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ARKANSAS BAPTIST ANNUAL



Little Rock
1926

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
**Arkansas Baptist State
Convention**

IN ITS
SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
(SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR)

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS
DECEMBER 7-10
1926

Next Session will Convene on November 9, 1927,
with First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ark.

Preacher of Annual Sermon:
T. H. JORDAN, Helena
Alternate: V. C. NEAL, Siloam Springs

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION DIRECTORY FOR 78 YEARS.

Dates	Place	President	Rec. Secretary	Preacher of Sermon
1848.	Brownsville	Isaac Perkins	S. Stevenson	E. Haynes
	Dallas Co.			
1849.	Mt. Zion			
	Hempst'd Co.			
1850.	Mt. Bethel			
	Clark Co.			
1851.	El Dorado			
1852.	Mt. Bethel	E. Haynes	S. Stevenson	
1853.	Camden	Jesse Hartwell	S. Stevenson	E. Haynes
1854.	Tulip	Jesse Hartwell	S. Stevenson	S. Stevenson
1855.	No Report			
1856.	New Hope	Jesse Hartwell	R. J. Coleman	W. M. Lea
	Dallas Co.			
1857.	Samaria	W. M. Lea	R. J. Coleman	
	Dallas Co.			
1858.	Charleston	W. M. Lea	R. M. Thrasher	
1859.	Little Rock	W. M. Lea	R. M. Thrasher	
1860.	Pine Bluff	W. M. Lea		
1861.	Fort Smith			
1862-1866 (inc.)	No meetings.			
1867.	Little Rock	W. M. Lea		S. Stevenson
1868.	Little Rock	W. M. Lea	W. H. Roberts	W. D. Mayfield
1869.	Helena	W. D. Mayfield	J. B. Searcy	J. R. Graves
1870.	Arkadelphia	A. Gates	J. B. Searcy	W. D. Mayfield
1871.	Monticello	M. Y. Moran	J. B. Searcy	Moses Green
1872.	Austin	M. Y. Moran	J. B. Searcy	J. M. Hart
1873.	Little Rock	M. Y. Moran	J. B. Searcy	R. M. Thrasher
1874.	Dardanelle	W. W. Crawford	J. B. Searcy	J.R.G.W.N. Adams
1875.	Arkadelphia	H. H. Coleman	J. B. Searcy	J. B. Searcy
1876.	Searcy	H. H. Coleman	J. B. Searcy	
1877.	Forrest City	H. H. Coleman	T. P. Boone	W. A. Forbes
1878.	Monticello	J. M. Hart	W. F. Mack	M. D. Early
1879.	Hope	J. M. Hart	J.R.G.W.N. Adams	R. J. Coleman
1880.	Russellville	J. P. Eagle	J.R.G.W.N. Adams	J. D. Jameson
1881.	Little Rock	J. P. Eagle	B. Thomas	J. B. Searcy
1882.	Lonoke	J. P. Eagle	J. B. Searcy	W. E. Paxton
1883.	Fayetteville	J. P. Eagle	J. B. Searcy	W. E. Mayfield
1884.	Pine Bluff	J. P. Eagle	J. H. Holland	A. J. Kincaid
1885.	Hope	J. P. Eagle	J. H. Holland	A. J. Fawcett
1886.	Forrest City	J. P. Eagle	J. H. Holland	A. B. Miller
1887.	Morrilton	J. P. Eagle	J. H. Holland	A. S. Pettie
1887.	Jonesboro	J. P. Eagle	Martin Ball	Enoch Windes
1889.	Little Rock	W. E. Penn	J. G. B. Simms	J. R. Hughes
1890.	Eureka Spgs.	J. P. Eagle	J. G. B. Simms	R. J. Coleman
1891.	Arkadelphia	J. P. Eagle	J. G. B. Simms	W. T. Box
1892.	Fort Smith	J. M. Hart	J. G. B. Simms	J. W. Lipsey
1893.	Conway	W. P. Throgmorton	W. F. Blackwood	W. P. Throgmorton
1894.	Lonoke	J. P. Eagle	W. F. Blackwood	J. H. Peay
1895.	Monticello	J. P. Eagle	J. G. B. Simms	E. B. Miller
1896.	Hot Springs	J. P. Eagle	J. G. B. Simms	A. H. Autry
1897.	Pine Bluff	J. P. Eagle	J. G. B. Simms	O. L. Hailey
1898.	Little Rock	J. P. Eagle	W. Theo. Smith	W. H. Paslay
1899.	Jonesboro	J. P. Eagle	W. Theo. Smith	C. W. Daniel
1900.	Hope	J. P. Eagle	W. Theo. Smith	J. K. Pace
1901.	Paragould	J. P. Eagle	W. Theo. Smith	N. R. Pitman
1902.	Conway	J. P. Eagle	Sam H. Campbell	O. J. Wade
1903.	Little Rock	J. P. Eagle	Sam H. Campbell	A. J. Barton
1904.	Pine Bluff	John Ayers	W. F. Dorris	W. A. Freeman
1905.	Fort Smith	John Ayers	W. F. Dorris	Ben Cox
1906.	Texarkana	John Ayers	Sam H. Campbell	F. F. Gibson
1907.	Little Rock	W. E. Atkinson	John Jeter Hurt	H. L. Winburn
1908.	Fayetteville	W. E. Atkinson	John Jeter Hurt	W. T. Amis
1909.	Arkadelphia	W. E. Atkinson	John Jeter Hurt	B. F. Treadway
1910.	Fort Smith	H. T. Bradford	John Jeter Hurt	J. T. Christian
1911.	Pine Bluff	H. T. Bradford	John Jeter Hurt	N. R. Townsend
1912.	Hot Springs	H. T. Bradford	E. P. J. Garrott	V. C. Neal
1913.	Monticello	P. C. Barton	E. P. J. Garrott	H. M. Geren
1914.	Little Rock	P. C. Barton	E. P. J. Garrott	A. H. Autry
1915.	Conway	P. C. Barton	E. P. J. Garrott	W. J. E. Cox
1916.	Malvern	J. W. Conger	E. P. J. Garrott	T. D. Brown
1917.	Jonesboro	J. W. Conger	E. P. J. Garrott	B. B. Bailey
1918.	Little Rock	L. E. Barton	D. S. Campbell	C. D. Wood
1919.	Little Rock	L. E. Barton	D. S. Campbell	B. V. Ferguson
1920.	Fort Smith	A. H. Autry	B. L. Bridges	Austin Crouch
1921.	Pine Bluff	A. H. Autry	B. L. Bridges	Calvin B. Waller
1922.	Little Rock	A. H. Autry	B. L. Bridges	E. P. J. Garrott
1923.	Arkadelphia	G. W. Puryear	B. L. Bridges	J. W. Hulsey
1924.	Little Rock	G. W. Puryear	B. L. Bridges	W. W. Kyzar
1925.	Conway	G. W. Puryear	S. R. Doyle	O. J. Wade
1926.	Little Rock	H. L. Winburn	S. R. Doyle	L. M. Sipes

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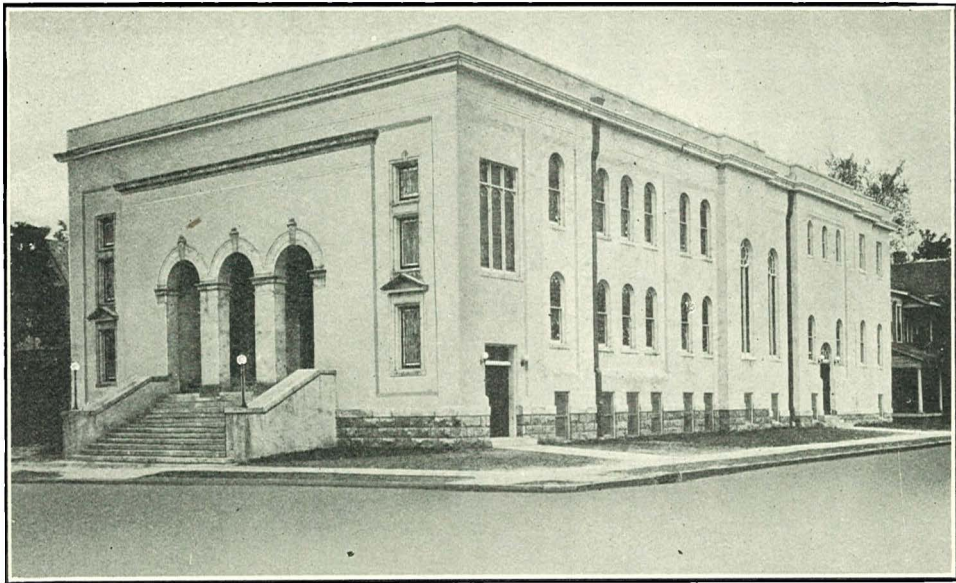
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B. F. Davidson, Forrest City	Otto Whittington, Little Rock
H. L. Winburn, Arkadelphia	Harry McDonald, Springdale
O. J. Wade, Texarkana	

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Allen Hill Autry, Little Rock	A. P. Blaylock, Arkadelphia
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P. B. Langley, El Dorado	R. E. Gossett, North Little Rock

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S. E. Kirby, Little Rock	W. F. Copeland, Alma
Mrs. L. P. Coleman, Little Rock	Rowland Lawrence, Little Rock



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Little Rock
Where 1926 Convention Was Held

Proceedings

Little Rock, Ark., December 7, 1926.

1. The seventy-third annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention met in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church of Little Rock, at 7 o'clock, Tuesday evening, December 7, 1926.

2. The song service was led by Rowland Lawrence of Little Rock, and the devotional was directed by Allen Hill Autry of Little Rock.

3. At 7:15 the Convention was called to order and declared in session by President G. W. Puryear of Jonesboro.

4. Enrollment cards were distributed and all messengers enrolled.

5. Upon motion of E. J. A. McKinney of Atkins, duly seconded and carried, it was ordered that all who knew themselves to be messengers be recognized and seated as such and allowed to participate in the organization and proceedings of the Convention.

6. The Convention then went into the election of officers for the ensuing year. The following brethren were nominated for president: H. L. Winburn of Arkadelphia, O. J. Wade of Texarkana, and E. L. Compere of Hamburg. Bro. Winburn received a majority of the votes cast and was declared president by the Convention. Upon motion the rules were suspended and Brethren Wade and Compere were elected vice-presidents.

Upon motion rules were suspended and S. R. Doyle of Conway was reelected secretary.

Upon motion rules were suspended and E. J. A. McKinney of Atkins was reelected statistical and historical secretary.

7. The newly-elected president was conducted to the platform and was duly installed by the retiring president, after which he made a short address, outlining his policies for the session.

8. The two vice-presidents spoke briefly.

9. The temporary Committee on Order of Business was made permanent and reported. Upon motion the report for Tuesday night was adopted.

10. Calvin B. Waller, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, spoke the words of welcome for the people of Little Rock, and L. D. Summers of Central College responded.

11. The hour for the annual convention sermon having arrived, L. M. Sipes, host of the Convention, was presented by the president and preached the annual sermon, reading as a lesson Galatians 6:7-9, and taking as a theme, "And let us not be weary in well-doing."

12. At the close of the sermon, the Convention was closed with prayer by Bro. P. B. Langley, of Belton, Texas, to meet again at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

13. The Convention was called to order promptly at 9 o'clock by President Winburn. Bro. W. A. Jackson of Benton led in the opening prayer, and Bro. L. H. Roseman of Piggott conducted the devotional service.

14. President Winburn reported for the Committees on Order of Business and the report for the day was adopted.

15. The president read a telegram of greeting and a prayer from the Arkansas Club of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary of Fort Worth, as follows:

"Arkansas Club of Southwestern sends greetings. We pray for you."

16. The president appointed the following committees to bring reports during the sessions of the Convention:

Nominations.—L. M. Keeling, Malvern, chairman; T. D. Brown, Arkadelphia; G. L. Boles, Warren; Frank W. Carnett, Fayetteville; C. L. Durrett, Little Rock

Sunday Schools.—J. R. Gregson, chairman; J. B. Meador, Jr.; W. A. Jackson, Benton; A. Worthington, Hagarville, H. G. Thomasson, Magazine; W. A. Bishop, Waldron; E. L. Compere, Hamburg.

Foreign Missions.—Otto Whittington, Little Rock; Thos. H. Berry, Sparkman; H. E. Kirkpatrick, Camden; Thos. W. Croxton, Prescott; Dr. J. H. Estes, Little Rock; C. B. Waller, Little Rock.

