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Mulberry—J. L. Barrett, James H. Coleman, K. E. Ferrell, N.
B. Lasater, M. C. Steward.

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Booneville—G. A. Bryant, W. J. Hinsley.
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P. McGraw; Lexington Ave.: W. J. Robinson.
Hackett—L. P. Thomas.

Crooked Creek Association—
Harrison—P. T. Glass, Jr., Carl T. Moore, B. A. Spradlin.

Current River Association—
Maynard—Witt’s Chapel: C. M. Myrick.

Dardanelle Association—
Magazine—Arden P. Blaylock, Mrs. A. P. Blaylock, H. G. Thom-
asson, Mrs. Chas. E. Scott.
Dardanelle—Cass Jacoway, Miss Cora Veazy, Chas. T. Wilkins,
Mrs. Chas. T. Wilkins.
Paris—John Winham.

Flint River Association—
Supply—Flint River: J. M. Redwine.

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Conway—First: S. R. Doyle, O. O. Florence, E. P. J. Garrott,
Doak S. Campbell, Giles C. Taylor, Mrs. J. D. Dunaway,
Mrs. W. B. Clayton; Second: Jas. T. Espridge.
Harmony Association—

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Columbus—Mrs. J. R. Autry.
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Magnolia—Central: J. B. Luck, J. W. Barrow, Mrs. J. R. Willis, J. E. Hawkins, Dr. P. M. Smith.
Stamps—L. M. Keeling.
Stephens Route 1—Salem: B. B. Hawkins.
Texarkana—Beech Street: O. J. Wade, O. O. Davis, Nicholas Dozier, Mrs. Nicholas Dozier, Miss Lillian May; College Hill: L. B. Burnside.

Independence Association—
Batesville—First: Alonzo F. Cagle, Mrs. W. H. Walkup; West Batesville: Thos. J. D. King, C. M. Mark.
O’Neal—W. B. O’Neal.

Liberty Association—
Caledonia—J. T. Taylor.
Huttig—D. W. Bolton.
Strong—P. B. Langley, Mrs. P. B. Langley.

Little River Association—
Ashdown—Jno. J. DuLaney, J. E. Merrell, Mrs. J. E. Merrell, Dr. A. B. Bishop.
DeQueen—J. F. Queen and Mrs. J. F. Queen.
Ozan—T. J. Bennett.

Little Red River Association—
Heber Springs—L. Roy Anderson.

Mt. Zion Association—
Brookland—W. J. Derrick.
Earle—H. P. Lanier.
Harrisburg—H. P. Maddox, Mrs. H. P. Maddox.
Paragould—First: B. L. Bridges.

Ouachita Association—
Mena—O. M. Stallings.

Pike County Association—
Amity—J. E. Calloway, M. Rountree, Mrs. R. E. Dismukes.

Pulaski County Association—
Little Rock—Emmerson Chapel: J. H. Reynolds; First Church:


Red River Association—
Prescott—Pat W. Murphy.

Russellville Association—
Atkins—E. J. A. McKinney.
Dover—R. L. Lloyd.
Hagarville—Burl A. Ramey.
Pottsville—Mrs. E. E. Irwin, Mrs. J. H. La———.
Lamar—J. W. Ramey.
Russellville—C. V. Hickerson, Mrs. C. V. Hiskerson.

Rocky Bayou Association—
Battles—Concord: J. P. Dover.
Melbourn—W. M. Cooper, Mrs. W. M. Cooper.

Stone County Association—
Mountain View—R. A. Suggs.

Washington County Association—
Fayetteville—First: B. L. Ayres, C. D. Owen.

White River Association—
1. The Arkansas Baptist State Convention met this day at 9:30 o’clock A. M. at its Seventieth Session in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia, and was called to order by the President, Allen Hill Autry, and W. J. Derrick conducted the opening exercises.

2. The names of the messengers from the churches were enrolled as their names appear on the preceding pages, and this enrollment was by vote made the official roll of the convention.

3. In organization of the Convention the following named officers were elected:

   President—G. W. Puryear, Jonesboro.
   Vice-Presidents—John Q. Wolf, Batesville; John B. Hawkins, Magnolia.
   Secretary—B. L. Bridges, Paragould.
   Treasurer—J. P. Runyan, Little Rock.
   The Statistical Secretary—E. J. A. McKinney, Atkins.

4. The order of business was read and adopted.

5. Visitors were introduced. At this point or at other times during the time of the meeting the following visitors were recognized: John L. Hill, from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; G. H. Crutcher, from the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans; J. H. Snow, Dallas, Texas; W. S. Wilburn, Oklahoma; C. M. O’Neal, Memphis; Woodie W. Smith; Ben Rowland, of China; G. S. Dobbins, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. J. J. Taylor, of Brazil; H. L. Martin, of Mississippi, representing
the Home Mission Board; H. E. Dana, from the Seminary at Fort Worth; Missionary Connelly, from China.

6. New pastors were introduced, and their names are here given: L. R. Lamb, Mt. Home; L. A. Sparkman, Gillett; W. Wilson, Caney Creek; R. L. Austin, Rogers; C. V. Hickerson, Russellville; J. L. Henderson, Eureka Springs; J. M. McMann, Bentonville; B. F. Davidson, Forrest City; W. D. King, Little Rock; C. H. Bell, Siloam Springs; S. E. Tull, Pine Bluff; R. Lloyd, Dover; W. H. Anders, Benton; Gordon Hulbert, Hot Springs; M. A. Treadwell, Bauxite; Lem Hall, Hope; Joe English, Lowell; J. P. McGraw, Calvary Church, Ft. Smith; P. J. Crowen, Thornton; J. B. Barnett, Huntington; B. A. Pugh, Jonesboro; J. F. Queen, DeQueen; T. J. Watts, Lake Village; W. S. Hammock, Augusta; J. W. Wheeler, Pine Bluff; J. B. Johnson, Salem.

7. The annual sermon was preached by J. W. Hulsey of Mt. Ida. His subject was “Ambassadors for Christ.”—2 Cor. 5:20.

The Convention adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President, G. W. Puryear, at 2 P. M. and entered into devotional exercises.

STATE MISSIONS.

8. The report of the State Mission Board was read by Dr. F. M. Masters and was accepted. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

To the messengers of the Baptist Churches of Arkansas assembled in Arkadelphia, December 12-15, 1923, in the Seventieth Annual Session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the State Mission Board submits its second annual report.
With deep gratitude in our hearts to Almighty God for his special blessings upon us during the year closing, we present this second annual report to this Convention. We rejoice in all the victories and successes which have come to Arkansas Baptists during this eventful year, 1923. In this report we desire to give an account of our stewardship and recount some of the results which have been achieved in the various departments of the work fostered by this Board.

I. Administration.

By administration is meant the organization of the Board so as to function in performing the State Mission task, by employing agents and by administering the funds designated for State Missions.

1. Organization. The Board was organized for work in its first meeting December 12th. T. D. Brown was elected president; Otto Whittington was elected vice-president; W. C. Wood secretary; and A. M. Rodgers treasurer. These officers with the names of C. B. Waller and Perry F. Webb added, constituted the executive committee. F. M. Masters was re-elected corresponding secretary for the year. The Board held four regular meetings during the year. This was necessary on account of so many important matters of administration demanding attention.

2. Appropriation. The Executive Board of the Convention at its first meeting appropriated $55,000.00 to the State Mission Board with the understanding that the debt of $3,723.76 on Mountain Schools and also $1,000.00, the amount necessary to insure the schools to be deducted. This left a balance of $50,276.24, which was appropriated as follows:

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Later in the year the Executive Board increased this amount by two special appropriations—one for $4,131.51, designated for the debt on Newton County Academy, and one for $2,000.00, needed to cover any deficits on special Evangelism, and Rural Sunday School work. By action of the Convention it was agreed that the amount raised in revival meetings by the Evangelists for Evangelism above the 75 Million Campaign is to be added to the State Mission appropriation. Also the money given by the Sunday School Board for Rural Sunday School Campaign was to be added.

3. Financial Statement of Administration.

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Total........................$ 153.50

During the year there was purchased for office equipment two typewriter desks, one filing case, one Burroughs Adding Machine, one typewriter and one mimeograph at a cost of $478.00.

4. Report of the Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary during the year, in addition to the office work, conducted six revival meetings, visited sixty-one churches in the interest of the denominational work, attended twelve Associations, delivered two hundred and seventy-five sermons and addresses. In the revival meetings conducted there were one hundred and nineteen members added to the churches, sixty-four being by baptism. In these revival meetings $1,218.37 was raised in cash for State Missions and $492.50 for 75 Million Campaign, making a total of $1,710.87. There was also raised about $5,000.00 in local church budgets. Over 82,000 tracts were sent out from the office during the year, and about 5,500 letters written.

II. Evangelization.

The challenging task of Arkansas Baptists is Evangelization. Evangelism is one of the special aims of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. It is our most important work. It is the very heart of State Missions.

Evangelization includes the work of State and District Evangelists, employed and supported entirely by the State Mission Board; the work of Association Missionaries supported by the State Board in co-operation with the Associations; and also the work of Missionary-Pastors supported in co-operation with the churches.

1. State and District Evangelists. At the beginning of the year R. L. Estes and E. O. Allen, singer, and also M. L. Voyles and Roland Lawrence, singer, were elected State Evangelists. Estes and Allen served only one month and resigned to enter other fields. A. P. Blaylock was employed for some special Evangelistic work in the Oil Field and served two months. D. B. Moore was elected District Evangelist and served two months, closing his work with the Board February 1st. J. W. Hulsey was elected District Evangelist to work out from Mt. Ida, and has served the entire year. In the March meeting of the Board, C. D. Owen was elected District Evangelist with Fayetteville as headquarters and Giles C. Taylor, District Evangelist, to live at Conway; they began work April 1st and served eight months. Several Evangelistic Singers were employed during the year in special meetings conducted by the Corresponding Secretary and by other state workers.

Evangelists Voyles and Lawrence have served the whole year as State Evangelists and conducted twenty-one meetings and added 433 members to the churches, 284 being by baptism. They have collected in these meetings $5,599.39 for State Missions and 75 Million Campaign, which is more than their salaries and expenses for the year.
2. Associational Missionaries. In addition to the State and District Evangelists supported entirely out of the State Mission funds, your Board has co-operated with several weak, destitute Associations, in the support of their Missionary. Six of these men have served the entire year in their respective Associations. The other eight have worked only part of the year, serving principally in the Summer Evangelistic Campaign. The salaries of the following Missionaries have been supplemented:

J. F. Bow—Crooked Creek Association.
J. B. Rose—Carroll County Association.
W. M. Cooper—Rocky Bayou Association.
Geo. L. Hayes—Buckner Association.
R. I. Hiner—Big Creek Association.
Edgar Peters—Ouachita Association.
E. Poindexter—Arkansas Valley Association.
W. O. Davis—Madison County Association.
Vestal Chandler—Buckville Association.

3. Missionary-Pastors. Helping weak churches in the support of their pastors and thus making it possible for these churches to function and to become lighthouses in the community where they exist, is one of the well defined policies of the State Mission Board. During the year the Board has supplemented the salaries of sixty Missionary-Pastors. The following is a list of the pastors and churches which have received help from the Board during the year and the time they have served:

Elijah Abee—Forrest Hill, 9 months.
W. H. Albertson—Harrison, 12 months.
S. B. Barnett—Clarksville, 11 months.
J. T. Benson—Ogden, Wilton, Bankhead, Alleeene, Red Bluff, New Bethel, 12 months.
W. H. Bradford—Hardy, 9 months.
C. S. Burgess—Winthrop, 12 months.
V. H. Coffman—Beech Street, Pine Bluff, 7 months.
F. M. Carter—New Hope, 9 months.
J. H. Colbert—Marshall, 8 months.
Roscoe Cooper—LaCross, Knob Creek, 7 months.
W. M. Cooper—Melbourne, 12 months.
W. E. Corder—Calvary, North Little Rock, 6 months, Tulip.
P. J. Crowder—Ouachita, 8 months.
C. E. Cullom—Leachville, 9 months.
J. G. Harris—Leachville, 2 months.
W. J. Derrick—Brookland, 12 months.
A. A. DuLaney—Conway Second, 6 months.
J. T. Eskridge—Conway Second, 6 months.
J. T. Fowlkes—Trumann, 12 months.
W. A. Harriman—Bethel, 12 months.
H. E. Harris—Parkin, 12 months.
F. P. Turner—Willow, 10 months, New Pisgah.
A. M. Herrington—Emmett, 4 months, Willow, 2 months.
J. M. Holman—Skaggs, Gillham, 12 months.
W. H. Horn—Blackwater, 9 months.
L. W. Muncy—Pottsville, 6 months.
G. E. Jones—Pottsville, 2 months.
W. P. Kime—Vimy Ridge, 5 months.
J. A. Landers—Horatio, 11 months.
M. F. Langley—Hot Springs Second, 12 months.
G. H. Lewis—Jacksonville, 6 months.
J. K. Smith—Jacksonville, 1 month.
H. E. Marsh—South Fort Smith, 12 months.
C. M. Miller—Blevins, McCaskill, 7 months.
W. H. Merideth—Black Rock, Portia, Minturn, 12 months.
C. F. Wilkins—Mountain Home, 6 months.
C. T. Wilson—North Jonesboro, 9 months.
Oscar Woodruff—Baptist Ford, 1 month.
J. F. Parker—Baptist Ford, 7 months, Fall Creek, 12 months.
W. Q. Young—Hampton, 12 months.
W. R. McEwen—Pocahontas, 12 months.
T. M. McGee—Kensett, 10 months.
E. J. A. McKinney—Atkins, 12 months.
M. L. Smith—Centerton, 5 months.
T. M. Norris—Centerton, Gravette, 6 months.
E. C. Summers—Salem, Mammoth Spring, 6½ months.
G. I. Northcutt—Salem, Mammoth Spring, 5½ months.
J. H. Reynolds—Emerson's Chapel, Little Rock, 12 months.
J. E. Rose—Bellefonte, Hopewell, 12 months.
C. C. Roberts—Mt. Ida, Caddo Gap, 12 months.
H. H. Spillyards—Hazeld Street, Pine Bluff, 9 months.
M. C. Steward—Alma, 11 months.
M. N. Taylor—Antioch, 7 months.
L. C. Tedford—Glenwood, Rosboro, 2 months.
Chas. D. Tibbels—Imboden, 12 months.
F. F. Turner—Knoxville, 10 months.
J. H. Turner—Walnut Street, Jonesboro, 12 months.
H. E. VanCamp—Hoxie, 10 months.
F. F. Weaver—Evening Shade, 3 months.
S. A. Wiles—Concord, Mt. Pleasant, Johnson View, 9 months.

4. Summer Evangelistic Campaign. Though the Summer Evangelistic Campaign was fraught with many difficulties, more destitution was reached and more constructive work done than for several years. The Ouachita Endowment Campaign commanded the time and attention of all the workers through June into the first week in July. The excessive rains during the early part of the summer and the lateness of the crops made the holding of meetings difficult in the rural districts in many sections of the state. The results for August and September were gratifying indeed. The revival spirit was on the churches during these two months of special effort as we have not known before. All the workers employed by the Board certainly gave their best efforts to winning the lost to the Saviour, and strengthening the churches throughout the entire revival season. Hundreds of pastors went afield and held one or more meetings each, right out in the needy sections. The co-operation of all our people was beautiful and is greatly to be commended.

5. Summary of the Work. The Evangelists and Associational Missionaries report: Days labored 3,456; sermons preached 3,951; revival meetings conducted 131; professions of faith witnessed 1,615; members added to the churches 1,559; number received by baptism 1,004; collected for State Missions $6,296.76; for 75 Million Campaign $4,947.88; Ouachita Endowment $3,716.52; Association Missions $654.96; Total collected $15,462.52. The entire Field Forces cost the State Mission Board $18,081.445 for the year,
but let it be noted that they turned into the treasury of the Executive Board $14,807.56 for State Missions, 75 Million Campaign and Ouachita Endowment.

The Missionary Pastors report: Days labored 9,958; sermons preached 5,647; revival meetings conducted 129; professions of faith 1,768; number received for baptism 1,118; number received by letter 1,063; total 2,181; Collected cash for 75 Million Campaign $5,268.39; for State Missions $1,380.07; for Orphans' Home $967.17; for Ouachita Endowment $1,808.55; Associational Missions $1,365.09; Total amount collected $10,789.27.

The entire Evangelistic Department including Field Forces and Missionary-Pastors show the following work done:

Number of workers ........................................... 89
Days labored .................................................... 13,414
Number religious visits ........................................ 16,155
Number services held ......................................... 10,260
Number sermons and addresses ................................. 9,498
Number revivals conducted ................................... 258
Number professions witnessed ................................. 3,383
Number received for baptism .................................. 2,122
Number received by letter and statement ..................... 1,618
Total additions ................................................ 3,740
Number Sunday Schools organized ............................. 36
Number B. Y. P. U.'s organized ................................ 42
Number W. M. S. organized .................................... 19
Number tracts distributed .................................... 82,640
Number subscriptions to Advance ............................. 278
Number subscriptions to Home & Foreign Field ............... 58
Number subscriptions to Royal Service ......................... 10
Number deacons ordained ...................................... 73
Number ministers ordained .................................... 10

Collected on State Missions .................................. $ 7,676.83
Collected on 75 Million Campaign ............................ 10,216.27
Collected on Ouachita Endowment .............................. 5,525.07
Collected on Orphans' Home .................................. 967.17
Collected on Associational Missions .......................... 2,020.05

Collected for all purposes .................................. $26,405.39

Note that the Department of Evangelism cost $29,855.22, but produced $26,405.39 for the work of the denomination.

The following is a Financial Statement of the Department of Evangelism, including Field Forces and Missionary-Pastors:

Regular Appropriation for Field Forces ....................... $13,000.00
Special Appropriation for Summer Work ....................... 2,000.00
Appropriation for Pastors' Supplement ....................... 10,000.00
Collected on Field for Evangelism ........................... 6,296.76

Total ........................................................... $31,296.76

Disbursed:
Pastors' Supplement ........................................... $11,872.62
Entire Field Forces ........................................... 18,081.45 29,954.07

Balance to this Fund ......................................... $ 1,342.69

The above statement shows that it was necessary to use only $672.51 of the $2,000.00 appropriated for Special Evangelism.
III.

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

The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work was laid out on a basis of $6,500.00. This amount was supplemented later by $500.00 for Summer Rural Work.

H. V. Hamilton was re-elected Secretary, and E. S. Campbell was elected Field Secretary, and began work June 1st. The following workers were employed for the Rural Campaign: Maurice Moser, Miss Elizabeth Barton, Miss Helen Shaw, Miss Genevieve Tims, Miss Beulah Thornton and Miss Nona Barlow.

A most constructive work was done during the year through the efficient work of H. V. Hamilton and his helpers, which will be fully set forth in his report to this Convention.

The financial statement of the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Department:

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Country Churches.

Your Board has put special emphasis this year on the country church in every department of the Board's work. More meetings were held by the Evangelistic Force in the country than in the cities and towns. Forty-two country and village churches were assisted the past year in the support of their pastors against thirty-nine town and city churches assisted. The State and District Evangelists conducted eighteen meetings in the country and village churches and nineteen in towns.

