50	Account Maynard School. 100.00
Inactive:	Account Ouachita College. 5.480.00
Real Estate \$ 5.750.00	Account Christian Education 37,754.05
Fixtures 360.50—8 6.110 50	Account Advance 1 000.00
	Account Real Estate 5.250.00
Total Assets\$39,575.97	
To Balance:	Total Bil's Payable\$76,002.93
Deficit to Nov.	Accounts Payable 545.18
30, 1917\$38,425.46	Real Estate Reserve 1.617.72
Rills Receivable	

878,165,83

878.165.53 NOTE -In addition to above listed liabilities there is an item of \$9,000.00, Central College indebtedness assumed by the Convention, not yet set up on books.

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The above statements reflect, in condensed form, the true condition of the accounts of the Arkansas State Bapt'st Convention as kept in the office of Dr. J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, as of November 30, 1917. Our audit and examination for the year ended November 30, 1917, demonstrates fully and satisfactorily that the funds and accounts were properly and honestly administered for the year ended November 30, 1917.

E. F. LEATHEM & COMPANY. S. A. CAMERON, Manager.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions reports as follows:

The primacy of State Missions is not open to question. We have scriptural precedent for this statement. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea" means State Missions.

In the providence of God we find ourselves in a land of unsurpassed natural wealth. A great portion of this is in the hands of our Baptist people. Out of a population of one million seven hundred and fifty thousand, one million souls are without a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The development of our resources and the evangelization of the unsaved are tasks of chief significance to Arkansas Baptists. For these things we shall render a judgment day account.

God's favor is surely upon us. In 1888, when our convention first met in Jonesboro, we reported 132 baptisms and additions to our churches, and \$1,600 raised. In 1899, the time of the second meeting of our people in this fair city we reported 254 baptisms and \$2,798.88 raised by our churches. This year we report 2,242 baptisms and additions and \$150.003.35 contributed by our churches. These figures stir our hearts, and we cannot fail to rejoice. Enlargement and advancement have characterized our labors. Our God is leading us forward.

In expressing our gratitude to our Heavenly Father, we believe that mention should be made of the faithful work of our consecrated missionaries on the field and the untiring zeal of our secretaries, Brethren Rogers, Compere and Mrs. Jackson, and their helpers. These servants of ours deserve a large place in our hearts and thoughts, and should be the objects of our constant prayers.

As we face the future we recognize the dawn of a new day in Baptist history. An unwon state is making an insistent call to our hosts. The marching orders of the King of Kings ring loudly in our ears. A year ago the shock of war was making itself felt in all our land, and some of our best people were talking retrenchment. We did not know what was ahead of us. But instead of panic we have been overwhelmed with prosperity. We are no longer talking about dimes, but dollars. And we are no longer thinking about winning the lost by tens, but by hundreds. And yet the field is almost untouched, and we have not begun to realize our strength. We are groaning under the burden of enlarged possibilities and responsibilities.

In view of these things permit us to say that under the direction of our State Board, we should make a mighty immediate drive for the calling out and mobilization of our forces. It would be well to have this campaign begin with the first of the new year and continue until every congregation has been enlightened, enlisted and enlarged. This will call for nothing less than a vision inspiring program. But this is what we need; for "where there is no vision the people cast off restraint."

In this day when every true American is taking off his hat to Old Glory, it will be well for us to call our constituency to our colors. Every interest dear to our hearts should be put on a decidedly ascending scale. New standards of church life and work must be established, and false ideals corrected. From press and pulpit the great things of our faith and life should be delivered in all their native attractiveness and beauty. In it all we must be Baptists, big Baptists. Baptist principles unless brotherly and boldly propagated will become an ever increasing responsibility. They were not given to bluster about any more than they were given to keep. Both in town and country there should be a quickening of our denominational spirit.

Along with this there should be renewed emphasis on the matter of stewardship. In our great campaign for State Missions which has just closed, there was a marked increase in contributions from practically all our churches. This increase, we believe, is largely due to faithful instruction on the subject of stewardship. If we are to continue to honor our God, there must be no let up in the propagation of this important doctrine. Under the efficient leadership of our Assistant Secretary, Bro. J. S. Compere, at least 1,200 churches ought to be thoroughly and effectively reached with this matter this year.

And then there are the lost. Dying thousands are calling for the gospel. From the great white throne of an ascended Lord the call comes to us to proclaim the good news of life through Jesus Christ the Lord. Ten thousand baptisms should be chronicled on our church records during the coming year. The day has come when we must leave our church houses if we are to reach the great unchurched and unsaved numbers of our population, and stretch tents and build tabernacles for an unprecedented effort to win men to Christ. A great door and effectual is opened unto us. In order that we may enter it, we recommend that our Executive Board be instructed to plan our coming year's work on a minimum basis of \$50,000, said amount to be raised in the state.

With better organization, and a combination frontal attack, we can win the day for our Christ. Our campaign should be marked by prayer, power, persistency, and perseverance. It calls for the Pauline spirit of devotion and the Petrine spirit of enthusiasm. Real sacrifice must characterize our every effort. More blood must be put into our service. In the name of our God, let us arise and gird ourselves for the battle. The day is far spent and the night is at hand.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. Brown,
ARTHUR FOX,
MRS. J. T. FOWLKES,
W. C. BOONE. Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CAMP PIKE ACTIVITIES.

To the Arkansas State Baptist Convention:

We, your committee on work among the soldier boys at Camp Pike, report as follows:

At the suggestion of Dr. J. S. Rogers, J. O. Johnston, Missionary for Pulaski County Baptist Association, was employed to preach to, and work among the soldier boys at Camp Pike.

We here copy report made to the State Board.

"To Baptist State Board, Dr. J. S. Rogers, Secretary.

"Dear Brother: As Camp Pike Pastor, I make report as follows:

"I have been serving as pastor at Camp Pike for one and one-half months, $45\ \mbox{days}.$

"I have made 33 trips to the camps; have had 471 personal interviews; distributed 518 Flag Testaments; written 128 letters; visited the base hospital seven times; answered 19 sick calls; preached to the white soldier boys 16 times; preached to the negro soldier boys two times; preached to other congregations 15 times; given assistance to the organization of Bible Schools and classes at the camp; placed the Baptist Advance in the reading room of each Y. M. C. A. building; preached to a total of 16,700 people; have had 1,416 old time conversions.

"I have done my best and God has blessed the effort.

"Yours fraternally,

"J. O. JOHNSTON, Camp Pike Pastor."

In addition to the foregoing report, Dr. T. D. Brown held a service for the boys last Sunday night and 175 strong young men were converted

Your Committee recommends that the work among the soldier boys at Camp Pike be continued.

Respectfully submitted.

J. O. Johnston,

W. A. FORBES,

W. A. HENRY,

J. L. JOHNSON,

H. E. KIRKPATRICK, Committee.

57. The report of the Trustees of the Orphans' Home was read by J. F. Tull, and ordered printed in the Annual

The report of the Treasurer was read by W. F. Dorris, and ordered incorporated in the proceedings of the Convention.

The report of the Committee on Orphans' Home was read by J. B. Luck, and after discussion by W. F. Dorris, was adopted as follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEE, ARKAN-SAS BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME.

To the brethren assembled in the sixty-fourth annual session of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, at Jonesboro, Ark., December 5. 1917.

We, the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home hereby present our report for the year ending Dec. 1st, 1917.

Perhaps never in the history of our Institution since its beginning twenty-two years ago, have we had greater cause for gratitude to God, and thankfulness to our great brotherhood, than now at this moment of victory in the reduction of our large debt and the successful prosecution of the work in caring for the orphans.

At our report to the Convention which met with the First Church of Malvern a year ago, there were 98 children in the Home. Since that date, we have received into the Home, including 13 who were returned to us, 29, making a total of 127. Of this number we have placed in good private homes, 65 children, leaving 62 occupants at present. There has been only one death in the Home this year.

We are glad to report that all traces of pellagra are gone. No symptoms of the dreaded malady have been present for many months. We are very hopeful that the cure is permanent. Our physician, Dr. B. P. Kimbro, has handled this disease in a successful way, for which your Board is thankful. Much praise is also due to the well-balanced diet supplied to the afflicted children by our worthy and competent Matron, Mrs. C. N. Norton.

Mr. C. N. Norton, our Home Superintendent, has done a fine work on the farm, the yield of which this year has been perhaps the best in the history of the Institution. The Committee on Appraisement, appointed at the suggestion of the Auditor of all the Departments of our Convention work, after a close inspection, estimated the value of all farm products raised on the farm this year, and now actually on hand, as follows:

400 bushels sweet potatoes	300.00
50 bushels turnips	50.00
1,000 quarts canned beans and tomatoes	250.00
75 loads hay, consisting of corn-tops, peas and sorghum	
and peanuts	650.00
800 bushels of corn, good quality	1,200.00

Total estimated value\$2,450.00

This does not take into account the vegetables raised and consumed during the summer and fall.

Mr. Horton and the boys are now busy plowing and breaking the land, preparatory to the next year's crop. They have several acres sown to rye and about 25 acres planted to turf oats for winter cover crop, and also for pasturage for the stock. Both rye and oats are up and looking well.

Our livestock are all in fine condition. Our hogs were greatly reduced in number by the cholera, which broke out in our section last fall. Out of 26 we saved only six. We administered anti-cholera serum and since that have lost none. We now have seven hogs and 22 pigs which give promise of a good supply of fresh meat for the children in the near future.

We have nine cows and eight calves, all in good condition for the winter, and plenty of hay to feed them. Our tables have been regularly supplied with milk and butter for the children, and this has been a large factor in stamping out the pellagra, which has given us so much trouble for several years past.

Our teachers are doing good work, although the placing of children in private homes has had a somewhat disorganizing effect. The children are interested, and are making reasonably good progress in their studies.

Since the last Convention your Board has employed an Assistant Matron, who is also doing good work among the girls teaching them Domestic Science and Art. While this much need work can not be thoroughly done, yet we are gratified at the progress being made by the girls. We hope to improve as time passes. Our teacher in this department, Miss Alma Shadow, is a young lady of splendid culture, a graduate of the Industrial School, Minden, La., in Domestic Science and Art, and is making her impress upon the girls in the Home.

Our Treasurer's report shows that the Home is now completely out of debt. We are now in high standing, not only in the community where the Home in domiciled but throughout the state.

We are thankful to every donor to our Home. Our beloved brethren have responded after a great fashion to our appeals to pay the large debt that has so long burdened your Board. May He who "giveth us power to get wealth," bless abundantly every one who has opened his heart to this great work of mercy. With our Home free from debt, we face the future trusting Him who loves the orphans, to lead us in a great way to "visit the fatherless"

in their afflictions" and relieve their distress, and save them to the kingdom of our Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. HYATT, President Board Trustee, J. F. Tull. Secretary Board Trustees.

Treasurer's Annual Report.

Monticello, Ark., December 6, 1917.

To Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Jonesboro, Arkansas.

Dear Brethren: I submit to you below my annual report of the Orphans' Home for the year beginning December 2, 1916, and ending December 6, 1917, showing all receipts and disbursements for this period. It is very gratifying and with much pleasure that I can make the following report. On behalf of the Orphans' Home Board I wish to extend to you, one and all, our heartfelt thanks for the generous offerings and loyal support of the various Sunday schools, churches, Ladies Aid Societies and all the individuals and organizations of the whole state. Thanks to our Lord and Master for your great victory.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand December 2, 1916\$ 503.70
J. S. Rogers, Secretary
Local contributions, including surrounding
churches 1,505.60
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bottoms
R. A. Pickens
Monticello School District
Mrs. Florence Wilson (deceased) bequeathed
for endowment fund
For clothing fund
For Gem Subscriptions
For Mattress Fund
Produce Boxes, etc
Total Receipts\$29,789.75
DISBURSEMENTS.
Greceries\$ 3,419.12
Insurance
Dry Goods
Drug Account, (including various articles) 398.25
Interest 946 57
Hardware 883.09

Bakers (light bread)	688.75
	142.00
Furniture and Bedding	469.49
Plumbing and Repairs	359.99
Salary 1,	977.50
Live Stock	456.50
Water and Light	257.87
Lumber and Repair	208.11
Printing and Stationery	409.57
	393.46
Bills Payable 12,	,200.00
Total\$25,	439.25
Time Certificate of Deposit (Endow. fund)	500.00
Balance on hand December 3, 1917	1.49
Produce, Boxes, Etc 3,	849.74—\$29,789.75
Bills Payable	None
Unpaid Accounts	None
Unpaid Interest	None
Balance on hand	1.49
Endowment fund	500.00
Balance on hand\$	501.49
Total debt December 2, 1916	\$13,248.85
Total debt December 6, 1917	None

Decrease this year—also paying this year's current expenses.

Respectfully submitted.

R. L. DÉAL, Treasurer.

Report of the Committee on Orphans' Home.

The work of saving life, moulding character and developing citizens is a part of the great program of the Lord. To rescue, the perishing, and set their feet in the plain paths of righteousness is a work of mercy. Every homeless, destitute child is a serious liability not only to the social fabric, but to the state. The omniscient mind of God saw this in His plan of the Jewish Commonwealth, and hence made special provision for the care of the "stranger, the fatherless and the widow, within Jewish gates." Under the economy of grace, God laid upon his people the obligation, "To visit the fatherless and the widow in their affliction," which carries with it the idea of relieving their distress, and giving them an equal chance with those who are more fortunate and prosperous. Our Monticello Orphans' Home was established for this purpose, and while we have not made this home just what it

ought to be, yet your committee records the fact that we have given shelter and care to more than 600 of these unfortunate children, and hence have helped them to a better life.

Last year's work, through the wise leadership of our consecrated and business-like secretary, Rev. W. F. Dorris, has been a great success, both from the point of paying our large debt, and also in placing 65 of these children into good Christian homes. We are grateful to these good people who have opened their hearts and homes and have made happy so many of these children, and who, we believe, are giving them the right kind of training for their life-work.