Sabbath Observance—A. S. Harwell, Hot Springs; V. G. Hinton, Little Rock; O. C. Harvey, Stuttgart; J. W. C.

Moore, Hagarville; P. F. Squyres, Stamps; R. E. Gossett, North Little Rock.

Laymen's Work.—W. W. Moore, chairman; W. E. Terry, Little Rock; W. S. Johnson; W. E. Atkinson, Clarksville; G. A. Bryant, Booneville; A. G. Ingalls, Eureka Springs; R. W. Lawrence, Little Rock.

Hospitals.—N. R. Townsend, Arkadelphia, chairman; C. E. Witt, Little Rock; L. B. Burnside, Texarkana; A. S. Goodwin, Hot Springs; R. Carnahan, Pine Bluff.

Women's Work.—T. H. Jordan, Helena, chairman; Mrs. O. J. Wade, Texarkana; Mrs. Aylmer Flenniken, El Dorado; Mrs. S. R. Doyle, Conway; Mrs. Otto Whittington, Little Rock.

Temperance.—Fritz B. Goodbar, Wheatley, chairman; J. M. Gibbs, El Dorado; M. F. Langley, Booneville; Dr. S. T. Kelley, Stuttgart; G. M. Workman, Bearden.

Orphans' Home.—O. J. Wade, Texarkana, chairman; John L. Carter, Little Rock; Dr. W. P. Cooksey, Magnolia; Pat Murphy, Gurdon; V. C. Neal, Siloam Springs; E. E. Young, Walnut Ridge.

Obituaries.—D. E. Steeley, Clarksville, chairman; J. S. Compere, Little Rock; J. F. Tull, Augusta; J. H. Reynolds, Little Rock; J. T. Eskridge, Arkadelphia; J. H. Bennett, Magazine; R. A. Collier, Ozark.

Christian Education.—Le Roy Ashley, Heber Springs, chairman; H. G. Thomasson, Magazine; L. D. Summers, Jonesboro; B. A. Pugh, Jonesboro; C. F. McDonald, Ashdown; J. D. Allen, Bentonville; L. A. Robertson, Clarksville.

Ministerial Relief.—Perry F. Webb, Blytheville, chairman; W. I. Ellege, Fordyce; J. B. Dalrymple, Bradley; G. E. Hilliard, Little Rock; C. E. Myrick, Maynard; Rufus Hale, Waldron.

Publications.—J. B. Luck, Magnolia, chairman; Arthur Allen, Little Rock; J. G. Barnes, Corning; Warren P. Clark, Fort Smith; J. E. Callaway, Elaine; Alonzo Yancey, Branch.

1927 Program.—B. V. Ferguson, Fort Smith, chairman; J. L. Ford, Little Rock; D. D. Glover, Malvern; W. H. Andrew, Rogers; C. D. Wood, Jr., Monticello.

Stewardship and Budget.—J. F. Tull, Augusta, chairman; W. W. Reeves, Ozark; W. D. Pye, Little Rock; W.

K. Oldham, Pettus; M. A. Matlock, Little Rock; G. W. Holcomb, Mt. Ida; A. S. Suggs, Arkadelphia.

State Missions.—A. M. Rodgers, Little Rock, chairman; Taylor Stanfill, Arkadelphia; J. F. Queen, DeQueen; Guy F. Jenkins, McGehee; W. E. Fuson, Walnut Ridge; R. L. Hopkins, Bauxite; J. M. Sheppard, El Dorado; J. H. Turner, Jonesboro.

Ministerial Education.—H. H. McGinley, Osceola, chairman; W. J. Hinsley, Arkadelphia; W. C. Wood, Monticello; F. H. Ward, Lewisville; A. M. Rodgers, Little Rock; N. C. Denson, Dermott.

B. Y. P. U.—B. L. Bridges, Paragould, chairman; Blount F. Davidson, Forrest City; V. B. Filson, Pine Bluff; W. J. Hinsley, Arkadelphia; L. H. Roseman, Piggott.

Home Missions.—E. P. J. Garrott, Conway, chairman; W. Jas. Robinson, Fort Smith; T. J. Watts, Lake Village; W. F. Warren, Van Buren; E. S. Mizell, West Helena; C. M. Myrick, Maynard.

Budget Plan of Church and Denominational Finance.—F. W. Carnett, Fayetteville, chairman; L. M. Sipes, Little Rock; C. M. Wofford, Van Buren; V. H. Coffman, Pine Bluff; S. B. Barnett, Greenwood; Patrick Rogers, Clarendon.

17. The president read a telegram from the Arkansas students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, as follows:

“We wish to assure you of our deep interest in your labor to advance Kingdom work. May the Spirit of God direct all your deliberations and richly bless your places for the ensuing year, is our prayer.”

18. The journal for the preceding day was read by the secretary. Upon motion it was adopted as read.

19. At this time Vice-president O. J. Wade was called upon to preside during the consideration of the Committee of the 1927 Program.

20. B. V. Ferguson, pastor of the First Church of Fort Smith, read the report for the Committee on the 1927 Program.

The report was discussed by B. V. Ferguson and Otto Whittington.

Upon motion the adoption of the report was deferred

until after the reading of the reports of the Executive Board and the Debt-paying Commission.

The report as adopted follows:

REPORT OF THE 1927 CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists is the culmination of an effort to enlist our people in the support of a uniform program for the furtherance of Christ's Cause in all the earth. We believe that every Baptist ought to be interested in every phase of the work and ought to be actively engaged in its support. Hence, the Co-operative Program is meant to give every Baptist equal opportunity to support New Testament missions, Christian Education and benevolences, and to demonstrate his loyalty to Christ's Kingdom. Baptists have no means of working together except in such a co-operative program.

Our last Southern Convention fixed as the goal, \$9,000,000, which has received but one just criticism: It is inadequate for our pressing needs and is too small to represent the increasing wealth of our people. The Baptists of the South are a prosperous people. Their annual income is estimated at \$1,500,000,000. These figures stagger us when we think of the responsibility of Christian Stewardship. It is a great sin for God's people to join hands with the worldly ambitious—"the lovers of pleasure more than God"—and spend God's money for that which profiteth not, for that which is bringing a spiritual death into the churches. The luxury bills of our people far excel the amount they give to express their love for Christ and His Kingdom. How greatly the cause is suffering everywhere for lack of funds to meet the challenge of the hour! Some of our work has already suffered by forced retrenchment. The forced retirement of some of our Foreign Missionaries is a disgrace to Southern Baptists. To keep loyal and faithful missionaries at home because of non-support, is a most effective suicidal method. We have already added one grievous page to our history—that of leaving indefinitely on our waiting list a large number of heart-broken, God-called, cultured and well-trained volunteers. These form a cloud of witnesses to our shame.

Baptists above all people are committed to a co-operative program. However much we may grow, whatever methods of work we may discover, we can never advance beyond this Holy Spirit method of New Testament churches. All honorable work done by Baptists must be credited to this method. We are now about to add another chapter to our history—that of keeping missionaries at home. This will be the first great black page of Southern Baptist history. We pray that this unspeakable tragedy may be averted even yet.

We make the following recommendations as the Program of Arkansas Baptists for 1927:

1. That the name of the program be the Baptist Co-operative Program.

2. As to the nature of the 1927 program, we recommend that it be a one-year program based on the budget.

3. That pledges be made for one year and payable weekly in full-time churches, and in all half-time and fourth-time churches where possible. Where this is not possible, pledges

may be paid semi-monthly and monthly, or as best the pledger can, of course.

4. That the canvass for pledges be made at the time suggested by the Southern Baptist Convention or by the Executive Board.

5. That we urge cash offerings to the co-operative program in churches where the budget is not successfully put one.

6. That every church in the state be urged to give at least 40 per cent of all its budget to Baptist Co-operative Program.

7. That there be no designated gifts. If gifts are designated, that they be applied, of course, as directed by the donors and applied on church quota.

8. That the churches handle Associational Missions as they see fit.

9. That the churches be asked to adopt a policy of two pledges by members, one for local expenses and another for Baptist Co-operative Program and that remittances be made promptly each month.

10. That every church in the state be asked for a definite amount for the Co-operative Program.

11. That every Baptist in the state tithe and pay his or her tithe through the church.

12. That every church provide its members with a package of offering envelopes.

13. That the objective for 1927 be \$300,000.

14. That the division of percentages for 1927 be as follows:

I. 40 per cent for Southwide Causes, to be divided according to the arrangement which the Southern Baptist Convention may make, except that 2 per cent out of the Educational percentage go to aid young preachers in the seminaries.

II. 60 per cent for State Causes, to be divided as follows:

	Per Cent
(1) State Missions (Including Assembly).....	22
(2) Old State Mission and Education Debt.....	6
(3) W. M. U. Missions	4
(4) Ouachita College	9
(5) Central College	6
(6) Mountain Home College	3
(7) Ministerial Education	3
(8) Baptist Advance	2
(9) Baptist State Hospital	5

15. That the preachers be asked to preach, at least, four sermons on Missions during 1927.

16. That we lay much emphasis on prayer and call our people to deeper consecration of their lives and money to Christ's Kingdom.

B. V. Ferguson, Chairman,
J. L. Ford,
D. D. Glover,
W. H. Andrew,
C. D. Wood, Jr.

21. At this time R. Carnahan of Pine Bluff presented the matter of the sale of the Baptist State Hospital, stating that the Executive Board had an opportunity to sell the hospital and that it could be sold for a sum

practically sufficient to pay the indebtedness of the Convention.

Upon motion the matter was deferred until after the report of the Committee on Hospitals.

22. C. A. Riley made announcements for the local church for the comfort and pleasure of visiting messengers.

23. The time for a Special Order having arrived the president presented Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Scarborough brought a stultifying message on Tithing and the Denominational Budget.

24. Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky., was presented and spoke on Baptist conditions as he found them in Europe on a recent tour through practically all European countries.

25. The president read the following telegram from the Georgia Baptist Convention:

"The Georgia Baptist Convention in session to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Greeting: The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. One in Him, One for Him, and for the redemption of the world through Him."

The secretary was instructed to make a suitable reply.

26. Upon motion the Convention adjourned to meet again at two o'clock p. m. Taylor Stanfill of Arkadelphia led in the closing prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

27. The Convention was called to order by President Winburn promptly at 2 o'clock.

P. A. Stockton led the Convention in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

28. The Committee on Order of Business reported and by common consent the report was adopted both for the afternoon and evening sessions.

29. In the absence of E. P. J. Garrott of Conway, President Winburn conducted a short devotional service.

30. At this time J. S. Rogers, general secretary of the Executive Board, introduced the following new pastors

and welcomed them into the Convention and into the State: J. D. Allen, Bentonville; N. Allen, El Dorado; J. G. Barnes, Corning; J. G. Boyle, Hope; E. E. Callahan, Batesville; W. P. Carter, Junction City; I. R. Davis, Hoxie; Wm. E. Fuson, Walnut Ridge; O. C. Harvey, Stuttgart; S. A. Maxey, Norphlet; A. B. Miller, Blue Eye; Charles T. Ricks, Hope; C. N. Royal, Paris; T. B. Sandiffee, Arkansas City.

31. President Winburn introduced and welcomed the following visitors: E. P. Alldredge of the Sunday School Board, Nashville; J. W. Beagle, representative of the Home Board; J. E. Dunham of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans; O. L. Hailey, Nashville; O. E. Nelson, missionary, Brazil; J. B. Routh, editor Baptist Standard, Dallas; Forrest Smith, Fort Worth.

Executive Board Report.

32. The report of the Executive Board was read and discussed by J. S. Rogers, general secretary. During the discussion Dr. Rogers introduced to the Convention Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller of Greenwood, who spoke feebly yet lovingly and presented to the Convention a duly executed warranty deed to property valued at approximately \$18,000. The proceeds of said property to go toward the building of an administration building for the Baptist State Convention in Little Rock.

33. Dr. Rogers made a motion which was duly seconded and unanimously adopted "That the Convention with deep gratitude of all our hearts to Sister Mollie E. Fuller and to God, accept the property and deed to same tendered by Sister Fuller to this Convention, and authorize and instruct its president and recording secretary to execute the following contract between Sister Fuller and this Convention":

CONTRACT.