In Summer Sunday School Campaign the special workers held institutes in eighty-two churches and sixty-nine of them were strictly country churches. The Board and Corresponding Secretary are in full sympathy with the rural church. If we lose the country, it will be only a matter of time when we lose the town and city. It is the opinion of your Board that the time has come to put on the most constructive country church program possible. The country churches should receive the same consideration as the town and city churches.

V.

Mountain Schools.

H. D. Morton was re-elected Superintendent of the six Mountain Schools in connection with his work as President of Mountain Home College.

At the first meeting of the Board in December $12,500.00 was appropriated to Mountain Schools. Also by the order of the Executive Board the past indebtedness of Mountain Schools amounting to $3,723.76 was required to be paid out of State Mission funds and also $1,000.00 in addition to be applied on insurance, making a grand total of $17,223.76 to be expended on Mountain Schools this
year. In the March meeting of the Board on account of the perilous situation at Newton County Academy which was about to jeopardize the entire property, the request was presented that the State Board recommend to the Executive Board that some measures be taken to give immediate relief on the indebtedness that threatened to wreck the school. The matter was adjusted at a cost of $4,131.51, which was provided by an appropriation from the Executive Board covering the amount. The above indebtedness consisted in certain outstanding accounts, such as bills for labor and material used in the erection of the buildings, made by the citizens in locating the school. The citizens failed to meet their obligations which meant the closing up of the school at once and the loss of the property.

The contract entered into with Mt. Ida Academy some years before by the State Mission Board was cancelled and the school was discontinued as one of the Mountain Schools under the direction of the Board. At the September meeting in response to a memorial presented by J. W. Hulsey and C. C. Roberts in behalf of the Mt. Ida Academy the following resolution was adopted: (1) That the State Mission Board agrees to maintain a school at Mt. Ida on the same basis as other Mountain Schools for a period of three years. (2) That the details of a contract and the acceptance of the building proposed to be donated by the citizens of the community at the end of the three years, be referred to the Superintendent of Mountain Schools, the Committee of the State Board on Mountain Schools, and to the Executive Board. (3) That the question of the permanent maintenance of a school at Mt. Ida be left on the same basis as that of any and all other of our institutions.

All reports show that the session closing in May was the best in the history of Mountain Schools. Supt. H. D. Morton says, "The quarter, December 1, 1922, to March 1, 1923, has been the most satisfactory in the history of Mountain Schools from the standpoint of attendance, collection of tuition and fees, general progress and development of interest in the Mountain School on the part of the people over the state." The enrollment for the session reaches 802. All the schools closed with good results for the year in May.

The present session in all these schools are full of promise. Supt. Morton will give an accurate report from all the Mountain Schools at this session of the Convention.

The following is the Financial Statement of Mountain Schools, December 1, 1922, to December 1, 1923:

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Statement of the settlement of the indebtedness on Newton County Academy:
Screening ........................................ $ 50.00
J. W. Casey ...................................... 607.35
Note ............................................. 627.30
J. L. Shaddox .................................... 1,149.86
J. W. Casey ...................................... 870.00
Tin Bill .......................................... 300.00
Frank Davis ...................................... 515.88
Interest on Note ................................ 11.22

Total paid to Dec. 1, 1923 ..................... $4,131.51

VI.

Work Among the Negroes.

The sum of $1,000.00 was appropriated to the work among the Negroes according to the following application presented to the Board:

"WHEREAS, the demands of education, missions and evangelism among the Negro Baptists have greatly increased, and

WHEREAS, our work is making fine showing in proportion to our investments, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that we appeal to our white brethren of the State for an appropriation as follows:

For Theological Training at Arkansas Baptist College ........... $300.00
Salary of the General Secretary ................................ $400.00
For State Missionaries ...................................... $300.00

RESOLVED, that we very much appreciate with our hearty thanks the generous spirit with which they have been co-operating with us in our work.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION (Colored)

J. R. Jamison, President.
R. W. Patterson, Corresponding Secretary."

Prof. O. C. Thomas teaches the Bible and Theology to the young preachers in Arkansas Baptist College, and all students in the school are requested to take Bible work under the Bible teacher. There are enrolled from twelve to twenty-one young preachers in the college during the year.

Your Board would recommend the most sympathetic co-operation of this Convention with President J. A. Booker of Arkansas Baptist College in his efforts to solve the educational problem for Baptist Negroes of the State. He is doing a great work and needs our help.

The following is the report of work done by the two Negro Missionaries, S. C. Collins and S. L. Woolfolk:

Days labored ...................................... 493
Number religious visits ......................... 317
Number services held ........................... 529
Number sermons and addresses .................. 522
Number revivals conducted ...................... 4
Number professions of faith .................... 140
Number received by baptism ..................... 51
Number received by letter and statement ...... 152
Total additions .................................. 203
Number B. Y. P. U.'s organized ........................................... 9
Number W. M. S. organized ............................................... 2
Number tracts distributed .............................................. 150
Number ministers ordained ............................................. 15

VII.
Financial Exhibit


ASSETS.

Current—
Cash in Southern Trust ........................................... $1,525.13
Accounts receivable ............................................... 100.00 $1,625.13

FIXED—
Furniture & Fixtures ........................................... $585.50
Less depreciation .................................................. 58.55 $526.95
Tents ................................................................. 500.00
Less depreciation .................................................. 250.00 $776.95

$2,402.08

LIABILITIES.

Current—
Accounts payable to Mountain Schools ........... $2,326.64
Accounts payable Sundry ........................................... 814.87 $3,141.51

DEFICIT—
Property on hand 11-30-22 ............................ $ 607.50
Excess of Expenses over Revenue ............... 1,346.93 $ 739.43

DEFICIT 11-30-23 ............................ $739.43

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS.

Balance in Southern Trust Co., 12-1-22 ........... $ 147.55
Funds from Executive Board ............................ 67,508.01
Funds from Sunday School Board ...................... 122.00
Funds from El Dorado and Crossett Churches ...... 106.73
Refunds ........................................................... 22.00
Collections—accounts receivable ...................... 10.00

$67,916.29

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES.

Administration ................................................... $8,368.50
Furniture & Fixtures purchased ....................... 478.00 $ 8,846.50
Field Forces ..................................................... 18,081.45
Mountain Schools .............................................. 19,028.63
Negro Work ...................................................... 941.60
Pastors' Supplement ........................................... 11,172.86
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. ......................... 8,320.12
Balance in Southern Trust .............................. 1,525.13

$67,916.29

Approved by the State Mission Board in regular session at Arkadelphia, December 10, 1923.

T. D. BROWN, President of Board.
W. C. WOOD, Secretary.
F. M. MASTERS, Cor. Secretary.
9. The report of the Committee on State Missions was read by Calvin B. Waller, and the motion was made to adopt the same. The report follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

To the Messengers of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention—

Brethren: We, your Committee on State Missions, beg to submit the following:

(a) That the Convention give most earnest and prayerful consideration to the annual report of the State Mission Board, as submitted by Secretary Masters. This report sets forth the work, departments of activities, achievements, and heaven-blessed results in a most thorough, comprehensive and heartening manner.

(b) We recommend that the Convention give serious consideration to the recommendations submitted by the State Board as the policy for the future program of State Mission work.

(c) We recommend that the Convention give earnest consideration to the "Work Among Negroes," and that the State Mission Board be instructed to enlarge its program of co-operation with our Negro Baptist brethren.

(d) We recommend that the Convention request the Executive Board to make a larger appropriation, if possible, to the State Mission Board, so as to enable the Board to enlarge its field of operation.

(e) We recommend that the Convention call all our churches to prayer for a state-wide revival; a deepening of the spiritual life of our people; a consecrated, united effort of all our churches, organizations, Bible Schools, B. Y. P. U.'s, Missionary Societies, in winning the lost to Christ, our Saviour.

Calvin B. Waller,
V. C. Neal,
L. M. Webb,
G. L. Boles,
S. B. Barnett,
W. B. O'Neal,
L. B. Burnside, Committee.

10. The report of the Sunday School and B Y. P. U. Secretary, H. V. Hamilton, was read and accepted. The report follows:

REPORT OF STATE S. S. AND B. Y. P. U. SECRETARY.

December 1, 1922, to November 30, 1923.

During the year just closing your Sunday School and B Y. P. U. Department has endeavored to carry out the task assigned it by this Convention. We feel there has been much progress made in our Teaching and Training work. There is a growing determination on the part of our Baptist people in Arkansas to bring the Teaching and Training work of our churches to the front. Our pastors and other workers over the state have been co-operating in a splendid way, and as a result, we are ready to make the best report in several years.
During the year this Department has made special effort to strengthen all of the Sunday Schools and to develop an Organized Class spirit among the young people and adults in the Sunday Schools. Special emphasis has been placed upon grading and equipping the Sunday Schools for their work. We have also sought to develop a greater interest in properly departmentizing the schools. Much good has been accomplished along these lines.

In connection with our B. Y. P. U. work we have endeavored to create a genuine B. Y. P. U. spirit among our young people with gratifying results. We have never found a finer spirit anywhere than that which exists among the young Baptists of Arkansas, and we believe that if the Baptists of this state would develop a strong Baptist constituency for the years which lie ahead, more emphasis should be placed upon this phase of our work.

The Rural Campaign reached many of our country churches, as will be seen later in this report. We wish to emphasize here the fact that this department is earnestly seeking to bring our Rural Sunday Schools up to the same standards of efficiency as those maintained by our town and city schools.

During this past year much of our time has been given to our State B. Y. P. U. Assembly which was held for the first time this past year on our new and permanent grounds located at Siloam Springs. Perhaps no phase of our work can be made more fruitful than our Annual Assembly.

Recently a pastor said, "If there is anything we need in our churches it is teaching, and if there is anything more needed than teaching, it is training." We wish that every pastor in our state would get this viewpoint and would get behind this department and its work during the next year in a great way. This will make possible a glorious day in our state. We find the people are anxious to go forward. There never was a finer Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. spirit than that which we have in our state now, and we feel that it is an opportune time to make headway.

**Numerical Growth of Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s in the State.**

Number of Schools reported at last Convention .................. 626
Reported organized during 1923 ................................. 55

Total Sunday Schools ................................. 681

This does not include 133 Sunday Schools reported as Landmark schools. Something of the immensity of our task can be seen from the fact that there are 607 churches in our state reported as cooperating with our Convention that either have no Sunday Schools or they are so poorly organized that they do not report to their Association. We cannot help but emphasize just here the need for a greater Rural Campaign during next year.

There are in our state 424 B. Y. P. U.'s reporting to your State Secretary's office. There are approximately 100 additional Unions that do not report. The figures for those reporting are as follows:

- 287 Senior B. Y. P. U.'s enrolling .......... 10,619 members.
- 56 Intermediate Unions enrolling .......... 1,904 members.
- 81 Junior Unions enrolling ............... 2,349 members.

424 B. Y. P. U.'s reporting with enrollment of 14,872 members.
This represents a growth in numbers as follows:

114 new Senior Unions.
17 new Intermediate Unions.
30 new Junior Unions.

161 new Unions since last report with an increase of 5,666 in enrollment. Think of what it will mean for the future of our Baptist cause in Arkansas when this splendid army of young Baptist shall have been trained for service.

Rural Campaign.

It is customary for each state during the summer to put on a special Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Campaign in the interest of our Rural Churches. The Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., co-operates with us in this campaign dollar for dollar. The State Mission Board only appropriated $500.00 additional funds for this work, but your Secretary used enough from the regular Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. budget to secure $1,386.39 from the Sunday School Board. During the campaign eight special workers were employed. The campaign ran for fourteen weeks.

We are extremely grateful for the gratifying results realized during this campaign. That this is the way to reach our Rural Churches, and that it is a most fruitful work will be seen from the following example. One of our workers spent four days at the Salem Baptist Church located in Big Creek Association twenty-five miles off the railroad. A splendid class was organized and the people readily co-operated with our worker. Growing out from this campaign are the following results. The enrollment of the school has been increased from thirty-five to ninety-five; the school has been thoroughly graded, all eight departments being maintained; a census of the community has been completed and an accurate list of their prospects has been turned over to each department. They lack but one point of reaching the Standard of Excellence and expect to reach this before the end of this year. They expect their enrollment to reach 125 by January 1. Again let us emphasize the fact that this is Rural Campaign work, and if the funds are available this type of work can be done in at least 200 of our churches next year.

Many of the new B. Y. P. U.'s were organized during the Rural Campaign, most of them being in country churches.

During the Rural Campaign the following workers were employed: Misses Genevieve Tims, Elizabeth Barton, Helen Shaw, Beulah Thornton, Nona Barlow, Messrs. E. S. Campbell, J. H. Lauck and Maurice Moser. All workers did most acceptable work.

The following tabulated report will show at a glance the results of the Campaign.

| Number of workers employed | 8 |
| Churches reached | 82 |
| (number of distinctively rural churches reached 69) |
| Number of classes taught | 104 |
| Enrolled in classes | 2,239 |
| Awards issued | 850 |
| B. Y. P. U.'s organized | 22 |

New Worker Added to Force.

On June 1, Rev. E. S. Campbell was added to the corps of work-
ers as Field Secretary. Mr. Campbell's coming has already meant much to the on-going of our work. He has been on the job in a great way and is winning his way into the hearts of our people. Since coming to our state Mr. Campbell in person has put on fifteen schools, taught twenty-one classes in which 368 people were enrolled, besides visiting Associations and assisting in the general work of our state and this department. We feel that Mr. Campbell has made a most successful start.

Educational Record For 1923.

Our reports show that the following has been accomplished during the year in the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work:

- Number Sunday School Institutes held: 125
- Number Sunday School Classes taught: 152
- Number B. Y. P. U. Institutes held: 172
- Number B. Y. P. U. Classes taught: 220
- Number Special Classes: 8
- Number taking Home Work under Secretary's direction: 102
- Number Sunday School Awards delivered: 1,400
- Number B. Y. P. U. Awards delivered: 2,826
- Number Special Awards: 102

The above makes the following totals:

- Number Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Institutes held, 297, as against 142 last year, representing an increase of 155 schools.
- Number classes taught, 380, as against 271 last year, representing an increase of 109 classes.
- Number of awards delivered for Teaching and Training Department, 4,328, as against 2,684 for last year, representing an increase of 1,644.

The 1,400 Sunday School Awards are divided as follows:

- Normal Course Diplomas for completing entire Manual: 352
- Certificates for completing parts of the Manual: 495
- Seals for completing other books in Normal Course: 553

We now have 3,181 Normal Diploma holders; 534 Red Seal holders; 310 Blue Seal holders; 75 Post Graduates; 36 Gold Seal holders.

The 2,826 B. Y. P. U. Awards are divided as follows:

- Senior B. Y. P. U. Manual: 869
- Methods taken second time: 225
- Methods taken third time: 41
- Seals for other books in B. Y. P. U. Course: 1,069

The reports show that the B. Y. P. U.'s have enrolled 5,936 young Baptists in our Daily Bible Readers course and 6,784 in Systematic and Proportionate Giving of which number 2,261 are Tithers.

B. Y. P. U.'s and The Baptist Advance.

During the last two months the B. Y. P. U.'s have been seeking to secure subscriptions for our Baptist Advance. The campaign will
not close until the end of this month, so not all reports are in. We
have had reported to date 236 new subscriptions. This represents
reports from only 36 Unions. We expect to continue pushing this
until we reach at least 500 new subscribers.

Our 1923 Assembly.

The first Assembly to be held on our new Assembly site was
held last July. This site of 160 acres was the gift of Siloam Springs
to the young Baptists of our state. This gift represented approxi­
mately $15,000.00. We feel that the Lord has been wonderfully
good to us in making it possible for Arkansas to have its own As­
sembly site and thus take rank with the other states in the south.

Many improvements have been made, and through the gener­
osity of one individual other improvements will begin shortly. We
now have 45 buildings in the way of dormitories, cottages, audi­
torium and class rooms, etc. The grounds are electrically lighted
which adds much to the comfort of those attending. The grounds
easily are valued at $30,000.00 as they now stand.

The question, "Will the folks go so far to attend the Assembly?"
was answered conclusively at last summer's Assembly. We had
registered on our grounds 553 Baptists from every section of this
state. The evening attendance, swelled by those who drove in from
surrounding towns and Siloam Springs was never less than 1000, a
greater crowd than we have ever had at any previous Assembly any­
where. It was counted a most successful Assembly from every
standpoint. The faculty and speakers could not have been better.
A spiritual atmosphere permeated the entire ten days. On conse­
cration night 78 young men and women surrendered their lives for
special service. Many of this number are in college and training
schools preparing themselves for the work to which they feel called.

A number of banners were awarded at the Assembly for effici­
ency records during the past year. The State Sunday School Banner
was awarded to the First Baptist Church of Ft. Smith. The Or­
ganized Class Banner was awarded the Convention Philathea Class
of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock. The B. Y. P. U. Banners
were awarded as follows: Senior, Forrest City; Senior Second
Banner, No. 1 First, Little Rock; Intermediate, Immanuel Church,
Little Rock; Junior, "Booster", First, Ft. Smith; the Associational
B. Y. P. U. Banner was awarded to the Concord Associational B. Y.
P. U.

We again wish to call attention to the fact that no greater op­
portunity is afforded our pastors to influence the young life of our
state, and at the same time enjoy a profitable vacation as well as to
do some study, as the opportunity afforded by our State Assembly.
We hope a large number of our pastors will arrange to be present at
the 1924 Assembly, which we plan to make bigger and better in
every way.

Organized Class Activities.

The second Annual Organized Bible Class Conference was held
at Hot Springs during January, 1923. Our people from over the
state responded to the call that was issued and attended the Confer­
ence nearly 500 strong. The effects of this Conference have been
most gratifying. Before the Conference we did not have a single
Standard Class in our state, but we now have nine classes who are
maintaining Standard work and many others will reach the Standard
in the next quarter. We now have a total of 459 organized classes in the state, an increase of 146 over last year. These classes have a total enrollment of 9,180. We cannot emphasize too strongly the value of these organized classes. There is really no other organization in the church just like it. Pastors will do well to seek to build up the organized class spirit in their churches as they have demonstrated their value as evangelistic and educational as well as social agencies of the church.

**Associational Organizations.**

Co-operative effort is essential to the success of any enterprise. We are happy to report that the Associational Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work has gone steadily forward during the year. We now have organizations in 15 Associations. Meetings were held in each one of these Associations with splendid programs rendered.

During the next year an effort will be made to complete the Associational organizations in the balance of our Associations not organized.

**State Conventions.**

State Sunday School Convention meets in connection with our Assembly each year and has as its president Mr. Fritz Goodbar of Wheatley. Some very valuable work will be done through this organization during the next year. The State B. Y. P. U. Convention also meets in connection with the Assembly, in fact, the Assembly is operated by the State B. Y. P. U. Convention. President Doak S. Campbell has been of wonderful assistance to your Secretary in perfecting plans for the Assembly. Your Secretary is deeply grateful to him and wishes to so express himself in this report.

**Standard Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s.**

During the past year the following schools have been recognized as Standard: Alma; Heber Springs; Lexington Ave., Fort Smith; First, Fort Smith; First, Crossett; Park Place, Hot Springs; First, Conway. Two of these schools, namely, First, Crossett, and First, Fort Smith, lack but four points of reaching the double A-1, or Advanced Standard.