We are glad to report that the health of the children was never better. The sanitary conditions have been much improved, since the large number of children have been reduced to a number which can easily be accommodated. Our home superintendent and his wife, the matron, are much loved by all the children, and they are doing a great work among them. Our school is doing good work, and there seems to be a fine interest among the children, in their school work. The assistant matron is also doing good work with the girls in teaching them domestic art and science. The placing of children out into private homes has its disorganizing effect on school and farm work, and yet we are glad that we can send our children to private Christian homes, where they can have the advantage of the individual, personal touch of Christian men and women.

Your committee would make the following recommendations:

- 1. Since our large debt has been paid, we urge all the pastors to enlist their churches and Sunday schools-in making regular monthly offerings to this work, so that all necessary current expenses may be met each month. Should this plan be adopted by our churches and pastors, this work of mercy would go on unhindered, and there would be no necessity for a special campaign to be launched at any time during the year.
- 2. We also recommend that should the Orphans' Home Board decide on the erection of new buildings for this kind of work that the general superintendent and financial secretary look after this work in a quiet way, not disturbing in the least any other enterprize of the Convention's work, either in Missions or Education; and that no building be erected until financial provision first be made; and that the Board of Trustees shall pass on the erection of such building, or buildings, and lay their plans before the General State Board for their approval, before such work is begun.
- 3. And since our Convention is committed to the task of giving relief to our aged and worn-out ministry, we recommend

that our Convention take steps as soon as possible looking to the erection of cottages on our Orphans' Home property for this purpose.

Your committee believes that now is the time for Arkansas Baptists to begin this much needed work.

J. B. LUCK,
D. B. MOORE,
A. McPherson,
OTTO MATHIS,
T. M. McGee,
H. J. McCool,
Paul Moore,
J. T. McDonald,
Mrs. J. C. McCroy.

Committee

APPRAISEMENT OF ORPHANS' HOME PROPERTY.

To The Arkansas Orphans' Home Board, Monticello, Arkansas,

Gentlemen: As per request, we, the committee appointed to appraise the property of your Institution, make the following report:

On November 15, 1917, in company with Rev. J. F. Tull, Secretary of the Board, and W. F. Dorris, general superintendent and financial secretary, we went to the Home, and spent all the morning looking over the entire building and grounds, and making our investigation as thorough as possible. We desire to commend the management of the Home for the way they are doing the work committed to them. While the buildings are old and have suffered, as is always the case, some deterioration, yet we found that Superintendent Horton and wife, the Matron, and their helpers. are taking good care of the buildings and keeping them clean and sanitary. We were much pleased with the way in which Mr. Horton takes care of all the farming implements. We found all the live stock in good condition, with a good supply of corn and hay with which to feed them during the winter. We also note that since the beginning of this year the management has added new bedsteads and matresses, and these we found to be of good quality. We are also much pleased with the yield of the farm in corn, peas, peanuts, sweet potatoes and garden vegetables.

Our appraisement of the property is as follows:

I. The Farm.

This consists of 320 acres as follows: Two hundred and forty acres are in what is known as the home tract. Eighty acres of

this body was donated by Mrs. Hannah Hyatt Gardner, nee Miss Hannah Hyatt, to the Arkansas Baptist Convention in 1896. to be used as a home for the homeless, destitute orphans of Arkansas. Later the Board purchased 160 acres of land known as the Burke place, joining the original 80 acres donated by Miss Hyatt, on the north, making 240 acres. While the land is not naturally strong in fertility, yet every acre can be used, and this year, even though a severe drouth threatened to cut short the crops, they have grown a good crop of corn, peas, potatoes and other garden vegetables.

The eighty acre tract, bequeathed by will of Amanda Watson, executed by W. F. Morgan, administrator 1898, is three miles east of Monticello. This tract has never been used by the Board, but has been reserved for future supply of wood for the Home. We present herewith an extract from the records, describing these two tracts of land owned by the Arkansas Baptist Convention, and used for the purposes of the Orphans' Home.

Tract of 80 acres deeded by Miss Hannah Hyatt, July 22, 1895, Drew County, Arkansas, E 1-2 of S-W 1-4 of Section 23, Township 12, South Range, 7. This deed was made by Grantor, Miss Hannah Hyatt, with the proviso that should this property cease to be used for the purpose of caring for orphans, then it would revert to grantor, or her heirs, or assigns, she or they paying for improvements on same; or Arkansas Orphans Home Board should pay \$800.00 for the property, with 5 per cent per annum from date of execution of the deed.

The Burks property was purchased from C. L. Burks, and wife, Ida L. Burks, consideration being \$800.00 for 100 acres, described as follows: N-W 1-4 of Section 23, Township-12 South, Range 7 West. Date of conveyance, June 12, 1902. Recorded in Book "WW," page 394, of Deed Records, Drew county, Arkansas.

The Amanda Watson property 80 acres was willed by her to the Home, and the will was executed by W. F. Morgan administrator, January 25, 1898. There was an exchange effected between the Board and a Mr. Watts, by which Mr. Watts deeded forty acres of his land adjoining the Amanda Watson property to the Home, for 40 acres. The Board now owns N-W 1-4 Section 28, Township 12 South, 6 West, 40 acres. Also part of NW 1-4 of S-W 1-4, Section 28, Township 12 South, Range 6 West, 31 acres, making 71 acres of the Amanda Watson property.

We appraise the Home tract at...........\$10,000.00 We value the Amanda Watson place at...... 500.00

II. Buildings.	
1. The Main Brick Building we value at\$14,000.00	
2. The small four-room frame building to	
the rear of the main brick building, and	,
as a hospital for the Pellagra patients 400.00 3. The two-story concrete Laundry building	
at\$ 2,000.00	
4. The three story concrete Dormitory and	
School Room	
5. The Shop, a small frame, at	
6. The old School Building, now feed room,	
box frame	
7. The Cow Barn, in need of repair 100.00	
8. The Horse Barn, also in need of repair 500.00	
Total appraised value of all the buildings.	\$21,275.00
III. Furnishings and Equipment.	
First, Home Furnishings-	
(1.) Dining room, chairs, tables, etc\$ 158.00	
(2.) Parlor room, piano, rockers, table etc 235.00	
(3.) Kitchen, range, etc	
(4.) Boys' and Girls' Dormitories, beds 1,370.00(5.) Domestic Science, machines, tables 32.00	
(6.) Clothes room, lockers for clothing 50.00	
(7.) Washstands, dressers, stoves 45.00	
Total value of furnishings	\$2,025.00
Second, Laundry Equipment—	
(1.) Engine, boiler and machinery\$ 800.00	
Third, School room equipment—	
(1.) Piano, desks and stoves 275,00	
Fourth, Shop Equipment—	
(1.) Shop, tools	
Total Equipments, Laundry, etc	\$1,150.00
Five, Agricultural Equipments—	
(1.) Seed Drill\$ 60.00	
(2.) Stalk Cutter	
(3.) Mower	
(4.) Disc 25.00	U

(5) Dia-ton-	00
(5.) Planters	.00
(7.) Harrows 10.	
	00
(9.) 2 Middle "Busters"	
(10.) 1 Drag Harrow	
(11.) 4 Two-Horse Plows	
(12.) 20 Hoes	
(13.) 6 Picks and 3 Mattocks	00
(14.) 8 Axes, 3 Saws, 2 Mauls, 6 Wedges 10.	00
(15.) 9 Sets Plow Harness	00
(16.) 1 Surrey and Harness 40.	00
(17.) 2 Two-Horse Wagons 75.	00
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Total Agricultural Equipments	\$526.00
IV. Live Stock.	
First, Hogs—	
(1.) 7 Hogs and 22 Pigs\$ 300.00	ı
Second, Mules-	
(1.) 2 Mules 300.00)
Third, Horses—	
(1.) 7 Horses	
Fourth, Cows—	
(1.) 9 Cows and 2 Bulls	
(2.) 8 Calves	
Total Value Live Stock	@1 995 00
Total value Live Stock	\$1,225.00
V. Farm Products On Hand.	
1. 400 Bushels Sweet Potatoes\$ 300.00	
2. 50 Bushels Turnips	
3. 1000 Quarts Canned Beans and Tomatoes 250.00	
4. 75 Loads of Hay, Corn tops, Peanuts, Peas	
and Sorghum 650.00	
5. 800 Bushels Corn	
Total Value of Farm Products	\$ 2,450.00
Grand total assets of the Home	.\$39,271.00

We have tried to arrive at the value of each item enumerated, not at what it would bring in the market, but at the present depreciated value, taking into consideration what each item is worth to the Home. We also state that we are disinterested citizens, except that we are friends of the Institution, and wish it well. Two of us are members of the M. E. Church, South, and one is not a member of any church.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WHITE, Sheriff Drew County.

J. E. SHELL, J. P.,

JACK CURRY, Real Estate and Stock Dealer.

58. After prayer by C. G. Elliott, of Arkadelphia, adjournment was taken until 9 a. m. Friday.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

- 59. Session opened with song and prayer service.
- 60. The report of the Committee on B. Y. P. U. was read by J. R. G. White, of Forrest City, and adopted without discussion. The report follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON B. Y. P. U.

The life of an institution is limited by two things, purpose and service. The purpose of the Young People's Union is a notable one since it means to train and equip for the greatest efficiency, both private and public, in Christian and denominational life. One of the characteristics of the movement is that it lives and dies, and then lives and dies again. Some of the problems associated with it are competent and faithful leadership, the right use of literature, the Bible, books of doctrinal and denominational nature, the mission situation, home and foreign, periodicals, tracts etc., studies in sociology and psychology, a place for holding the meetings, the hour for the meetings, the social life of the young people.

The committee wishes to commend the work of former secretaries, Prof. Campbell and Rev. and Mrs. Aulick. Also the

place that this work has had on the program at the Encampment at Arkadelphia.

We recommend that a B, Y. P. U. secretary be employed at as early a date as possible.

J. R. G. WHITE,
F. M. CARTER,
MRS. E. P. J. GARROTT,
L. J. CARINGTON,
W. A. CUMMINGS,
W. J. HINSLEY,
J. F. BREWER,

Committee.

61. The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Pastoral Support was read by J. S. Compere, and after discussion by L. E. Barton, W. D. Powell, J. R. G. White and J. S. Compere, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We are stewards of all that we possess. Not one thing of all that we call ours actually belongs to us by absolute right. All these things belong to God, who has committed them to us as a sacred trust and we are to administer them for God and in the interest of His kingdom. This applies not only to money and other forms of property but also to time, and strength, and skill, and influence, and ability, and friends, and family—everything that we call ours. We have received it all from God and we are to administer whatever gifts we have received as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

In administering these things we are to be controlled, not by our own pleasure or personal interest, but by the pleasure of God. Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, all is to be done to the glory of God. If I am about to buy a new suit of clothes, or an automobile, or a farm, or a theatre ticket, I must remember that it is not my money but God's that I am about to spend, and it is proper to ask, "Does God want me to spend His money for this object?" If I am about to engage in any form of exercise or work it is proper to ask, "Does God wish me to use His time and strength in this way?" And so of everything that I use and of everything that I do.

As concerns the Christian life there is no more fundamental doctrine than this. A clear understanding of this doctrine and an

honest exercise of the principle therein laid down would revolutionize the life of our people and would solve the financial problems of the kingdom of God. These problems will never be permanently solved until they are solved in this way. It is surprising that God's people have for so long practically overlooked this doctrine, but it is gratifying to know that the interest in it is growing.

In Arkansas about one white person in every ten is a Baptist. In the matter of wealth they are about an average. Certainly not less than one-tenth of the wealth of the State is in the hands of Baptists. Are they administering this wealth as good stewards of the manifold grace of God? Let the facts speak.

Combining the figures given in our last Convention minutes and those given in the last Southern Baptist Convention we learn the following facts: In the year ending twelve months ago Arkansas Baptists contributed a total of \$421,475 for all purposes, or an average of \$3.44 per member, while for all purposes outside the local churches we gave an average of about .95 per member. This means practically \$2.62 spent in the local church for every \$1.00 spent on outside objects. For every \$1.00 given to State Missions we spent \$11.73 for the local church. Every time we gave \$1.00 for Foreign Missions we gave \$17.28 for local church expenses. We gave last year an average of \$.14 2-5 per member for all Foreign Mission work; this year the average was \$.19 1-4. The average for Home Missions last year was \$.08 3-4 per member; this year the average was \$.13 1-4. This year we are giving about \$.38 per member for State Missions.

According to estimates contained in a recent Government Crop Report for Arkansas our crop of corn, wheat, oats, potatoes, hay and cotton for this year are worth approximately \$270,000,000. If Baptists receive one-tenth of this they will receive \$27,000,000 for their part of these six crops alone. Should they bring into the Lord's treasury his tenth of this increase it would amount to \$2,700,000. While the negro population is not here taken into account it must be remembered that these six crops by no means bring in all the wealth of the State. It is absolutely certain that white Baptists will receive at least the amount indicated in these figures.

The increase in our contributions has been gratifying indeed; but we will not likely give more than half a million to all religious purposes during the year. What about the more than two million dollars withheld? While we pay into the Lord's treasury a half million dollars we withhold two million more that would be put into the treasury if we give the Lord his tenth.

One result of such withholding is seen in the shamefully small support that is given to the pastors of our churches. During the past year the Assistant Secretary of the Executive Board sent out enquiries to more than 1,100 churches asking about conditions in the churches. Replies were received from 238 churches. Basing our estimate on these figures and striking an average for all the churches of the State, we reach approximately the following figures: 1514 churches have preaching, while 116 have none, 480 have resident pastors (though we believe the estimate is too large), while 1,034 are served by non-resident pastors. 1074 have once-a-month preaching, while only 267 have preaching every Sunday. 1280 pay the pastor a salary; 75 pay him whatever they feel like giving; and 219 emphatically do not pay any salary.