These Covenants and Obligations made and entered into by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in regular annual session at the First Baptist Church in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, on this 10th day of December, 1926, witnesseth:

That whereas, Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller, by her Warranty Deed, duly executed and delivered, has, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar and other good and valuable considerations and her love and interest in the Baptists of Arkansas, conveyed to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, its successors and assigns forever, certain lands situated in Crawford and Sebastian Counties, in the State of Arkansas, which lands are particularly described in said deed to which reference is hereby made;

Now therefore, the said Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in consideration of the conveyance to it of the said lands by the said Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller does hereby covenant and agree as follows:

First. The said Arkansas Baptist State Convention does hereby covenant and agree that it will pay, through its executive board, all necessary expenses for living and maintenance, together with medical care and attention, of the said Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller during the remainder of her natural life; said expenses to be paid monthly on the first day of each month; said payments not to be less than \$50.00 per month. In case the expenses of the said Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller as aforesaid shall exceed the sum of \$50.00 per month, then such additional sums as may be required shall be paid.

Second. The said Arkansas Baptist State Convention shall furnish to the said Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller during the remainder of her natural life a suitable home to be selected by her; at her option the said Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller may occupy her home on the lands conveyed by her to said Convention for such period of time as she may desire.

Third. It is further agreed by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention that from the income and profits arising from the said lands through rents or otherwise there shall be paid the balance due of a small indebtedness against such income and profits now existing; said total indebtedness amounting to only a few hundred dollars.

Fourth. It is further stipulated and agreed that at her death the Arkansas Baptist State Convention will pay all funeral expenses of the said Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller and that she shall be buried, unless otherwise requested by her, on her lot by the side of her husband in the City of Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Fifth. It is further stipulated and agreed by the said Arkansas Baptist State Convention that all of the monies and proceeds arising from the rental, sale, or other disposition of the property which has been conveyed to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention by the said Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller as aforesaid, shall be dedicated and used for the purpose of erecting an office building to be used as the headquarters offices of the said Convention in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, except such amounts as may be required to carry out the provisions hereinbefore made with reference to the maintenance and burial of the said Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller and the payments of the small indebtedness mentioned in the above numbered paragraph three.

In Witness Whereof, We do hereunto affix our hands and seal as president and secretary, respectively of the said Arkansas Baptist State Convention, being duly authorized thereunto by said Convention, and do fix hereto the seal of said Convention, this 10th day of December, 1926.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,
 _____, President.
 _____, Secretary.

34. The time for the next order of business having arrived, W. T. King made a motion which was carried that the time be extended 30 minutes to permit Dr. Rogers to complete his report and read the recommendations of the Executive Board.

The report was spoken to briefly by Mrs. J. G. Jackson, who called attention to some changes which should be made in the report.

Upon motion of B. F. Davidson the report was amended by striking out recommendation number one with reference to the W. M. U. work and substituting therefor the original 4 per cent given by the Executive Board to the W. M. U.

35. Upon motion the adoption of the report of the Executive Board was deferred until after the reading of the report of the Dept-paying Commission.

The report as adopted is as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

To the Messengers of the Baptist Churches of Arkansas, assembled at Little Rock, Arkansas, December 7-10, 1926, in the seventy-third annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the Executive Board most respectfully submits the following report:

With joy and hearty thanksgiving to Almighty God for His rich blessings upon the work and with a thorough appreciation of the good co-operation of the pastors and churches, your Board presents this report. We quote from a former report a very fundamental statement that needs everlasting emphasis in the hearts of our people:

Baptist denominational work is founded on and depends for its very life upon uncompelled co-operation. It is well and wise to remind the brotherhood and the churches again and again that the task committed to this Board is a part of the work of the churches, that it is the Lord's work and not the work of the Board. If all our people would see and feel their responsibilities and do their duty, Arkansas Baptists alone could do almost half as much for our Lord's Kingdom as all Southern Baptists are doing.

The Death of a Board Member.

During the year the Lord saw fit to call to his reward our dear brother, Deacon Charles Padgett of Batesville, who was a member of this Board. Brother Padgett was a faithful and much-loved member of his church and was in his first year as a trusted member of the Executive Board. We regret profoundly the loss of this servant of God and Board member, and wish to express our deep sympathy to his family and church.

A Year of Gains in Enlistment.

Certainly two of the greatest needs of Arkansas Baptists are: (1) To be far more religious and spiritual, and (2) To be enlisted in the Lord's work. Thorough enlistment, too, can not mean less than three things, namely, attend the services of God's house regularly, do definite church work and contribute money regularly and proportionately. The following show some of the efforts of the workers of the Boards the past year in enlisting our people:

1. Sixty-seven "County-wide Missionary Meetings" have been held in as many counties. Nearly 600 churches were represented in these meetings. Your Board has directed that these meetings be put on again this winter and spring in every county in the state.

2. A State-wide Laymen's Meeting was held in Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, in February. This was the most largely attended laymen's meeting we have ever had and almost every one felt that the program was by far the best of its kind yet. Also in September at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, a "State-wide Workers' Meeting" was held, which for spirituality and emphasis on the fundamentals of Baptist affairs has never been surpassed, if equalled, in the state. The attendance in preachers alone was 164 and probably two or three times as many laymen and women were present.

3. Many other enlistment meetings in the way of county and church meetings, laymen's meetings, banquets, etc., have been attended by the state workers.

4. Layman Secretary, I. E. Taylor, has spoken from two to five times in every county in the state except two and one or more times in probably 150 churches and has been on the field almost all the time. The General Secretary has spent more than half his time on the field.

We Are in Big Business for the Lord.

If the denomination is to go on well, our people and most certainly our preachers will need to get away from the circles of thinking about our work that were formed twenty years ago when we were missionary only twice a year and when our program covered only State, Home and Foreign Missions and the Orphanage, and neglected old preachers, the sick, our state Baptist schools, our Seminaries, etc. When our Baptist schools furnish us 95 per cent of our foreign missionaries and nearly as large per cent of our Home Board missionaries and 75 per cent of our state missionaries and a large per cent of our pastors and other workers, where is the wisdom in not including these schools in the circle of missions? Witness the fact that the young preachers now in Ouachita College had 488 additions to Baptist churches the past summer. The young preachers in our Baptist state schools are having around 1,000 additions per year NOW while they are PREPARING for their life's work. That is as many additions as we used to have in a whole State Mission program for a year. Most of the friction in Baptist affairs comes between two elements, one that wants to go forward and that knows that the end of conquest is the graveyard, and another element that does not agree to that.

Our great program in Arkansas is NOT too big for us in the following respects: (1) Not too big for our membership. We have 153,000 Baptists in the state with probably 120,000 in sympathy with this Convention. Our goal of \$300,000 per year is less than one cent per day for each of 100,000 Baptists. (2) Not too big for our wealth. Our Baptist income in Arkansas is around \$60,000,000 per year. Our Co-operative Program asks for only one-half of one per cent of this—\$300,000! If it is too big at all, it is too big for our THINKING and for our BUSINESS HABITS in religious work. If that is the case, God pity us!

Serious Weaknesses in Our Operation of Our Baptist Co-operative Program.

1. So pathetically few churches inform their people about the work, organize for and put on the every-member canvass. All too many of us vote in Convention and then forget it. Only about 162 churches out of 960 have contributed with any sort of regularity during the year which shows the every-member canvass was not made or not followed up in the other churches. Only 428 churches contributed undesignated gifts and only 635 gave to denominational work in designated and undesignated funds during the year. Surely we can correct that record.

2. So few association organizations will accept any definite amount as a "trial quota" for the Program for the year. Many, if not most, of the associations in other states will accept such trial quotas and we can be as loyal as they.

3. So few churches, likewise, will accept a definite trial quota—only about 172 the past year. To accept such quota or request is merely a promise in the spirit of co-operation that the church will do its utmost to raise the amount. If a church can not accept the amount suggested, it surely would be well and wise to name some amount that it is believed can be raised during the year. That surely would go a long way towards keeping us out of debt. The board in appropriating the funds is compelled to name definite amounts, and that is equal to accepting a "quota" to be paid.

4. So many churches give such a small percentage of their total gifts to the Co-operative program. Only 14 churches and most of these small churches (only two full-time) gave as much as 50 per cent of their total gifts to the Program during 1925, and only 46 churches gave as much as thirty-three and one-third per cent, while 66 other churches gave as much as 25 per cent. Far more than half of the churches gave from one per cent to 25 per cent, while 390 churches reported nothing, and this all includes association missions. Your Board would urge the pastors and churches to do their utmost to give at least from 25 to 40 per cent of their total gifts to the Program.

5. An alarming number of churches consider every other cause as a "preferred obligation" and give the Co-operative Program "what's left." Not all churches by any means do this, but enough do it for the result to be disastrous.

6. There is another weakness in our operation of the Co-operative Program that, if allowed to run, will in a short time puncture every tire of the Program car, short out all the lights, pound sand into the radiator, and gravel in the oil case. We refer to the custom of some churches, even full-time churches and big churches, that accept a given quota for the year but refuse to stand by the percentages that their messengers voted upon or had the opportunity to vote upon in Convention. Such a course confuses everything and everybody. Your Board members are grieved and embarrassed by such a course and in humility beseech pastors and churches not to do such again.

Cheering Points of Gain the Past Year.

1. Our Baptist Co-operative Program is more firmly fixed in the minds and hearts of more of our people than ever before. Our most liberal and loyal people look upon this Program with its budget feature, its emphasis on stewardship and tithing and its comprehensiveness in covering in proper proportion all of

our great missionary causes as scriptural, business-like and permanent.

2. This year many more churches have contributed in undesignated funds than last year. The total number of contributing churches the past year has been 634 against 588 the year before. The Lord have mercy on the churches that did nothing, and they number over 300.

3. A great spirit prevails over the whole state except in just a few, VERY FEW, blue spots.

4. We have reduced debts since last Convention as follows:

- (1) Orphans' Home from \$55,000 to \$33,000.
- (2) Ministerial Education from \$13,163 to \$8,485.18.
- (3) State Missions from \$89,267 to \$83,297.11.
- (4) Davis Hospital from \$7,582 to \$7,238.

5. We have said that the Cannon will, involving about \$43,000 for us, has been decided in our favor and now goes to the Supreme Court.

6. Another gift of some \$15,000 in a fine farm and other real estate has been made on our office building. We can not realize on this yet. This makes a total of about \$39,000 that is being held for us for this office building, that will probably cost \$50,000. How we wish others would give the balance!

7. Our women are rapidly becoming a great trained host for Christ; our laymen are far more active than ever before, and, if you include all local church causes, our people are turning more money to the Lord than ever before.

8. We are worth far more than three times what we owe.

I.

Christian Benevolence.

The benevolent work done by the Arkansas churches and for which the Executive Board gathers funds as a part of the Co-operative Program consists in ministerial relief, orphanage work and hospital ministry.

Note: The receipts given below are from January 1, 1926 to Decmbr 31, 1926, inclusive.

Ministerial Relief.

There are in Arkansas about 58 old and infirm ministers and widows of departed ministers who are being helped by the Board of Ministerial Relief of Dallas, Texas. During the year your Board has received for ministerial relief \$4,117.94.

Our Orphanage.

You will hear a good report from the Orphanage Board. It is not necessary, therefore, for our reference to this matter to be extended. We have received during the year \$12,063.98 for current support for this mansion of mercy. . Your Board urges that upon the churches with all our hearts three things touching the Orphans' Home: (1) That our people make large pledges to the 1927 Program in order that our orphan children may be properly cared for. (2) That every Sunday School in the state give at least a part of the offering of one Sunday in each month to the Home. (3) That our people be liberal in sending all sorts of supplies to the Orphanage.

Your Board has received on the orphanage building and improvement debt \$25,350.12, thus reducing the debt to \$33,000.00. There was also received \$155.00 for furnishing. The total received for the Orphanage was \$37,569.10.

Our Hospitals.

During the year we have received for the Davis Hospital, Pine Bluff, \$696.50. The Davis Hospital is, with all of its equipment, now worth at least \$150,000.00. For the Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock, we have received during the year, \$5,735.47. What a marvelous credit this magnificent five-story house of healing is to Arkansas and the whole South!

Both of these hospitals are more than paying running expenses. In the past eight months the Baptist State Hospital has paid \$10,000.00 to the Executive Board to be applied on the interest on the hospital loan.

II.

Christian Education.

With heavy emphasis, this Board wishes to give it as their serious and growing judgment that Christian education is as thoroughly scriptural as is the doctrine of missions. In this report we are using the term "Christian education" in its broadest sense to cover the Baptist Book House, the Baptist Advance, Ministerial Education and Southwide Institutions, as well as our colleges and other Baptist schools.

The Baptist Book House.