The following B. Y. P. U.'s have been recognized as Standard during the year:

**Seniors**—Lexington Ave., Ft. Smith; Oak Grove, Concord Association; No. 1 First, Ft. Smith; Forrest City; First, Batesville; Calvary, Ft. Smith; First, Little Rock.

**Intermediates**—First, North Little Rock; Baptist Orphanage, Monticello; Second, Little Rock; Immanuel, Little Rock.

**Juniors**—First, Harrison; First, Booneville; First, Hope; “Booster” First, Ft. Smith; Calvary, Ft. Smith; South Ft. Smith, Ft. Smith. These Unions are A-1 at present. This makes a total of 17 Unions that reached the Standard during 1923.

**A Look Into 1924.**

Six District Conventions to be Organized.—We have divided our State into six districts and during the month of April we propose to organize in each one of these districts a Sunday School Convention and a B. Y. P. U. Convention. We believe that we can reach many
of our churches, giving them a vision of their possibilities through these organizations.

Superintendents' Conferences.—No better way for stimulating our Sunday School Superintendents has been devised than a well organized and planned Superintendents' Conference. We have made arrangements with the Sunday School Board for two of these Conferences to be held in our State next year.

Rural Organized Class Campaign.—Believing that the same program carried on in and through our city churches will operate just as well in our rural churches, we have secured the services of Secretary Harry Strickland for ten all day Conferences to be held at ten rural churches. An effort will be made to locate these conferences in ten strategic places in as many Associations. A further effort will be made to secure representation at these conferences from all the rural churches within a given Association.

B. Y. P. U. Rural Campaign.—The services of Secretary E. E. Lee have been secured for a ten days intensive campaign in our rural churches in the interest of our Baptist young people's work. We believe much good will result.

Associational Conventions and Conferences.—This type of work will be continued and further developed during the new year, an effort being made to reach every association in the state with this organization.

Sunday School Enlargement Campaigns.—In both city and rural churches we are going to undertake to put on definite Sunday School Enlargement Campaign. Instead of just teaching a book we will assist the church in taking a census, classifying the returns, and building up an organization adequate to its needs.

Co-operation With Other State Secretaries.

Our work was supplemented during the year by the services of Secretary B. F. Davidson of Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of Alabama, Secretary Auber Wiles of Mississippi, and Secretary Wm. E. Preston of Tennessee. In order to secure their help your Secretary gave them some of his time in their states.

Personal Labors.

During the past year your Secretary has rendered the following service:

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Financial Statement S. S. & B. Y. P. U. Department.

Year Ending November 30, 1923.

Receipts.
Appropriation to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. .......... $6,500.00
By State Mission Board for Rural Work ................. 500.00
From Baptist S. S. Board Rural Work and Tr. Schools 1,538.39
Assistance from Churches for Training Schools .......... 106.73

Total Appropriations ......................... $8,645.12

Expenditures.
Secretary's Salary ........................................... $2,700.00
Stenographic help ........................................ 876.67
Field Secy. E. D. Campbell, salary and expense .......... 1,036.86
Salaries and expense rural campaign ..................... 1,880.58
Transportation, expense of secretary .................... 182.44
Hotel and meals ........................................... 253.24
Postage ..................................................... 370.87
Office equipment and stationery ......................... 335.70
Telegrams and Telephone ................................ 134.18
Express and drayage ...................................... 51.61
Car fare and Taxi ......................................... 78.04
Printing ..................................................... 149.08
Amt. paid for expense for those assisting in Tr. Schools 270.85

Total Expenditures ........................................ $8,320.12

Balance due on appropriation ........................... $ 325.00
Bills due and payable ...................................... 190.90

Amount saved on appropriation ......................... $ 134.10

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT V. HAMILTON,

11. The report of H. D. Morton, Superintendent of Mountain Schools, was read and accepted. The report follows:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

It is with profound gratitude to God for His blessings upon the work and the workers in our Mountain Schools and a deep appreciation of the loyal support of Arkansas Baptists that this report for the session of 1922-1923 is presented.

There is reason for rejoicing over the year's achievement in this department of our denominational work. Marked progress is reflected not only in the increased enrollment in most of the schools but also in the increased interest on the part of our mountain people, the large enrollment of ministerial students, the number of High School and Normal Training graduates, and the special interest in religious training on the part of the students.

The enrollment in each school for 1922-1923 was as follows: Mountain Home College 180, Maynard Academy 83, Carroll County Institute 78, Hagarville Academy 160, Newton County Academy 130, Mount Ida Academy 172, a total of 802.
Well equipped departments of Manual Training and Home Economics, in a building erected especially for these departments, were added to Mountain Home College. Many new books were provided for the library and much new equipment installed in the laboratories. The Normal Training High School work, as required for a State Certificate was added at Maynard Academy.

A total of forty-five ministerial students were enrolled during the last session. Thirty-one of these were at Mountain Home. Thirty-four students, twice as many as in any previous year, completed high school work, twenty-one completed the required normal work and received State Certificates.

Religious Training.

The emphasis placed upon special religious training and the effort made to prepare the students for Christian service may best be indicated by the record of the schools with the Sunday School Board. The Mountain Schools have led in Arkansas for three years in succession in Sunday School Teacher Training as promoted by the Sunday School Board in the Southern Baptist Educational Institutions. Courses in Sunday School Teacher Training, B. Y. P. U. work and Missions are given in each school each year. In addition, special study courses are encouraged and given outside of the regular school hours. The students are encouraged to take an active part in church activities. Special attention is given to organized Sunday School classes and B. Y. P. U. work in connection with church work. For the session of 1922-23 Mountain Home College stands at the head of the list, not only in the number of diplomas and the number of Blue Seals but also the total number of awards by the Sunday School Board to Arkansas Baptist Educational Institutions.

Standardizing the Work.

In keeping with the instructions of the last Convention every possible effort is being made to standardize Mountain Home College as a Junior College. An unusually strong faculty was employed and many improvements were made for the present session. To meet the great need and ever growing demand for teacher training advantages in North Central Arkansas the department of Education has been greatly strengthened. In a new building erected especially for this work a Model School is now being conducted in connection with the department of Education to provide an opportunity for observation and demonstration work and practice teaching for the benefit of the Normal Training students. Mountain Home College now has the best facilities for teacher training of any private or denominational school in Arkansas. With the strengthening of the various departments and the raising of standards to meet the technical requirements of standardizing agencies, no sacrifice has been or will be made along moral and spiritual lines. Every teacher is a devoted and active member of the Baptist church, whose habits are clean and whose influence is wholesome and helpful in every way. No teacher is employed on the faculty of Mountain Home College, or either of the other Mountain Schools, who smokes or uses tobacco in any form. Mountain Home College now has the distinction of being the only co-ed educational institution in Arkansas offering Junior College work.

Carroll County Institute.

A seven room residence was purchased at Blue Eye and fitted up for a boys' home before the opening of the present session. When
fully equipped this will meet one of the greatest needs that has existed at this school since its establishment. It was found necessary to put a new roof on the main building at Blue Eye this summer as the building would have been greatly damaged by delay.

Mount Ida Academy.

At the close of the session of 1922-23 it was thought best to surrender the contract with the local school board at Mount Ida and discontinue the operation of Mount Ida Academy under the terms of that contract. This action was taken because it was thought that the school would be able to render a larger service under other conditions. However, before taking any further action the question of continuing the school at Mount Ida was referred to the Executive Board with the request that investigations and recommendations be made. A committee from the Executive Board visited Mount Ida in July, in company with the Superintendent of Mountain Schools, and recommended the continuation of this school. The local people and friends propose to purchase a splendid stone building and donate it to the school. Professor T. Delos Mullins was employed as principal and the school has done splendid work this fall.

Our Opportunity.

The people of the hills are manifesting a greater interest in and appreciation for the Mountain Schools each year. As the schools grow in favor with these people their influence and opportunity for service increase. If Arkansas Baptists are wise enough to take advantage of and use fully their opportunity for service through our Mountain Schools the denomination will be richly rewarded, the state wonderfully blessed and God greatly glorified.

Our Needs.

At Mountain Home College $45,000 is needed for improvements—to enlarge the main building and the boys' home, for a heating plant, laboratory equipment, furniture, fixtures and general improvements. Our auditorium, located on the second floor, is heated by two large wood furnaces and all the fuel for these furnaces and several stoves must be carried up a flight of stairs. When it is understood that twenty-eight separate fires are to be built each day and much of the wood must be carried up two and three flights of stairs, the extremity of our needs of a heating plant will be unquestioned. However, only those who have had experience carrying heavy wood up flights of stairs can fully appreciate this need. $10,000 is needed for improvements for the other Mountain Schools.

To meet the annual requirements for maintenance and the requirements for standardization an endowment of $200,000 must be provided for Mountain Home College at the earliest possible moment.

Property Titles.

Title to the Mountain School property is vested as follows, and all the deeds have been properly recorded:

Title to the twenty-eight acres, with the boys' home and the girls' dormitory at Mountain Home; all the Newton County Academy property and all the Carroll County Institute property located at Blue Eye, Missouri, is vested in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The title to nine acres with the main building at Mountain Home is vested in the board of trustees of Ouachita College. Title to the Hagarville Academy property is vested in the Superin-
tendent of Mountain Schools as trustee. The board of trustees of Mountain Home College passed a resolution in 1921 expressing their willingness to make any changes in the charter necessary to meet the wishes and requirements of the Convention.

A Request.

In view of the fact that the Superintendent has been embarrassed each year for three years by having to ask for the reappropriation of funds to meet the deficits caused by the failure to receive the full amount of money appropriated for Mountain Schools and by having to pay interest out of the Mountain School funds due to the failure to receive funds when needed, the Superintendent earnestly requests that the balance due on last year be paid at once and that all funds hereafter appropriated for the Mountain Schools be made available monthly as needed by the Superintendent.

Finances.

The financial report for the session of 1922-23 reflects a cash credit of $90.14 for the six schools, and a debit of $605.31 in liabilities above assets.

It should be noted that the amount received for the current Convention year for maintenance, including the salary and expenses of the Superintendent, was only $10,147.01. $3,723.76 received this year was in payment of the balance due on old appropriations carried over for one and two years, and $1,026.35 for insurance.

The statement below represents all the funds handled by the Superintendent and accounted for to him by the Principals of the Mountain Schools, also $1,026.35 paid for insurance. It does not take into account funds provided for and paid out through other channels.

Mountain Home College.

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Total..............................................$29,347.32
Expenses—

Overdraft at Bank, 8-26-22 ................................ $ 46.21
Teachers' Salaries ............................................. $6,374.21
Credit on Board and Accounts .............................. 1,262.88
Cash paid on Teachers' Salaries .............................. $5,111.33
Board Total .................................................. $9,069.95
Board Unpaid .................................................. 3,169.95
Board Paid ........................................................ 5,900.00
Book Store ..................................................... 2,733.56
Ministerial Aid ................................................ 3,740.50
On Notes Payable ............................................. 5,418.46
New Building ................................................... $1,240.93
Due on Building ............................................... 450.43
Paid on Building .............................................. 790.50
Equipment ...................................................... 1,212.23
Postage, Printing and Advertising ......................... 873.66
Repairs ......................................................... 561.64
Lyceum .......................................................... 408.00
Fuel .............................................................. 242.63
Manual Training ............................................... 237.50
Home Economics ............................................... 126.02
Athletics ......................................................... 219.28
Canvassing ....................................................... 179.16
Farm Equipment ............................................... 94.63
Refunds .......................................................... 376.55
Band .............................................................. 126.40
Ozark Echoes ................................................... 186.50
Dramatic Club ................................................ 41.30
Cash Advanced to Students .................................. 374.06
Miscellaneous Expenses ...................................... 383.26

Total ......................................................... $29,383.37

Assets—

Cash in Bank .................................................. $ 40.81
Cash on Hand ................................................... 55.00
Open Accounts ................................................ 187.09
Notes Receivable ............................................. 4,176.13
Book Store Inventory ...................................... 620.00
Due from State Board for Maintenance ................... 830.10
Due on Ministerial Aid ..................................... 737.66

Total ......................................................... $6,646.79

Liabilities—

Outstanding Checks ........................................... $ 115.08
Notes Payable ................................................ 5,949.87
Accounts Payable ............................................. 560.50

Total ......................................................... $6,625.45

Assets above Liabilities ................................... $ 21.34

Maynard Academy

August 22, 1922, to August 22, 1923

Revenues—

Cash in Bank .................................................. $ 57.28
Tuition and Fees ............................................. 2,131.16
Home Board for Maintenance ................................ 800.00
State Board for Maintenance ................................ 1,096.36
Books .................................................. 360.64

Total................................................. $4,445.44

Expenses—
   Teachers' Salaries ................................ $3,675.00
   Postage, Printing and Advertising ............... 57.00
   Fuel ................................................. 128.00
   Refunds .............................................. 7.85
   Books ................................................. 361.45
   Miscellaneous Expense ............................... 104.61

Total................................................. $4,333.91

Assets—
   Open Accounts ..................................... $  85.60
   Books on Hand ......................................  78.70

Total................................................. $ 164.30

Liabilities—None.

Carroll County Institute.

6-1-22 to 8-1-23

Revenues—
   Tuition and Fees ................................. $1,244.88
   Home Board for Maintenance ..................... 800.00
   Home Board Special Appropriation ............... 200.00
   State Board ......................................... 1,628.25
   Miscellaneous Income ...............................  83.19

Total................................................. $3,956.32

Expenses—
   Teachers' Salaries ................................ $2,873.40
   Roof on Main Building ..............................  560.25
   Postage, Printing and Advertising ............... 102.21
   Equipment, Miscellaneous Expense .................  420.46

Total................................................. $3,956.32

Assets—
   Tuition Due ........................................ $   122.11

Liabilities—
   Due on Teachers' Salaries ......................... $   530.00
   Bills Payable .......................................  212.82

Total................................................ $  742.82

Liabilities above Assets ............................ $  620.71

Newton County Academy.

6-1-22 to 7-1-23

Income—
   Tuition ............................................ $  950.00
   Home Board .........................................  800.00
   State Board for Maintenance ....................... 2,190.43
   Books ................................................  392.73
   Miscellaneous Income ...............................  197.97
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**ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION**

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| Liabilities above Assets      | $ 199.89   |

**Hagarville Academy.**

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**Mount Ida Academy.**

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On Notes and Accounts .................................. 221.20
For Piano ................................................. 76.50
Advertising, for Catalogue ................................. 44.50

Total ....................................................... $4,307.77

Expenses—
Teachers' Salaries ....................................... $3,938.25
On Bills Payable ........................................... 109.00
On Piano .................................................... 138.35
Catalogues, Printing, etc. ................................. 73.02
Incidentals ................................................ 49.15

Total ....................................................... $4,307.77

Assets—
Notes Receivable ........................................... $ 76.25
Open Accounts ................................................ 64.90

Total ....................................................... $121.15

Liabilities—
Due on Teachers' Salaries ................................ $ 73.69
Due on Piano ................................................ 11.65

Total ....................................................... $ 85.34

Assets above Liabilities ................................ $ 35.81

Summary Financial Statement

Session 1922-1923

Revenues—
Mountain Home College ..................................... $29,347.32
Maynard Academy ............................................ 4,445.44
Carroll County Institute .................................. 3,956.32
Newton County Academy ..................................... 4,789.33
Hagarville Academy ......................................... 2,227.00
Mount Ida Academy .......................................... 4,307.77

Total ....................................................... $49,073.18

Expenses—
Mountain Home College ..................................... $29,383.37
Carroll County Institute .................................. 3,956.32
Maynard Academy ............................................ 4,333.91
Newton County Academy ..................................... 4,774.67
Hagarville Academy ......................................... 2,227.00
Mount Ida Academy .......................................... 4,307.77

Total ....................................................... $48,983.04

Revenues above Expenses ................................ $ 90.14

Assets—
Mountain Home College ..................................... $6,646.72
Maynard Academy ............................................ 164.00
Carroll County Institute .................................. 122.11
Newton County Academy ..................................... 173.41
Hagarville Academy ......................................... 30.60
Mount Ida Academy .......................................... 121.15

Total ....................................................... $7,257.99
Liabilities—

Mountain Home College ........................................ $6,625.45
Maynard Academy ............................................... 620.71
Carroll County Institute ................................... 373.30
Newton County Academy .................................... 160.50
Hagarville Academy .......................................... 83.34

Total ......................................................... $7,863.30

Liabilities above Assets .................................. $605.31

State Board in Account With Mountain Schools.

Appropriations for Convention Year ....................... $12,500.00
Appropriations for Insurance ................................ 1,000.00
Due on Old Appropriations .................................. 3,723.75

Total ......................................................... $17,223.76

Paid for Insurance ........................................... $1,026.35
Paid on Amount due from Old Appropriations ............ 3,723.75
Paid on Maintenance for Convention Year, including Salary and Expenses of the Superintendent .... 10,147.01

Total ......................................................... $14,897.12

Balance Due Mountain Schools, December 1, 1923 .... $2,326.64

Ministerial Aid.

Session of 1922-1923

Amount Paid .................................................... $3,740.50
Amount Received ............................................... 3,002.84

Balance Due ................................................... $737.66

9-1-23 to 12-1-23

Balance due from Session of 1922-23 ....................... $737.66
Paid Out 9-1-23 to 12-1-23 ................................ 551.50

Total ......................................................... $1,289.16

Amount Received ................................................ $927.66

Amount Due .................................................... $361.50

Summary Showing Financial Condition of Mountain Schools

December 1, 1923

Assets—

Mountain Home College .................................$11,688.67
Newton County Academy .................................. 422.11
Hagarville Academy ..................................... 65.69
Carroll County Institute ................................. 272.45
Maynard Academy .......................................... 520.00

Total ......................................................... $12,968.92

Liabilities—

Mountain Home College .................................$11,317.69
Newton County Academy ................................ 217.69
Hagarville Academy ..................................... 196.56
Carroll County Institute ................................. 1,238.67
The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by Victor Howell and a motion made to adopt the same. It is as follows:

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.**

We rejoice that our Baptist people throughout the south are coming to realize that the Sunday School is not in any sense an organization separate and apart from the church, but that it is an important teaching service of the church as the church herself, teaching God's word to her whole constituency. As one of the ripest fields for evangelistic effort it become of paramount importance for every church to see to it that the very best teaching service be maintained.

This means today that nothing but a departmental graded school should be thought of anywhere. In the country and small village church with very limited constituency, a departmental organization will mean a minimum of one class to each of the six departments as outlined in our Standard of Excellence.

Every church without regard to location should make provision for the six departments to be so housed as that they may function as separate units. Even in a room church building this can be done at a very small expense.

Also every Sunday School should have the very best teachers available and if no trained teachers can be found the church should see to it that proper training is offered to all teachers and prospective teachers at the earliest opportunity. With the multiplicity of good books on Sunday School work in all its phases and the courses offered by the Sunday School Board and promoted by the secretaries of our own State Board, our churches who neglect this most vital matter are without excuse.