To determine just what salary is paid is rather difficult. Many district association minutes do not show this item at all, and when they do show it many churches fail to report it. An examination of 36 such minutes for the year ending twelve months ago showed 634 churches reporting amounts paid on pastor's salary. 634 churches paid a total of \$122,007.95 to their pastors for an entire year, an average of \$192.44 per church. If we take out of the reckoning all the churches that paid \$1,000 or more, then the average amount paid by each church was \$130.75. Many of these were either half-time or full-time churches that paid from \$400 or \$500 up to nearly \$1000. It will thus be seen that the average for once-a-month churches could hardly have been more than \$100. and most likely this average is too high. Remember that this is only the average. Remember also that this average is necessarily too high. It is based upon the figures of such churches as report amounts paid to pastors, while there are 1000 churches from which we have no reports. The average amount paid by those not reporting is almost certainly much lower than the average of those that do report. It will thus be seen that many faithful men of God, even if they preach every Sunday, receive much less than \$400.00 per year for their services.

Let us face the matter squarely. Can a preacher live on such a salary? There is no other class of men so poorly paid as preachers. Bricklayers, carpenters, day laborers, hod carriers and all other laborers are better paid than preachers. The most highly paid people in the world are movie actors and actresses and base ball stars. In other words we fatten and enrich those who furnish amusement and entertainment for us, and we starve the prophets of God who minister to us in the highest things.

One result of this is that our religion is discredited before the world. The world knows that such practice is essentially unfair and dishonest. The preacher has a right to a decent support for himself and his family. Christ himself taught that "the laborer is worthy of his hire," and Paul says "the Lord hath ordained that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel." Starving preachers brings Christianity into disrepute.

Another result of such withholding is that the preaching itself is not of as high an order as it needs to be. No preacher can preach as he ought to preach unless he gives much time to study. But he cannot study if he has to teach school or cultivate a crop to make a living. Neither can he preach as he ought if he knows that his wife and children are in want, or if he knows he will not be able to pay the month's grocery bill. Many a time he cannot pay his bills and he is set down as dishonest and Christianity is brought into still greater disrepute.

In this time, of all times, we need to make a great increase in the salaries of preachers. It is of the very utmost importance that the work of the churches be carried on in the most effective manner possible, so that our spiritual interests may be promoted. If we neglect this matter and allow the work of the churches to decline, it is conceivable that our God may permit the whole earth to be devastated in order to bring us to our senses.

Before the war began preachers were already receiving only starvation wages. The cost of living has increased almost beyond the wildest flight of imagination. Wages have been advanced in almost every other line of work so as to enable people to meet the increased cost of living. Yet the salaries of pastors have, in most cases, not been increased at all. The result of this is that some good preachers are being driven out of the ministry entirely in order to provide bread for their families, while many others are working at other occupations through the week and then preaching on Sundays. Unless churches all over the State give the pastor better salaries there is bound to come a decided decline in religious life and church work.

Many churches are without a pastor for no other reason than that the salaries they offer are so small as to prohibit preachers from accepting their call. We believe this matter is vital to the welfare of our cause, and we recommend that in all the churches the members bring God's tithe into the store house, and that they provide a real reasonable living for the preachers, so that they that preach the gospel shall live of the gospel.

It is gratifying to note the increasing interest in the subject of Stewardship. Early in the year the Secretaries of our Executive Board notified the churches that copies of the little book "Stewardship" by C. A. Cook, would be sent to all who would organize and conduct classes for study of the book. Many such classes were formed and this study was followed by very fine results. Also in the Bible Schools and Institutes the matter was pressed. Your committee would strongly urge the formation of classes in all our churches for the study of Stewardship. Books for this purpose can be had free by writing J. S. Compere, Assistant Secretary, 410 Donaghey Bldg., Little Rock. Such study is bound to produce large results in toning up all our denominational work.

Respectfully submitted,

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FRANK WRIGHT,
OTTO WHITINGTON,
L. W. WHITE.

Committee.

- 62. Motion prevailed to instruct the Executive Board to print the report of the Committee on Stewardship and Pastoral Support for a campaign document.
- 63. A summary of the report of the State Charity Commission was presented by E. P. Alldredge, and referred to the Executive Board. The report follows:

STATE CHARITIES AND CORRECTIONS COMMISSION INVESTIGATION.

Summary of Findings and Suggestions for Improving Present Conditions in the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home.

By Miss Julia Houston, Investigator.

Note: (This summary is general in nature. For full description of Institution and for detailed information as to its early history, plan and personnel of management, number and classification of inmates, value of plant and of products raised, financial management, exact methods used in care of inmates, etc., see body of report. The suggestions contained are for improvements in methods of management and for improvements and additions to the present plant, and do not contemplate the building of an entirely new plant (with the exception of one building) as recommended for

the future by the Financial Secretary and General Superintendent. This would be the ideal plan. If it should be followed, many of these suggestions would not, of course, be applicable.)

Plant and Equipment.

Land. The work of developing the farm lands seems to be progressing well under the guidance of the Home Superintendent. New farm implements of excellent type are purchased as needed, the products raised are of good quality, in most instances, and it is possible to can a sufficient amount of vegetables and to raise enough feed for the purposes of the institution. It is suggested that as soon as practicable fruit and berry growing be introduced, as far as the character of the soil will permit, to furnish fruit for the table, which must now be purchased, and that all possible assistance be furnished the Home Superintendent in his work of developing the resources of the farm.

Live Stock. More milch cows should be purchased when funds permit, since there is an insufficient supply of milk for the children, and better shelter should be provided for dairy stock at the earliest possible date, as indicated in section on barns.

Buildings and Equipment. As indicated in detail throughout report, the institution is badly in need of repairs and additional equipment. In the main building and annex, some repainting, reflooring and repapering is needed, the kitchen being in particular need of repainting. One or more bath rooms should be installed, since there is only one small bath room in the whole institution, except for one tub in Superintendent's quarters; hot water connections made, screens replaced in many windows, and room made, either in this or in some other building for a receiving and isolation ward for incoming children. Also, as indicated below, more kitchen equipment is needed—tables, labor-saving devices, etc., and fire escapes, hose, chemical fire extinguishers or similar equipment should be installed in this building.

Some additional dining room equipment is needed. It is suggested that the use of napkns be inaugurated now, and that when funds permit, white table cloths be substituted for oil cloth coverings, and heavy china ware for the tin plates now used by the smaller children. In some institutions the officers have separate tables, as in this Home, but in many an officer or a trustworthy older girl sits at each dining table to supervise the table manners of children, having the same food that the children have. This latter method is recommended. It has proven a great success at other institutions, for example, the Masonic Orphans' Home at Batesville, and it is believed that it would improve the table man-

ners and general atmosphere of the dining room, which though fairly good now, could be improved.

Two floors in the two concrete block buildings contain a total of two halls and seven sleeping rooms for boys. On each of these floors there was only one electric light. Eight windows and one door have glass panes broken or entirely out. In one building there is a fire escape on two floors, but it is below the dormitory floor. None on the other buildings. No stoves in either, no bath rooms, or toilets (dry toilet in yard is used by boys and another by officers.) No furniture except white iron beds of good type. recently purchased and rough boxes for clothes. The purchase of these beds and of good cotton mattresses and the repainting recently done in the boys' dormitories, show that the management is trying to improve conditions here, even when laboring under an indebtedness. Much still needs to be done, however, to provide the boys with quarters in any degree homelike or comfortable. Inspector was informed that window panes had been ordered. There are two porcelain bath tubs not in use at present because of previous low water pressure, which is now improved. It is urgently recommended that a bath room and toilet be installed in each boys' dormitory as soon as possibe, and the use of dry toilets and the common bathing tank in the summer, be discontinued, for hygienic reasons, and that further equipment, boys' sitting rooms, fire escapes, etc., be provided as soon as possible.

In the two school rooms it is suggested that unused desks might possibly be exchanged for much needed recitation benches,

The steam laundry is excellently equipped.

The Hospital Cottage is well screened and newly painted. It needs a bath room. An isolation ward for infectious and contagious diseases in addition to a receiving ward for incoming children, is greatly needed, since pellagra patients, only, are confined at present in the Hospital Cottage and there is no place for such infectious and contagious cases, with the exception of one bed room occupied by a child with ezzema.

The cow barn should be demolished and a new barn erected to the rear of the institution. The present barn lies less than 200 yards from institution, in front and to the Southwest of main building. As described in the body of this report, it is cold and draughty by reason of an elevation of 5 to 6 feet from the ground in places, and of many wide cracks in the floor, and is very unsantary, forming a breeding place for flies. It is old and worthless as a dairy barn, bad for the stock and for the nearby buildings. It is also badly located and should be in the rear of the buildings.

Heat, Light, Etc. The institution is heated by sheet iron stoves, burning wood. Electric current and water are obtained from city; has private sewerage system and septic tanks.

Fire Protection. There is only one 150 foot fire hose on the premises and one fire escape, as stated, from two floors of a three-story building. In addition to the equipment above recommended, it is urged that fire drills be introduced.

Screens. There are no screens on any buildings, except main building, annex and hospital cottage and their installation is urged.

It is suggested that the Financial Secretary draw up (1) a detailed estimate of the funds needed now to improve and repair the present buildings and barns, together with an itemized statement of repairs and equipment necessary, and (2) another estimate of the funds needed in the future to provide for additions and betterments with full equipment necessary to make this Home the highest grade possible, together with an itemized statement of the additions, etc... needed, and it is further suggested that these two sets of plans and estimates be presented by him to the Board of Trustees at the earliest possible date, to be given publicity by the Board and Financial Secretary among the Baptists and other interested citizens of the State to the end that adequate funds for these purposes may be secured.

Inmates.

Financial Secretary's report showed 124 children handled in institution from December 6th to November 26th, 1917, date of last inspection; 62 were then on hand, 35 boys, 27 girls; ages 5 to 18, with exception of one boy 21. Sixty-four children were placed in rivate homes during the period.

It is suggested that Financial Secretary and General Superintendent render fuller annual reports upon the institution's population, presenting facts of parentage, nationality, age, grades in schools, etc., in order that a better mental picture of the populaion may be obtained from these reports. Inspector is unable to report at present upon the success and results obtained in placement of children in private families, but will at later date inspect as many homes as possible, where children have been placed, in order to determine average character of homes found.

Management (Supervision and Officers.)

Rev. W. F. Dorris, Financial Secretary and General Superintendent, impressed inspector as a very co-operative and conscientious type of official, ambitious for the perfecting of the Home. He outlined as the ideal to which he was working, a scheme for the

entire reconstruction of the institution upon the cottage plan, which is in use in all up to date child-caring institutions and for the development of the institution's work to a high degree of efficiency. He frankly stated that he was unfamiliar with some of internal problems of institution work, having devoted most of his time so far, to raising the Home's debt, but would gladly study pertinent literature offered by the Commission. Had advance practical ideas as to proper system of record keeping and had put some of these into practice. inspector found.

C. N. Horton, Home Superintendent, is a poorly educated man, apparently, but seems capable and industrious farmer and man of good moral reputation in community, judging from opinions of several townspeople interviewed by inspector. Mrs. Horton, matron, seems cleanly, capable and kindly woman. Neither have had experience in institution work and they are unfamiliar with some of the problems of morals, health and mental status of inmates which exists in all institutions. Inspector had no opportunity to judge whether they would respond to suggestions for improved methods. Both seemed to watch children closely and are systematic, apparently, in management of institution, using the work shift plan of student labor where possible, to relieve monotony of work.

Inspector was impressed with the devotion to the children's interest shown by Misses Shadow and Ware, teachers, who have all had high school and normal course training for their work, and who seem energetic, conscientious and capable of enforcing obedience.

A spirit of co-operation seems to exist among all officers.

Management (Financial.)

It is suggested that all moneys received by the Financial Secretary be turned over to the General Secretary, instead of church contributions only, as at present, to be transmitted by the General Secretary to the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

That the Financial Secretary be asked to prepare before the beginning of each financial year a budget, containing in tabular form (1), estimates of expense of the Home for the ensuing financial year, compared with actual expenses of the Home for the closed financial year; (2), estimates of receipts required during the ensuing financial year compared with actual receipts during the closed financial year; (3), a program for raising all the funds needed to fulfill the terms of the budget. That this budget be passed upon by the Board of Trustees previous to entering on the financial year, to which it applies, and that the Board of Trustees receive monthly reports throughout the year, showing the balance remaining in the

various items allowed in the budget. That accounts be kept, and that the budget be drawn up so as to show

RECEIPTS under the following classifications:

Church and Society collections.

Personal Contributions.

Special Funds.

Income from farm products,

Income from other products.

Income from endowment, and to show

EXPENDITURES under the following classifications:

Salaries and Wages,

Food Supplies,

Clothing Supplies,

Household Supplies and Equipment,

Office Expenses, (including telephone and telegraph)

Printing and Stationery,

Drugs.

Physician,

Transportation,

Light, Water and Fuel

Insurance,

Other contracts or Supplies,

Interest, Repairs to Buildings and Fixtures,

Improvements.

That at the top of each column under this classification be entered the "Budget Allowance" and that at the foot of each column (one line below monthly total) be entered the "Balance Remaining" of the budget allowance.

A valuation is now placed by the Financial Superintendent on all donations received. This useful practice should be continued. It is also recommended that accounts and financial reports be audited annually by disinterested accountants of recognized standing.

The inspector wishes to especially commend the splendid work done by the Financial Secretary, Board and Baptists of the State in reducing the indebtedness of the institution from \$12,500 in July to \$2,989.92 on November 20th.

Management (Care of Inmates.)