Every Baptist who thinks right surely must believe that a center from which good religious books are distributed is quite important. The world never needed good, wholesome, orthodox Christian books at reasonable prices more than it does today. The management of the Book House is in the hands of the General Secretary, with Miss Gulnare McGuire, as assistant manager. The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., owns a half-interest in the Book House. This arrangement is working well. The financial report and status of this department of our work shows the Book House to be doing well.

The Baptist Advance.

The paper is positively indispensable to the life and progress of all our work. Without the Baptist Advance the denomination would lose tragically in information and also in cooperation and inspiration. The paper has run this year at a loss of \$2,919.95, although it has gone to the subscriber at \$1.00 per year. Your Board wishes that every church in the state would put the paper in the budget and send it to every home. We ought quickly to increase the present number of subscribers, which is a little under 8,000, to at least 15,000. More than any other people, Baptists act on their own individual knowledge and are prompted by their own personal information.

Ministerial Education.

The denomination that is without a sufficient supply of heroic, fearlessly bold, well trained preachers whose souls are as big as the whole round world has come upon a tragic day, and, for its part, is leading the world astray! We have in our state Baptist schools nearly 100 young preachers. Because of debt on this phase of our work the funds from the Program for this cause do not go to the young preachers, but are being applied on the debt. Your Board has sent to the Southern Seminary at Louisville, for Ministerial Education, \$300.00, and to the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth \$550.00. There has been received for our South-wide educational institutions \$6,420.00.

Our Three Colleges.

Your Board has received during the year, for Ouachita College, \$10,037.65. One year ago the overdraft of this school with the Executive Board was \$148,853.04, and now it is \$152,579.99. This results from our small undesignated receipts. During the year there has been received for Central College \$6,698.73. For Mountain Home College the receipts have been \$3,344.87. All of these schools ought to be dear to the heart of every Arkansas Baptist.

III.

Christian Missions.

The ultimate origin of missions is found in the heart of God. Our Co-operative Program is primarily and prevailingly missionary. No Christian can be a New Testament Baptist unless he is missionary in faith and works. In a Baptist program the main emphasis all the time must be on missions. We can't be orthodox unless we believe in and support missions. We must be a missionary people or be marked for death. Arkansas Baptists are far, FAR below the standard in contributions to missions. Surely a better day in this respect is not far away.

Association Missions.

While the Executive Board does not gather funds for Association Missions, the total gifts of the churches of the state to this great cause ought to be recorded each year in the Annual of this Convention. The best facts and figures available indicate that the total gifts to this cause the past year amounted to about \$50,000.00. No phase of our work is more important than Association Missions. One serious word needs to be said here, and that is that this cause ought not to be supported at the expense of the Co-operative Program, as is the case in a great many churches. Each cause ought to have its percentage, and not encroach upon other causes.

State Missions.

The State Mission Board will report a good year. We are spending less than half as much money for this great cause under the circumstances as we should be supending. The Executive Board appropriated \$45,000 to the State Mission Board this year. More could not be appropriated unless the churches were giving more to the Program. Since the last convention there has been received at the office of this Board for State Missions from the state \$35,645.84, from the Home Board \$15,000.00, and from the Sunday School Board \$2,716.47, making a total of \$53,345.31 from all sources.

The W. M. U. Work.

Our Arkansas Baptist women have had a good year. Their convention at Little Rock in April was large, spiritual and constructive. Your Board cannot impress too much on this convention the importance of a high appreciation of the work of our Arkansas W. M. U. Our women are a tremendous educational and missionary force. They greatly quicken our whole Baptist line of march. Your Board appropriated \$8,500.00 to Women's Work the past year. 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 Lucille Thomas and Miss Helen Shaw.

Home Missions.

Our office has received for Home Missions this convention year \$14,915.29. The Home Board is giving us for co-operative work this Southern Baptist Convention year \$1,250.00 per month. For this we are profoundly grateful. The Home Board is in dire distress for funds, and Arkansas should give this Board all the relief possible.

Foreign Missions.

The Executive Board has received from the churches for Foreign Missions \$48,973.26, and there has been sent direct to the Foreign Board \$33,433.00, or a total of \$82,406.26 given during the year by Arkansas Baptists. You will hear during this convention about the financial plight of the Foreign Board. May God make us all many times more missionary.

The Baxter Cannon Will to Supreme Court.

Last spring the Baxter Cannon will case, involving about \$45,000 for this convention, was tried in the courts of Sevier county, at De Queen. The court held that the will must stand, with one small exception, which means a probable loss of some \$2,000, giving this convention about \$43,000. The case has been appealed by the Cannon heirs to the Supreme Court. It is likely to be a year before the Supreme Court can get to the case. If the will stands in the Supreme Court it will give State Missions about \$16,000, Ouachita College \$16,000, the Orphanage \$3,000, and Foreign Missions \$6,000, after lawyers' fees, etc., have been paid.

The Legal Status of Our Debts.

Arkansas Baptists five years ago, according to the auditor's statement, owned \$704,259.45 worth of denominational property and owed \$421,800.28.

Now we own, mainly in fire-proof buildings and cash endowment, \$3,000,046 worth of denominational property, if you include the Assembly and our real estate that is not connected with any institution, and leave out, of course, Jonesboro College. In five years Arkansas Baptists have increased their denominational holdings by more than \$2,000,000 and have paid for three-fourths of it. If a business concern were to do that they would be called financial wizards. Arkansas Baptists owe approximately \$957,000.00.

Recommendations Touching the Financial Situation of Arkansas Baptists and the Paying of Our Debts.—Some Important Remarks.

1. Our debts are larger than they should be and your Board is an absolute unit in the strong opinion that they should not be increased but rather that they shall be cut down day by day beginning with the adjournment of this Convention. This Board proposes to cut all appropriations with which we have to do and otherwise economize until the result must be a gradual reduction of debts all down the line the coming year.

2. This Board does not believe that it would be wise to put on now a great, high-pressure, debt-paying campaign. We must preserve the Co-operative Program, its budget idea, etc. We must teach our people and bring far more of them to believe in and practice stewardship, tithing, missions, etc., and to contribute weekly. In time any church can be brought to the budget plan.

Enlistment is Our Big Task Now.

3. We wish strongly to remind our people again and again (1) that while we have a large debt we have a glorious abundance to show for it. (2) That while it should be reduced just as rapidly as possible, it does not all have to be paid the coming year, nor the coming five years. There are 110 reasons why, if necessary, even the next generation should not help pay for some of our great fire-proof buildings that will serve the coming four or five or more generations.

4. Before going over the plan outlined below, we call the attention of the Convention to what your Board considers the wise features and great advantages of the plan.

- (1) It conserves the budget plan and the Co-operative Program, protects the churches that are on the budget plan, combines and simplifies percentages.
- (2) It supplements the Co-operative Program as we will need to do for some years yet, provides a method for reaching all churches whether on budget or not, distributes responsibility for the debts, etc.
- (3) It applies 30 per cent of all undesignated receipts to debts.

We now give our recommendations as to each item of debt and plans that we believe will gradually retire our debts and at the same time take care of our current program. Since the committee on the 1927 Co-operative Program prefers not to report on percentages and since we are your Board of finance, we are reporting on percentages adopted by the 1927 Program Committee that met on May 7th, but with some suggested changes which we greatly hope this Convention will adopt. Remember well, please, that we are absolutely forced to adopt some few measures touching our obligations that we prefer not to adopt. However, has not the time fully come when all of us positively must make sacrifices as to ideas, ideals, policies, personal comforts, etc., in order to reduce our debts? All interests, departments and institutions should co-operate most heartily.

Ouachita College

Your Board recommends:

1. That 9 per cent of the Program receipts be applied on the overdraft of the college.
2. That the Carnahan land and the Forbes land, given to the college during the endowment campaign be sold as soon as possible and the proceeds applied on the debt, if this accords with the wishes of the donors.

Central College Debt.

1. That 6 per cent of the Co-operative Program receipts be applied on the debt.

2. TO SAVE THE LIFE OF THE SCHOOL that the field be open to the college privately to solicit individuals, and by permission of pastors to solicit missionary societies and other W. M. U. organizations (no other organizations) for gifts in units of \$5.00 per month, the aim being to secure in the state at least 300 units running through three years, possibly, which would yield \$18,000 per year. President Campbell approves of this plan in lieu of the endowment campaign for the present. We have a simple and workable method for collecting these units. One individual or W. M. U. may give one or more units of \$5.00 per month, of course.

3. That the Convention guarantee the college \$10,000 per year for current support. This is to be replaced by funds gathered according to the above plan. The guarantee is positively necessary in order that the college may be kept in the North Central Association and so be kept standard.

4. That the field also be open to the college quietly and privately to solicit gifts on endowment.

Mountain Home College.

That the college have 3 per cent of Program receipts.

Baptist State Hospital.

1. That the hospital have 6 per cent of the Co-operative Program receipts to be applied on the debt of the hospital.

2. That the hospital management pay to Executive Board \$1,250 per month to be applied on the debt of the hospital.

3. That a special campaign for funds may be conducted in 1927 in Little Rock and Pulaski county under the direction of the Executive Board and at a time to be named by said Board, provided such is deemed wise.

Davis Hospital.

1. That the hospital pay from its operating receipts the interest on the debt.

2. That all receipts from the Program apply on the principal of the debt and that the Davis Hospital Board be asked to carry this debt.

Christian Education.

1. That the Ministerial Education debt and the old education debt be combined under the head of "The Christian Education Debt." and that this interest be given 3 per cent of the Co-operative Program. The idea in doing this is to simplify matters, not to hav so many divisions of percentages, etc.

2. That if it can be satisfactorily arranged with the schools, Secretary W. J. Hinsley be asked to look after aid for the Ministerial students in all of our Baptist state schools.

The W. M. U. Account of \$10,386.84.

1. That the W. M. U. have 4 per cent.

2. That the State W. M. U. be asked to pay the interest on this debt and as nearly \$1,000 per year on the principal as possible. The Corresponding Secretary and President of the W. M. U. agree to recommend this to their Board at its meeting December 6 and to the annual meeting in April. It can not take effect until the April meeting but may be regarded as settled, and that the Executive Board still carry this item, of course, for the W. M. U.

Orphanage Debt.

1. That the Orphanage be kept in the Co-operative Program and be given 3 per cent for 1927.

2. That all Sunday Schools not in the church budget be asked and urged to give one liberal offering per month to the Orphanage.

3. That Mrs. C. R. Pugh be authorized and instructed as follows:

- (1) To continue to solicit from churches and individuals who have not contributed to it, funds on the debt on the property, under the direction of the Executive Board, until all this debt is paid except the last note of \$30,000 which draws only 6½ per cent and is not due until February 16, 1930, and then go to churches not on the budget and ask for offerings to take care of this note.
- (2) To solicit provisions in carload lots or less in various sections of the state.

State Missions.

In order that the debt on State Missions be paid as rapidly as possible and that a greater State Mission program may be inaugurated as soon as possible with distinct emphasis on preaching the gospel and building up the country and small town churches, we recommend that the State Convention adopt and authorize the following:

1. That State Missions absorb the Assembly percentage, and thus be given 24 per cent for 1927.

2. That the convention recommend that the current State Mission account for 1927 include the following:

- (1) 18 per cent of the Co-operative Program.
- (2) All designated receipts including collections in revivals held by State Mission employees.
- (3) All receipts from the Home Board and the Sunday School Board.

3. That the Executive Board in addition to its usual program be charged with the obligation of operating the Assembly and also undertake gradually to pay the debt on the Assembly grounds, the Assembly organization being hereby directed to pay its interest on the Assembly debt and the Executive Board directed to carry the debt.

4. That the Executive Board pay out of State Mission current budget the interest on the State Mission debt at the rate of 6 per cent.

5. That 6 per cent or the balance of the 24 per cent of the Co-operative Program set aside for State Missions be applied on the principal of the State Mission debt.

6. That the Executive Board be authorized and instructed to give careful and immediate attention to the advisability of turning all our mountain schools over to the Home Mission Board by next June, or closing those that do not justify expenditures on them. There are two reasons for this recommendation. One is the recent action of the state in raising the possible maximum school tax to 18 mills and other public school measures now being promoted, which will soon put high schools in reach of nearly every community, and the other is the fact that the Home Board operates practically all mountain schools in the other states independently of those states. This plan, too, makes for unity, economy and efficiency in the schools.

Baptist Advance Policies.