We commend the work of our State Sunday School Secretary H. V. Hamilton and his associates, but we realize that they have been greatly handicapped by lack of funds and workers. If practicable, we urge that the appropriation be enlarged to meet these needs, and that at least one field worker be employed to devote his entire time to our rural and village Sunday Schools. In no other
way, perhaps, shall we ever be able to put Sunday Schools into the more than 600 Baptist churches in this state which reported no Sunday Schools last year.

Victor Howell,
W. J. Hinsley,
C. L. Hammock,
H. E. Kirkpatrick,
Gordon Hurlburt, Committee

13. The report of the Committee on B. Y. P. U. Work was read by Dr. D. S. Campbell and a motion was made to adopt the same. Discussions were by Dr. Hill of Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Calvin B. Waller and others. The report follows:

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

We commend in the highest terms the work of the B. Y. P. U. under the direction of our Secretary, Bro. H. V. Hamilton. With a limited appropriation and a minimum field force, the report shows the greatest achievement in the entire history of the department. We commend a careful reading of this report by all our people.

One of the outstanding features of the year's work was the meeting of our Assembly on our new grounds at Siloam Springs. We recommend that this Convention give its hearty support to this enterprise. We urge the churches to encourage their young people and pastors to attend and to pay their expenses when possible.

We further recommend that the committee on program for 1925 to take account of the Assembly and to make some provisions for assisting in financing it.

We further recommend that appropriations to the department be not diminished for the year 1924, but that they be increased, if at all possible.

Respectfully submitted,

D. S. Campbell, Chairman,
C. D. Wood, Jr.,
O. O. Davis,
B. F. Davidson, Committee

14. Recommendations of the State Mission Board were read by Dr. T. D. Brown and a motion was made to consider these recommendations seriatum. The motion prevailed.

15. A motion making these recommendations a special order for 9:00 o'clock P. M. was carried.

16. Dr. Joseph A. Booker, President of the
Arkansas Baptist College (negro) spoke to the Convention.

The Convention adjourned for supper.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 7:00 P. M., and Bro. E. J. A. McKinney conducted the devotional service.

17. Dr. G. H. Crutcher of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, spoke on the work of that institution.

HOSPITALS.

18. A resolution recommending that the Convention accept the Josephine Hospital of Hope now proffered us by the Hope Association was read by L. M. Keeling, and by motion was referred to a special committee for investigation.

19. The report of the Committee on Hospitals was read and is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS.

We, your Committee on Hospitals, realizing the great opportunities afforded Arkansas Baptists through the humanitarian agency of Christian hospitals to carry out the commission of Jesus Christ in healing the sick and winning souls to the Saviour, beg leave to submit the following program, facts and resolutions, emphasizing the necessity of a forward movement in hospital work:

WHEREAS, your Commission, four years ago, was instructed by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to build a great central hospital in Little Rock, it being estimated at that time that the 75 Million Fund would produce for this purpose $200,000, and

WHEREAS, it has only produced about $70,000, and further, your Commission, in carrying out your instructions, purchased the grounds and temporary hospital at Little Rock on credit and went in debt some $67,000, and

WHEREAS, there still remains due and unpaid $47,500 as a part of the original purchase price of the grounds, this amount being a first mortgage on the ground on which we are now erecting the most modern and handsomely equipped hospital in the State, and

WHEREAS, two banking institutions in Little Rock, two in St. Louis, and one in New Orleans have given assurance that if this
mortgage indebtedness on the grounds is assumed by our denomina
tional agencies, the remaining building program can be financed
immediately and the hospital be made ready for occupancy before
the Convention meets next year.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Arkansas Baptist State Con
vention that its Executive Board, if it deems it wise and finds it
within its power, be instructed and empowered to clear the indebt-
edness of $47,500 on the grounds on which we are building this
magnificent $500,000 hospital; and that all matters pertaining to
the borrowing of money and the completion of the hospital be re-
ferred to the Executive Board and the Hospital Commission with
power to act; and that this great Baptist State Hospital be regarded
by both the Convention and the Executive Board as one of the out-
standing and most pressing claims to be presented before the Baptist
people one hundred forty thousand strong in Arkansas.

Charles H. Brough, Chmn.
J. E. Merrell,
G. R. Bryant,
W. J. Derrick,
W. T. King,
C. C. Tobey,
E. M. Coleman, Committee.

20. Dr. C. E. Witt, Chairman of the Hospital
Committee, gave a discussion relative to the work
of the Commission.

21. A report of the Davis Hospital was read
by R. Carnahan of Pine Bluff. The report is as
follows:

REPORT OF WORK DONE AT DAVIS HOSPITAL.

Surgical Cases, 542; Medical Cases, 266; Obstetrical Cases, 46;
Accident Cases, 96; Radium Treatment, 30. Total, 981.

Nurses in Training, 18; Charity Patients, 52; Part Pay Patients,
21; Daily Average of Patients in Hospital, 26; Daily cost for Pa-
tients, $3.00 per day; Amount of Charity Work, $3,602.33; 60,322
meals served at a cost of 13 ½ cents per meal.
Receipts during year .......................................$31,320.46
Cash balance Dec. 1, 1922, ................................ 4,843.29
Expense—
Operating ..................................................$28,367.00
Equipment .................................................. 4,155.26
Improvements ............................................ 812.40
Taxes ....................................................... 573.27

$33,907.93

Cash Balance .............................................. $ 2,295.52
Accounts Receivable ................................... $ 2,357.12

Respectfully submitted,
R. Carnahan, Chairman.

22. Rev. W. M. Cooksey of Hot Springs gave
a discussion of the work of the Committee on the
National Baptist Hospital to be located in Hot Springs. The report is as follows:

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST NATIONAL HOSPITAL.

We are glad to inform the Convention that the Baptist National Hospital of Hot Springs National Park is progressing nicely with their plans, looking forward to the erection of a great hospital plant in Hot Springs which shall serve as a Mecca for the sick who come there by the thousands annually.

Recently the Board has purchased a site consisting of nineteen (19) acres practically in the heart of the city. The Board considers itself fortunate to have come into possession of this splendid property, and recognizes the providential element in this transaction.

We, your committee, recommend that the same trustees elected by the Convention one year ago be re-elected for the ensuing year. We further recommend that since this institution is of national scope and located within the bounds of Arkansas, that this Convention request the Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention to give this institution its rightful place in the next hospital program.

23. E. E. King, Superintendent of the Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock, Ark., gave a discussion of the progress being made by that institution and of the progress being made on the New Building.

24. Bro. E. Loewer gave a discussion of the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

25. The Baptist State Hospital was discussed by Ex-Gov. Chas. H. Brough.

26. The hour being already passed which was designated for the consideration of the recommendations of the State Mission Board, a motion was made and carried to make this item a special order for 10:30 o'clock A. M. the following day.

The Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President at 9:30 and Rev. L. E. Holt conducted the Devotional Services.
SEMINARIES.

27. Dr. G. S. Dobbins of Louisville, Ky., spoke on the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

28. Dr. H. E. Dena of Fort Worth, Texas, spoke on the work of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

REPORT OF SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

By L. R. Scarborough, President.

The following is a brief statement concerning the work of the Southwestern Seminary from June 1, 1922, to May 31, 1923:

This session was one of the best the Seminary has had. The student enrollment ran to 775. The work of the students and faculty was of the very highest grade. A great spirit of unity, study, consecration and devotion to the vital things of the Kingdom of God and preparation for a larger life of usefulness in service characterized the institution during this session. The Seminary is glad to report to the co-operating conventions one of its best years. The standards of scholarship were raised, both in requirement for graduation on the part of the students, and on the part of the faculty.

The practical work reported by the students and faculty in soul-winning and Kingdom-building is one of the best we have ever had. We have given ourselves primarily to the great work of teaching and studying the Word and work of God and between times have given ourselves to the practical work of building the Kingdom of God. This practical work of faculty, evangelists, and some of the students during the year is as follows:

Professions of Faith .................................. 10,558
Baptisms ................................................. 10,054
Additions to Churches .................................. 14,930
Money Raised for All Purposes ....................... $347,624.70
($152,240.03 is on the 75 Million Campaign)
Number of Revivals Held ................................ 544
Volunteers for Special Service ....................... 1716

Financial Statement.

Endowment Fund—
Balance May 31, 1922 .................................. $ 4,611.05
Cash Received ............................................. 6,667.10

Total .................................................. $11,278.15
Invested during 1922-23 ................................... 5,920.45

Balance for Investment ................................. $ 5,357.70
Invested Endowment ..................................... $336,035.10
Common Endowment ...................................... 49,744.97

Total .................................................. $391,137.77
Fort Worth Hall.

Receipts—Board, etc. ............................................... $62,496.38
Disbursements .......................................................... 64,561.31

Balance—Loss ............................................................... $ 2,064.93
(This loss is accounted for by bills receivable and merchandise on hand)

Dairy Farm.

Receipts—Milk, etc. .................................................. $7,247.25
Disbursements .......................................................... 6,865.37

Operating Profit ......................................................... $ 381.88

Street Car Line.

Receipts—Fares, etc .................................................. $4,894.10
Disbursements ........................................................ 4,329.79

Profit Balance ........................................................... $ 564.31

75 Million Fund.

Receipts.

From Texas on Current Expenses ................................. $ 52,792.85
From Texas on Endowment ........................................... 3,304.05

Total from Texas ......................................................... $ 56,096.90
From Educational Board, S. B. C. ................................. 38,273.11
From Foreign Mission Board, S. B. C. .................. 24,114.28
From Home Mission Board, S. B. C. .................. 21,323.96

Total on Campaign ....................................................... $139,813.25

Disbursements.

Invested Endowment .................................................. $ 3,304.05
On Current Expenses .................................................. 52,792.85
On Building Fund—bills payable and accts. .. 83,105.62
Total Paid Out ......................................................... $139,202.52

Balance on hand to credit of Building Fund .......... $ 610.73

Total Assets.

Real Estate, Buildings, Endowment, etc. ................. $1,576,400.56
Total Direct Liabilities ............................................. 127,140.48

Net Worth ............................................................... $1,449,260.08

Current Running Expenses.

Receipts ................................................................. $112,937.13
Disbursements .......................................................... 135,493.97
Deficit ................................................................. $ 22,556.84
(The above deficit will be covered by receipts since
June 1 from the 75 Million Campaign in Texas.)

This financial report shows the Seminary has been marvelously blessed of God in these stressful and distressing times. Our need for permanent running expense through endowment, for new build-
ings and equipment, and for an adequate students' fund, is very great indeed. Surely the brotherhood in the remaining part of the 75 Million Campaign and in the program for the period following this will provide for this great school of the prophets these imperative and great needs.

The Southwestern Seminary offers itself to the brotherhood in the spirit of Christ for the training of an adequate, scholarly, evangelistic, constructive ministry. We need your prayers and your well-rounded co-operation in all the ways of the upbuilding of this institution for the glory of God and the proclamation of His truth around the world.

Statement and Resolutions Concerning the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

At the request of the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary the following statement is made and resolution asked from this Convention. The undersigned, a committee from the Trustees, herein presents such action for this Convention.

For a number of years the Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary located at Fort Worth, Texas, have been considering the matter of the transfer of said Seminary to the Southern Baptist Convention for its ownership and administration through a Board of Trustees of its own appointment. At the regular meeting of said Board of Trustees of said Seminary, February 15, 1923, the matter was thoroughly and prayerfully considered. The Board unanimously agreed to offer the said Seminary, its properties and control and all other rights, to the Southern Baptist Convention subject to the approval of the conventions of Baptists in the several states appointing said Board of Trustees. At the Kansas City session of the Southern Baptist Convention in May 1923 the tentative offer of the Seminary to the Southern Baptist Convention was made and the Convention appointed a committee composed of one from each state within the jurisdiction of said Convention to carefully consider the whole matter and make recommendations to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention. This committee had a meeting in May 1923 at Kansas City and unanimously agreed to recommend to the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the acceptance of said offer, and that the said Southern Baptist Convention through its proper committees appoint the first Board of Trustees composed of one from the District of Columbia and two from each of the following states: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, Kentucky, Southern Illinois, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, and an additional nine Trustees in Texas who shall reside in or near Fort Worth, Texas, for the purpose of having near by an executive committee of said Trustees; that these 44 are to be appointed in groups of four, one group to serve one year, one two, one three and one four years, and thereafter the proper committees of the said Southern Baptist Convention to nominate three for each vacancy occurring in any state and that the Board of Trustees itself elect one of the three to serve for the time of the group to which he belongs, it being understood that the proper committees from the Southern Baptist Convention will nominate three for each vacancy occurring either by death, removal from the state or removal for any other purpose, and that the Board itself will select one of the three to fill said vacancy. This committee of
the Southern Baptist Convention instructed the undersigned as a committee from the present Board of Trustees of said Seminary to present this matter to each of the state conventions appointing Trustees to said Seminary at their fall meetings of 1923 and ask for their approval of this transfer of said Seminary to said Southern Baptist Convention.

In the light of these facts and for what we believe to be the best interest of the cause of Christ, we therefore ask this convention to consider the matters above referred to and if agreeable pass the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That we, the members of Arkansas Baptist State Convention assembled in regular session on this 12th day of December, 1923, meeting at Arkadelphia, Ark., do hereby approve the transfer of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary from its present ownership and control and title to its properties to be vested in the Southern Baptist Convention and we as far as we have authority hereby authorize any amendment to the charter of said Seminary necessary to affect the said transfer and approve any and all acts of the present Board of Trustees which may be deemed necessary to complete and carry out said transfer.

(Signed)
Geo. W. Truett,
Forrest Smith,
C. V. Edwards,
L. R. Scarborough.

29. A resolution was offered by Bro. Langley and adopted. The resolution changes the Constitution in Sections 1 and 2 and provides that one-third of the members of the Executive and State Mission Boards be elected annually instead of electing the whole Board annually. The Constitution appears corrected in this book, but owing to the fact that the nominating committee had already made up their report the Boards remain this year as they were.

30. A resolution concerning the removal of the Orphans Home was referred to the Committee on Orphans' Home.

31. A resolution was offered by R. Carnahan and adopted which changes the Constitution by adding the word "remunerative" between the words "other" and "office" in line 4 of Section 1, in Article 5.

32. The recommendations of the State Mis-
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sion Board were called up for consideration, they being a special order for this hour. The recommendations as adopted are as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

I. CO-OPERATION WITH CHURCHES—Supplementing Pastors' Salaries.

It shall be the policy of the State Mission Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to assist the churches where assistance is needed. Application blanks must be filled out and approved by the church in conference, and placed on file with this Board before aid will be granted.

It is hoped, however, that no church will ask aid from this Board unless it is very clearly and positively needed and that need very pressing. There are so many calls for aid where the cause is in distressing conditions, that the Board must use great care in distributing its limited funds for this item of its work. It is further urged that every church requesting aid shall carefully take an every member canvass, adopt the "Budget" plan of finance, and at the earliest possible moment become self-supporting, thereby making it possible for the funds to be used on a more needy field. When help is needed to put on an every member canvas and adopt the "Budget" plan, this Board will be glad to send a man to help to do this work.

II. CO-OPERATION WITH ASSOCIATIONS.

It shall be the policy of this Board to aid financially, only such Associations as are striving definitely with a fixed purpose to man with pastors, as rapidly as possible, the churches in their bounds, and keep them manned. This we believe to be constructive and Scriptural, since, "The Ecclesiastical unit of the Kingdom of God on earth is the local church."

III. MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

1. It shall be the policy of the State Mission Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to foster and support only such Mountain Schools as have their titles vested in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

2. It is the further sense of this Board as a policy:

(1) That Mountain Schools be operated as Missionary enterprises only.

(2) That the management of said schools, with the exception of Mountain Home College, be entrusted to the State Mission Board.

(3) That the State Mission Board elect a Superintendent of Mountain Schools.

(4) That the State Mission Board through the Superintendent of Mountain Schools operate these schools, and that a local advisory committee of seven members be appointed from the local association who shall co-operate with the Superintendent of Mountain Schools and the State Mission Board in the operation of said schools.
WHEREAS, There appears to be some questions concerning titles to the property of some of the Mountain Schools, and whereas, the trustees of said schools are willing and ready to make transfers to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, therefore, be it resolved, that the Convention take over all titles to Mountain Schools, and that the legal committee of the Convention, viz, Brethren Atkinson, Wood and Emerson, be instructed to take such legal steps as may be necessary to change charters, transfer titles, etc., to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and

That in order to consolidate the grounds covered by and make good the claims involved in the announcement of Mountain Home as a Junior College, the Convention shall name a Board of Trustees separate and apart from its other school boards which shall be charged with the operation and control of the said institution, and the selection of officers and faculty therefor and which Board shall be answerable to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention direct. This action to take effect at the close of the Spring term of 1924.

Signed by Executive Committee.

33. A resolution concerning the Baptist Students in State Schools was read by B. L. Ayers, and by motion was referred to the State Mission Board.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST STUDENTS AT STATE SCHOOLS.

Your committee respectfully submits to the attention of this Convention that there is a large number of members of Baptist churches now matriculated in the State educational institutions; over 300 at the University of Arkansas and 150 at the State Normal, the current year. We are of the opinion that this constitutes a large neglected group of our people. To conserve the students to our denominational life some definite action should be taken at once.

We respectfully suggest that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention authorize the State Mission Board to employ pastors' assistants at Conway and Fayetteville, or otherwise take such steps as may be deemed necessary to properly care for the student groups at the above places.

Respectfully submitted,

B. L. Ayers, Chairman,
H. L. Winburn,
E. P. J. Garrott, Committee.

34. A motion prevailed to make Christian Education a special order for 7:30 P. M.

35. The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Budget was read and adopted and ordered printed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET PLAN.

On page 74 of the minutes of this Convention for 1922, the following recommendation was adopted: "That the Convention direct
the Executive Board to consider the advisability of employing a man to give all his time to the promotion of Stewardship, Tithing and Systematic Giving among our people, and, if it be deemed feasible, the Board be authorized to employ such a worker."

In pursuance of this recommendation, the Executive Board, last March, duly constituted the department contemplated, and elected a secretary in the person of Dr. J. F. Tull to take over the direction of this work.

It turns out, therefore, that your present committee is the first committee to ever make a definite report to this Convention covering the ground of policy now in operation through this new department constituted by your order under the Executive Board. This fact makes us feel that we are doing a sort of pioneer work in the discussion and recommendations that we are bringing to your consideration.

The above facts have caused your committee to give very diligent consideration to the scope which this report should cover. Because we are dealing with a new department of work under this Convention which it is necessary to thoroughly define so it may be unanimously understood by all our people, we feel that the things to be said in this report should, if adopted by this Convention, be regarded as a sort of definition, or an outline of procedure, to be followed in the policies of this Convention respecting the work contemplated by this department.

The thinking of the whole Southern Baptist Convention regarding Church and Denominational Methods has experienced a mighty transition in the last few years. The problems connected with the operation of the 75 Million Campaign have forced upon our Baptist people the consideration of the question of Methods in a light never before realized as so essential. We now find ourselves in the grip of tendencies in denominational and church affairs which are rapidly bringing into shape new policies that shall govern us in the future. We are finding out that we must re-charter and readjust our methods all down the line of operation if we are to organize and direct our whole forces in anything like uniform, wieldy and adequate formation for future conquests.