Industrial and School Work. The schedule of work is so crowded that inmates have only time for one-half day school and

teachers get practically no recreation time at all because of supervisory duties after school and on Saturdays and Sundays. It is suggested that Financial Secretary and General Superintendent study the schedule devised by the four State Agricultural Schools, which permits ample school time and time for farm work, with time off a portion of each day for teachers. Although conditions differ markedly in the two institutions, it is believed by inspector that this schedule might be modified to fit the Orphans' Home conditions better than their existing schedule.

As soon as possible either the teaching staff should be increased, which is preferable, or more time afforded the two present teachers in which they might teach the subjects of Penmanship, Primary work, Drawing, English Composition, Physiology and Hygiene, Agriculture, and if possible, Music and Calisthenics, also the use of dictionary, biographical and economic readers should be inaugurated. The school work at present is not full and efficient and interesting enough.

It is further recommended that as soon as possible equipment for teaching primary work in Room 1 be installed, and that in the near future new text books be selected to conform as nearly as possible to those in use in the public schools, if it should not be desired to teach the same courses. Some of the books now in use in the Home are antiquated and unsuitable.

Food. Weekly menus were obtained by the inspector, who found that the food was well cooked, ample in quantity and nourishing. More variety might well be introduced into breakfast and suppers by the addition of cooked fruits and other suitable dishes occasionally.

Clothing. Sufficient clothing is not always obtained for children through the donation system in use and donations have to be supplemented by the institution.

Sanitation. Buildings, grounds and bedding extremely clean and well cared for. No "institution odor" discernable.

Health Conditions. One of the most serious problems of the institution is the care and isolation of in-coming children. Several times the "itch", so-called, has been spread all through the institution because newly arriving children, infected with it, were not received into a special ward and isolated until they could be thoroughly examined and treated. Recently two children infected six people, including the matron, because they were not examined for two days and not isolated during that time. Pediculosis, or head lice, has also been spread in this way.

It is urgently recommended that immediate provision be made

for an isolation and receiving ward for the detention for a few days, the examination and observation of all incoming children.

Several cases exhibiting difficult problems of infectious disease, feet-lemindedness and immorality (in one case) were discussed with inspector who will make an effort to transfer some of these children to appropriate hospitals or state institutions, since they are a source of danger, in some instances, to the children of the Home.

There are 8 children isolated for observation in the "pellagra cottage," but none has the disease in the active or eruptive stage at present. All are apparently improving. Several cured pellagra cases exhibited serious symptoms, such as permanently twisted neck, tubercular catarrh, marked feeblemindedness, etc.

Management is careful to segregate children with infectious diseases as to their room, clothing, dishes, etc.

Dr. B. P. Kimbro, Home Physician, who seems greatly interested in improvements of health conditions, states that strict attention is paid to his orders by present management. Conditions improved.

Moral Conditions. Inspector questioned officers as to prevailance of habits of sexual self abuse among children. Stated had noticed none. Reported that close supervision exercised, and strict separation of boys and girls enforced. Trouble experienced in only a few cases.

Religious Instruction. Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. and Sunbeam meetings held each Sunday at Home, and older children attend church in town twice each Sunday.

Recreation Facilities. These are very poor. There is a library of 75 volumes of reference books, all old and little used. No gymnasium or athletic grounds and equipment, no ball teams, no games played. Two pianos and Superintendent's Grafonola enjoyed. There are Christmas, Thanksgiving and Hallowe'en entertainments and dinners. Children allowed to go to fairs and moving picture shows, get free tickets. Superintendent allowed boys to have individual gardens and offered a prize for the best, which was a great incentive to good work.

It is suggested that Board might secure volunteer athletic coaches from young men's and women's organizations in Monticello, and donations of enough equipment for boys base-ball and foot-ball teams and girls' basket-ball teams; and that donations of tooks and magazines might be obtained in generous amount, and a student librarian appointed to care for them.

Punishment. Superintendent states that he whips boys occa-

sionally with small leather strap, says it does not leave marks not so brutal as a heavy switch. Boys' behavior good, has not whipped one for two months.

The Commission is co-operating with the Financial Secretary in the devising of an improved register for inmates and for a form for adequate record for child while in and after placed out of institution, also of a record for physician's reports. Record system is now inadequate for needs, some forms antiquated.

APPENDIX.

Book Lists, by Grades, of Arkansas Baptist Orphans Home.

First Grade:

Hill's First Reader.

Number work on blackboard

Writing from model on blackboard

Words given out for spelling.

Second Grade:

Same work and substitutes Hill's Second Reader.

Third Grade:

Frye's First Steps in Geography Scott and Southworth's Lessons in English Milne's Elementary Arithmetic Century Speller Hill's Third Reader.

Fourth Grade:

Same as Third Grade, except substitute

Fifth Grade:

Hill's Fifth Reader
Frye's Primary Geography
Century Speller
Milne's Elementary Arithmetic
Scott and Southworth's Lessons in English.

Sixth Grade:

Scott and Southworth's Lessons in English Century Speller Frye's Grammar School Geography, alternating with Reynolds' Arkansas History Milne's Standard Arithmetic. Seventh Grade:

Harvey's Revised English Grammar

Milne's Standard Arithmetic

Century Spelling Book

Frye's Grammar School Geography, alternating with Reynolds' Arkansas History.

Eighth Grade:

Same as Seventh with substitution of Evans' Advanced United States History for Reynolds' History.

64. The following report of the Committee on Schools and Colleges was read by L. E. Barton, and after discussion by L. E. Barton, E. J. A. McKinney, W. J. E. Cox, W. J. Hinsley, T. H. Plemmons, J. R. G. White, L. M. Keeling, S. H. Campbell, C. G. Elliott, E. P. Alldredge, W. W. Moore, C. F. J. Tate, J. F. Brewer, O. A. Greenleaf, H. F. Vermillion, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, V. C. Neal, J. S. Rogers, W. N. Adams, J. G. Lile, W. E. Atkinson, Otto Whitington, J. W. Conger, J. G. Harris, C. E. Dicken and J. S. Compere was referred to the Executive Board with power to act.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Owing to the pressure of the lateness of time under which your Committee has been compelled to prepare its report, we omit all the argument and statement of the general cause of Christian education and give simply our recommendation after study of the reports and recommendations from the Boards of Trustees of Ouachita and Central Colleges. We recommend:

First, that the trustees of each school be authorized to select and employ a man at a reasonable salary to collect funds for the schools.

Second, that the Executive Board be instructed to pay the salaries and expenses of these two men.

Third, that the funds collected by these men for their respective institutions be applied, first, to liquidate indebtedness; second, for equipment; and third, for endowment.

Fourth, that the Executive Board be instructed to furnish

Mountain Home College sufficient funds to supply its pressing needs as a missionary institution.

Respectfully submitted,

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DR. J. P. RUNYAN,
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G. W. PURYEAR.
W. W. MOORE,
JNO. T. WALTERS,
W. M. WRIGHT,
J. F. TULL,
J. W. WILLIAMS,
D. D. GLOVER,
O. A. GREENLEAF,
MRS. A. D. JONES.

Committee

65. Dismissed with prayer by J. C. Vaughan.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 66. Called to order by President Conger.
- 67. C. T. Ball, of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, spoke briefly concerning the Baptist Students' Missionary Movement.
- 68. The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by C. D. Wood, and after discussion by S. H. Campbell, A. Fox, C. S. Fitzpatrick and T. H. Plemmons, was adopted. (Cf. pp. 1-5.)
- 69. I. J. Van Ness was introduced, and spoke of the work of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- 70. The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by S. H. Campbell, and adopted without discussion. The report is given below:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We counted ourselves fortunate indeed, when we were forced to lose such an efficient worker as Bro. D. S. Campbell, to have right at our doors such well equipped and splendidly trained and competent Sunday school specialists as Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Aulick, whose services we could secure for the work in Arkansas. Brother and Sister Aulick began their work January 1, of this year, and continued in the work, doing great and efficient service, until October, when they resigned to accept the work with "The Baptist Student Missionary Movement." The following is a report of their work:

Report of work done by A. L. and Mrs. A. L. Aulick, from January 1, 1917, to October 1, 1917.

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Addresses	272	Held two Revivals, (21 conver-
Institutes held	50	sions and baptisms, 6 by let-
Enrolled in Classes	760	ter.)
No. Bible Schools attended	3	Money for State Missions
Miles traveled10	,184	from these two meet-
Certificates granted	200	ings\$80.00
Diplomas awarded	75	Days of labor 272
Red Seals	32	S. S. and B. Y. P. U's. or-
Blue Seals	28	ganized
Post Graduate diplomas	5	-

The resignation of Brother and Sister Aulick forces upon us the necessity of securing a new man, or men, to take up this important work at the earliest possible date and to press it with all the energy and power it merits.

We desire in this connection to give due credit to our Sunday School Board for the helpful assistance they have given us in pressing the field activities of our Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretaries. They have given us this year \$800.00 for this work, and not only promise us similar aid for the future, but urge us to press the work with all possible energy. In addition to this they have given us an appropriation of \$500 which was applied to the credit of our book department, and furnished free the text books used in our series of Bible schools conducted by our State Board.

We commend most heartily the Sunday School Board for the high grade periodicals they are giving us, and the other helpful work for which it is responsible.

Another thing for which we wish to commend them is the work they are carrying on for the soldiers. Since war was declared they have distributed in the different camps, through our Baptist workers, 50,000 copies of the New Testament and great quantities of tracts and periodicals, some of which have been specially prepared for this work. The Board has put itself at the disposal of the camp workers and pastors to the full extent of its resources. A new feature of the Sunday School Board work to which we desire to call attention at this time is its Organized Class Department, which is now in charge of Mr. H. L. Strickland. The Board hopes through the efforts of this department to mobilize our organized classes for a distinct and clean cut Baptist program. The success of this department will both protect and develop a greatly needed part of our work.

We desire also to call attention to the new department of Sunday School Architecture that the Board has just organized and to commend them for this step, which we believe will be of inestimable value to all our churches in the future.

We recommend that the Executive Board secure at once the services of the most competent man they can find and put him in the field as Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary, and if possible to secure other helpers also.

- 2. That one Sunday collection in all our schools be set apart each month for our orphanage:
- 3. That ue plan for a larger number of District Sunday School Institutes over the State.
- 4. That the last Sunday in June be made special Christian Education day, and that as far as possible a program be arranged and an offering be taken to support this great work.

SAM H. CAMPBELL, L. F. McMurry, Mrs. H. R. McCarroll, W. G. Mathis, C. E. Myrick.

W. A. MOFFITT

Committee.

- 71. In the absence of the chairman, the report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read by Otto Whitington, and adopted.
- Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Corresponding Secretary of the Arkansas Woman's Missionary Union, read the annual report of that organization, which was, after discussion by Mrs. Jackson, ordered printed in the Annual.

These reports follow:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Realizing the importance of the Woman's Missionary Union as a factor in Kingdom building, we your Committee on Woman's Work, desire to submit the following report, which deals largely with the special objects fostered by the Southern Woman's Missionary Union:

About thirty years ago the women of the Southland caught a wonderful world-wide vision of service to God; and, led by that vision, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, they organized themselves into the Southern Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. Through these years of great self-denial, earnest consecration, an increasing, untiring, systematic effort, with an ever enlarging vision, and a constant abiding at the throne of God in prayer, they have given to us of today most marvelous fruits of their labors.

Briefly may we speak of their accomplishments:

1. The organization.

Beginning as a society in which women only came together to study about missions, this organization has spread its branches, so that now there are 3794 Sunbeam Bands, 624 Royal Ambassador Chapters, 817 Girls Auxiliaries, 1836 Young Women's Auxiliaries, 8767 Women's Missionary Societies, making a grand total 15,840 societies, in which, boys, girls, young women, and older women, thoroughly graded are being trained in Mission Study, Prayer, Bible Study, Personal Service, and Giving. So that now our girls through the various organizations come to womanhood well informed, well trained and equipped with high Christian ideals, and hearts burning with missionary zeal.

2. Financially:

Their gifts to all objects fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention have increased with the years. Their total gifts to these objects for 1916-17 were \$400,000.00. Besides these, they have supported their special objects for which they are wholly responsible, and of which we speak later. Their box and cash contributions for the twenty-nine years of organization, as reported at New Orleans, May 1917, were \$4,570,066.04. A marvelous record in giving!

3. Mission Study:

The interest in Mission Study has grown by leaps and bounds during the last few years, so that now no society feels it is even beginning to work unless it does some definite mission study. No field of literature has been enriched more by abundant facts and inspiration than missions. Printed tracts and books of missionary information have fallen at our doors like autumn leaves. With access to the abundant facts of the greatest enterprise in the world today, a lack of missionary information is a confession of the greatest stupidity. With this conviction the Woman's Missionary Union is seeking to enlist and train all of our young people and women throughout the South.

Notwithstanding the importance and abundance of mission literature, the wisdom of the Woman's Missionary Union is seen in making the Bible the basis of Systematic Mission Study. Hence there is a consistent effort on the part of the Woman's Missionary Union to impart a thorough knowledge of the Word of the Lord; thus leading to consecration, inspiration, and a natural zeal for the spread of the Gospel.

4. Prayer:

Realizing the value of united prayer, the Woman's Missionary Union now has in circulation the Calendar of Prayer which links our entire Southern Baptist Womanhood in one united petition to the Father for certain objects on stated days.

Following are some of the Special Objects for which the Woman's Missionary Union labors and of which it is justly proud:

The Training School.

Ten years ago in 1907, a new day dawned for the host of eager, consecrated young women of the south, when the Woman's Missionary Union, with the hearty endorsement of the Southern Baptist Convention, voted unanimously to establish in Louisville, Kentucky, in connection with the Seminary, a school for the training of our young women for all phases of Christian work. A gift from the Sunday School Board purchased a home for the school and the southern women assumed responsibility for all expenses. Soon the school outgrew its quarters, and this fall finds a beautiful \$150,000 building erected on the old lot and more than seventy young women—among the choicest flowers of the land—enrolled for definite Christian service.