To put the Baptist Advance on a business basis that, we believe, will not result in a deficit on running expenses, your Board recommends the following:

1. That the price of the paper be increased to \$1.50 to individuals and \$1.00 to churches and other organizations that put it in the budget or in every home otherwise, and in clubs of 25 or more.

2. That all state- and South-wide boards using space in the form of advertisements pay for same at the full rate.

3. That, if necessary in order to run without a deficit, the Executive Board may be charged for the back page, at a rate to be determined by the Board, but for no other space except as indicated in paragraph 2 above.

Percentages For 1927 Program.

The above recommendations divide the percentages for the 1927 Co-operative Program as below and your Board so recommends:

1. Southwide causes 40 per cent, to be divided according to the instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention, except that 2 per cent out of the Education percentages go to aid young preachers in the seminaries.

2. State causes 60 per cent, divided thus: State Missions 24 per cent, Ouachita College 9 per cent, Central College, 6 per cent, Baptist State Hospital 6 per cent, Christian Education debt 3 per cent, Mountain Home College, 3 per cent, Orphanage 3 per cent, Baptist Advance 2 per cent, and W. M. U. 4 per cent.

Other Recommendations.

1. That the convention hereby unqualifiedly instruct every one of its boards and institutions, beginning immediately, not to spend for current support or anything else one dollar more than what seems to be its absolutely certain income for the year. If institutions and boards violate these instructions, they are not to ask nor expect the Executive Board to relieve them. This order is in force until revoked by this convention in annual session.

2. That the convention order, unconditionally, that none of its institutions shall erect any more buildings or make any improvements for which they do not have the money in hand to pay the last dollar of charges. This order is in force until revoked by this convention in annual session.

Future Policy Concerning Building Funds and Endowment.

Your Board recommends that the convention go on record concerning a policy touching building funds and endowment for our different institutions as follows:

1. That in the future no building fund nor interest on building funds for any institution be put in the current budget of the Co-operative Program, but that this matter be handled in special campaigns. In other words, so far as building funds are concerned, that our institutions go directly to the people at a time to be designated by this convention or the Executive Board.

2. That the same policy be followed as to endowment for our different institutions.

Recommendations Concerning the Co-operative Program.

The sole human hope of Baptist denominational work in Arkansas, financially, is the Baptist Co-operative Program. Because this is true, your Board makes the recommendations found

below, and wishes to put all possible emphasis on their importance, and hopes that this convention will place behind these recommendations every ounce of its great moral and spiritual influence:

I.—The 1926 Baptist Co-operative Program.

1. That the special attention of all the churches be called to the published receipts in the Baptist Advance for December 9, showing the payments of all churches through the office of the Executive Board since January 1, 1926.

2. That special efforts be put forth by all Baptist forces in the state to get every church that accepted a quota for 1926 and has an unpaid balance to pay it by December 31, and to get every church that did not accept a quota and that has not made an offering this fall to do so by December 31. We strongly recommend that the aim be to make the 960 churches in the state that are in sympathy with this convention 100 per cent in offerings to the 1926 Program.

3. That all love offerings during December be for the whole program.

II. The 1927 Baptist Co-operative Program.

1. That separate pledges be taken in the churches for local expenses and denominational causes, or at least that these funds be kept entirely separate. We urge that Association Missions be given strong support, but that state and South-wide funds never be used for this.

2. That this convention, through a special nomination committee, appointed by the president of the convention, elect a strong man in each county or association (county preferred) to lead the forces and assist in every way possible in putting on the every-member canvass for the 1927 Program. This brother is asked to serve throughout the year, and is requested and authorized to choose and associate with him any number of workers whom he may deem wise.

3. That the remainder of December and so much of January as is necessary be designated as the special time to do this work.

4. That all the Executive Board and State Mission Board and W. M. U. and S. S. and B. Y. P. U. forces, all field forces of the colleges, hospital, etc., give all possible time to this great and serious task.

5. That every pastor and other preacher in the state, the laymen and W. M. Societies be most earnestly implored to work heroically at this matter. We point out the all-importance of the people being well informed and the church forces well organized for the every-member canvass.

6. That the aim be to get at least 500 churches on the budget plan, or to agree in their own way to remit some worthy amount monthly to the Executive Board office, counting from January 1. We stoutly urge over and over an honest-to-goodness every-member canvass in every church that has not put on such.

7. That there be published in the issue of the Baptist Advance for December 16 the request or suggested quota from each church in the state. We implore every church to accept some definite quota, and please to comply with the percentages adopted by this convention.

8. That the names of all churches, their pastors and asso-

ciations and the quota accepted be published in the Baptist Advance from week to week as quotas that are suggested or named by themselves are accepted and reported.

9. That in this great and grave movement for Christ and the lost and the churches, tremendous emphasis be put on the following:

(1) Separate pledges, or at least separate funds, for local and denominational causes.

(2) A definite pledge by every church member.

(3) That all gifts be to the whole program.

(4) Putting a package of offering envelopes in the hands of every church member, whether that member makes a pledge or not.

(5) Weekly (or at most monthly) payments through the church treasurer.

(6) Pastors be well paid.

(7) Monthly remittances by all churches to Baptist headquarters.

10. That by the grace of God we prove to the world and to heaven that Arkansas Baptists can give \$300,000 undesignated in 1927.

C. A. Riley, President,
J. S. Rogers, General Secretary.

Statement of Contributions Received in Office of General Secretary, Little Rock, Arkansas, During Period of January 1, 1926, to December 31, 1926, inclusive.

Funds	Undesignated		Designated	Total
	1925	1926		
	Program	Program		
Baptist Advance	\$24.28	\$2,133.29	\$48.70	\$2,206.27
Bapt. State Hosp.	121.44	5,333.20	280.83	5,735.47
Central College	170.02	6,399.83	128.88	6,698.73
Christian Ed. Debt.....	48.58	1,066.73	11.60	1,126.91
Foreign Missions	412.89	20,266.17	4,438.97	25,118.03
Home Missions	170.02	9,119.80	5,625.47	14,915.29
Ministerial Ed.	145.73	4,266.34	85.22	4,497.29
Mtn. Home College.....	48.58	3,188.07	108.22	3,344.87
Old Ministers Relief....	72.86	3,850.58	194.50	4,117.94
Orphans Home	97.16	4,250.78	7,716.04	12,063.98
Ouachita College	242.88	9,599.76	195.01	10,037.65
Sou. Bapt. Hospital.....	24.29	1,215.99	48.70	1,288.98
Southwide Institut'ns..	170.02	6,079.87	170.59	6,420.48
State Miss. Debt.....	97.16	3,199.81	75.69	3,372.66
State Miss. Current.....	485.75	21,332.82	7,210.83	29,029.40
B. Y. P. U. Assembly....	24.28	1,066.63	19.16	1,110.07
Woman's Miss. Union..	72.86	4,266.55	28.36	4,367.77
Davis Hospital .....	.....	.....	696.50	696.50
Orphans' Home Debt....	.....	.....	25,350.12	25,350.12
Orphans' Home Furn... ..	.....	.....	155.00	155.00
State Miss. Evangelism .....	.....	.....	3,243.78	3,243.78
Foreign Mission Debt..	.....	.....	23,442.73	23,442.73
Foreign Miss. Special..	.....	.....	412.50	412.50
Christian Ed. Day.....	.....	.....	69.00	69.00
Ouachita Endowment..	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Hagarville Academy....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	<u>\$2,428.80</u>	<u>\$106,636.22</u>	<u>\$79,766.40</u>	<u>\$188,831.42</u>

Balance Sheet December 31, 1926.

ASSETS

Current—

Cash on hand	\$ 3,642.69	
Cash in banks	522.65	\$ 4,165.34
Accounts Receivable	1,650.24	
Notes Receivable	1,800.00	
Notes Receivable, B. Y. P. U. Assembly	12,500.00	
Stocks and Bonds	200.00	16,150.24

Fund Overdrafts—

Baptist Advance	4,734.63	
Baptist State Hospital.....	55,952.15	
Central College	18,895.83	
Old Christian Education Debt.....	22,078.76	
Davis Hospital	7,238.00	
Hagarville Academy	1,500.00	
Home Missions	1,568.40	
Ministerial Education	8,485.18	
Orphans' Home	1,120.18	
Orphans' Home Building Fund.....	1,658.79	
Ouachita College	152,579.99	
State Mission Debt.....	\$83,297.11	
State Mission 1926 Acct.....	513.51	83,810.62
B. Y. P. U. Assembly	6,874.01	
Woman's Missionary Union	10,386.84	376,883.38

Fixed—

Automobile (2 Ford Coupes).....	864.75
Office Equipment	1,129.59
Real Estate	13,150.00

15,144.34

Less Real Estate Reserve.....	5,750.00	9,394.34
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Deferred Charges—

Real Estate Taxes and Expenses.....	15.55	
Cannon and Fuller Estate Expenses....	138.96	
State Mission Board, on 1927 Appr'n.	4,095.87	4,250.38

\$410,843.68

LIABILITIES

Current—

Accounts Payable	\$ 3,393.21	
Due Officers and Employees	1,090.10	\$ 4,483.31
Notes Payable		387,489.40

Fund Credit Balances—

Foreign Missions	9,059.36	
Foreign Mission Debt	2,690.34	
Mountain Home College	1,285.57	
Old Ministers' Relief	1,661.13	
Orphans' Home Furniture Fund.....	443.55	
Southwide Institutions	3,055.09	
Southern Baptist Hospital.....	675.93	18,870.97

\$410,843.68

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that I have audited the books of the General Secretary of the Executive Board, Little Rock, Arkansas, and the foregoing balance sheet correctly reflects the financial pos-

ition of the Executive Board at December 31, 1926, as shown by the books.

The records were found to be in good condition. All receipts were verified by data available and satisfactory vouchers were on file for all disbursements.

TAYLOR E. CRESS,
Certified Public Accountant.

January 19, 1927.

36. The report of the Debt-paying Commission was read and discussed by S. E. Tull, chairman of the Commission.

The report of the Commission as read is given below for information:

**FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMISSION
CONSTITUTED BY THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE
CONVENTION TO DEVISE WAYS AND MEANS OF PAYING
THE DEBTS OF THE CONVENTION AND ITS INSTI-
TUTIONS.**

The Commission appointed by the 1926 Convention of the Arkansas Baptists to look into the matter of paying off the indebtedness of the Convention and its institutions presents the following report of its findings and recommendations:

As preliminary to setting out the items of this report in detail, we desire first to make some general observations. We have found the Brotherhood greatly interested in the purpose of our Commission, and we have been encouraged and inspired by the evident desire of our people for the ongoing and continued progress of our Arkansas Baptist work and enterprises. Many helpful and instructive suggestions have come to us from many sources.

The further we have gone into our investigations, the greater we have been impressed with the magnitude of our task. It was suggested in the resolution which set up this Commission that the aim be to pay off our debts by the Diamond Anniversary of the Convention in 1928, but we find that such a suggestion is wholly impractical. The time element in the retirement of our debts will have to extend over a longer period of years when measured by our means and resources to pay these debts. Our total indebtedness is so large that any idea of an extra "Debt-paying Campaign" among the Churches to liquidate the whole amount of these debts is impossible of consideration. We shall be forced to come at the solution of the problem through other means than that.

After much study of the whole question, we have come to the deliberate conclusion that if we ever pay these debts and at the same time forbid the accumulation of more debt, we shall be forced to revise the whole POLICY under which we are now operating. If, therefore, the recommendations herein set forth seem to be radical in their character and to require a general re-organization to carry them into effect, our reply is, that the exigency of the occasion demands nothing less than a radical change of policy. The whole debt problem is on us as a result of the policy under which we have been operating. Past history, as well as the present situation, prove that the present policy will not accomplish the ends desired in even checking the ac-

cumulation of debt, much less become effective in paying off the huge sum of that which we already owe.

In saying this, it must be remembered by everybody that those who have been intrusted with the responsibility of administering the business enterprises of the Convention have wherewith to show for every item of our debts. Our debts are in no sense due to any item of mismanagement. Neither must it be assumed by any that the accumulation of these debts has been an unwise investment. The demands of the times and the call of opportunity have necessitated enlarged facilities for our Baptist institutions. We could not take care of the present needs, not mentioning future prospects, without the equipment which our institutions now enjoy. The type of work now being carried on by Arkansas Baptists has been made possible only because of our investments mainly represented in these debts. No interested and loyal Baptist can look through the purpose of these debts in the main and find any ground for complaint, but every ground for feeling proud of the equipment now in the service of our institutions the cost of which has brought these debts upon us. It must now be this spirit of gratitude and appreciation that directs us in our hopes and plans to pay the cost and retire these debts.