The most outstanding and imperative new policy that is now being promoted by the Baptists of the South is the issue of systematizing and standardizing our Denominational and Church Financial Methods. Your committee interprets that this one question of Financial Methods expresses the real import and significance of this present report.

To review a little further the present general situation among Baptists, we call your attention to two or three significant facts. First, the 75 Million Campaign Commission, because of its experience with the problems of the Campaign, has thoroughly and unqualifiedly committed itself to that policy of Church and Denominational Finance now known as the Unified Budget Plan of Systematic Church Finance. This Commission, in order to prepare the mind of the denomination on the question, has gone to the extent of creating and authorizing with their official approval a substantial and standard literature on the subject, and is now urging the Conventions and Churches everywhere to adopt their suggestions and to study their books.
In the second place, the last Southern Baptist Convention set out a great committee composed of four members from each state and twelve members at large which was charged with the duty to outline and to recommend to the Southern Baptist Convention next year plans for the next forward movement among Southern Baptists. They were also asked to publish their suggestions in the denominational press as early in the year as possible for general consideration. This committee met in Nashville, Tenn., on October 24th, and formulated a series of eleven suggestions and caused them to be published in our papers. Their whole program of suggestions as thus published is predicated on their Article No. 9, which is as follows: "That constant emphasis shall be placed upon the need of PERMANENCY in our financial plans through Tithing and Stewardship." Thus we see that the whole denomination is now to face out the long-needed advance in unifying and standardizing our financial methods so as to be able to adequately meet and sustain our future objectives.

Another most significant fact in the present situation and future prospect is that practically all the State Boards of the South have done as Arkansas has now done in creating a special department, headed by a secretary, to carry these plans in an educational way to the very doors of our churches.

In view of all these considerations, your committee feels that there is no other one matter of procedure now before Arkansas Baptists more essential for the future of all our interests and causes, and for the future prosperity of our local churches than the work contemplated through this new department of our Board.

We, therefore, offer the following recommendations:

First. That this Convention unqualifiedly endorse the plan of Unified, Systematic Finance as the approved policy of this Convention, and recommends to the churches its application in all their financial plans both for local and denominational support.

Second. That as rapidly as possible the Boards and Institutions of this Convention shall conform their methods to the plan so that there may occur no conflict in the denominational methods with the uniform systematic methods to be instituted by the churches.

Third. That this Convention commend to the churches the adoption of what is herein described as "The Unified Budget Plan" of systematic giving for their local support and for the support of the denomination.

This recommendation is to be understood to stand for a definite idea, represented by a well defined program of methods. "The Unified Budget Plan" herein specified and endorsed must not be confused with just any plan that may comprise "a budget." No sure progress can be made if we all simply catch at an idea and then go out at random to put the idea into effect. Therefore, we commend as the basic Study Course to harmonize all our churches into uniformity of thought and methods, THE BUDGET PLAN, the textbook written by N. T. Tull of Mississippi by request of the 75 Million Campaign Commission, officially approved by their Literature Committee, and published by their request by the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

In that text book, "The Unified Budget Plan" for the churches is defined as follows: "To organize for and to operate and maintain that plan of unified, systematic and proportionate giving that covers
ALL objects supported by the church, to be based on an annual schedule of needs agreed upon and adopted by the church in conference." It is further set out that the design of The Unified Budget Plan when operated by a church is, "To reach, enlist and develop every member of the church in the grace of giving and in loyalty to the whole Kingdom Program."

Because of past customs that have prevailed among us, to install these plans in the churches comprehends, in many cases, a complete re-chartering of the church auxiliary organizations in order to bring these organizations properly under the control of the church, which is absolutely necessary in successfully operating the program called for. Unification is the one thing needful, and this cannot be accomplished in the local plans of any church when the auxiliaries of the church are left out as separate administrative agencies in money matters. No church can put on The Budget Plan herein specified except that church which puts every element of financial administration under the complete control of the church. Any compromise of this principle of church control will result in confusion and failure in unifying the church forces and in accomplishing the desired results. All church work is one work and should be administered by one source of authority if unity and uniformity are ever to be attained. In a Baptist church, the only source of authority is the church in open conference. It is here alone that all utility church organizations should obtain the charter of their existence and be commissioned to their respective fields of service in the common-cause work of the church.

Church finance is the only and one basis upon which all the life of a church can be unified, and it is the common-cause element of financial support that the church itself should take over and thereby assume its right as well as its privilege to collect and to administer all common-cause funds.

Fourth. That the department now already in existence under the Executive Board of this Convention for the purpose of promoting these plans be known and is hereby published as The Budget Department, and that the secretary's office be henceforth defined as the Budget Director, in the sense that he is to give his full and exclusive time to teaching the churches how to adopt and to run The Unified Budget Plan as a method of Finance and as an expression of Stewardship in their local work and in co-operating with the program of the denomination.

Fifth. That this Convention hereby invites the fullest co-operation of the pastors and other church workers with the work of this department in a thorough study of the plans in all details, and that study classes be organized in the churches and carried through the book suggested. This course should be followed by classes in "Stewardship and Missions," and other good books setting forth the doctrine of Christian Stewardship.

Sixth. As to the propagation of the doctrine of Christian Stewardship, your committee is profoundly convinced that the surest, safest and most rapid way to spread the Bible doctrine of Stewardship is to start our people everywhere first in the use of methods that will enlist the people in giving to the support of their churches and the causes of the denomination set out for support by the churches.

Enlistment is the first step towards the ideals of Stewardship.
It is manifestly certain that we must enlist a church member by proper methods to give something before he can be successfully ap­proached with the ideal of his whole Stewardship. We must remem­ber that Stewardship is a matter of culture. Tithing is an ideal and not a Method of Church Finance. We are to deal with churches where the very fewest members have ever attained the ideal of the Tithe. Thousands of our church members are giving nothing; and there are other thousands who are giving sparingly and scatteringly. There is the least possible hope that the preacher of the Tithe can get a favorable hearing on the part of such church members. They will be repelled rather than won if the Tithe is first held up as the initial gift of the non-contributer.

The Grace of Giving is a growth. All our plans of church finance as well as our denominational objectives must take this fact into consideration. In the recent months, we have had a fine revival in the preaching of Stewardship. This must continue to spread with increasing insistence until the conviction of Baptists everywhere is renewed upon their Financial Duty as God's Stewards; but, your committee would put first things first by emphasizing that proper methods of giving are absolutely necessary in order to give the doc­trine of Stewardship a practical expression among the masses of our people. These methods in their operation must be educational in offering the average church member the way to perform his Stew­ardship.

The Unified Budget Plan which lays out in its schedules all the needs of the church and the denomination, and then carries these needs intelligently to the houses of all the people in its method of the Every Member Canvass becomes the foundational education factor in bringing all of the people face to face both with the doctrine and the practice of their Stewardship. As a means of en­listment, it first reaches the indifferent, and its operation in system­atic giving opens the way to increasing interest and to enlarged giving. The very preparation of the mind of a church for putting on The Unified Budget by bringing the various organizations of the church into the unity of the plan under church administration is a propaganda of enlistment and stewardship that will completely make over the mind of the average church member respecting his financial obligation to God's cause.

Seventh. The emphatic caution should here be sounded out that many of our churches have already confused their work by wrongly interpreting the Budget idea, and by proceeding to put on in their churches "Budgets" that are impractical and inadequate.

In the first place, the Budget rightly interpreted is a strictly running expense program, and should never include any items not necessary to the current running expenses of the local church and the current support of the denominational causes. All extra enterprises such as enlargements, building and debts, should never be included in the Budget. It should be understood that the Budget Idea is not an all-inclusive, shut-out program; but, on the other hand, it is a liberating program. Its aim is to provide at the beginning of the fiscal year to settle up what it takes to pay the running expenses of the church for the year and what is to be the church's objective for the current support of the denominational causes for the year. When these items are included in the Budget, and covered by the subscrip­tions of the membership, then the church is liberated to undertake any sort of extra matters not included in the Budget Schedules and
which shall never interfere with the Budget collections. Any church which loads its Budget down with last year’s deficits and debts, and this year’s enlargements and enterprises has mapped out a program of financial ruin, and has exchanged the greatest possible blessing for sure defeat.

The secret of success in any enterprise or movement that involves the co-operation of any group of people is in getting them to think together and to act together. To accomplish this ideal in denominational and church work we must lay down the basis of unity and uniformity in methods we use. We must be doing the same thing at the same time in the same way. We must insist, therefore, with great emphasis upon the fact that the things herein suggested call for a long process of education. The bringing of all our churches to uniformity in the plans contemplated can not be accomplished on “campaign methods”—the methods must be methods of the school room, and our pastors, deacons, Sunday School officers and teachers, W. M. U. and B. Y. P. U. leaders must be the first to be enrolled in the study.

By this Convention adopting these suggestions herein set out, and then going forward with a consistent and persistent course of education all along the line, we may hope in the course of years to bring our people up somewhat to the Scriptural ideals in the discharge of their financial obligations as God’s Stewards. That our old methods have failed to fulfill our hopes in this respect becomes the unanswerable argument for the present suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. Tull,
W. James Robinson,
J. L. Barrett,
C. D. Owen, Committee.

The Convention adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 2:00 P. M. by the President.

36. A motion was made and carried reducing the time allotted for the discussion of Home and Foreign Missions, fifteen minutes each.

37. The Convention adjourned one hour and everybody attended a brief dedicatory service in which the new Cone-Bottoms Girl’s Dormitory at Ouachita College was named.

38. The report of the Committee on Nominations was read, amended and adopted, and is as follows:
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that the Convention meet with the First Baptist Church at Paragould next year, and the time of meeting be on Wednesday, November 19th,

We recommend that Brother L. M. Sipes preach the annual sermon, and that Brother W. W. Kyzar be his alternate.

H. L. Winburn,
G. W. Puryear,
J. S. Rogers,
T. D. Brown,
Doak S. Campbell, Committee

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

39. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by C. L. Hammock and adopted. The report was discussed by Bro. Connelly, a Missionary to China, and Rev. Chas. Pang, a Chinese student in Ouachita College, and Missionary W. D. King of China, and Mrs. J. J. Taylor of Brazil. The report follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There is no phase of our denominational work that is more insistent in its appeal to us today than our Foreign Mission work. It is a call that comes to us from a vast territory, comprising a population of over nine hundred million people in eighteen different countries. Last year a number of new countries were added to this territory. And there was never a time in the history of our Foreign Mission work when our opportunities were so great. Last year was the banner year in our Foreign Mission work. Every department of the work had a remarkable growth. There were 12,896 baptisms on the Foreign Field last year, a gain of 4,720 over the previous year. We have now 103,328 members in our churches in the various fields. The Board has 501 missionaries and 2,820 native workers on the field. There was 796 schools, and 32,789 scholars attended these schools last year. About the same number of scholars attended all the Southern Baptist schools last year. Every department of the work has made marvelous progress. The Lord has given Southern Baptists the opportunity they have been praying for for many years.

But in the face of these gains and this vast opportunity, the Foreign Mission Board is facing a crisis at this time. A great debt of over a million dollars is facing the Board today. The missionaries were asked this year to cut all their estimates, as the Board feared a debt, and then after these estimates did come in, the Board felt compelled to cut out two million dollars more from the estimates which the missionaries had already cut. The fact is that, acting on the instructions of the Convention, the Board made a program on the basis of an income of four million dollars, and instead of four million dollars the Foreign Board was given last year one million and three-quarters, and this year even less. And this debt came at the most extraordinary hour in the history of our work.
Dr. Love says that Southern Baptists can do only one of two things in regard to this debt: They can retire or reinforce. If the Board does not receive more money, many of our missionaries will have to be recalled, and the work crippled for years to come. Surely Southern Baptists are going to make a mighty effort to save our work this setback at this time.

In view of the above conditions, we make the following recommendations:

1. That all our churches be fully informed of the condition of the Board, and the danger our Foreign Mission work is facing at this time. We believe if the people had the facts presented to them, and kept before them, they would respond. We must lay the matter on the hearts of all our people. There must be publicity through the Sunday School, the Woman's Missionary Society, the pulpit and the denominational paper.

2. That we continue the Stewardship Campaign until we have reached every church in the state and the Southland. The only sane basis for Kingdom finance in the future is the doctrine of Stewardship instilled into the hearts of our people. This, we believe, will go a long way toward solving our financial difficulties.

3. That we put forth a mighty effort to complete the 75 Million Campaign this year. We must impress upon the people the imperative need of the hour. We must make them see the necessity of completing this glorious enterprise. We must work and pray for the spirit that helped us when the pledges were first made.

And we must pray over the matter. The God who gave us the victory when the subscriptions were made, and marvelously opened the world's door for us, will give us victory in completing this glorious work.

C. L. Hammock,
W. J. Derrick,
P. C. Barton,
O. A. Greenleaf,

HOME MISSIONS.

40. The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by Bro. E. J. A. McKinney and was discussed by Rev. H. L. Martin of Mississippi, a member of the Home Mission Board. The report was adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions, because of the various items committed to the Home Mission Board, has come to include many items not included in the early days of the Southern Baptist Convention's work. The Indian and frontier work were at the first largely the appeal for the establishment and perpetuation of the Board as a separate department of the Southern Baptist Convention's work.

The achievements of the Home Board in these original undertakings have been very gratifying indeed; but as the years have
passed many other things have been made parts of the Home Board's work. Some of these have been educational, others humanitarian, while other departments border close on to being Foreign Mission work, as Cuba and Panama.

Arkansas has been a large beneficiary in several ways. The Home Board has been our faithful ally in the work of State Missions in all periods of our history. It has also helped many of our churches in the erection of houses of worship. It has helped, under Convention instructions, our schools in a way that it has helped no other state. It has furnished, on our requests and on plans suggested by us, enlistment workers, such as Brother Autry at the present time. It has been the good helper from the beginning of our Mountain School system, and is helping the Jonesboro College proposition at present. Its Evangelists have held many meetings in our state.

Your committee believes that Arkansas should give Home Missions a very large place in our giving, and that we should use its workers as freely and helpfully as we are ready to ask of it contributions.

We recommend a thorough study of the Home Board and its work, for we believe that enlightenment about its work will enlist our sympathies and kindle interest in the work and will enlarge our gifts to the work.

E. J. A. McKinney,
C. H. Bell,
J. M. Gibbs,
A. F. Cagle,
W. E. Atkinson, Committee.

41. By motion Woman's Work was made a special order for 7:00 P. M.

The Convention adjourned for supper.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 7:00 P. M.

WOMEN'S WORK.

42. The report on Woman's Work was read by Rev. Perry F. Webb.

43. The report of the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union was read by Mrs. J. G. Jackson. The reports were adopted, and are as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK.

We, your committee on Women's Work, submit the following report:
The religion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has elevated woman to a position of influence and power. Not only is her power felt in social and political circles but it is felt in the religious world. The love of our Baptist women for the Master, and the longing to be of service to the entire Baptist brotherhood has led to active expression in the organization and maintenance of the W. M. U., an organization which affords a splendid channel through which the work of our Baptist women can flow.

It should be remembered that when we speak of the W. M. U. we mean not only the W. M. S. or local organization in the church, but have reference also to the auxiliary organizations, which are Y. W. A., G. A., R. A., and Sunbeam Band.

When we observe the chief aims of the W. M. U. and the splendid results attained along these lines, we are led to thank God for the wonderful Baptist women. The seven aims are: (1) Individual and United Prayer; (2) Bible Study; (3) Soul Winning; (4) Enlistment; (5) Mission Study; (6) Organized Personal Service; (7) Systematic and Proportionate Giving.

Time forbids to discuss the accomplishments in all these departments. It is well however to notice two. First, Mission Study. During the past year more than 700 classes in Arkansas have studied missionary facts. There is certain to come from this sowing a great harvest in missionary interest, and contributions. Informing the women of the local church of the missionary facts and program is certain to result in their having a larger part in Baptist mission work in 1924.

It is worth while to observe that we have at least three authors among our Baptist women of this state. Mrs. W. E. Massey, who has written "At the King's Command," Mrs. Lawrence who has given us "The King's Own" and "Cuba for Christ," and Miss Amy Compere, the author of "Going Somewhere." These books are in great favor with Baptists not only in Arkansas but elsewhere.

Second, as proof of the fruits of the labors of our women along the lines of systematic and proportionate giving it is well to notice some of the contributions of this year.

To 75 Million, $63,526.08, which is an increase over last year of $4,937.12.

To other causes, $80,645.29, making a grand total of $144,171.37, an increase over last year of $29,241.33.

We recommend, First, that a closer union will obtain district and associational missionaries and the work of our women.

Second, that pastors will make it their business to become more informed as to the reason, method and organizing of the various departments of the W. M. U. featured in the local churches.

Third, since indifference on the part of the pastor to the work of the women in his church will mean real injury to the pastor and the Baptist cause, we urge pastors to magnify the work of the women and lend this work his intelligent co-operation.

Perry F. Webb,
L. M. Sipes,
Mrs. U. R. Lawrence,
Mrs. J. G. Jackson,
Otto Mathis,
Ben Rowland, Committee.
FINANCIAL REPORT W. M. U.

GIFTS OF SOCIETIES.

75 Million ........................................ $ 63,526.08
W. M. U. Specials ................................ 2,870.35
(Training School Scholarships and Scholarships,
Margaret Fund, S. S. Board Bible Fund, Negro College)

Ouachita Endowment ................................ 7,500.00
Hospital Charity Fund ............................ 1,009.91
Hospital Supplies .................................. 1,955.64
Student Aid (Scholarships and Boxes) .......... 4,387.80
City Missions ....................................... 1,860.69
Church Buildings and Furnishings .............. 50,414.63
Benevolence ........................................ 7,986.96
B. Y. P. U. Assembly (Lighting Grounds) ....... 224.00
Miscellaneous ...................................... 2,435.31

Total ............................................. $144,171.37
Young People's Department included in above, $5,198.32.

ORGANIZATIONS.

New Organizations—

Woman's Missionary Societies ....................... 42
Y. W. A. ............................................ 28
G. A. .................................................. 22
R. A. .................................................. 7
Sunbeams ................................ .......... 49

Total New Organizations ............................ 148
Total W. M. S. ..................................... 407
Total Young People's Organizations ................ 476

Total Organizations .................................. 883

Appropriation ....................................... $8,500.00

Expenses—

Salaries ............................................. $5,327.00
  Corresponding Secretary ....................... $1,500.00
  Young People's Leader ......................... 1,380.00
  Office Secretary-Treasurer .................... 1,200.00
  Field Worker ..................................... 1,080.00
  Recording Secretary—Minutes .................. 50.00
  Young People's Dept. (Sten.) ................. 117.00

Traveling Expenses ................................ $1,383.55
Rent ................................................. 240.00
Postage ............................................. 420.00
Phone and Telegrams .............................. 149.74
Office Supplies, Printing, Stationery .......... 561.87
Printing W. M. U. Minutes ........................ 315.00

Total ............................................. $8,397.16

Balance ............................................ $ 102.84

STATISTICAL.
Office.