This lovely "House Beautiful," as it so fitly is called, but feebly represents the love, high Christian ideals, noble aspirations, and earnest desires of our Southern Baptist women. Nor can it even faintly give forth the beauty of the spirit that dwells within in the hearts and lives of the girls themselves and of the faculty. Nor can it give to us the faintest breath of the perfume of the lives of that host of thoroughly consecrated ministers' wives, who year by year take their seats by the sides of their student husbands at

the Seminary and also complete the course at the Training School and go forth with their husbands to help bring the world to their Christ.

Trained by the greatest teachers of America, this army of skilled Training School graduates is constantly helping to drive back the enemy of darkness and to plant the banner of our Lord. On the Foreign fields the Training School has more than forty representatives. More than six hundred of them are scattered over the Homeland helping to defeat the power of sin. Arkansås has three young women in the Training School this year.

The Woman's Missionary Union's total gifts to the Training School for 1916-17 were \$53,854.67. What a wonderful asset to our denomination!

2. The Margaret Fund:

The Woman's Missionary Union owned the Margaret Home in Greenville, S. C., in which missionaries' children, who could not be educated on the Foreign fields, were trained.

While this school accomplished untold good, it did not meet the full need of our missionaries. Hence seven of the lots have been sold, and the interest from the money, together with gifts from our southern women, has become a scholarship fund known as the Margaret Fund. These scholarships are awarded to the children of our missionaries on the various Foreign mission fields.

More than forty Baptist schools of the south furnish tuition scholarships to these beneficiaries of the Margaret Fund. Thus, by the joint aid of this Fund and the Baptist schools, nine scholarships were awarded in 1916-17 and fifteen for 1917-18.

Only those who know something of the meager salaries of our missionaries and their struggles to educate their children, can appreciate what this Margaret Fund means to them. Too, conditions on the Foreign fields are not such as to give proper Christian educational advantages. Hence the need of help in the homeland. The Margaret Fund properly supported, will relieve the situation. In addition to this, no one can estimate the value to our denomination and to the kingdom of these young lives trained in our Christian schools.

3. Good Will Centers:

Believing that our young women can learn to do best by doing, our Southern Woman's Missionary Union in October, 1912, established in connection with the Training School a Good Will Center, in which every girl does practical work that trains her for religious and social service. Here the responsibility for clubs, classes, Sunday schools, prayer meetings and play ground rests upon the

students of the Training School. They receive valuable training for work among little children, girls, boys, young women, and older women. From this practical workshop numbers of students have gone over our southland, establishing in our larger cities other Good Will Centers; until now there are twenty-three doing similar work to that in Louisville. They have become veritable lighthouses in these twenty-three cities, giving the local Woman's Missionary Society splendid opportunity for special personal service.

In this connection should be mentioned the organized personal service of the Women's Missionary Union, which has of recent years become such a mighty power for showing to the world of needy ones the beauty of the Christian life.

Thus through prayer, study, training, gifts, personal service, and a sturdy faith that has sometimes reached the point of "removing mountains," our Southern Woman's Missionary Union quietly but in great power marches on to greater heights through our Lord Jesus Christ.

MRS. B. V. FERGUSON. Chairman.
MRS. T. H. PLEMMONS,
MRS. J. W. GARDNER,
MRS. FRANK WRIGHT,
ALBERT HORNER,
MRS. H. LOEWER,
MRS. J. L. JOHNSON,
J. T. JENKINS,
WM. N. JOYNER,
MRS. E. J. A. MCKINNEY,
G. E. HOLT.

Committee.

TWENTY NINTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION. 1916-1917.

While we are in the midst of wars and rumors of wars, it is good for us to turn aside and refresh our minds and hearts with the things of God—for He reigneth and His loving kindness is over all His works. There will come to us from this conflict a clearer conception of the purposes of creation, a more abiding faith in Jesus Christ, a greater desire to glorify Him in our lives. We will be more conscious of the presence of His Holy Spirit, and His Word will truly be a "lamp to our feet and a light to our pathway."

It is with a grateful heart, therefore, that I bring to this Con-

vention, which is now in its Sixty-Fourth Session (though 69 years old—almost three score and ten), the Twenty-Ninth Annual Report of the Woman's Missionary Union.

There has been a decided increase in gifts—especially in those to Missions and Christian Education. Just 18 years ago, Jonesboro was hostess to this Convention. Comparisons at this time will not be "odious", but will show the marked and rapid growth of the organized work in Arkansas, which is most gratifying. In 1899, 41 Societies reported \$5192.77 to all purposes—in 1916, 276 Societies reported \$52,533.63, and this present year the total gifts are \$58.081.34.

In 1899, there were eight members composing the local Board—now there are eighteen members of the local Board, with six members from different parts of the state, besides the six Vice-Presidents. These meet in an all day session every Quarter. Then there were no paid officers—now there are two, giving all their time to the work.

Of the 36 Associations cooperating with the Convention, 26 have Associated Unions, with an active Superintendent. It has been my pleasure to attend 12 Associations, and 17 Institutes, besides the Bible Schools. Everywhere there is an eagerness to know better methods and to do more for Christ and His cause. The inspiration that comes from such meetings gives impetus to the work. As steel sharpens steel, so mind sharpens mind.

The work of the Corresponding Secretary on the field has been made possible by the splendid young women who "held down" the office job. First, Miss Lila Westbrook, who resigned September 1 that she might enter another field of usefulness. She is now Mrs. Walter Pye of Fort Worth, Texas. The Executive Board elected Miss Avis Reaves to fill the unexpired term.

Another Degree of Growth.

It is said that the roots of certain plants have a chemical that eats away the rocks on which they grow, enabling the plants to finally cover these rocks. So the Woman's Missionary Union, through its various activities, has eaten away the rocks of prejudice and indifference, and is making the "deserts bloom and the waste places blossom as the rose." Our brethren know now that we only wanted to be fellow helpers to the truth, and laborers together with them in giving the gospel of love and life to a lost world.

The financial statement I bring to you today does not tell all the story of sacrifice and devotion of the women and young people who make up the personnel of the W. M. U. If our Personal Service Superintendent, Mrs. McCurry, could visualize all the reports she gets, you would see many things money can not buy. My brethren, I want you to see that the Woman's Missionary Union opens up avenues through which every woman, young and old, can do her "bit"—even the little children and the boys.

Thanks are due Secretary J. S. Rogers for his appreciation of the W. M. U. He includes it in all his planning. When the pastors and the brethren in the churches enter into sympathetic cooperation with the women, there will come even greater success. For the great tasks of this world are not performed by individuals, but by cooperative effort—by combinations. Our nation is realizing this now as never before, so is calling upon the women, upon the boys and girls to cooperate with all the forces in winning this war, and they are doing it splendidly.

We women also want to answer the call to service in the Lord's work. We want to put on the whole armor, that we too may "be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand." We want to have a part in winning the war against sin and unrighteousness, that Satan may be overcome and Christ crowned King of Kings and Lord of All.

MRS. J. G. JACKSON, Corresponding Secretary, W. M. U.

Gifts Reported from Societies.

MISSIONS. City Missions\$ 509.23 Associational Missions..... 969.30 State Missions 4482.63 Home Missions-General Fund\$2642.44 Home Mission Boxes...... 513.70 Total to Home Missions..... \$ 3408.95 Foreign Missions-General Fund\$4859.75 Christmas Offering 805.56 - Judson Centennial 166.00 Total to Foreign Missions\$ 5831.31 Bibles to Soldiers\$ 61.50

EDUCATION.

EDUCATION:	
Christian Education	
Mountain Schools	
Cone Property (Ouachita College)	
Mary Forbes Industrial Home	
W. M. U. Training School	
Margaret Fund	. 32.50
Total to Education	.\$ 8171.24
BENEVOLENCE.	
General Benevolence	.\$ 3578.16
Orphans' Home—	
Cash\$4159.66	
Boxes to Home	
Total to Orphans' Home	.\$ 7352.50
Hospital Work\$ 322.80	
Old Ministers' Relief 64.96	
Total to Benevolence	.\$11318.42
LOCAL CHURCH WORK.	
Church Expense Fund	.\$ 7194.40
Church Building and Furnishings	. 15804.42
Total to Local Church Work	.\$22998.82
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Minute Fund	.\$ 100.32
Various Objects	. 229.62
Total to Miscellaneous Objects	
Total to Missions	
Total to Education	
Total to Benevolence	
Total to Local Church Work	
Total to Miscellaneous Objects	.\$ 329.94
Grand Total	. \$58081.34
WORK OF OFFICE FORCE.	
Letters written	1015
Letters multigraphed	
Devecto matergraphed	4100

Cards written	451
Cards multigraphed	
Receipt cards written	523
Packages mailed	3889
Programs	7944
Manuals	688
Report blanks	2864
Minutes	858
Booklets	. 1058
Envelopes for Weeks of Prayer	4777
Leaflets	17993
Periodicals	91
Miles traveled	
Towns visited	78
Associations attended	12
Institutes and Bible Schools	19
Talks made	151
Articles prepared for Advance and Mission Journals	50
Number of Societies on Mailing List	
Number of Auxiliary Societies	
Total Number on Mailing List	
New Societies organized during year	
Number Woman's Societies represented in Financial Report	
Number New Societies represented in Financial Report	
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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION EXPENSE.	
Office Rent\$	120.00
Postage	232.60
Stationery and Office Supplies	174.48
Telephone calls and telegrams	13 84
Express Charges	1.15
Sunbeam Expense	60.00
Royal Ambassador Expense	14.45
Girls' Auxiliary Expense	15.00
Y. W. A. Expense	10.00
Recording Secretary for Minutes	25.00
Traveling Expenses for Corresponding Secretary	300.00
Traveling Expenses for Other Workers	156.19
Total Expense\$	1122.71
Money sent by Societies for various objects through	
W. M. U. Treasurer	8378.47
MRS. J. G. JACKSON, Corresponding Secreta	
AVIS REAVES, Office Secretary-Treasur	
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72. The report of the Committee on Work Among the Negroes was read by T. H. Plemmons, of Helena, which was adopted as follows after discussion by J. A. Booker, President of Arkansas Baptist College.

WORK AMONG NEGROES

There are 9,500,000 negroes in the South. The negroes were brought to America from Africa as slaves. Slave labor was not profitable in the North, and they were sold to Southern planters. These Southern planters thought they had a right to the negroes because they had purchased them and they were their property. So when the North demanded their freedom the South refused to grant it; and the negroes became, in part, the innocent cause of the Civil War. But the South lost in the struggle, because God willed that the negroes should be free. And now the South would willingly take up arms and fight that this freedom might be maintained. So the negroes are with us, and we hope they will remain with us, for the white people of the South understand them better and are more interested in them than any other section of the country.

The negroes are our brothers and we should be our brothers' keeper. But we must admit that we have not proven our faith by our works. Only 38 workers were engaged last year and 20 of these were employed in cooperation with the National Baptist Home Mission Board, half of whose salaries were paid by the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The negro problem in the South is a religious problem, and this religious problem is a Baptist problem, for the large majority of the negroes are Baptists. By the religious census of 1906 they have a religious membership of 3,685,000 of whom 2,334,000 were Baptists, and 1,531,000 belong to all the other religious bodies combined. Of this, 1,531,000, 182,000 were Methodists; 47,000 Presbyterians; 19,000 Episcopalians; and 38,000 Catholics. Today there are more than 2,700,000 negro Baptists in the South. And yet the white Baptists of the South are maintaining only three negro evangelists and cooperatively supporting about 40 missionaries and two teachers.

But, what about the negroes in Arkansas? The latest government report shows that negroes of Arkansas own \$70,000,000.00 worth of real estate. They own and operate 17 high schools and colleges. They own one sanitarium. They own four Lodge Temples valued at \$233,000.00. They publish 12 weekly newspapers.

There are 1,000 Baptist churches in the state with a valuation of \$400,000.00. There are 1,100 Baptist preachers, 700 of whom are pastors. And yet Arkansas Baptists are doing almost nothing for the religious and moral improvement of their brethren in black. Brethren, these things ought not so to be.

If we do not love the negroes whom we see in our homes and on our farms, everyday, how can we love the people of other races, whom we never see? Repentance and remission of sins, must be preached among all nations, but we should begin at Jerusalem.

Your committee would urge the Baptists of Arkansas to make it possible by their liberal support of State Missions for our State Board to put at least one or two negro evangelists on the field as soon as practicable, who would give all of their time to evangelistic work among the negroes. And we would also urge our pastors and missionaries to cooperate in every way possible with the negro Baptists of the state in every movement for the religious, moral and intellectual improvement of the negroes of Arkansas For:

"The Negro is before you; from his fated road, You must not turn, then take ye up the load, Not yours to forget and leave him in his way, You must help him, meet ye what ye may. Gird up your soul within you for the deed, Christ and the Angels bid you speed."

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. H. PLEMMONS, HORTON NAVY, T. S. OTTINGER, J. W. PORTER, CHAS. E. PAINTER, VICTOR H. POND,

Committee.

73. The report of the Committee on Hospitals was read by L. D. Summers, and after discussion by L. D. Summers, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS.

To the Baptist State Convention:

We, your Committee, beg to submit the following report:
The Baptist Memorial Hospital of Memphis, Tennessee, closed

in 1916, it's most successful year since opening, from two view-points. First:

We admitted the largest number of patients, 4,363 in number, and, second, our financial report is the best we have ever made. We submit below statistics showing our financial report of 1916 and ten months of 1917, a statistical report as to the number of patients.

We call your special attention to these two facts, that the Hospital is an immense success from a financial standpoint and as a benefactor of mankind, running to our full capacity every day since the first of January, and many times having as many as 20 patients on cots in our hallways and other places where they ought not to be.

We call your attention to the fact that the Baptist Hospital could be made one of the best assets of the Baptist denomination. We are losing much of its force both as a spiritual and as a denominational asset by a lack of interest shown by the denomination as a whole. We can only get out of anything what we put into it, and we urge a more general recognition of the Hospital work by our denomination.