However, the conditions and the emergency under which an indebtedness is incurred may not serve to accomplish the payment of the debt. A debt may be a wise investment, but the day comes when the investment must be paid for. Proper facilities in any business enterprise are necessary to enable the enterprise to carry its plans. The very fact that we now have our institutions **reasonably equipped** for their work makes it possible for us to turn back and give ourselves to the task of caring for their capital cost brought on us in getting them to where they can share in the burden of their original cost to the Convention. Our suggestions of a change in policy, therefore, by which now to pay our debts, must never be construed as an impeachment of the wisdom or the policy under which the debts have accumulated. As a business proposition, we now face a **different emergency** than we were under when we were forced to build our institutions. We have been placed where we have had little **option** as to what to do in such instances as when our Orphanage burned and we found that we must have more dormitory room at our colleges; but, the question now of paying our debts presents itself as a matter of **business deliberation** where we can make plans and operate our plans without any regard to the past conditions that brought these debts upon us. Instead of our hesitating now to "tamper with the machinery" or to change our "policy," your Commission feels that business judgment demands that we have no care about changing any past precedents in putting our present financial matters on a sound and workable business basis looking to a constant and successful reduction of our general indebtedness.

The question of consolidating our two boards has been discussed considerably in relation to the work of this Commission. Your Commission has not chosen to deal with that question directly; but, if the change of policy herein suggested is adopted by the Convention, it will appear to all that we will not need but the one Board in the future. To revert to one Board will necessitate considerable changes in the Constitution of the Convention. In anticipation of the adoption of our suggestions by

the Convention, your Commission has drafted a revised Constitution covering those articles which need to be changed to provide for one board instead of two, and we stand ready to offer this for adoption if this report is favorably accepted by the Convention. However, the suggestions which we shall herein offer are in no way dependent upon a consolidation of our Boards, but will be as practicable under two Boards as under one. Your Commission regards that the number of our Boards is more an expediency than a matter of business efficiency.

We now set down in order our findings and recommendations:

1. Respecting the character of our Convention indebtedness, we find that for many years past the Convention and its institutions have been running in debt until at the present time the total indebtedness amounts to a figure that approaches One Million Dollars.

2. We find that most of our indebtedness has resulted from a program of building and enlargement carried on for our Colleges, Hospitals and Orphanage; but, added to that, much debt has been incurred from deficits on the running expenses of these institutions and deficits on the running expenses of the general State Program. We have discovered that the whole work of the Convention for many years past has been running at a cost far beyond the receipts both of revenues and of contributions from the churches.

3. We find that our building and enlargement enterprises, as a cost, have been placed over on the current debt of the State Convention and that no special line of demarkation has been defined in our appeal to the Churches as between the **cost of carrying our building projects** and the cost of carrying our **current State Mission Program**, and the State Executive Board is carrying the **whole indebtedness**, with interest cost, on a general appeal to the Churches through their **Budget gifts**. This policy puts the preferred item of an enormous interest-debt first as a charge against the receipts from the Churches, and the **primary Missionary Program** of the Convention gets only such allowances as are left after the total interest-debt on all the institutions of the State is provided for.

4. We find that the policy of charging to the State Executive Board all debts and deficits as they may be incurred by our institutions, in addition to making the Board responsible for all building enterprises, gives no promise of success in **even stopping** the growth of debts much less reducing the present debt burden. Under the present policy, when a deficit occurs the only recourse seems to be to **lengthen the credit** of the State Board to cover it.

5. We find that the big interest account accruing on our total indebtedness which the State Board must carry is necessarily and vitally affecting our Missionary operations by consuming money that needs to be spent on strengthening the Churches and evangelizing the destitution of the State.

6. We find, therefore, that our institutionalism has inevitably overshadowed, and in the nature of the policy, is preferred above our missionary and our direct gospel appeal.

7. We find that the average receipts from the Churches for all current State purposes for the last three years totals only about \$130,000.00 which makes the payment of debts impossible when out of these receipts we must pay the interest

on nearly a million dollars, carry our overhead, and at the same time maintain State Missions.

Because of these general findings, your Commission recommends the following general policy for future operation of which to define and to distribute our general indebtedness and to devise ways by which our debts may be funded for the present and through which they may be finally paid off:

That the following institutions owned and operated by this Convention, namely, Ouachita Baptist College, Central Baptist College, Mountain Home College, Bottoms Orphans' Home, The State Baptist Hospital, The Davis Baptist Hospital, be taken out of the budget with respect to their debts, and be put upon their own resources to secure funds over and above their current expenses sufficient to carry the interest on their indebtedness and to create a retirement fund by which to reduce the principal of their debts each year upon a ratio of retirement for each as seems best to undertake in each case.

The purpose of this general policy is to separate the appeal for institutional building purposes from the appeal for current maintenance of the general denominational program. Your Commission feels that this is the one grand trouble with our past policy, and we seek to begin now to correct it.

In making our recommendations for putting this policy into effect at the earliest possible date, your Commission calls attention to the fact that the title of all these institutions is vested in this Convention, and that no financial obligation can be assumed in money market by these institutions without the underwriting or endorsement of this Convention. This fact makes the Convention finally responsible for the debts of all these institutions in the default of any one of them in meeting the requirements of this policy. The policy itself, then, becomes more a matter of mutual agreement here among ourselves over a common-interest task than it means to affect this Convention's standing with its creditors. The creditors will ultimately look to this Convention for settlement of these debts, and not to the individual institutions. In the face of these facts, your Commission is assuming that the Trustees and management of each of our institutions realize the emergency under which we are laboring as a Convention, and that each will cheerfully accept its part of the total debt, and get into the field to do its utmost to meet its respective allotment of these debts. Each one of our institutions has a force of appeal among its own distinctive clientele which fairness to the whole task demands that it shall exercise in every legitimate way, knowing that a reduction of the debt on any one of these institutions means the lightening of the burden on the Convention.

As a means, therefore, by which to carry this General Policy into effect, we submit the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College, Central College, Mountain Home College, each accept as its task that portion of the total debt for which it is justly responsible, and that said Trustees attempt to so manage their affairs, through their revenues, and by solicitation of extra funds, as to pay its operating expenses, meet its interest account, and to produce a retirement fund annually on the principal of its debt.

2. That the Baptist State Hospital Trustees assume a bond issue against its properties in the sum necessary to fund all its debt, and that this institution so manage its business, from its

revenues and by donations from its friends, as to pay its operating expenses, meet its interest account, and to produce a retirement fund annually on the principal of its debt.

3. That the Davis Hospital Trustees assume all the debt against that institution, and so run its affairs as to pay all its operating expenses, meet its interest account, and to pay its debts.

4. That the Trustees of the Bottoms Orphans' Home accept the remaining debt on this institution as their task, raise their interest account and continue the distinctive Orphans' Home appeal among the Churches until this debt is wiped out.

5. That the deficit on the Baptist Advance be placed over on the floating debt of the Convention and that its expenses continue to be carried as a part of the Co-operative Program.

6. That since the Convention does not own title to the Siloam Springs Assembly, your Commission does not feel that we must deal with that institution, and we do not assume to suggest any solution of the Assembly problem except that whatever debt the Convention Board has assumed for the Assembly be carried on the floating debt of the Convention.

7. That in accomplishing this general arrangement of our indebtedness, a necessary Retirement Fund be provided to the amount of \$75,000.00 annually, allotted as follows: Ouachita College \$15,000.00, Central College \$15,000.00, State Hospital \$20,000.00, Floating debt \$20,000.00, Orphans' Home \$5,000.00. This Retirement Fund will pay the Ouachita Debt in ten years, the Central College debt in ten years, the Hospital debt in twenty years, the Floating debt in fourteen years, and the Orphanage debt in six years.

As the matter now stands, the Convention Executive Board is paying the interest on our total debt out of the receipts from the Churches. The arrangement we are here suggesting will, therefore, add to our present annual obligation only the amount of \$75,000.00 per year above present receipts. The average receipts for the past three years has been about \$130,000.00, out of which we have carried our program and paid our total interest debt. To add this Retirement Fund of \$75,000.00, would mean for all our agencies to get in the field to raise \$75,000.00 annually above present income to meet the objective. If, in addition to that, our institutions can discover enough to take care of their interest accounts, let that be considered as an addition to the objective of \$75,000.00 as a retirement fund.

By articulating our indebtedness as above set out, your Commission feels that this Convention could not lay out for itself a lesser objective to reach in the retirement of this huge debt than a reducing fund of \$75,000.00 per year extra of our present receipts. Besides, if we should fail to meet this objective, we are in no worse shape, and are as well able to carry the interest as at present.

8. That all remaining debts not allotted to the several institutions as set out above—which in actual figures is \$203,000.00—be resolved into a total to be carried by the State Board in the manner of a balance against current expenses; that this amount of debt be regarded as a preferred obligation to be paid out of the regular receipts from the Churches at the rate of \$20,000.00 per year with interest. That there be no other expenditures put over on the receipts from the Churches in addition to this \$20,000.00 and interest except our missionary

and benevolent objects commonly fostered under State Missions, such as Church support, Associational Missions, Orphans' support, Mountain Schools, Christian Education, Evangelism, Ministerial Education, Woman's Work, Sunday School, B. Y. P. U. work, Overhead expenses. That these maintenance items, together with the South-wide objects fostered by the Southern Baptist Convention be hereafter regarded as the State Support Budget as distinct from the extra matter of caring for our institutional debts.

9. That this Convention hereby defines and pronounces the difference that justly obtains between funds for building institutions and those funds which it takes to maintain and keep going the current expenses of the Convention's necessary activities. There is a distinction in the importance of these two funds. There is a difference both in the appeal and the application of these two funds. Since we are undertaking to pay debts and to build budgets, it is necessary that this difference be justly and adequately set before the Churches in our appeal for their gifts. That this difference may be set forth and defined in the methods of this Convention, let it be understood that the "Unified Budget" of this Convention hereafter shall contain ONLY the items of Current Support which it takes to maintain the running expenses of the Convention's activities, and that all appeals for the building and enlargement of our institutions shall be denoted and regarded as separate from, and extra of, the Convention's Current Support Budget. That to further emphasize this distinction between funds, the Current Support Budget shall be accepted as undesignated to be distributed to the various needs on a schedule of percentages, and all money given to our institutions for debts, building and endowment shall be designated to that particular institution of the donor's choice or to the building fund as such. That the Undesignated Current Expense Budget be regarded as a first and preferred obligation upon the heart of every Church member as a primary appeal for his support, after which he is liberated to designate other amounts to extra appeals as he is able. With this definition and understanding, every Baptist in Arkansas can be able to distinguish the difference between the foundational Current Support Budget and Designated gifts. The one is necessary—the other optional. Nowhere in the Bible is the tithe devoted to building purposes. The building of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness, the Building of Solomon's Temple with all its cost, the reconstruction of Jerusalem under Nehemiah—all came out of the free-will offerings of the people over and above their tithe which was always devoted to the current support of God's House. By setting out this proper and Bible distinction between funds, no loyal Baptist can find a ground of objection to extra campaigns conducted for building purposes for objects wholly and Scripturally outside the Denominational Current Support Budget.

10. To avoid confusion, rivalry, or over-lapping in any appeals for funds to supplement their revenues by any institution under this new policy, the Convention hereby orders that any plan to solicit funds from the Churches on the part of any institution shall be submitted to the State Board for endorsement and for adjustment to other appeals, and that each institution be required to make an itemized financial statement to the State Board every three months of all its receipts and disbursements.

11. That the State Board attempt to effect this general arrangement at the earliest possible date by thorough conference with all parties concerned, and that all transactions be of full agreement between the Board and the institutions involved; and that if it be found necessary, when present conditions are canvassed, to carry some transactions through a period of months, the Board shall assume the cost of the delay.

12. That in accomplishing these changes, whatever bond issues or mortgages are now outstanding against the Convention and its institutions which need to be rounded to give place to better adjustment, be taken under advisement before the adjournment of this Convention and that special legal resolutions be passed to meet the requirements in such matters.

13. That all our Churches be thoroughly informed as to this re-distribution of our indebtedness; that the Churches be urged to fully put on the Budget covering all items of Current Support; and that they be equally prepared to co-operate with our institutions when they may call for supplemental gifts to make up their requirements in carrying the task allotted to them by this arrangement.