Letters Received .................................... 2857
Letters Written ........................................... 3836
Multigraph Letters Sent .................................. 8081
Multigraph Programs ....................................... 3000
Packages Sent ............................................ 4430
Leaflets .................................................... 50,000
Reports of Home and Foreign Mission Boards .......... 2000
Minutes of State and Southern W. M. U. .................. 2722
Report Blanks to Societies ................................ 5500
Year Books ............................................... 967
Manuals .................................................. 236

Programs—

Weeks of Prayer for State, Home & Foreign Missions .... 4500
State and District W. M. U. Meetings ....................... 2500
Copy prepared for Advance (Two departments) ............. 100
Programs Prepared ......................................... 30
Mission Study Classes Taught ............................... 80
Mission Classes Taught ..................................... 15
Books Sold on Field ........................................ 99
Books Sold in Office ....................................... 1200
Subscriptions Sent for Home and Foreign Fields ......... 67
Subscriptions Sent for Royal Service ......................... 139
Subscriptions Sent for World Comrades ..................... 132

Field Work.

Conventions attended by four workers ....................... 3
Baptist World Alliance—visited 9 countries, 25 towns,
traveled about 12,000 miles ............................... 1
Assemblies attended—three workers ......................... 1
Associations attended—five workers ......................... 30
District meetings attended—four workers ................... 6
Rallies Held ................................................ 26
Board Meetings Attended (State and Southern W. M. U.) .... 6
Conferences Held .......................................... 60
Visits to Colleges and Mountain Schools .................... 25
Bible Schools attended—one week each ................. ....... 5
Y. W. A. Camps ............................................ 4
Towns and Societies visited ................................ 223
Talks made .................................................. 383
Miles Traveled ........................................... About 25,000
Boxes secured for ministerial student families ............ 24
Girls financed in Mountain Schools ......................... 25
Girls financed in Ouachita and Central ..................... Several

Organizations.

New Organizations:  W. M. S. 42; Y. W. A. 28; G. A. 22; R. A. 7; Sunbeam 49. Total, 148.

Total Organizations:  W. M. S. 407; Young People 476. Total 883.

Money Received by W. M. U. Treasurer.

Books .................................................. $ 555.01
Mission Magazines ......................................... 157.50
(Home & Foreign Fields, Royal Service, World Comrades
and College Bulletins)
District Budget ........................................... 2,870.35
Hospital Charity Fund ..................................... 1,009.91
Hospital Supplies (cash) ................................... 16.50
Mountain School Students (Scholarships) .................... 243.39
Margaret Fund Student .................................... 11.00
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Work Done by Unpaid Workers.

6 Vice-Presidents, 30 Associational Superintendents.

Letters Written .............................................. 2559
Talks Made .................................................. 313
Societies Visited .......................................... 156
Conferences Held .......................................... 52
Rallies Held ............................................... 52
Number Attending Conventions ......................... 16
Number Attending Board Meetings ...................... 24
Number Attending District Meetings ................... 20
Number Attending Associations ......................... 30
Packages of Literature Sent ............................. 272

Mission Study—W. M. S.

Mission Study Classes Reported ...................... 378
Certificates Issued ........................................ 564
Seals Issued ............................................... 1578
Official Seals—Courses 1, 2, 3, 4 .................... 112
Number Different Books Studied ....................... 41

Young People's Department.

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| Certificates Issued | 323 | 106 | 46 | 474 | 949 |
| Small Seals         | 439 | 134 | 72 | 506 | 1151 |
| Official Seals      | 19  |     |    |     | 19  |
| Reading Stamps      | 86  | 16  | 154| 256 |

Personal Service—W. M. S.

Money Spent in Local Charity ......................... $4,183.01
Miscellaneous Acts of Personal Service ............ 344
New Members Enlisted .................................. 476
Conversions ........................................... 88
Hospital Supplies .................................... 424
Soul-Winning Letters Written ....................... 448
Visits of All Kinds .................................. 47,012
Flowers Given for All Purposes, including funerals| 4544|
Food Given—Trays and Meals .......................... 5884
Garments ............................................... 5284
Classes Taught in Mission Sunday Schools .......... 744
Literature Distributed—including a few Bibles .... 3720
Bibles ................................................ 28
Talks Made in Interest of Missions, Social Service, etc. | 208 |
Phone Calls .......................................... 500
Nights Spent with Sick ................................ 20
Christmas Stockings Filled ........................... 20
Loads of Wood Given ................................... 8
Quilts Quilted ........................................10
Societies Reporting on Personal Service ....................56
Number Women Co-operating ................................4726

Young People’s Department.

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* boxes; ** 16 napkins, 28 doilies; † 28 conversions; †† 119 kind deeds; ††† 24 jars fruit to Orphans’ Home.

Royal Ambassadors.

One gymnasium for boys of town.
Wood cut for poor couple.
Garden made for widow.
Baskets to poor on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Mrs. Walter D. Pye, Acting President.
Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Corresponding Secretary.

44. By motion the Orphans’ Home reports were read and discussion was postponed until 9:30 the following morning, and Mrs. C. R. Pugh and five of the orphan children gave a brief program.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

45. It now being the special hour for the consideration of Christian Education, Dr. C. E. Dicken, President of Ouachita College was asked to preside over the Convention.

46. The report of the Committee on Christian Education was read by Dr. Whittington and a motion was made to adopt the same.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

The most outstanding feature of this department of work among Baptists the past year has been its phenomenal growth. Both in the State and throughout the South there has been an awakening on Christian Education that we have not before ex-
experienced. It is hoped that we are beginning to realize its great
worth to individuals and to Baptists as a whole. Christian Educa-
tion does not produce an immediate harvest, either in the individual
or the denomination, but it is sure to produce a harvest which will
be both valuable and permanent. This delay in seeing the actual
and valuable results of Christian Education has probably been one
of the main reasons for lack of interest on the part of the rank and
file of our people. Christian Education is a process, a preparatory
process of construction, of growth, training, of character building.
It therefore takes time, patience and constancy. It is prophetic. It
looks to the future and true to nature it will bear its fruit in years
to come. It is like casting bread upon the waters to be gathered many
days hence. It is like sowing and cultivating, then waiting for the
harvest, which is sure to come. The present outlook for our schools
gives assurance of a tremendous harvest for the denomination in
coming years.

The present need in the department of Christian Education may
be stated along three lines:

1. The need of an education on the part of the young people,
both Baptist and pedo-baptist.

2. The need of our churches for trained and educated mem-
bers and leaders.

3. The need of our Baptist Schools and Colleges to enable
them to supply the above demand.

The only way the present generation of Baptists can pay the
debt we owe to the past generation and keep faith with those who
faithfully wrought in this field, is to make it possible for every boy
and girl to get an education which is properly related to the religion
of Christ and to our denomination. A real true vision of the unedu-
cated boys and girls in Arkansas, and the throng of hungry minded
youths coming on year by year is enough to arouse us to our best
endeavor and create among us an educational renaissance that will
last for a century to come.

Then too, our churches, as a denomination, if they may be called
such, need Christian Education. We need our schools for our own
sake. To invest in the lives of our young people is the best possible
denominational life insurance. It guarantees not only the continu-
ity of the denomination, but its growth as well. Our schools and
colleges should be the general teaching and training department of
all the churches. As the Sunday School is the teaching department
of the local church, so our schools and colleges should be the ad-
vanced teaching department of the denomination, including of
course, both religious and secular education. This being true, it
follows as surely as harvest follows the seed time that every Baptist
school should be as sound doctrinally, as clean morally, as distinctly
religious, and have as high ideals as a Baptist Church:

Our Schools and Colleges have the great but glorious task of
furnishing to our boys and girls a rightly balanced education and to
the churches rightly trained leaders and members. To measure up
to this demand efficiently, they are compelled to have the support
of their constituency. We need our schools and our schools need
us. If we expect our schools to support the denomination by giving
back to it well trained, well educated and doctrinally sound mem-
bbers, leaders and preachers, then the schools have a right to expect
the denomination to support them. The presidents of our colleges have a right to expect us to send our boys and girls to our own schools without them having to beg and persuade us to do it. Not only ought every Baptist boy and girl in Arkansas who goes to college, go to a Baptist college, but a great many of those who stay at home and do not attend college ought to be sent. Some kind of campaign should be put on to convince parents that they can, and that it is their unbounded duty to send their children to college. Then too, more ample provisions should be made to help poor boys and girls go to college.

Baptist education must be put within reach of more of our people. This can be done only by reducing the cost. This cost can be reduced only by a more adequate support of our schools by the Baptists of the State.

Our schools need our moral support, and have a right to expect it. All Baptists in Arkansas should be solidly behind every Baptist school in the state. As a denomination we will never measure up to our task until our schools measure up first to their tasks, and they can never do this until they receive our hearty cooperation and support. This kind of support is worth more than money. It will take the Baptist people of Arkansas to build up a great Baptist educational system in the State. Just a few college presidents can't do it. They could not do it if they had all the money they needed, and did not have a constituency that was willing to cooperate with them and support the schools. We have good schools and we have good men at the head of these schools. These men are doing better work in their respective places than many of us are doing in our places. They are entitled to our prayers, our boys and girls, and our unstinted support.

Far too long have our schools been forced to struggle along without adequate finances. Our education policy has been to expect a great deal of our schools, but invest very little in them. They are needing more buildings, more and better equipment, more teachers, better salaries for teachers. These things they must have if they keep pace with the increasing demands, if they compete with other denominational and State schools, and if they serve their denomination in a worthy way. We should not expect them to do this unless we enlarge our financial program for Christian Education.

We recommend:

1. That tracts, books, and other papers on Christian Education be distributed frequently among our people.

2. That our preachers be urged to speak on Christian Education in the churches and associations of our state.

3. That our education leaders be urged to address our people on this subject as often as they can find time to do so and to write articles to the papers.

Otto Whittington,
J. W. Hulsey,
Chas. D. Tibbels,
C. M. Myrick.

47. The report on Ministerial Education was read by H. W. Jean and was amended, and is as follows:
REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

We, the Committee on Ministerial Education, report as follows:

Ministerial Education is the most important matter before Baptists at this time. The ministers of the gospel should be the best trained men in all the land. There is no class of men of whom so much is expected as the ministry.

There are hundreds of young preachers in our state who need a better education, and would gladly go to college if they were provided with the means. God will no more prosper churches which neglect the great doctrine of Ministerial Education than He will those churches which neglect Missions. Baptists have sinned at this point and we ought to repent. The permanency of all our work depends on a thoroughly trained ministry.

1. Your committee wishes to recommend that this Convention instruct its Boards to make adequate provision for all our young ministers who need help.

H. W. Jean,
W. J. Hinsley,
D. B. Moore,
B. L. Ayers,
B. A. Pugh,
W. H. Meredith,
H. D. Morton, Committee.


49. Rev. A. McPherson gave a discussion of Caledonia Academy.

50. The report of the Board of Trustees of Central College was read by the President, Dr. Campbell.

51. The report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College was read by Dr. Dicken. These reports were adopted and are as follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL COLLEGE.

In giving an account of our stewardship for the Convention year, we express our thanks to Almighty God for His blessings upon our institution. The year has brought its measure of hardship and trial, but through it all there is glorious and beautiful fruitage in the lives of splendid young women who have been trained for a life of service.

The enrollment is quite satisfactory, especially in the light of organic changes which have taken place in the institution within the last two years. At this date the enrollment is 205, which is a larger number than the college has ever had at this season of the year. Notwithstanding the fact that two years of college work have been discontinued, the majority of these students are of college grade.
The religious life of the school is wholesome, despite the multiplicity of destructive forces which are abroad in the land. Every student in the boarding department is a member of the Y. W. A. Every student in the school belongs to an organized Bible class. The classes in Bible are among the largest and most popular in the school. There is a larger percentage of Baptist students in the school than we have had for many years.

The officers and teachers of the college have been selected with extreme care. There have been few changes. It is the policy of the Board to build a faculty whose members will have long tenure of office. They represent the best products of some of our strongest schools. They meet the requirements of the standardizing agencies of the country. They are men and women whose lives are an inspiration to the students who come under their tuition. All the regular college teachers are active members of the Baptist churches.

Since our last report we have occupied our new fire-proof dormitory—Bruce Hall. This building is acknowledged to be the finest college property in the state and one of the finest in the entire South. The Main Building has been remodeled so as to provide better facilities for libraries, class rooms and studios. Within two years the campus has been made half as large again by the addition of several acres of land. The property is now worth at least $275,000 at a conservative valuation.

The Junior College program which this Convention ordered at its meeting at Pine Bluff has been adhered to in every detail. Naturally, the college has had to undergo many difficulties in making so radical a change in so brief a time. We adopted the plan believing that it was best for Arkansas Baptists and best for the institution. The enrollment of the present year, under circumstances with which you are familiar, would indicate that the public is entirely pleased with the program. It is cause for extreme gratification to know that Central College has national recognition as a Junior College.

Central College has received the poorest financial support of any higher educational institution in the State of Arkansas. The actual figures support this statement. There is no other institution which maintains even approximate standards, which has had such meager financial support from its constituency. We have consistently refused to ask this Convention for any special help since the 75 Million Campaign was projected. Central College has made its interests and its development subservient to the interests of our whole Baptist cause. We believe that we present answerable reasons why the College can not continue to operate in the field of higher education as a standard school without substantial financial assistance. During the next few years the College cannot consistently maintain its program without an expenditure of $50,000 annually. We, therefore, recommend that this Convention effect plans for rendering this assistance.

The right to control always and invariably carries with it the obligation to support and foster. Important as are the financial and physical phases of an institution, by far the most important item of support is its patronage. If Baptist institutions are to surpass and excel, they shall do so because their graduates will be stronger men and women. If they send out stronger men and women, they must receive the very best boys and girls. No denomination or individual has any right to insist upon control unless that denomina-
tion or that individual insists with equal fervor upon support with its own offspring and its own money. We have contended for a long time that it is wholly wrong for a denominational school to be forced to expend thousands of dollars each year in advertising for students. The schools have no choice in this matter so long as there is not concerted and hearty support from the denomination.

This Convention has expressed its desire that its schools meet full standards. The Board of Trustees has acted upon this expression and has authorized the president to build with that in view. Anyone acquainted with the building of an educational institution knows that it cannot be built upon its own income. Deficits will occur until endowment and other income are supplied. This Convention, and the Baptists, can have just such schools as they are willing to pay for and support. Your Board expects to carry its full share of the load. We are glad to do our best to fulfill the duties made upon us. We pass on, however, to the Baptists of Arkansas the final responsibility for support of the institution which we believe has been ordained of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Trustees of Central Baptist College.
A. J. Reap, President.
W. R. James, Secretary.

Adopted at a regularly called meeting at Arkadelphia, Ark., December 11, 1923.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE.

It is with profound thanksgiving that we meet again to consider the Kingdom's interest in our State. We have much, during the last year, for which to be grateful. All along the battle front of our work for Christ and His Kingdom progress has been made and reasonable encouragement has been increased. The cause of Christian Education has been singularly blessed.

Enrollment.

Up to the present time we have enrolled nearly fifty more students than were enrolled during the entire year last year. The enrollment at the present time is 346. Of this enrollment 160 of this is young women and 186 of this is young men.

Faculty.

During the last few years the faculty of Ouachita College has been greatly strengthened. The men and women who teach at Ouachita are trained not only for class work, but for Christian training as well. Culture through Christian personality is perhaps the largest part of Christian Education.

New Buildings.

Our new dining hall has been occupied for three years. Our new dormitory for young women was opened at the beginning of this session. It is fireproof and modern in every respect. It is one of the best school homes for girls west of the Mississippi river. It accommodates one hundred and forty-six women. The old dormitory formerly used by the young ladies has been given over to the young men. It has been filled to capacity from the opening of the session, and it has been the means of giving our young men a better chance for study and development because of the fact that they are
more directly brought under the influence and control of the insti-
tution.

Endowment.

We are profoundly grateful for the leadership and evident man-
ifestation of Divine Power in the Endowment Campaign for the col-
lege. It is hoped, and requested, that all subscriptions in connection
with the campaign be liquidated as rapidly as possible in order to
close the matter up so that settlement may be made with the General
Education Board as well as the Southern Baptist Education Board.
Both of these boards have conditionally contributed one hundred
thousand dollars apiece. The condition is that we raise two hundred
thousand dollars and pay all outstanding indebtedness that may be
against the institution. For buildings, equipment and deficit the in-
stitution now owes nearly forty thousand dollars. Of this sum thirty-
three thousand dollars is owed on buildings and equipment. Attention is
called to the fact that while this endowment has been raised, and
while there is no doubt but that it will be finally productive, yet it
will be some time before it can be collected, a settlement made with
the two out of the state boards, and then at least another year be-
fore the college can realize any income from its possession. In the
meantime, the institution must be taken care of through our present
denominational machinery or else be set aside with instruction to
take care of itself.

We should be thinking as to whether our educational interests
should become a part of the regular State Budget, or whether they
shall be given free access to the field of Arkansas Baptists with in-
struction to make and collect their own budget.

Approved by Board of Trustees, December 12, 1923.
W. N. Adams, President.
C. C. Tobey, Secretary.

52. The following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION ON ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

WHEREAS, Large sums of money and property have been
given to Ouachita Baptist College for an endowment fund of said
college; and

WHEREAS, Said endowment fund was solicited and given with
the understanding and upon the condition that the principal thereof
should be forever held sacred and inviolate and that the same would
never be broken in upon or impaired for any purpose whatever, and
that the interest, income, dividends and profits thereof should be
used for the support and expenses of said college, as directed by the
Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of said College have request-
ed that this Convention adopt the resolution hereinafter stated:

Resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Arkansas Baptist
State Convention, that the Board of Trustees of Ouachita Baptist
College be and they are hereby directed to cause the State Charter
of said college to be so amended as to provide that "The principal of
all contributions and donations heretofore and hereafter made for
an endowment fund of Ouachita Baptist College shall be forever
held sacred and inviolate and the same shall not be broken in upon
or encumbered or impaired in any way for any purpose whatever,
but shall forever be and remain a trust fund and shall be invested
and loaned as may be directed by the Board of Trustees of said col­
lege, and that the interest, income, dividends, earnings and profits,
after such interest, incomes, dividends, earnings or profits have been
actually earned and paid, shall be by said Board appropriated for
such support and expenses of said college as said Board may direct,
but no Board of Trustees and no officer or officers of said college
shall ever have the power to contract or incur any obligation or
liability with respect to any future or unearned or unpaid interest,
income, dividends, earnings or profits of said endowment fund."

The Convention adjourned.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the
President at 9:00 A. M.

53. The report of the Special Committee on
the Josephine Hospital was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JOSEPHINE HOSPITAL.

We, your committee on the matter of the Josephine Hospital
at Hope, hereby make the following report:

First. That we appreciate the spirit and efforts of the Hope
Association in offering the Josephine Hospital to the Convention.

Second. That the Convention looks with favor towards taking
over this hospital.

Third. That final action be referred to the Hospital Commiss­
ion with instructions to go into same at once and act promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

Lemuel Hall, Chairman,
Wm. Cooksey,
H. L. Winburn,
D. S. Campbell,
E. E. King,
O. J. Wade,
J. S. Rogers, Committee.

54. By motion the recommendation of the
Orphans' Home Committee concerning the re­
moval of the Home was ordered stricken out of
the report.