Another item that should not be overlooked is the immense good done by our training school. In it we train young ladies to that point of efficiency where they are fully as good if not better than the medical fraternity, in the service that they do mankind, and we are proud to say to you that only on last Saturday, November 10th, that the head nurse of the Baptist Hospital, Miss Archer, and the assistant, Mrs. Nunnally, and nine graduates of our school, left our hospital to attend our wounded soldiers in France.

During the last ten months, we have had some fifty or sixty soldiers operated on in our hospital in order that they might join the army of the United States. A report like this would be too short to enumerate the many things that we are doing for the good of humanity.

Summary of the financial condition of the hospital is: our present building and equipment is worth \$350,000.00. We owe on bonds \$55,000.00. Our new building will cost completed \$250,000. Of this amount we have about \$40,000 paid or to be paid on the building, and \$60,000 in good pledges. We will owe \$150,000 that must be raised to finish the new building without a debt. The Executive Committee has pledged themselves to raise in Memphis and in the Delta of Mississippi \$200,000 of the total cost of the new building, if the Baptists of Tennessee, Mississippi outside of

the Delta, and Arkansas will raise \$50,000. If they will do this, then we feel sure that in the near future, we can build a million dollar hospital.

On this \$250,000 wing, we ask Arkansas to give \$10,000—It is your hospital, will you do it?

L. D. SUMMERS.

H. E. KIRKPATRICK,

R. F. LIDDELL,

MRS. J. G. JACKSON,

Committee.

Statement of Receipts of Baptist Memorial Hospital from January 1, 1917, to November 1, 1917.

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Net receipts from patients\$116,634.59	
Cash receipts from Drug Room	
Cash receipts from Linens 266.10	
Cash receipts from General Expense 305.07	
Cash receipts from Operating Room 77.60	
Cash receipts from X-Ray Room 213.45	
Discount earned on bills 589.38	
Sundries Accounts	
Total Operating Receipts	
Received for New Wing \$ 6,132.95	
Received for Gifts	
Received for Baptist News	
Received from F. F. Hill Ins. Co. (Damage) 2,100.00	
Received on suspended accounts, receivable. 226.66	
Total Received for ten months\$127,557.45	
Cash on hand January 1, 1917 737.12	
Cash in Bank January 1, 1917 13,483.29	
Cash Deposited in Bank of Webb 1,000.00	
Total	
Credit Balance	\$ 10,835.20
Cash on hand, November 1 607.48	
Cash in Bank November 1 10,227.72	
Total Cash	

Patients Admitted.		
Mississippi		
Arkansas		
Tennessee		
Other States	• • •	882
Total	'	4626
Religious Beliefs.		
Methodists		
Presbyterians		
Baptists		
Christian		
Episcopal		
Jewish Other Beliefs		
Not Recorded		
Catholics		
No Religion		
No Rengion	• • •	
Total		4626
Gifts Received from Churches.		
Linens and Pillows, packages		51
Vegetables and Groceries, boxes		5
Chickens, coops		
Sausage, boxes		
Molasses, gallons		
Eggs, cases		
Service rendered charity patients		-
Mr. Geo. T. Webb gave the rent of 1012 Monroe, the hospital for Nurses home, August, 1916, to August		
Statement of Disbursements of Baptist Memorial Ho	ospi	ital from
January 1, 1917 to November 1, 1917.	-	
Drug Room	\$	8,776.02
Household Pay Roll\$ 2,798.65		•
Household Supplies 1,067.74		
Total	\$	3,866.39
Kitchen—		
Pay Roll\$ 2,961.15		
Groceries		
Bread		

Eggs 2,477.00 Fruit and Vegetables 5,106.87 Meat and Chickens 10,322.87 Milk and Butter 5,593.88 Gas and Fuel 588.13	
Total Kitchen	\$ 35,461.43
Laundry Pay Roll	
Total	\$ 3,158.36
Office Pay Roll \$3,502.30 Office Supplies 186.01	
 Total	\$ 3,688.31
Boiler Room Pay Roll \$ 1,814.43 Boiler Room Supplies 81.18 Boiler Room Fuel 4,789.22	
Total	\$ 6,684.83
Training School Pay Roll. \$ 6,377.45 Training School Expense. 1,986.55	
Total General Expense Silver and China Linens Building Repairs Light and Water Ice Operating Room Printing and Stationery Blankets Mattresses Light Bulbs Internes Salary Internes Laundry Internes Suits 118.52	\$ 8,364.00 1,259.58 666.24 2,726.33 1,906.88 1,818.52 1,474.03 9,138.73 505.33 283.40 687.47 205.14
Total	\$ 872.06 790.18 91,333.13

\$131.952.66

Sundries Account	493.11
Paid on Contract New Wing\$21,837.00	
Paid on Bonds	
Interest on Bonds	
Rev. McComb, Salary 5 months 1,500.00	
Rev. McComb, Expenses 5 months 347.70	
Paid on Baptist News 214.73	
Furniture 690.80	
Repairs, storm damage April 1, 1917 366.21	
Insurance	
	0.00.100.10
Total	\$ 39.126.42

Total disbursements for ten months...

Respectfully submitted. BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

P. C. WILKES. Superintendent.

B. EDWARDS. Cashier

- 74. Upon motion, Pastor T. H. Plemmons, of First Church, Helena, General Secretary, J. S. Rogers and President J. W. Conger were instructed to prepare a program for the next session of the Convention, and publish same in the Baptist Advance at least two weeks before the sitting of the Convention.
- 75. Motion prevailed to have the President of the Convention appoint the chairman of each committee at least two weeks prior to the meeting of the next Convention.
- 76. By order of the house, the reports of the heads of the mountain schools was made the special order for 7:30 p. m.
- 77. The report of the Committee on Publications was read by P. C. Barton. After discussion by P. C. Barton, J. F. Johnston, W. T. King, O. A. Greenleaf, E. J. A. McKinney, W. R. McEwen, W. A. Moffitt, J. S. Rogers, J. F. Brewer, G. M. Ford, and V. B. Izard it was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

We wish to commend our Home and Foreign Fields and to emphasize the great good that will come from our pastors putting on a campaign and raising a club in every church sufficiently large that the membership may be well informed on all our Home and Foreign work.

In this connection we would urge the reading of the Baptist Advance in every home, and that any pastor who neglects to have his members take and read it is losing one of the most essential assets to all the work of the kingdom as well as his own church.

We are pained to note our paper has a subscription list of only 5,300, while our Methodist brethren have a total subscription list of ten thousand. This ought not so to be, when Baptists in the State outnumber Methodists by several thousand.

We recommend that the Executive Board employ a competent bookkeeper for the Baptist Advance and Book Department.

P. C. BARTON,
W. A. CUMMINGS,
B. B. BAILEY,
V. B. IZARD,
W. A. FORBES

Committee.

78. The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read by V. C. Neal, and adopted as follows after discussion by N. C. Denson and J. W. Cónger.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

Your Committee on Obituaries reports as follows:

We find that since our last Convention Brother J. T. Cowling, of Ashdown, one of the Vice Presidents of this Convention, passed to his reward. We wish to give him, with others, proper recognition.

We find also that Brethren T. A. and J. W. Bridges, of Pine Bluff, and students in Ouachita College, have passed away.

Others who have departed this life during the year are: Tom Dulaney, of Ben Lomond; Lee Pendergrass, of Helena; J. J. Vest, of Damascus; J. W. Edmondson, of Hackett; J. H. Black, of Hope; Mat Booker, of Fort Smith; and W. T. Clemens, of Ingalls.

These all wrought well and will live in our memories. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth:

Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their work do follow them"

V. C. NEAL, O. M. STALLINGS

Committee

79. The following telegram from Governor Chas. H. Brough was read, and the Secretary instructed to reply:

"Please convey my fraternal greetings to the representatives of our denomination with my earnest prayer that God may direct your deliberations."

Whereas gambling is one of the devil's most subtle and pernicious methods of debauching mankind, and

Whereas, the great race-course meets are for the evident purpose of gambling upon the results of the races, and

Whereas such race-course meets, with all their attendant evils, are permitted in our State, in violation of the statues of our commonwealth, therefore

Resolved, that we, as representing the 125,000 white Baptists of Arkansas, in regular Convention assembled, do most respectfully petition our Governor that he use all the power at his command to prevent, during his term of office, a-repetition of the debauchings thrust upon the people of our fair state under the guise of the "Hot Springs Baces of 1917."

81. The report of the Committee on Aged Ministers' Relief was read by J. T. Howell, and after discussion by S. H. Campbell and C. J. F. Tate, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AGED MINISTERS' RELIEF.

Your Committee on Aged Ministers' Relief would make the following report:

As a rule the minister throughout the active period of his life gives away all he receives, and when he is old he is laid on the shelf. Or worse than that, he is put out of doors. Our neglect of these worthy fathers in Israel is a sin, and we can not expect God's blessing in the fullest measure while we are guilty of this awful sin of omission. We ought to make confession to the right

One, and set out from this very day to do our whole duty toward these aged and service-worn veterans of the Cross.

It is enough to make this great Convention, representing so many thousand of Baptists, hide its face in shame to learn that for a whole year we have given only \$281.21 to this worthy cause. Your Committee recommends that, at least, one Sunday in the year be set apart by our Executive Board for collection for our aged ministers, and that every pastor and missionary in the state be urged to observe the day.

We further recommend that we look forward to no distant day when we shall have a regular fund for the pensioning of our aged ministers. We note with pleasure that this matter has engaged the attention of the Southern Baptist Convention, with whom we may co-operate in forwarding this worthy work.

J. T. HOWELL,
MRS. J. T. ROGERS,
L. A. ROBERSON,
MRS. WALTER PICKERING
J. B. ROSE,
E. RAWLINGS,
J. H. REYNOLDS,
J. R. ROBBINS,
W. N. ROBERTS,
ED RYLAND.

Committee.

82. Upon motion, it was, RESOLVED, That we heartily indorse

RESOLVED, That we heartily indorse the work of the Gideons, and pledge to them every possible assistance and in interest in our prayers.

- 83. Upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to incorporate in the proceedings of the Convention synopses of reports of expert accountants covering all phases of the work fostered by the Convention, same to be furnished by the Executive Board.
- 84. The following resolution was adopted without discussion:

Whereas we, as a nation, are now participants in the greatest war ever known on earth, and

Whereas our greatest endeavor is the salvation of our soldiers, our people, our allies, and our enemies, and

Whereas we are requested to conserve our food stuffs, our finances, and our forces for the winning of the war, therefore

Resolved, That we, the Baptists of Arkansas, with a passion of love for our "soldier boys" that, in numberless instances, is stronger than the love of life itself, with the most ardent desire for their highest happiness and well-being, do deplore, deprecate and protest the profligate waste of large sums and supplies in the purchase of "cards and smokes" for our noble young men of the enlistment thereby diminishing their efficiency and belying our Christian teaching.

- 85. Adjourned after prayer by D. S. Campbell.
- 86. After a short song service, W. D. Powell, of Louisville, Kentucky, representing the Foreign Mission Board of Richmond, Virginia, led in prayer.
- 87. Principal W. A. Cummings, of Maynard Academy, gave a verbal report of the work of that institution.
- 88. President H. F. Vermillion, of Mountain Home College, reported the work and general condition of his school.
- 89. Mrs. J. G. Jackson spoke briefly concerning conditions at both Mountain Home College and Maynard Academy.
- 90. After discussion by L. E. Barton, E. J. A. Mc-Kinney, S. H. Campbell, W. J. E. Cox, and J. S.Rogers, the Executive Board was instructed to pay the expenses of W. A. Cummings and H. F. Vermillion and afflicted daughter to Little Rock upon the date of the next meeting of the Executive Board. An offering of \$18.00 was made to meet this expense of the Board.
- 91. Motion prevailed that the General Secretary be instructed to pay from the funds of the Executive Board a salary of \$500 each to H. F. Vermillion and W. A. Cummings.
- 92. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by E. P. Alldredge, in the absence of the chairman, and after discussion by W. D. Powell, repre-

sentative of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

With deep gratitude in our hearts for the unparalleled prosperity of Foreign Missions during the past year and realizing the urgency of the hour that now confronts us, your committee makes the following report:

Last year was the greatest year in Southern Baptist history of Foreign Missions. Including the amount paid on the debt, which was \$180,000, the Board raised for its general work \$749,-140.52, and including amount of Judson Centennial, a total of \$961,970.48.

No denomination in the South has ever made so large a contribution to Foreign Missions in a single year. We lacked only \$38,000 of reaching the round million dollar mark, the goal set for Southern Baptists. Operating expenses of the work were reduced nearly \$10,000; 90 per cent of the money was applied to the foreign field, and only 9.3 per cent was required to meet all home expenditures including interest on borrowed money.

We now have 319 missionaries, 809 native workers, 458 churches with a membership of 47,161 in the seven Foreign Mission fields where Southern Baptists are at work. There are 115 self-supporting churches. The members contributed last year \$132,371.05, or \$2.80 per capita. There were 6,347 converts baptized, 12,930 students enrolled in our schools, and 67,556 patients treated by our 15 medical missionaries.

Our financial situation is extremely embarrassing at this time. The Board has been compelled to assume obligations which amount to \$85,311 more than our apportionments. It will take \$639,311 to meet the actual needs of the Foreign Mission Board to maintain the present. This does not include the debt of \$40,000 reported at our last Convention. Therefore, to maintain the present work, the actual needs are in excess by \$118,544 of the amount contributed for current support last year. In order to go to Hot Springs without a debt Southern Baptists must raise the grand total of \$679,311. The apportionments made at New Orleans amount to \$594,000.00.

The Board has been able to send out this year only twelve new missionaries to fill the nineteen vacancies which occurred through death and resignation. There are imperative needs outside of the present budget for equipment of homes, schools, church buildings, etc., to the amount of \$184,600.