14. That when these plans are completed, the whole arrangement be itemized and catalogued in the plainest fashion and given the widest publicity among all the Churches so all our people may fully understand the relative needs of each institution as well as to see that our institutions have been separated in their appeal for building funds from the regular Undesignated Current Support Budget.

15. That the Alumni of our several Colleges, and the special friends of our Hospitals and Orphanage, be called upon to organize throughout the State in perpetual functioning organization by which and through which, in full co-operation with the Trustees of the different institutions, they may put before interested and sympathetic friends the needs and growing opportunities of our institutions; and, by every good and intelligent means, the Baptists of Arkansas strike out not only for liberation from debt but for a greater and ever-enlarging Baptist service and Baptist leadership along all those lines throughout the State where the New Testament spirit challenges us to enter and to serve!

Respectfully submitted,

S. E. Tull, Chairman;
E. S. Mizelle,
H. G. Thomasson,
W. A. Jackson,
W. H. Gregory,
A. L. Owen,
W. K. Oldham.

Committee of Fifteen.

37. After general discussion of the report, a motion by Otto Whittington prevailed that the reports of this Commission and the Executive Board be referred to a Special Committee of Fifteen, to be appointed by the president, which committee was instructed to report back to the Convention at a later hour during the session.

38. In compliance with the above motion President Winburn appointed the following as members of the "Committee of Fifteen": Otto Whittington, Little Rock; S. E. Tull, Pine Bluff; J. S. Rogers, Little Rock; H. G. Thomasson, Magazine; C. A. Riley, Little Rock; L. M. Keeling, Malvern; O. J. Wade, Texarkana; E. P. J. Garrett, Conway; Thos. W. Croxton, Prescott; S. B. Barnett, Greenwood; B. V. Ferguson, Fort Smith; W. A. Jackson, Benton; F. W. Carnett, Fayetteville; Perry F. Webb, Blytheville; Thos. H. Berry, Sparkman.

Ministerial Relief.

39. The report on Ministerial Relief was read by Perry F. Webb of Blytheville and spoken to by J. B. Routh, editor of the Baptist Standard of Dallas Texas.

Upon motion the following report was adopted:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, has from the beginning of its operation sought to bring aid and comfort to a host of our aged and disabled ministers, their widows and dependent children. Thus far, approximately \$800,000.00 has been appropriated by the board on the relief side of its work, while of the more than 1,300 members of the annuity fund, 50 ministers and widows are now receiving life annuities.

The combined assets of the board are now more than \$2,250,000.00. The funds of the board, together with the current gifts of the churches, are still inadequate to its imperative needs in meeting the requirements of its beneficiaries. In its striving to more adequately meet the requirements of our Southern Baptist ministry and other denominational servants in their old age or physical disability, the board has, under the instruction of the Convention and in conjunction with a special laymen's committee, appointed by the same, developed a new method, known as the Service Annuity Plan.

We would unequivocally commend for the concurrence of the brotherhood the new Service Annuity Plan adopted at the Houston session of the Southern Baptist Convention, not only as one which we believe to be in every sense safe, sane and practical, but which should become the working plan of Southern Baptists in providing relief for their ministers, their widows and orphan children.

•Some of the outstanding features of this new plan are as follows:

1. An age annually available at 65 for every active minister. This plan builds to a retirement annuity of approximately 50 per cent of the average salary on a basis of 35 years of service, i. e., on a basis of an average salary of \$2,400.00, there will be eventually given an annuity of \$1,200, and so on. There will be guaranteed to every active minister participating in this plan a minimum of 50 per cent of his average salary up to \$600.

Three-fifths of the retirement annuity will be continued to the widow.

2. Total and permanent disability prior to age of 65 will entitle participant to an annuity amounting to 40 per cent of his average annual salary during the five years preceding disability.

3. There will be a death benefit to the widow, after the first year of membership, amounting to 75 per cent of the current year's salary of the minister, but not to exceed \$1,000.

4. Minor children of disabled ministers will participate in this plan to receive \$100 a year each, up to age 18, with certain educational allowances up to age 21.

Perry F. Webb,
W. I. Elledge,
J. B. Dalrymple,
G. E. Hilliard,
C. E. Myrick,
Rufus Hale.

40. The Convention adjourned until 7 o'clock, the closing prayer being led by J. F. Tull of Augusta.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

41. The Convention was called to order by President Winburn promptly at 7 o'clock. Rowland Lawrence led in the song service and E. P. J. Garrott conducted the devotional.

42. Upon motion of I. E. Taylor, state leader of Laymen's Work, a public offering was taken for LeRoy Ashley of Heber Springs, who was a heavy loser in the storm on Thanksgiving day. The collection amounted to \$113.00.

Home Missions.

43. The report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by E. P. J. Garrott of Conway. The report was spoken to by J. W. Beagle of the Home Mission Board.

Upon motion the report as follows was adopted:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The preamble to the report of the Home Mission Board, which was presented to the Southern Baptist Convention at Houston in May of this year, has in it these significant words:

"This is the greatest hour for Home Missions in the history of our country. The problems were never so acute, the demands so urgent, the opportunities so great and the obligations so overwhelming. This conviction is growing with thoughtful persons who realize the significance of America for the salvation of the world. America constitutes at once the greatest field and force in all the world for Christian civilization."

The slogan of the Home Mission Board might well be: "Win America to win the world." Every feature of the board's work, with the exception of activities in Cuba and Panama, contributes

to the attainment of that end. Just as our united efforts succeed in bringing multiplied thousands to a saving faith in Christ, enlisting our backward churches in all the service of the kingdom, drawing the millions of Indians, Negroes and foreigners into the fold, planting securely salvation and its accompaniments in the hearts of our Southern highlanders, and housing adequately our thousands of weak, struggling churches, just that certainly will Southern Baptists establish a home base from which a successful world campaign can be launched.

Arkansas Baptists owe a great and lasting debt of gratitude to this agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. When ours was a frontier state the missionaries of the Home Board helped to secure for Christ and our cause the advance posts of civilization. That helping hand has not been withdrawn until this good day. Though distressed by debt and harassed by an unending procession of vexatious problems, the Home Mission Board during the past ten years put into the promotion of the Baptist cause in Arkansas the munificent amount of \$317,777.26. The benefit of this timely help is beyond all computation.

In common with every other Southern Baptist enterprise, the Home Mission Board is staggering under an oppressive and well-nigh paralyzing burden of indebtedness. The financial status of the board, as reported in May, is as follows:

Notes payable, current	\$ 931,414.50
Notes deferred	174,010.00
Accounts payable	10,822.38
Bonds	280,000.00
Total	\$1,343,275.04

This represents an indebtedness of \$237,524.63 in excess of that of the preceding year.

It should be understood that a part of this crushing load was shouldered by order of the Southern Baptist Convention. When the New Orleans hospital project was launched, the Home Mission Board was instructed to lend its credit to that enterprise to the extent of \$250,000. It was expected that in course of time all this, together with interest, would be repaid; but to date the Hospital Commission has not been able to accomplish even a small part of this. At the very time these enlarged demands were being made upon the board, the percentage of Southwide funds appropriated to Home Missions has been decreased from 32 per cent in 1920 to 22½ per cent at the present time. All these things combine to place the Home Mission Board in a precarious condition.

In the face of all this, however, the Home Mission Board is asking no special favor. It is willing to share the fate of all sister enterprises. It only asks that it be not discriminated against, but, on the contrary, that it be assured of receiving its proportionate part of a greatly increased budget which must eventually be provided by a loyal constituency.

E. P. J. Garrott,
 C. M. Myrick,
 W. Jas. Robinson,
 E. S. Mizell.

44. At this time the Convention was favored with a special musical number by a "Gospel Singers Quartet"

composed of the following: C. L. Randall, W. J. Morris, Burl Stockton and D. R. Wade.

State Missions.

45. State Mission Secretary, F. M. Masters, was called to the platform and took charge of the entire State Mission program. He read and discussed the report of the State Mission Board.

H. V. Hamilton read his report as State B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School secretary.

The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read by J. R. Gregson of Jonesboro.

The report of the Committee on B. Y. P. U. was read by Ben L. Bridges of Paragould.

The combined reports were spoken to by E. E. Lee of Dallas, Texas.

Upon motion all the following reports were adopted:

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

By the mercies of Almighty God, and through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the State Mission Board has completed another year of service and brings their fifth annual report to this, the seventy-third session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, assembled in the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, on this the 8th day of December, 1926.

During the five years of the Board's history, we have endeavored to perform faithfully the tasks committed to us by this convention, and to use honestly and efficiently the State Mission funds entrusted to us in carrying on the work of State Missions in the several departments. During the time your Board has expended \$304,438.33 on the State Mission Program:

To the Mountain Mission schools	\$62,614.68
To the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U.	41,396.92
To work among the Negroes	4,691.28
To state evangelists and missionaries.....	85,387.29
To Association missionaries	16,572.60
To pastors' supplement	55,455.74

It will be seen that \$157,415.63 of this amount was expended on the evangelistic department of the Board. The workers employed collected on the field for the convention work during the five years \$93,856.34. They reported 16,651 additions to the churches, 10,523 of these being for baptism.

The following shows expenditures of the Board and the results of the Evangelistic Department, year by year for the five years:

	Expended on State Missions	Collected by Workers	Additions
1922.....	\$49,018.14	\$17,392.64	3,598
1923.....	67,391.16	24,425.34	3,740
1924.....	75,899.71	26,431.41	3,516
1925.....	63,901.74	16,693.46	4,132
1926.....	48,227.58	8,913.49	1,869

There were enrolled in the Mountain Mission schools over 1,500 students during the five years,, and the property greatly improved. The Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work has made a wonderful growth. Thousands of awards were given, hundreds of training schools have been held, and the teaching and training services in the churches greatly improved.

The State Mission Program for this year has been the smallest for more than a decade, due to the financial condition of the convention. The program for State Missions was reduced \$20,000 under the budget of the past two years. Every department of the work was reduced to the minimum. The appropriation to churches was cut nearly half. The salaries of fifty-one (51) pastors are being supplemented this year, against eighty-nine (89) last year. All the field forces were discontinued except two. The amount expended on Association Missionaries was under last year 45 per cent. The other departments of the work were proportionately reduced. If State Mission work is going to be maintained in Arkansas, it is the honest judgment of your Board that some plan will have to be devised to increase the revenue for State Missions. At least one-half of all receipts for the Co-operative Program allocated to state causes should go to State Missions in order that the State Mission debt might be reduced, and that the revenue for the current support of the work might be increased.

Some Items of Administration.

1. **The Board Meetings.** The first meeting of the Board was held December 15, one month after the meeting of the State Convention. The Board has held three regular meetings and one called meeting, and a number of meetings of the Executive Committee have been held. The expense of the Board meetings for the year was \$772.03.

Brother B. A. Spradlin, who has been a member of the State Mission Board for several years, was called to his heavenly home some weeks ago. For years Deacon Spradlin has served in various spheres of the convention's work. He was a great friend to the mountain schools. For several years he was president of Mountain Home College and was chairman of the Mountain School Committee of this Board. He was an efficient member of the First Baptist Church, Harrison. Our loss is heaven's gain.

2. **The Budget.** The budget for the year was set at \$45,000, to be increased during the year by special offerings taken for State Missions in revival meetings conducted by State Mission employees, and by special appropriations by the Sunday School Board for rural Sunday School work and by the Home Mission Board for insurance on mountain schools. The total cost of the State Mission Program for the year was \$47,271.85. This amount was distributed and expended as follows:

Pastors' supplement	\$ 8,550.79
Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work (including rural campaign)	8,334.80
Mountain Mission Schools	7,261.45
State evangelists and missionaries	10,122.37
Association missionaries	3,734.42
Negro work	900.00
Expense of Board meetings.....	772.03

Office expense and salary and expense of correspond- ing secretary	7,595.39
Total	<u>\$47,271.85</u>

This includes salaries and bills payable for October, amounting to \$1,637.73.