55. The report of the Treasurer of the Or­
phans' Home received and filed.
ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF ARKANSAS
BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME.

From December 4, 1922, to November 15, 1923.

To Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

The Treasurer of the Board of Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home submits to you herewith an annual statement, showing receipts and disbursements for past year—Dec. 4, 1922, to Nov. 15, 1923:

RECEIPTS.

On Hand, 12-4-22, .................................. $ 763.37
Sale Land ................................................. 400.00
Liberty Bond Matures ..................................... 50.00
For Merchandise or Clothing ............................ 1,131.80
Interest on Bonds ....................................... 21.33
For Furniture ........................................... 79.50
75 Million Pledges ...................................... 4,481.35
General Secretary Collect ............................... 11,238.29
C. R. Pugh Collected .................................... 1,705.09
R. A. Pickens & Son ..................................... 200.00

$20,070.73

DISBURSEMENTS.

Furniture and Fixtures .................................. $ 297.43
Farm Implements .......................................... 75.00
Live Stock .................................................. 125.00
Grocery Account .......................................... 3,510.15
Merchandise Account ...................................... 1,241.95
Drugs and Sundries ....................................... 587.34
Printing ..................................................... 87.26
Plumbing .................................................... 247.47
Water and Lights .......................................... 293.55
Interest ..................................................... 324.21
Insurance ................................................... 255.65
Car Expense ............................................... 518.27
Furniture ................................................... 229.95
Poultry Account .......................................... 226.00
General Expense ......................................... 1,825.84
C. R. Pugh, Supt. Acct. ................................... 16.32
Hardware Account ......................................... 214.01
Farm or Garden ............................................ 978.73
Salaries .................................................... 3,759.85
Building and Repairs .................................... 3,084.61
Dairy Account ............................................. 823.40
Doctors' Services ......................................... 111.50
Difference between Receipts and Disbursements ....... 1,238.14

$20,070.73

INDEBTEDNESS.

Bills Payable (Union Bank & Trust Co.) .................. $2,500.00
Bills Payable (Mrs. H. H. Gardner) ........................ 1,600.00

$4,100.00
CASH ON HAND.

Cash ................................................................. $ 68.60
In Bank ............................................................... 620.60

$689.20

Comm. L. & T. Co. holds U. S. Bonds for Home to Amt. of . . . $ 500.00
In Union Bank for New Dormitory (on interest) ............ 1,814.10

C. C. REMLEY, Treasurer.

56. A request from the Orphans' Home Board was presented by Dr. T. D. Brown to the effect that a campaign be launched by the Executive Board to raise $75,000 to build two dormitories at the Orphans' Home. Time and method to be left to the Executive Board. The request was granted.

57. The report of the Orphans' Home Board was withdrawn at the request of the committee.

58. An expression of appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Superintendents of the Orphans' Home, was received from the Rotary Club at Monticello and ordered filed. It is as follows:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, our Committee on Public Welfare has visited the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home located in this city, and by its laudatory report on that Institution has brought especially to our attention at this time the splendid work there being done under the immediate supervision and management of our fellow Rotarian, C. R. Pugh, and Mrs. Pugh; and,

WHEREAS, the humanitarian service being rendered to our community and state by Rotarian Pugh and the institution of which he has charge peculiarly merits the approbation of this Rotary Club, founded as it is upon the principle of unselfish service;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by Rotary Club No. 1496 of Monticello Arkansas, that Rotarian C. R. Pugh and Mrs. Pugh be congratulated upon the successful manner in which they are conducting the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home located in this city, supplying the love, care and Christian training to needy orphan children who otherwise would be adrift in an indifferent world, and that they be commended for devoting their lives to this eminently unselfish service;

That the Baptist church be commended for the work being done by its said orphanage and for the proposed additions to the buildings and equipment of the institution to the end that it may meet the increasing need incident to the growth of the church's membership and of the population of the state;
That expression be hereby made of the appreciation felt by the members of this Rotary Club as representative citizens of Monticello, that the Baptist church of Arkansas honors our city by maintaining here this Arkansas Orphans' Home; and expression also of our hope that it will continue the institution here, adding the new buildings so much needed, and that the Home and those who support it, and those in charge of it, and the children who there find an asylum, may continue to enjoy the blessings of God the Father of all mankind.

O. W. McClintock, Secretary.

Stewart R. Oglesby, Jr., President.

59. A suggestive program for 1925 was read by D. S. Campbell and discussed at length by many of the brethren, and adopted. It is as follows:

REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR 1925.

For the consideration of the Special Committee on a program for Arkansas Baptists for 1925, the committee presents the following report:

1. That we express our indebtedness to the Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for their plans and suggestions for a new program.

2. That we set $400,000 as our financial goal for the calendar year 1925.

3. That there shall be an every-member canvass of the Baptist churches of Arkansas, to be conducted at such time as the Executive Board may deem suitable for subscriptions on a weekly basis to cover the denominational objects for the calendar year 1925.

4. That this $400,000 to be raised for denominational objects be divided on such basis as the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention shall determine.

5. That monthly remittances shall be insisted upon from all sources of all funds for Southwide objects on such percentage basis as is agreed upon at the outset of the Campaign. Also that constant emphasis shall be placed upon the needs for regularity and permanency of our financial plans through the steady indoctrination of our people in and for Christian Stewardship.

6. That the State funds to the Southwide objects shall be kept separately on the books of the treasurer of the Convention and he is hereby instructed to remit monthly and directly to the above mentioned all funds due these objects.

7. While the right of individuals and churches to designate gifts is recognized, it is earnestly hoped that contributions will be made to the whole program.

8. All designated gifts of individuals and churches shall go to the causes for which they are designated without being charged against the percentage which those causes are due to receive from the general fund.

9. Participating Southwide bodies shall, under approval of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, have
the right of approach to individuals in soliciting funds provided the canvassing be approved by the Executive Board or by the Convention in session.

10. That the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention shall have the general direction and promotion of this program, and that they shall appoint a committee whose duty it will be to make suggested apportionments to the churches, but that the churches be recognized as the final authority as to what they shall give.

11. That Association Missions shall not be considered as a part of this budget, but that this matter be left to the churches.

12. The committee is constantly reminded of the imperative-ness of our present task to finish in the noblest possible way the 75 Million Campaign. The committee feels that the proportions the future program assumes will depend upon the measure of success which we attain during the last year of the present campaign. We, therefore, pledge ourselves and call upon all the brotherhood to join us in the most persistent and devoted effort to bring the 75 Million Campaign to a glorious consummation. We also express the hope that all discussion of the subject of the future program shall be made to contribute to the securing of the largest success of the present campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. Brown,
E. J. A. McKinney,
Mrs. J. G. Jackson,
L. M. Keeling,
J. G. Lile,
P. C. Barton,
Mrs. J. H. Crawford,
D. S. Campbell,
L. M. Sipes, Committee.

The Convention adjourned to re-convene at 1:30 P. M.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 1:30 P. M. by the President.

60. A motion was made to make the report of the Executive Board a special order for this hour. Motion was carried.

61. A motion was made that the Executive Board co-operate with a Statistical Secretary in gathering information and financing the work of this department. The motion was carried.

62. The report of the Executive Board with its recommendation was adopted.
REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the Messengers of the Baptist Churches of Arkansas, assembled in Arkadelphia, December 12-14, 1923, in the seventieth annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Executive Board most respectfully submits the following report:

We bring to you a report of what has been unquestionably the most wonderful year in the history of Arkansas Baptists. Some leading brethren in other states say that in all its reaches we have had the best year that any southern state ever had. God has made known His ways and doings unto the Children of Israel this year truly after a colossal and extraordinary fashion, for which let each of us say, “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.” Your Board appreciates the excellent and growing co-operation of the pastors and churches and we hereby most sincerely record our deep gratitude. We believe that our Arkansas pastors as a company are unexcelled and that our churches are making most commendable progress. Arkansas Baptists have come into the full light of a new day. To be sure the past year has brought us face to face with many stubborn and uprushing difficulties. Crops have been very short in sections of the state and business all but tight. Rain hurt the campaign fearfully, and churches in this comparatively new state are loaded with local obligations, etc., but we have won a mighty victory this year by the grace of God, and we all face out now and are headed to go on, let come what will!

One year ago your Board reported in Convention that our total obligations amounted to $121,000, after having been reduced $81,000 during the year. At the first Board meeting of the year just closing and in the early months of the year, your Board found it necessary to advance to our different institutions and interests about $120,000, or else permit them to suffer irreparable loss. So your Board has had the tremendous burden of carrying the large obligation of some $240,000, with its interest bills, of financing one of the largest State Mission programs in our history, of paying the expenses of a big W. M. U. program, of paying off the old purchase price indebtedness of some $7,000 on the Baptist Advance, of carrying the expenses of our great endowment campaign, of keeping all the Boards and denominational interests paid up on their part of 75 Million month by month without an exception, of caring for the expenses of the Board’s office and the spring and fall campaigns, together with the Bible Schools and the deficits on Baptist Advance, and yet undertake to reduce our financial obligations, BUT by the help of the Lord and the co-operation of the pastors and churches, it has been done!

Our Program a New Testament Standardized Program.

Our great 75 Million forward movement is in perfect keeping with the New Testament in its divisions and aims. Matthew 4:23 and 9:35 outline the Baptist program into Benevolence, Education and Missions. Jesus and the apostles swung themselves around three great general ideas—healing, teaching, missioning. We submit to you our report on

I.

Christian Benevolence.

The benevolent work done by the Arkansas churches and for
which your Board gathers funds consists in ministerial relief, orphanage work, and hospital ministry.

Ministerial Relief.

This year about sixty old and infirm ministers and widows of departed ministers have been helped by the Board of Ministerial Relief located at Dallas, Texas. The amounts range from $7.00 to $20.00 per person per month. There are many other old preachers who need and deserve help but the funds available are insufficient. Some cases are such as to break the hearts of angels and we ought to do far better for these veterans of the cross. During the year your Board has received from the Campaign for this cause $3,765.96. This has all been sent on monthly to the Board at Dallas, except the pro rata of expenses, and $254.00 which in answer to emergency calls was paid direct to certain persons. For names and amounts touching this matter, we refer you to the auditor's report.

Our Orphanage.

You have already heard the good report of the Orphanage Board. We have received at office for cause $16,102.90, and there has been reported during the year $6,872.76 for this home of hope. All money received except the pro rata expense has been sent to the Orphanage. During a part of the year your Board has advanced money to the Home when receipts were short and the children were in need. God prosper the Orphans' Home. Brother and Mrs. Pugh are doing a great work and deserve our strong support.

Our Hospitals.

During the year we have received for the Davis Hospital, Pine Bluff, $2,724.01. One year ago we owed on this fine institution $10,844.70. Now the balance due is $9,420.00. What a blessing the 75 Million has brought to Arkansas Baptists in the Davis Baptist Hospital, an institution with all of its equipment now worth at least $150,000. All funds due this hospital have been sent on. For the Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock, we have received during the year $13,331.84, all of which except the pro rata expense, has been turned over to the superintendent, E. E. King. What marvelous credit this magnificent five-story house of healing will be to Arkansas and to the whole south when it shall have been completed. Your Board surely hopes that this may be done during 1924.

II.

Christian Education.

The importance of Christian Education among Arkansas Baptists cannot be over-emphasized. This phase of our work is scriptural and fundamental to the last degree. Baptists of all people in the world do most poorly in the dark. More than any other people, Baptists act on their own individual knowledge and are prompted by their own personal information. There are not enough characters in all the realm of mathematics really to evaluate the worth of a strong, spiritual Baptist School to the denomination.

In this report, we are using the term "Christian Education" to cover the Baptist Book House, the Baptist Advance, Woman's Work, as conducted by our State W. M. U., Ministerial Education, South-wide Institutions and Ouachita and Central Colleges.
The Baptist Book House.

The world probably never before needed wholesome, orthodox, Christian books as it does now. The distribution of standard religious books can never be given up by the denomination. In fact we need greatly to increase the volume of our Book House business and get a far larger number of good books into the hands of our people. The past year the management of the Book House has been in the hands of the General Secretary. The volume of business this year has amounted to $6,302.07 and the stock on hand amounts to $3,137.46. The Book House has had a very satisfactory year except that we are running on too small a scale. Dr. I. J. Van Ness of the Sunday School Board has been very gracious in influencing his Board to make a donation of $1,200 to the Book House the past year. We are very grateful for this timely help. The obligations of the Book House have been reduced $469.71 the past year. March 1, 1922, the Book House owed around $10,000, while now it owes only $3,027.24, or only $559.13 above accounts receivable and we have a clean up-to-date stock and every book bill paid except $131.17 not due.

The Baptist Advance.

The educational value of this strong periodical is quickly acknowledged by us all. This paper is positively indispensable to the life and progress of all our work. The Baptist Advance has had a great year in many respects. Because of strenuous campaigns for practically all of the year the paper has not had the attention it should have had and must have on the part of our pastors and churches, if we are to go on well. Twenty-five churches and four other organizations have the paper in the budget and others are sending it to practically every member. We believe that every church in the State should put the Baptist Advance in the budget and send it to every home. The deficit on the paper the past year has been $2,412.42, which has been cared for by the Executive Board. We should speedily increase the number of subscribers to 15,000. We thank God for Editor Compere and the Baptist Advance.

The W. M. U. Work.

Our State W. M. U. very materially strengthens our whole Baptist line. Our women are a great educational and missionary force. Their Convention at Jonesboro in April made long reaches for the good of the denomination. They joyfully and unanimously in Convention agreed to raise $20,000 on the Ouachita Endowment. Few southern states have as strong and popular leaders as Arkansas has in our W. M. U. Secretaries. Your Board appropriated $8,850.00 to woman's work the past year. They saved of this $102.15. The W. M. U. has employed this year for all or part time, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Miss Elsie Harrison, Miss Amy Compere, Miss Lillian May. They report 407 Woman's Missionary Societies and 476 Young People's organizations in the State. The department has issued 1513 Mission study certificates, 131 official seals, 2729 small seals and 154 Reading Stamps. The workers visited 30 Associations, held 52 rallies, 4 Y. W. A. camps which registered a total attendance of about 250 girls, and 6 district meetings, each of which had a splendid attendance. About 200 societies reported total contributions to all causes $144,171.35, 75 Million $66,397.43, to Hospital charity fund $1,009.91, Hospital furnishings
$1,955.54, to scholarships and clothing for students and families $4,387.80, and District Budget $2,870.35. The Young People's department raised $5,198.32. Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Lawrence and Field Workers traveled about 30,000 miles in their field work. We thank God for such a record!

Ministerial Education.

No phase of our Baptist work is more vitally important than the education of our young preachers and missionaries. The fact that nearly all our young preachers come from poor families and the further fact that preachers out in active work receive comparatively small salaries thoroughly justify the giving of financial aid to them while they are securing their education. Usually such aid also saves to the young preacher one to three years in the time required to finish his education. During the past year your Board has received for Ministerial Education $4,322.33 and has paid out $7,266.10. The percentage of the 75 Million that goes to Ministerial Education is inadequate by 100 per cent and so our debt on this department has increased through the four years to $5,327.28. Of course this must be provided for in our next program.

Southwide Institutions.

Our Southwide Institutions include our Seminary and Training School at Louisville, Ky., our Seminary and Training School at Fort Worth, Texas, and the Baptist Bible Insittue at New Orleans. Your Board has received for these institutions this year $7,320.97, all of which except the pro rata of expense has been paid.

Ouachita College.

You have already heard the good report of this noble institution. Your Board has received for Ouachita College this year $22,416.18, all of which except the pro rata of expenses has been applied on the overdraft of the College. Probably no educational institution of like size in America was ever so blessed financially in one year as the Baptist College located in the little city in which this Convention is meeting has been blessed the past year. Your Board by advancing $85,000 to the College last December made possible the magnificent fire-proof dormitory which now graces that beautiful campus on the Ouachita River. It is almost as fine as can be found in the land.

The last Convention authorized a campaign for $100,000 towards the endowment of Ouachita College to meet the requirements of an appropriation of $100,000 by the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. In April of this year it was found that if we could raise $300,000, including $100,000 from the Southern Education Board, the General Education Board of New York would give the College another $100,000. This made it necessary to raise $200,000 in the State. It was fully recognized by those who had matters in hand that the Convention had not authorized such a campaign and it was felt that the Convention's order must not be violated in any degree. Few, if any, of us really believed that under the circumstances the State could raise on any plan or by any authority, $200,000 and that in midsummer. However, there was an inner and unexplainable urge that seemed to send us ahead in spite of unbelief. So an organization for the campaign was formed. Providentially, our leaders fell upon the plan of securing $100,000 from four parties and, then, of going out to the State in keeping with the order of the Convention, to raise the other $100,000.
For years Prof. J. G. Lile, as Endowment Secretary of the College, had done most efficient work in preparing the way for this campaign. He also rendered great service as a leader in the campaign. Other good help was given by Dr. C. E. Dicken, Dr. R. M. Inlow of Sedalia, Mo., Dr. W. C. James of the Southern Baptist Education Board, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Dr. H. L. Winburn, Dr. F. M. Masters, practically all our pastors, and many others.

In keeping with the above mentioned plan during May and June the Campaign for $200,000 in good subscriptions was successfully put over. Many think it was the most remarkable single campaign for one state ever waged in the south, when all the circumstances and conditions are taken into account. It approached the miraculous. It brought Arkansas Baptists into a new and wonderful epoch. We are not the same people any more. How we thank God! The success of this Campaign is almost too good to believe. Have we just had a fancy dream of the impossible? No! The good right hand of God when His providential hour struck laid hold on us, and pastors, laymen, women and churches valiantly went out to perform exploits and the task was done! The $200,000 subscribed in the State when paid in, secures to the College $100,000 from the General Education Board of New York and $100,000 from the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This will give Ouachita College $500,000 in endowment.

Your Board is glad to make most honorable mention of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cone, who so graciously gave $25,000, and of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bottoms, who likewise gave $25,000, and of Mr. and Mrs. R. Carnahan who gave $15,000 in fine river bottom land. How we thank God for these liberal brethren and sisters as well as for all those who gave smaller amounts. Let high and holy praises be given unto Jehovah and let His name be glorified forevermore!

Central College.

You have already heard the excellent report of this institution. Both for emphasis on its importance and because of the special joy your Board finds in the matter, we call your attention to the fact that the commodious, three-story, fire-proof dormitory of Central College is completed in finest fashion to the third story and is soon to be finished throughout. Our new dormitories have put our colleges in another class. Your Board was glad to advance several thousand dollars on the Central building and hopes that it may be completed to the last touch of the brush right early. During the year we have received for Central College $8,547.67, all of which except the pro rata of expenses has been turned over to the President.

III.

Missions.

Unquestionably the supreme need of Arkansas Baptists now, spiritually or otherwise, is for unquenchable missionary fires increasingly to burn in unparalleled fashion in the heart of every one of us. In Arkansas the 75 Million covers Associational Missions, State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions.