We must realize that the Foreign Board is confronted with the most serious situation in its history. It has unprecedented opportunities thrust upon it. The great world war has brought about conditions most favorable to Foreign Missions. true in a twofold sense: In the first place Christians have been impressed, as never before, with the need of the spread of the Gospel of Christ in the non-christian world and a deepening of a personal responsibility to God among those who profess a knowledge of the Son of God. Also the distresses and suffering of the time have awakened in the Christian's heart a deeper sympathy for suffering humanity which is leading to a consciousness of Stewardship and larger sacrificial giving. A striking example is that of England. We expected her contributions to Foreign Missions to fall off during the period of the sacrificial war demands, but, not so: the offerings of the people of England have increased during the war.

In the second place, the war has opened new doors and brought larger opportunities to our Foreign Mission Board. Dr. John R. Mott says, "I think there is no land more than Russia that holds the fate of the coming year's situation. I see on the horizon no land with larger possibilities for the coming day." All Europe is in the melting pot. Old things are passing away. In this hour when Russia is struggling with her internal foes, and bathing herself in her own blood to realize the ideals of democracy Baptist practice of uncorrupted New Testament principles gives us an opportunity far superior to that of any other denomination among the Russians, and in all other lands where democracy is awakening.

Our democratic ideals cannot but find a fruitful soil in all the lands of oppression. Notwithstanding the particular advantage of Baptist ideals in the new conditions of the world today, we occupy the third place, and not the first, in contributions to Foreign Missions.

Another open door is that of the shattered power of Islam. If one could stand on the top of the minaret of the University Mosque and look eastward, westward, northward, and southward over the Moslem world, and then remember its past history of thirteen centuries, nothing would so impress him as the vast change in these lands which for all these centuries have been dominantly Moslem. With the exception of Afghanistan and Persia, both of which may now be considered buffer states, there are no independent Moslem rulers. Doors that were formerly closed are now nailed open, and three-fourths of the Moslem world is accessible to the missionaries.

We have every reason to be encouraged from past achievements and the outlook for the future was never more hopeful. No investment in any enterprise of the Kingdom has brought such large visible results as our Foreign Mission work. It required in China a hundred years to secure a hundred thousand professed Christians. When the uprising of 1900 came, hundreds of missionaries and more than thirty thousand native Christians sealed their testimony with their own blood. The result has been two hundred per cent gain in the last seventeen years over the preceding century.

The cry of victory is rising from every battle front. Our Brothers and Sisters from every mission field, who are constantly urging reinforcement, never fail to send a message of encouragement. And now that God is testing our faith with larger responsibilities, we will prove ourselves to be a great people in this our day.

Surely, in the face of past achievements and the gloriously enlarged opportunities of this new hour, Southern Baptists will prove equal to their part of the task. We pray God that Baptists may rise up in their strength and throw off their lethargy and face the hour of their greatest opportunity in the spirit worthy of the traditions of our forefathers' faith.

Arkansas' apportionment is \$15,000. We recommend that \$2,000 be added to this amount making \$17,000 which is our proportionate part of the necessary increase. We also urge that the pastors of Arkansas lay the facts and burdens of the Foreign Board at this time upon the hearts of their people.

B. V. FERGUSON, Chairman.
J. H. TURNER,

Mrs. E. J. Teague, John E. Tatum,

JOHN E. TATUM, W. F. WARREN,

J. O. WRIGHT, J. C. VAUGHN.

Committee.

- 93. The Secretary was voted a salary of \$75 for his services, instructed to have 2,500 copies of the Annual printed and distributed.
- 94. The following report was presented by the Committee on Laymen's Movement:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

Your committee on Laymen's Movement feels that there are

opportunities confronting Arkansas Baptists such as has never been known.

These great and manifold opportunities cannot be grasped and utilized without the hearty and earnest support of our great Baptist laymen.

Our men and young men need to be organized for systematic mission study and mission support very much the same as our women are organized in their Missionary societies; and the cause of Christ is suffering in Arkansas because they are not.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement in the South is striving to do much toward awakening the laymen in all states within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention to a profounder and broader realization of the responsibilities which God has, in His goodness, placed upon them.

We recommend:

- 1. That pastors in the State post themselves as thoroughly as possible on the fundamental principles and purposes of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.
- That each pastor do his best to organize his men into mission study and tithing classes; and keep constantly before them literature prepared to give information on missions and stewardship.

L. W. WHITE,
A. M. CRAIN,
F. K. RINGSMOUTH.

W. J. HALL, Committee.

- 95. Upon motion, a vote of thanks was tendered the First Baptist Church, of Jonesboro, for their splendid entertainment, the railway companies for courtesies extended, and the newspapers for space given to reports of the Convention.
- 96. Upon motion, it was given as the sense of the body that the session of this Convention in 1918 be planned to extend through Sunday.
- 97. After singing "America", the Convention adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church, of Helena, Arkansas, at 10 o'clock a. m. on Wednesday after the first Sunday in December, 1918.

J. W. Conger, President. E. P. J. Garrott, Secretary, Jonesboro, Ark., December 4, 1917. NOTICE—The Executive Board, in its December 1917, meeting, instructed the Recording Secretary to publish synopses of the reports of expert accountants on the Executive Board, Baptist Advance, Book House, Orphans' Home, and Ouachita and Central Colleges. These synopses seem never to have been prepared by the accountants, except a general sort of statement for the Executive Board and a fuller one for Ouachita College. These will be found in this book. After making repeated efforts to get this data, I have decided, on January 30, 1918, to instruct the publisher to go to press without further delay.

E. P. J. GARROTT, Secretary.

LAYMEN'S AND MINISTERS' CONFERENCE.

Laymen's and Ministers' Conference was called to order by A. H. Autry, former President. E. Rawlings conducted devotional exercises. Conference was organized by electing A. H. Autry President, J. B. Luck Secretary and B. L. Bridges Press Reporter.

L. E. Barton read a paper on "What Educational Qualifications Should Be Required Before Ordaining a Man to the Ministry." The Conference requested the Sunday School Board to publish it.

"The Advantages of the Unified Budget System" was the subject of a paper read by J. P. Boone. The Conference requested the Baptist Advance to publish this paper.

"The District Association in the Work of the Kingdom" was discussed by L. A. Robertson.

Afternoon.

W. I. Elledge led the devotion.

Livingston Mays gave an address on "The Ideal Layman."

J. P. Runyan read a paper on "The Ideal Pastor." Conference requested the paper to be published.

Evening Session.

The President appointed G. M. Ford, E. Rawlings and William Cooksey to arrange a program for next year.

T. H. Plemmons preached from Esther 4:14.

Conference adjourned to meet at Helena on Monday evening before the State Baptist Convention convenes.

ALLEN HILL AUTREY, President, J. B. Luck, Secretary.

APPENDIX I.

CONVENTION CHARTER.

Section I. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, That T. B. Vanhorn, John H. Carlton, P. P. Siler, T. S. N. King, L. B. Fort, John Woods, Nat G. Smith, W. R. Trawick, M. Shelby Kennard, M. W. McCraw, J. J. Harris, E. M. Harris, A. Yates, D. C. Hall. James Woods and R. M. Thrasher, and their successors in office, shall be, and the same are hereby created a corporation, under the name and style of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and by that name and style shall have succession for 99 years, with power as a corporation, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, acquire, hold and transfer, by deed or otherwise, real and personal property, contract and be contracted with for the use and benefit of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and shall have and use a common seal, and do other acts appertaining to a corporation, consistent with the constitution and laws of the State.

Section II. Be it further enacted, That the domicile of said corporation shall be Princeton, Ark., and all property, real and personal, acquired and held by them, shall be for religious, educational and charitable purposes, for the use and benefit and subject to the direction and control of said Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Section III. Be it further enacted, That the trustees above named shall hold their office until the next annual meeting of said Convention, when their successors shall be elected; and the board of trustees shall be elected at every annual meeting of said Convention thereafter; and on failure of the Convention to hold any annual meetings the board of trustees shall hold over until the Convention does meet and elect their successors.

Section IV. Be it further enacted, That five of said trustees, shall constitute a quorum, for the transaction of all business; the board shall elect a president, secretary and treasurer, annually; the secretary shall make an annual report of the proceedings of the board to the said Convention. The treasurer shall give bond with good security, in a sum to be fixed by the Board of Trustees, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duties, and that he will account for and pay over upon the orders of the board, or to his successor in office, all moneys, choses in action, and other assets that may come to his hands as treasurer of the corporation;

and the treasurer shall also make an annual report to said Convention of the State, of his accounts and financial transactions of the board of trustees.

Section V. Be it further enacted, That the board of trustees shall have power to make by-laws for their own government, subject to the direction and control of said Convention.

Approved February 12th, 1859. See Acts 1859, pages 146, 147.

APPENDIX II.

CHARTER OF CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE. PREAMBLE.

Whereas, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, at its session at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, begun and held on the 28th day of October, A. D. 1891, did appoint G. W. Bruce, J. W. Lipsey, G. W. Reeves, J. G. B. Simms, A. J. Kincaid, B. G. Manard and I. R. Hall as a temporary Board of Trustees, and instruct them to do and perform all things necessary to the completion and legal establishment of a Baptist Female College at some suitable point in the State whenever a sum sufficient in the judgment of said Board is donated and guaranteed in a manner satisfactory to said Board; and whereas a suitable location has been found at Conway, Arkansas, and accepted by the Board as such, and said Female College has been located there, and a satisfactory guaranty has been made to said Board by the citizens of Conway for the complete erection of suitable buildings for said College.

Now, therefore in order to carry out the will and direction of said Baptist State Convention and to comply with the laws of the State in the incorporation of said institution the said G. W. Bruce, J. W. Lipsey, G. W. Reeves, J. G. B. Simms, A. J. Kincaid, B. G. Manard, and I. R. Hall, with J. W Harriss and T M. Jackson making the requisite number under the law (nine) do associate themselves together by electing G. W. Bruce as their President, I. R. Hall as their Treasurer, and John G. B. Simms as their Secretary, and adopt the following articles of incorpation, which will be signed by their President and Secretary, and by them presented to the proper authorities for a charter, viz:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Art. 1. This institution shall be known as "Central Baptist

College," and shall be located at Conway in Faulkner County, Arkansas.

- $Art.\ 2$. The object of this organization shall be to provide means for the higher education of white females, under the auspices of the Baptist denomination of Arkansas.
- Art. 3. The said institution, by its properly constituted authorities may confer literary degrees and grant diplomas, and be invested with such franchises and privileges as are enjoyed by first class Colleges.
- Art. 4. Each member of the Board of Trustees, and of the faculty of said College shall be a member of a regular Baptist Church.
- Art. 5. The Board of Trustees shall have power to fill vacancies in their number that may be caused by removal from the State, by resignation, by death or by expiration of term—provided however, the Arkansas "Baptist State Convention" may annually, at its regular meetings, nominate five persons as possible trustees of said College, and from this list of five, so selected, shall be chosen as many persons by said Board of Trustees as are required to fill vacancies.
- Art. 6. The Board of Trustees shall have power to hold property, to sue and be sued, and contract in their corporate name, and do all things contemplated by the Baptist State Convention as set out in the preamble to this instrument, and as may be authorized by law.
- Art. 7. The said Board shall have power to appoint their own president, secretary and treasurer, and shall adopt their own rules and by-laws for the meeting and transaction of business.
- Art. 8. These articles may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the trustees at any regular meeting of said Board, provided notice thereof has been previously published at least sixty days before its submission, in the Arkansas Baptist, or some other newspaper of general circulation in this State.

Signed by us as representatives of said Board, and pursuant to the foregoing directions, at Conway, Arkansas, this 11th day of February A. D., 1892.

G. W. BRUCE,

President of Board of Trustees of "Central Baptist College."

John G. B. Simms,

Secretary of Board.

Whereas, G. W. Bruce, J. W. Lipsey, G. W. Reeves, J. G. B. Simms, A. J. Kincaid, B. J. Manard, I. R. Hall, J W Harriss, and T M. Jackson have filed in the office of Secretary of State their

articles of association in compliance with the provisions of the law for the Incorporation of Institutions of Learning, with their petition for Incorporation under the name and style of the "CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE," they are therefore hereby declared a body politic and corporate, by the name and style aforesaid, with all the powers, privileges and immunities granted by the law thereunto pertaining. And the said named persons are hereby constituted a Board of Trustees of said Institution and invested with all the powers prescribed by their articles of Association or by the law.

Witness our hands this 13th day of February, 1892.

(Seal) JAMES P. EAGLE, Governor. BEN B. CHISM. Secretary of State.

Amendments to the Charter of Central Baptist College, made and adopted at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, on November 20th, A. D., 1897, pursuant to notice previously published at least sixty days before said day, in the Arkansas Baptist, said meeting being at the regular place of transacting business by the Trustees of said College, and there being present W. T. Box, A. H. Autry, G. W. Bruce, W. H. Paslay, Giles C. Taylor, J. H. Peay, Jno. G. B. Simms, and W. B. Peeples by Jno. G. B. Simms, proxy, being eight (8) out of the nine (9) Trustees of said Institution. W. B. Peeples, the Secretary, being absent, Giles C. Taylor was elected Secretary pro tem. On motion the following were adopted as amendments to said Charter:

Art. V. Shall be amended so as to provide that "The Arkansas Baptist State Convention may annually, at its regular meetings, nominate ten (10) persons as possible Trustees of said College, and from this list of ten" etc.

And there shall be added the following to be numbered as Art. IX. The number of Trustees of said Central Baptist College shall hereafter be twenty-four (24), one-third of whom shall go out of office each year. The additional fifteen (15) to be elected at the annual meeting in June, 1898, five of whom shall be added to each class as they now exist.

The above amendments were adopted by a unanimous vote of the eight Trustees then present and were ordered filed in the Recorder's office of Faulkner County, Arkansas, for record as required by law.

State of Arkansas, County of Faulkner, ss.

I, Giles C. Taylor, do hereby certify that the annexed and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Amendments made to Central Baptist College Charter at a meeting held at Pine

(L. S.)

Bluff, Arkansas, on November 20, A. D. 1897, at which I was Secretary.

Given under my hand and the seal of said College this 24th day of November, A. D. 1897.

GILES C. TAYLOR, Secretary pro-tem.

State of Arkansas, Courty of Faulkner, ss.

I, Wm. B. Wilson, Clerk of the Circuit Court, and Ex-Officio Recorder for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the amended and foregoing instrument of writing was filed for record in my office on the 11 day of December, A. D. 1897, at 3:30 o'clock P. M., and the same is now duly recorded with the certificate thereon, in Record Book 20, page 89.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, this 15th day of December, A. D. 1897.

Wm. B. Wilson, Clerk. By Jno. E. Campbell, $D.\ C.$

State of Arkansas, County of Faulkner, ss.

I, Wm. B. Wilson, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio Recorder in and for the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true, full and compared copy of the Amendments to the Charter of Central Baptist College, as the same appears on record in my office in Record Book .20, at page 89.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court, this 15th day of December. 1897.

WM. B. WILSON, Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder By JNO. E. CAMPBELL. D. C.

(Seal.)

Notation on outside of folded instrument:

CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE.

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLES.

Filed in office of the Secretary of State, this 26th day of January, 1898.

Alex C. Hull, Secretary of State.

By E. B. Jett, Deputy.

Recorded this 31st day of January, 1898. Record 10, Vol 2, Articles of Association, Page 321.

ALEX C. HULL, Secretary of State. By S. E. SMITH.

APPENDIX III.

CHARTER OF QUACHITA BAPTIST COLLEGE.

PREAMBLE.

Whereas, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention having decided to establish a State College, did, at its session at Hope, Arkansas, begun on the 29th day of October, 1885, appoint the following named persons for the purpose of organizing and founding such a college, to-wit: J. N. Hart, J. P. Eagle, A. B. Miller, J. B. Searey, A. J. Kincaid, B. R. Womack, J. Dunagin, J. K. Brantley, G. W. Reaves, W. E. Atkinson, M. F. Locke, W. J. C. Sayle, A. W. Files, M. D. Early, and B. B. Izard, who were chosen to act as Trustees of said college and instructed to have the same incorporated and invested with full power of self-perpetuation by appointing their own successors, and with the complete control and management of said college, subject to the duty of reporting to the said Convention at its annual sessions the material progress, financial condition and internal operations of said college;

Therefore, the aforementioned Trustees do associate themselves together by electing J. N. Hart as their President, A. W. Files as their Treasurer and W. E. Atkinson as their Secretary, and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation, which will be signed by their President and Secretary and by them presented to the proper authorities for a charter. And,

Whereas, the said parties did on March 1, 1887, draft Articles of Incorporation and obtain a charter for the founding and conduct of such a college under the name of the OUACHITA BAPTIST COLLEGE, which has been operative ever since; and,

Whereas, the present Board of Trustees desire to amend the said charter, they present the names of F. F. Gibson, R. N. Garrett, C. C. Tobey, W. N. Adams, H. C. Fox, E. N. Hall, B. B. Bailey, W. E. Atkinson, John Ayers, G. W. Puryear, J. C. Wallis, E. P. J. Garrott, R. G. Bowers, E. E. Dudley, J. W. Cook, W. F. Dorris, T. D. Brown, J. P. Runyan, S. H. Campbell, W. J. E. Cox, W. R. Brooksher, W. T. Cone, J. H. Estes and W. R. Donham as Trustees of said institution and have elected F. F. Gibson as their President and C. C. Tobey as their Secretary, and present the following Articles of Incorporation and ask that the same may be granted to them as a charter for said institution, to-wit:

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Article 1. This institution shall be known as Ouachito Baptist College, and shall be located at Arkadelphia in Clark County, Arkansas.

Article 2. The object of this organization shall be to promote the cause of Christian education generally, but more especially within the State of Arkansas.

Article~3. The said institution by its properly constituted authorities, may confer literary degrees and grant diplomas, and be invested with such franchises and privileges as are enjoyed by first class colleges.

Article 4. Each member of the Board of Trustees and of the faculty of said College shall be a member of a regular Baptist Church.

Article 5. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of twenty-four (24) members, beginning with those mentioned in the Preamble, the term of the eight (8) of whom shall expire at the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in the year 1915; the term of the second eight (8) shall expire at the meeting of said Convention in 1916 and that of the third eight (8) shall expire at the meeting of said body in 1917; and the vacancies so caused shall hereafter be filled annually by the said Convention; provided, that any vacancy caused by death, resignation, disqualification or removal of any member from this State in the interim may be filled by the said Board of Trustees.

Article 6. The Board of Trustees shall have power to acquire and hold property, sue and be sued, and contract in their corporate name, and to do all things contemplated by the Arkansas Baptist Convention as set out in the Preamble in this instrument; provided, however, that neither the said Board of Trustees nor any one of them shall have power or authority to create or contract any debt that shall involve or encumber the corpus of the property of said institution, but the corpus of the said property shall be free from liens for any debt whatsoever hereafter contracted.

Article 7. The Board of Trustees shall have power to raise, by gifts, bequests or otherwise, funds for the building, equipping and endowing of said College.

Article 8. The said Board shall have power to appoint their own President and Secretary, and shall be allowed to adopt their own rules and by-laws for the meeting and transaction of business.

Article 9. These Articles may be amended by a vote of twothirds of the Board of Trustees at any regular meeting of said Board, provided notice thereof has been previously published at least three months before its submission; provided, however, that the 6th Article hereof can not be amended until the proposed amendment has been presented to and approved by the said Arkansas Baptist State Convention at three (3) successive sessions by a two-thirds vote.

Signed by us as representatives of the said Board and pursuant to the foregoing directions at Little Rock, Arkansas, November _______. 1914.

FINLEY F. GIBSON,

President of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita Baptist College, Attest: C. C. Tobey, Secretary of said Board.

Approved: J. C. Futrall, Chairman Committee on Charters, State Board of Education.

December 16, 1914.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

State of Arkansas, County of-

Certificate of Incorporation.

I, George B. Cook, State Superintendent of Public Instruction in and for the State of Arkansas and Ex-Officio Chairman of the State Board of Education for said State, hereby certify that the foregoing charter and articles of Association for the Ouachita Baptist College of Arkadelphia are presented to the State Board of Education and said charter was on the seventeenth day of December, 1914, granted by the said State Board of Education, and that in pursuance of section 924 of Kirby's Digest of the laws of said State and of section 13 of Act N. 431 of the General Assembly of the said State, approved June 1st, 1911, and of the action of the State Board of Education, said Ouachita Baptist College, is constituted a body corporate, and its Board of Control is invested with all the powers prescribed in said charter.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name as Chairman of said State Board of Education this 17th day of December, 1914.

GEO. B. COOK.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Chairman of the State Board of Education.

Attest: B. W. Torreyson, Secretary State Board of Education. Amended charter (Seal.)

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Abee, Elijah, Black Springs Abernathy, Philip, Big Fork Abernathy, S. W., Datto Abstom, E., Spadra. Acuff, E. H., Arkadelphia Adams, M. T., Beauchamp Adams, B., Chidester Adams, J. B., Rogers Adams, James, Cedar Glades Adams, James, Cedar Glades
Adams, M., Ozark
Adams, T. W., Little Rock
Adams, E. J., Rogers
Adcock, H. H., Cominto
Albright, G. W., Lincoln
Alexander, W. F., Piggott
Alldredge, E. P., Little Rock
Allen, J. B., Donesboro, R. F. D. Allen, J. D., Ritz
Allen, T. R., Paragould, R. F. D.
Allen, S. W., Deroche
Allen, David, Heber Springs Allen, D. A., Cushman Allison, J. A., Alicia Allison, E. D., Florence Allison, T. B., Walnut Ridge Allmon, E. D., Pottsville Anderson, Thomas, Cabot Anderson, W. M., Harrisburg Anderson, S. B., El Paso Andrus, W. C., Magnolia Anthony, G. C., Peoria Applegate, J. M., Portia Appling, E. F., Sheridan Armstrong, M. D., Emmet Armstrong, J. G., McRae Ashcraft, J. T., Prattsville Ashburn, A. J., Little Rock Ashoun, A. S., Bitte Rock
Atchley, J. O., Herd
Atkins, Henry, Urbana
Atkins, J. R., Siloam Springs
Atwood, F. L., Fordyce
Autrey, W. A., Springfield
Autrey, A. H., Little Rock Avery, J. W., Little Rock

Baars, F. D., Little Rock Bacon, J. A., Evansville Bagget, J. E., Wyman Bailey, W. A., Oak Grove Bailey, B. B., Arkadelphia Bailey, Chas., Center Ridge Bailey, J. E., Formosa Bain, R. P., Lonoke Bain, L. A., Cave City Bain, J. W., England Baker, I. H. Mountain Home Balin, J. W., England
Baker, J. H., Mountain Home
Baker, J. F., Franklin
Baker, J., Peel
Baldwin, E., Ola
Ball, H. A., Monette
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Bartholomew	77				7098 1680	2914 793	\$ 615.32 86.00					\$	1915.06	\$ 5527.43	\$ 22856.50 8354.56	\$ 114450 43950
Benton Co. (Con.) Benton Co. (G. A.)	24			98	1469	1103		112.02			10.50				3606.63	11000
Big Creek	16				890	147		87.55]		7.04		219.80	314.39	1950 32600
Black River	12 15				971 969	939 100	85.91	242.00 5.50			86.76			5913.04	7360.13 49.25	10000
Buckner	54	208	j 108	235			650.00	393.00							7248.84	22000
Buckville	30		29		1487	600	25.55		1	26.04		14.90	23.20		360.44	5900
Caddo River	15				720 351	150 50	.75	64.51	41.98		47.95	98.40	128.35		1468.39	6000
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*Caroline	60	606	602		5675	4000	1334.99	3720.33			3112.23	2345.31			69100.33	85000
Carroll County	16				1294	659	96.60		54.83	63.20	5.50	19.30		3023.17	3379.50	23000
Clear Creek	32				2275 3439	671 750	176.03	88.22	76.20	23.60	17.8 5	152.36	2491.93		4786.67	24000
*Columbia				 295	4702	26741	433.05	1436.75	528.60	1551.35	1192.20	872 00!		17898.61	1103.18 23458.85	24000 100700
Crooked Creek					1521	650	39. 9	26 858			82.25			1736.02	3884.68	7000
Curre h R e	21					450									2855.63	4400
Dardanelle					2814 2605	1617 1807	791.62	534.58		198.49	106.23				16547.20	40000
Fayetteville					776	225	303.95 58.00	487.90 347.15			67.55			13218.70	1477 1.80 3600 . 17	71260 6000
Friendship					2830	1882	307.44				1060.72	1386.301.			21938.55	92800
*Gainesvile	44				3574	1000	419.70	161.25			77.79		3665.28			35300
*Grand Prairie		130			1949	600	634.62	266,65			503.00	313.30				18000
Greenbrier	40 26	193 130			3409 2827	1377 1553	844.01 570.00	667 946	346.35 1218.43		366.50 1290.24	1569.37	!		11991.92 27642.18	51500 131500
Howard County				1	1812	1000	570.00	990.	1		1250.24				2342.04	8000
Independence		120	68	79	2451	500	129.06	316.32	93.60	75.75	172.00	367.35	58.35	3698.49	4851.32	29100
Jonesboro				ļ <u>. ļ</u>	1640	450		i							1693.08	9350
Judson	32		154	206	2194 4703	898 2636	291.03	1305.	748.01		496.53			14567 04	2494.83	13500 62100
Little Red River					1307	7691	291.03	1300.	192.37			169.52	226.91		4929.56	13350
Little River		175		104	1902	600	262.90	182. t	515.55	215.80	88.95	545.39		4672.03	6883.23	32500
Mad'son County					394				****221.122						277.33	2000
Mt. Vernon				199 267	3255 5711	1266 5388	2186.81 1948.73	1261.9	714.97 740.28		778.33 308.11	2248.41 .		33661.13 14736.44		127650 208000
Ouachita		49!		79	1436	1076	229.55	129.1	71.63		15.25				2707.72	17000
Pee Dee	19				744									l 	359.91	4000
Pike County	18				907	650									1235.89	4450
Pine Bluff					4885	1946	3.10		151.35 2047.79		775.23				9973.69	306500
Pulaski County Red River					4482	3154 2316	2993.29 469.05		470.76		1787.10			10067.08		68850
Rocky Beyou	301				1895	300	99.50			6.75		57.70!.		869.95	1123.94	6500
Russellville		69		105	1759	1016	319.30		99.70						4658.47	25000
Saline	58 25				4955	2323	110.36	_9r	19.25					4685.42	5092.32	95000 10000
Spring River	25				1114	250									1197.40	10000
State Line		16			782	200									479.41	3500
Stevens Creek			50		1987	450	106. 06	4!	. 25						245.95	4500
Trace Ridge	81 421	18	126	152	868 3433				48.93		267.50	mini		2497.70	25.51 3080.58	7500 15000
Union No. 2			136		563	8001	56.98	11,		l I					8.20	3000
United	28	51	30	45	1846	565			79.52	100.00	51.57	175.701.		2263.50	2272.54	18000
White River		129		93	1456	552	<u> </u>					<u></u> l.		<u></u>	3111 . 48	11500
Total	1614	7717	5000	5 6961	125991	57891	\$17127.71	\$22:	12648.18	\$16833.02	813467.70	520495.T915	58326.471	270888.94	\$540415.87	\$2106750
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Macedonia, Center Point, New Pross ciations have been organized, but we had included in the Associations from which t Greenbrier Missionary and some other Assoit their data and hence their figures are