(Some of our churches have sorely grieved our Saviour this year by giving nothing to the great cause of missions, while a few churches during the whole year have given only about as much as they pay their pastor for one month. We believe this is unspeakably tragic
and points to the graveyard. Even an angel can't justify such a
course. If it is said, "They were not able," sufficient is the answer
that in almost every church in the State there is one family
that bought and operates a car for themselves that cost from half as
much to five times as much as that church gave to the great world
business of giving Christ to lost men. This is not said in a con-
demnatory spirit. It is said in tears of soul. It is said in agony of
regret. It is said with a prayer for these churches. We are happy
to report, however, that great, great numbers of our pastors and
churches have done heroically and strongly supported our whole
program.)

Association Missions.

In only a few cases are funds for this cause sent to your Board.
In these cases the money is always immediately returned to the As-
sociation. Association Missions is the most fundamental denomina-
tional work that our churches do. Every Association ought to have
some sort of mission work going on within its bounds all the year.
There has been reported to and received by your Board during the
year $18,566.76 for Association Missions and at least $13,500 un-
reported, making a total of $32,066.76 raised by our churches in the
State. This is very encouraging.

State Missions.

You have already heard the report giving the great results of
the State Mission program the past year. The Executive Board ap-
propriated $57,000 to the State Mission Board for their work during
the year as against $45,000 last year. Collections in State Mission
Evangelism were not to be counted as a part of this $57,000. In
addition to this $57,000 your Board advanced $4,131.51 to the State
Mission Board to take care of an emergency at Newton County
Academy, making a total appropriated by your Board for the year
for State Missions of $61,131.51. During the year our office has re-
ceived for State Mission work of every kind, including Evangelism,
from the State $44,663.28, (not S. M. debt and extras), from the
Home Board $19,999.92, and from the Sunday School Board
$2,708.06, making a grand total of $68,371.26 from all sources for
all departments of State Missions. In this connection the brother-
hood must not forget that there is an old State Mission obligation
that the Executive Board is having to handle and cut down year by
year.

Home Missions.

Our office has received for Home Missions this Convention year
$30,607.10. All received, except the pro rata of expenses has been
sent on to the Home Board. The Home Board is giving us for co-
operative work this year $1,666.66 per month. This Board has
also given one or two of our churches $2,000 or $3,000 for building
purposes. For all this we are profoundly grateful. The Home
Board has also had Brother A. H. Autry as enlistment man on the
field in Arkansas all the year. We desire to express our deep ap-
preciation of the fine co-operation and excellent work of Brother
Autry. He adds great strength to our forces.

Foreign Missions.

The Executive Board has received from the churches this year
for Foreign Missions $43,334.17. All that we received has been re-
mitted to the Foreign Mission Board each month during the whole year except the pro rata of expenses. Our office has also received for Foreign Relief Work $610.54 and that has been sent to the Board. All funds for all causes have been sent on to the Boards or Institutions that handle such funds each month during the year.

Stewardship and Budget Director on Field.

The Executive Board at its meeting March 1, after discussing fully the extreme need of teaching our people the doctrine of Christian Stewardship and of getting all our churches on the budget for both local and denominational causes, appointed a committee to select a Stewardship and Budget Director. This committee selected Brother J. F. Tull of New Albany, Miss., who came on the field April 15. Brother Tull has worked most faithfully since he entered upon the work. His task is an exceedingly difficult one and large enough for six men. It is a long, long way to Tipperary by the Stewardship and Budget route, so to speak, and we must all have patience, co-operate whole-heartedly, study the problem energetically and do most of the work with our own local forces. Every church in the State ought to be on the budget for both local and denominational causes.

Recommendations for 1924.

With December 31, 1924, our great 75 Million Campaign will come to a close. When subscriptions were made to this campaign, Arkansas Baptists in solemn vows pledged approximately $2,400,000, and have paid to date, including extras, $1,667,304.13, leaving a balance of $732,695.87 due if we pay all told simply as much as our pledges. Many people have moved to other states, some have died, some have lost their health, and a few have suffered financial reverses that would justify cutting down their pledges. Hundreds and hundreds of our churches are far from being as active and progressive as they should be, not to say more, hundreds of thousands of lost souls among us are hitting the death trail down to eternal woe. Our Baptist State institutions and interests in this comparatively new and growing Commonwealth sorely need great sums of money to care for them even measurably well next year. Our South-wide causes are in direst straits and must have speedy relief, we are living in the most colossal day man ever looked upon, the war spirit stalks across the earth like giant death and nothing except the gospel of Christ can save the whole world from the rocks. In view of all this and far more, your Executive Board makes the following recommendations for 1924:

1. That all Arkansas Baptists turn their faces from this great Convention to the year 1924 with hope, optimism, faith and confidence, and pledge ourselves, so help us God, to the successful completion of the 75 Million Campaign in this State to the utmost limit of our ability by December 31, 1924, and that our financial objective for 1924 be to get every subscriber to pay in full and every other Baptist to do his best for Christ.

2. That pastors and churches within the next 30 days at most revise their 75 Million Campaign pledges and total the amounts lost by removal of members, by death, etc., and that they report such amounts to the General Secretary's office and that the churches be given relief from such amounts.

3 That all our churches conduct within the next 30 days an
EVERY MEMBER CANVASS to raise the local church budget for 1924 and to secure for 1924 subscriptions to denominational causes from those who have made no pledge to the 75 Million Campaign. All information about the budget plan and every member canvass can be had from J. F. Tull, 405 Donaghey Building, Little Rock.

4. That all the churches urge their members strongly and repeatedly to begin with January and pay 1-52 of their pledge to denominational causes week by week throughout the year 1924.

5. That every church in the State be urged to conduct very early in the year at least one study class in Stewardship and one class on the Budget, and that the Book House furnish books at cost to the churches for this purpose.

6. That we put on from the very beginning of the year the mightiest propaganda campaign for missions and other denominational causes that we have ever had and that we cover the state with missionary institutes, church to church rallies, and Bible Schools, that old time sermons on missions be preached early and late in all the churches, that banners setting out stirring missionary facts be put up in as many of the churches as possible and that everywhere all the time all the year our slogan be "Let there be light and let's do right!"

7. That the Baptist Advance be put at $1.00 per year and that we increase the circulation of the paper to at least 15,000 this year.

Other Interesting Facts and a Financial Statement.

The General Secretary has lately read the Convention reports of many of the other southern states and has made investigation concerning still others. Judging from the facts sent out we can truthfully say that, with two or three exceptions, we believe our Arkansas situation is in far better condition than conditions are in any other states. The past year has been absolutely epoch-making for us. In fact during the year of our Lord 1923 reality out-ran all the fondest dreams for us. It appears that Arkansas is marked off by Heaven for special favors. While your Board at the end of four years of the 75 Million Campaign owes a considerable sum, during these four years there has been added to the endowment and property values of our denominational institutions in the State over $1,200,000 ABOVE the obligations on all of said institutions, or seven times the amount this Board owes, AND PLEASE REMEMBER that this $1,200,000 is all in permanent and lasting property and endowment and is over and above all that we have done during the whole four years for all missions in the state, and is over and above what we have done during each of the four years for the current support of all our schools, our orphanage, both of our hospitals, our old preachers, our young preachers, and many other denominational causes, and is over and above what we have done for all the Southwide causes for the whole four years! It is almost an insult to God even to raise the question as to whether the 75 Million Campaign has succeeded most gloriously in Arkansas these four years!

Our total gifts to 75 Million to date, including all extras (endowment) amount to $1,667,304.13. Your Board rejoices in the marvelous year of soul-winning that we have just had, and it is gratifying beyond all words to express that today Arkansas Baptists are marked by a spirit of unbreakable unity, harmony, optimism, confidence, love, progressiveness and a holy, dogged determination to go on, to go on with our whole big program, though all hell should
turn loose on us! We are going on! Tell the world we are going on for Christ!

It has already been said that after the Board in the early months of the past year advanced certain amounts to our different institutions and interests, the obligations of the Board were about $240,000 over and above the expenses of our State Mission department, our W. M. U. and other departments for the whole year. Our whole State program has been paid for, the deficit on the Baptist Advance has been paid, all interest bills have been cared for, the endowment campaign expense cared for, all Southwide Boards and interests have been paid up, and your Board's debt today is only $175,495.06, while we have in spot cash in the banks, collected in Arkansas this year $90,746.12 on the Ouachita Endowment! Then $19,000 in real estate and real estate notes has been turned over to us. How could the year have been better? We praise God with weeping souls and cry to the brotherhood and sisterhood, "Let's go on to far greater victories for Christ another year! We have just begun to fight!" The Lord be praised forevemore!

Total money going into Baptist denominational causes from this state during the year has been $439,039.45 as against $326,883.46, or an increase of $112,155.99. We have added this year to our 75 Million, including some unreported extras of previous years, $502,039.45.

63. The report of the Committee on Publications was read by Giles C. Taylor and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

If Baptists shall give attention to reading, they will spend much time with the Word of God, the right sort of books, and denominational publications.

Speaking in terms of the spiritual, it is not possible for one to be a good Baptist and at the same time be ignorant of the distinctive doctrines of his people. Denominationally speaking, in order to be a good Baptist one must serve and support the program of his people in an intelligent, systematic, and efficient manner. In either case to be a good Baptist the first prerequisite is knowledge of faith and works. In addition, one should know the teachings and tactics of the enemies of righteousness in order to withstand their attacks, and defend the unsuspecting and innocent from error.

There are ideas that liberate and ideas that enslave. There are ideas that carry life, and ideas that bear death. Both are spread by the printed page.

Benjamin Franklin said, "My parents had early given me religious impressions, and brought me through my childhood piously in the dissenting way. But I was scarce fifteen when, after doubting by turns of several points, as I found them disputed in the different books I read, I began to doubt of revelation itself. Some books against Deism fell into my hands. It happened that they wrought an effect on me quite contrary to what was intended by them. I soon became a thorough Deist."

Goldsmith said, "In a polite age every person becomes a reader, and receives more instruction from the press than the pulpit." If
the doctrines of Baptists are worth preaching, they are worth printing. And that to the ends of earth and age.

Time and space forbid the mention of the many good books that are offered for sale by our denominational and other book houses.

Of the magazines and papers from our denominational press, we would commend in highest terms Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service, and the Baptist Advance. These publications are indispensable to denominational life.

Our great missionary magazine has a circulation of about 30,000 in the South. Royal Service about 30,000. World Comrades, a magazine of missions for boys and girls under 16 years of age, has a circulation of about 11,000.

Your committee would recommend that our missionaries, evangelists, pastors and other leaders stress the importance of religious and denominational literature, and recommend such books and publications as their people may need.

That our pastors, missionaries and churches make regular and systematic use of the various tracts published for free distribution by our Sunday School Board.

That our churches put the Baptist Advance in their budgets and send it to every family in their membership.

That the subscription price of the Baptist Advance be placed at one dollar a year beginning January 1, 1924.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. Brown,
J. S. Compere,
Giles C. Taylor,
T. B. Rouse,
J. P. Runyan, Committee.

64. The report on Ministerial Relief was read and discussed by O. C. Wilcoxon, amended and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OLD MINISTERS' RELIEF.

We, your Committee on Old Ministers' Relief beg leave to submit the following report:

Our Baptist churches have ever before them a two-fold task, viz: The calling out and training of the called and their proper location in the Lord's work, and the praiseworthy care of those who have responded to this call with the best that a surrendered, unselfish life can give. Men and women do not enter Christian service for purely selfish reasons. They are actuated always by a desire to serve God and humanity. Their days are filled with sacrificial toil and a meagerness of material income. Old age comes on to find them with strength spent, incomes discontinued, and most generally the burdens of loved ones resting on their shoulders. Oftentimes, when the faithful preacher receives his promotion, he leaves behind the widow and the fatherless—and many times they are without visible means of support.
But since the Southern Baptist Convention, in May 1918, organized the Relief and Annuity Board, a new day has come to aged Baptist preachers, their widows and orphan children. As indicative of the progress made since the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign, the following table is submitted:

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Progress in extending aid is further indicated in the following figures: In the three years preceding the 75 Million Campaign, all the states together gave $116,000.00 to Ministerial Relief. Since the Campaign, $184,173.31 has been contributed for this worthy cause. The facts loudly proclaim the merits of the cause!

An Imperative and Immediate Need.

The immediate and imperative need of the Relief and Annuity Board, at this time, is a fixed income of $100,000.00 per year, on the relief side of the work alone, in addition to what the Board is now receiving and will continue to receive from the states, whatever the plan may be. This will take an interest bearing fund, for relief alone, of at least one and a half million dollars, of which we now have about five hundred thousand, including endowment and reserve.

The Board has now a beneficiary list of between eight and nine hundred. Others are being added from month to month. While we have made great strides since the organization of the new Convention Board, in giving aid and comfort to the disabled and retired ministers, we are not beginning to do what we should do.

Our aim is to persuade our people to make it clear to the minister that after he has given himself whole-heartedly to the work, and spent himself freely in his ministry, that if he should fall in his work, or die in it, or grow old in it, the denomination will not permit his family to suffer nor him to suffer in his declining years. We want to make our young preachers feel that the denomination has thus spoken to them, and that they can accept its word at par. To do this will put new life in our preachers, greatly increase their efficiency, and the denomination would be the real beneficiary.

We recommend that the matter of receiving, passing upon and forwarding to the Board of Relief and Annuities of all applications for help in this regard be referred to the Executive Board with instructions to give all due care to the same.

Respectfully submitted,
O. C. Wilcoxon, Chairman,
N. R. Townsend,
Fred H. Ward,
H. E. Kirkpatrick,
W. C. Wood, Committee.

65. The following resolutions were adopted:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Baptist people of Arkansas established Ouachita College in 1886 and founded Central College in 1891, and
WHEREAS, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has during all these years fostered these institutions, and

WHEREAS, these colleges are now firmly fixed and under definite educational policy and control;

BE IT THEREFORE resolved, that this Convention appoint A. B. Hill, W. A. Jackson, J. W. Ramsey, H. G. Thomaıson, B. A. Spradlin, J. R. Allen and J. H. Grant as a Commission on Education.

It shall be the duty of this Commission to make a careful study of the educational projects of this Convention and at the next regular session of this body recommend a definite education policy for the consideration of the Baptists of Arkansas.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that the 70th annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention express its sincere thanks; (1) To Pastor H. L. Winburn and the members of the First Baptist church for the use of their meeting house and for their splendid hospitality; (2) To the members of the Sweet Hill Baptist church, the other religious bodies and the citizens of Arkadelphia, the Chamber of Commerce, including its various committees, the local papers and to all others who have contributed to the comfort of the messengers to the Convention.

D. S. Campbell.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, that the Convention instruct its secretary to have 1,500 copies of the minutes printed, and that he be allowed $100.00 and expenses for his services.

RESOLUTION.

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled:

Be it Resolved, that we, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, having 140,000 members and a constituency of a half million, do hereby endorse the proposed constitutional amendment to prohibit sectarian appropriations, House J. Res. 159, and urge its immediate passage. This article reads as follows:

Article of Amendment.

No law shall be passed respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, nor shall the National Government or any State, county, city, town, village, or other civil division use its property or credit or any money raised by taxation or otherwise, or authorize either to be used, for the purpose of founding, maintaining, or aiding by appropriation, payment for services, expenses, or in any other manner, other than by remission of taxation, any church, religious denomination or religious society, or any institution, school, society, or undertaking which is wholly or in part under sectarian or ecclesiastical control.

The Convention adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church, Paragould, Ark., 10:00 A. M. November 19th, 1924.

G. W. PURYEAR, President.
B. L. BRIDGES, Secretary.
Ministers’ and Laymen’s Conference.

The Ministers’ and Laymen’s Conference began on Monday evening preceding the Convention and continued through Tuesday evening.

Rev. Fred H. Ward of Lewisville was elected president, and Rev. Chas. F. Wilkins of Dardanelle was elected secretary.

The next meeting will be held beginning on Monday evening, November 17th, at the meeting place of the Convention.

A full minute of the meeting is not given here, but any information desired may be had of the secretary, Rev. Chas. F. Wilkins, Dardanelle, Ark.

APPENDIX.

CONSTITUTION.

Article I.—Name and Object.

Section 1. The name of this body shall be “The Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

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

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 Convention, and which desire to co-operate with this Convention, and shall be entitled to seats upon presentation of their proper credentials, or satisfactory evidence of their appointment.

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

Article III.—Authority.

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

Section 1. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, 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.

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

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

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

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

Article V.—Boards.

This Convention shall elect the following Boards, to serve three years, except where charters forbid.

Section 1. An Executive Board composed of fifteen members chosen from the state at large, Pastors and Laymen, not more than three of them shall reside in any one city, town or community, and none of whom shall serve on any other Board or hold any other remunerative office under this Convention, ten of whom shall constitute a quorum. One-third of this Board shall be elected annually.

The duties of this Board shall be:

(1) To promote and carry out the financial policies and program of this Convention, and their authority shall not extend beyond such instructions. Provided that they may change the time and place of the meeting of the Convention in the event of the arising of an emergency.

(2) To raise, collect, receive and disburse all funds of the Convention as they may be ordered by the Convention.

(3) To keep a full and complete record of their work and proceedings throughout the year and report the same faithfully to the Convention in annual session.

(4) To employ an adequate force of agents and workers to conduct the business committed to them.

(5) To represent the Convention in its relations with denominational bodies outside of the state.

(6) To direct the Convention's publications.
(7) This Board is not authorized to interfere with the internal policies or workings of any other Board.

Section 2. A State Mission Board composed of twenty-four members chosen from the state at large, not more than three of whom shall reside in any one city, town or community. One-third of this Board shall be elected annually.

The duties of this Board shall be:

(1) To function for the Convention in the entire field of the State Mission task, according to the instructions of the Convention.

(2) To employ an adequate force of agents and workers to execute the plans of the Convention in this respect.

(3) To make a full and complete report of its work annually to the Convention in session.

Section 3. A Hospital Commission composed of eighteen members chosen from the state at large, to be elected annually.

The duties of this Commission shall be:

(1) To function for the Convention in the field of hospital work according to the instructions of the Convention.

(2) To employ an adequate force of agents and workers to execute the plans of the Convention in this respect.

(3) To make a full and complete report of their work to the Convention in annual session.

Section 4. Boards of Trustees for Ouachita College and Central College composed of members from the state at large, according to the provisions of their several charters.

The duties of these Boards shall be:

(1) To function for the denomination in their several departments of the field of education.

(2) To employ an adequate force of agents and workers to execute the plans of the Convention in this respect.

(3) To make faithful report of their work to the Convention in annual session.

Section 5. A Board of Trustees for the Arkansas Baptist Orphans' Home, consisting of nine members from the state at large, according to the provisions of the charter of the institution.

The duties of this Board shall be:

(1) To function for the denomination in respect to the work of caring for orphan children according to the instructions of the Convention.

(2) To employ an adequate force of agents and workers to execute the plans of the Convention in this respect.

(3) To make faithful report of their work to the Convention in annual session.
Section 6. A Board of Ministerial Education to consist of seven members, and elected annually.

The duties of this Board shall be:

1. To function for the denomination in the field of ministerial education according to the instructions of the Convention.

2. To make full report of their work to the annual meetings of the Convention.

Section 7. A State Executive Committee consisting of twelve women from the state at large.

The duties of this Committee shall be:

1. To distribute literature and encourage women and children in systematic beneficence toward all the objects fostered by the Convention.

2. To make full report of this work annually to the Convention in session.

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.
### ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS.

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