3. **The Headquarters Office.** During the year there has been sent out from the State Mission office around 40,000 tracts, 4,145 personal letters, 2,480 circular letters. There were issued about 1,200 checks and the same number of vouchers signed by the treasurer of the Board. The total cost of the office expense of the main State Mission office was \$3,360.38 for the year, distributed as follows:

Office salaries	\$2,152.50
Miscellaneous expense	179.46
Supplies	183.90
Telephone and telegraph.....	215.84
Postage	123.68
Rent	505.00
Total	<u>\$ 3,360.38</u>

4. **The Report of the Corresponding Secretary.** The work of the corresponding secretary has been three-fold—administering the affairs of the State Mission office, doing the work of an evangelist, and doing various kinds of enlistment work among the churches. During the year he spent 129 days in the office and 217 on the field. The entire time was spent in the work except three weeks in the hospital. He conducted six revival meetings, visited 106 churches, delivered 305 sermons and addresses, collected on the field \$820.47 for the work of the convention, secured 49 subscriptions to the Baptist Advance, witnessed 55 professions of faith, attended eleven Associations and took part in 60 mission rallies. There were 66 additions to the churches in revivals conducted. The responsibility of the corresponding secretary was greatly increased by the addition of the Baptist Assembly as a department of the Board's work.

Co-operative State Missions.

1. **Co-operating with Associations.** During the year the State Mission Board has co-operated with 14 Associations in supplementing the salaries of their missionaries. The following Associations were assisted in the support of their missionaries during the year:

- G. E. Edwards, Ouachita—Four months.
- J. T. Bowling, Ouachita—Three months.
- E. M. Brogden, Arkansas Valley—One month.
- J. M. Holman, Little Rover—One-third month.
- I. N. Burnett, Little River—Nine months.
- A. Worthington, Dardanelle—Eight months.
- R. A. Collier, Dardanelle—Two and one-half months.
- W. L. Compere, Fellowship—Five months.
- J. W. C. Moore, Clear Creek—Seven and one-half months.
- I. R. Davis, Clear Creek—One month.
- J. P. Dunn, Black River—Eleven months.
- T. W. Harness, Van Buren—Four months.
- W. H. Horn, Mt. Zion—One-half month.
- H. E. Marsh, Concord—Eleven months.

- J. E. Newman, Independence—One month.
L. A. Robertson, Russellville—Six months.
A. Worthington, Russellville—Three months.
A. A. Weeks, Tri-County—Seven and one-half months.
L. M. Webb, Carey—Ten months.

Of this amount, \$130.79 was used to pay balance of 1925 contracts. There was disbursed for Association Missions \$3,734.42. The Association Missionaries whose salaries were supplemented collected on the field for the convention work \$733.98, for Association Missions \$1,511.76, reported 390 additions to the churches, 265 being by baptism, besides doing a constructive enlistment work.

2. Co-operation with Churches. The amount set apart to aid needy and strategic churches in supporting their pastors this year was \$8,000, nearly 7,000 less than the amount appropriated for the same cause last year. There was paid out \$8,550.79 for this purpose, including the salary of student pastor at the university. There are hundreds of churches without pastors, and many of them are not enlisted sufficiently to support a pastor. The Board has supplemented the salaries of 51 pastors supplying 76 preaching places. These pastors thus aided by the Board collected and turned into the State Mission office \$2,083.98 for convention causes and \$997.20 for Association Missions and reported 981 members added to the churches, 606 of them being by baptism.

3. Student Pastor at the State University. Brother E. N. Strother entered upon his duty for full time as student pastor at the university, July 1. During the previous year he had given only part of his time to the university work, as he was compelled to pastor churches to supplement his support, thus taking him away from the student work on Sundays. His report of work done from November 1, 1925, to October 31, 1926, is very encouraging. The October report shows that there are enrolled 1,449 students in the university and that 319 of these are Baptists or have Baptist preference. Forty-eight of the Baptist students are members of the Baptist Church at Fayetteville, seventy-four are enrolled in the B. Y. P. U., and 125 are enrolled in the Sunday School. The student pastor is doing work in the university along three lines:

First, the pastoral work. This phase of the work has been done largely through personal conferences and group contacts. It has been a distinct pleasure to make appointments with students and talk over their present problems (and they are many) and discuss the future service. Many discouraged and troubled students have been helped by these conferences.

The second phase of the work this year is that of Bible Teaching. During the year nearly 200 students have been enrolled in the classes. Six preachers are taking the work representing the various denominations. These take practically all the courses offered. The courses rank on a par with other courses given in the university. The same text-books are used as are taught in Baylor University by Dr. Tidwell.

The third phase of the work for the year has been that that related directly to the local church. The student pastor has only one official position with the local church and that is the General Director of the Training Service. Eleven students were taken to the Birmingham Student Conference. As a result of this conference there has been organized a Baptist Student

Union on the campus and a daily prayer group meeting at noon each day since. There is a greater percentage of Baptist students attending Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. than has ever attended during my work here. About fifty per cent of the Baptist students are enlisted in one or more departments of the church.

State Evangelists and Missionaries.

It has been the policy of State Missions in this State for years to employ State Evangelists and Missionaries. The wisdom of this policy is seen by its results. Multitudes of churches have been revived, enlisted in the work, and in many cases made over by the labors of State Evangelists and Missionaries.

Because of the financial condition of the Board at the beginning of the year, the evangelistic force was reduced to the lowest point. The appropriation for evangelism was so small, that the committee on field forces recommended that all district evangelists be discontinued and that only one State Missionary be retained and only one evangelistic singer. Brother C. D. Owen, who served so well in Northwest Arkansas for over two years, closed his work with the Board in December to accept the church at DeWitt, thus leaving the great northwest section without a general worker.

Brother E. Rawlings, who served two years as District Evangelist for the central and eastern part of the state, closed his work early in the year and became the efficient missionary for Pulaski County Association.

Brother G. M. Workman, who labored in the southern section of the state, also closed his work at the beginning of the year and became pastor at Eudora.

Brother J. W. Hulsey was elected as missionary for the section of the state with Mt. Ida as a center, where the Mt. Ida Baptist Academy is located, to labor in the entire southwestern part of the state. He has done a great constructive work, holding meetings and enlisting the churches in all the work of the Kingdom.

M. L. Voyles was re-elected State Evangelist, and Roland Lawrence, singer, to hold revival meetings wherever the Lord opens the way. They have conducted fifteen revival meetings with good results. They report 245 professions witnessed, 169 baptisms, total additions to the churches, 246; collected for State Missions and Co-operative Program, \$3,470.94. They also report 113,282 chapters of the Word of God read by the people in their meetings.

At the June meeting of the Board, Brother L. A. Robertson was elected State Missionary to labor in the great north central section of the state. He has served well in evangelism and enlistment work.

The results from evangelism has been very meager the past year because of the small evangelistic force. When the flames of evangelism burn low, every department of the work suffers. A small field force means small results. There was expended on Evangelists and State Missionaries \$10,122.37. They collected for the work of the Convention \$6,104.64.

The Department of Evangelism which includes the work of Evangelists, Association Missionaries, and Missionary-Pastors, report:

Number of workers	71
Number days labored	10,402
Number miles traveled.....	129,213
Number religious visits	12,733
Number services held	6,219
Number sermons and addresses.....	8,315
Number revivals conducted	88
Number professions	1,632
Number received for baptism.....	1,198
Number received by letter and statement.....	671
Total number additions.....	1,869
Number deacons ordained	48
Number ministers ordained	5
Number Sunday Schools organized	13
Number B. Y. P. U.'s organized	9
Number pastor's fields formed	18
Number churches visited	542
Number conferences held	646
Number prayer meetings conducted	469
Number tracts distributed	17,341
Number chapters in Bible read.....	151,657
Number subscriptions to Advance.....	340
Collections:	
On the Program	\$ 3,946.95
On State Missions	5,011.25
On Association Missions	2,578.96
On Foreign Missions	317.71
On Orphans' Home	458.05
Total	\$12,212.92

The Negro Work.

For many years the Arkansas Baptist State Convention through the State Mission Board has been co-operating with the Negro Baptists of Arkansas in education and evangelism. During the present year the State Mission Board has been assisting the Arkansas Baptist College in the support of the Bible teacher; also the Board has been helping them in State Mission work with an appropriation to their headquarters office, which goes toward the support of their general secretary, R. W. Patterson. State Mission money is well spent on this important work among the Negro Baptists. They need our help and our sympathy.

There was appropriated \$1,000 for this work.

Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.

At the first meeting of the Board \$7,000 was appropriated for the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Department. Only one worker was employed, Secretary H. V. Hamilton, and provision made for a stenographer. There was also set apart \$700 for rural campaign. The Board recommended that the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary be authorized to employ such help for rural work and training school work as time and necessity demands when funds are available. The amount for rural work was supplemented by \$1,064.80 from the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

At the meeting of the Board, May 6th, Miss Blanche Linticum was elected for the balance of the Convention year, for

five months, beginning June 1st. There was appropriated \$500 for her salary.

Receipts:

Balance on hand from last year.....	\$ 93.38
Received from State Mission Board.....	7,320.00
Received from S. S. Board for rural work	1,064.80
Received from Inter-Board Commission....	55.00
Received from churches for Training	
School expenses	562.50
Received from State Assembly.....	220.00
Received from State B. Y. P. U.....	50.00

Total \$9,365.68

Disbursed:

Salaries and Expenses of workers	\$6,755.43
Office Expense	2,350.11

Total \$9,105.54

Balance \$ 260.14

Mountain Mission Schools.

The Board has operated five Mountain Schools during the year: Mt. Ida Academy, Newton County Academy, Hagarville Academy, Marynard Academy, and Armo Academy, formerly known as Carroll County Institute. The State Mission Board made the following appropriation to these schools for the year beginning June, 1925:

Mt. Ida Academy	\$1,200.00
Newton County Academy	1,000.00
Hagarville Academy	1,200.00
Maynard Academy	1,200.00
Armo Academy	1,000.00
Newton County Academy, land debt.....	500.00
Insurance	500.00
Superintendent's Salary	400.00

1. **Mount Ida Academy.**—Permanent arrangements have been made with the Mt. Ida district for maintaining the Academy in the splendid public school building. The present session is very satisfactory. Prof. Roy Wright is the efficient principal. The enrollment this session is 115, including six ministerial students. A local hotel has been leased for a girls' dormitory. Two permanent dormitories are very much needed. Missionary J. W. Hulsey is rendering effective service for the Academy. An appropriation of \$1,200 was made by the Board for the past year and has been paid. The Home Mission Board has made an appropriation of \$1,000 for this session.

2. **Hagarville Academy.**—Prof. Burl A. Ramay is principal. There are 60 enrolled this session and four of them ministerial students. During the past year a dormitory has been erected on the campus, which is filling a great need. This building is used for the young women. A residence has been rented to take care of the young men. There is a debt of \$1,500 on this building carried by the Executive Board. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention made an appropriation of \$500 on this debt to be paid this year on conditions that the State Mission Board pay \$500, and that the balance be raised by the Academy in the Association. There was an appro-

priation of \$1,200 made to the school for this year, and \$1,260 has been paid. The appropriation from the Home Board for this session is \$800 for maintenance and \$500 to be applied on dormitory debt.

3. **Newton County Academy.**—The present enrollment in Newton County Academy is 45, but a large increase is expected later in the session. Prof. W. T. Burdine is leading heroically as Principal. The harassing debt on the institution carried by three of the citizens for several years has been paid off during the year. This was made possible by the State Mission Board and Home Mission Board paying each \$500, and through the fine leadership of Prof. Burdine the balance of some \$1,500 was raised in the school's territory. One thousand dollars was appropriated to the school by the State Mission Board one year ago and has been paid in full. The Home Mission Board appropriated \$1,000 last June for this session on maintenance and \$200 on improvements.

4. **Maynard Academy.**—Maynard Academy is now in its 18th session and Prof. C. M. Myrick is now in his fourth year. There are enrolled 90 students thus far this session. An appropriation of \$1,200 was made one year ago by the State Mission Board for maintenance and has been paid. There are ten boarding students in the girls' dormitory. The Home Mission Board is assisting the Academy this session \$1,200.

5. **Armo Academy.**—Armo Academy, formerly known as Carroll County Institute, was deeded to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention according to the instruction of the Convention one year ago and when some links in the abstract have been filled in, the matter will be closed up. The contract will take effect at the close of this session. Prof. A. B. Miller is the principal of the Academy. There is enrolled this session 69 students. Considerable improvement has been made during the year on the property. Concrete walks have been laid on the campus, a new cistern has been dug, and steps are being taken to move the boys' dormitory from its present poor location over on the campus. The State Mission Board made an appropriation at the beginning of last Convention year of \$1,000 and the amount has been paid in full. The Home Mission Board will pay to the Academy this session \$1,500 on maintenance and \$200 on improvements.

All the schools have been kept insured against storm and fire at a cost of \$627.12 for the year. This amount was paid by the State Mission Board except \$200, which was paid by the Home Mission Board. The insurance premiums on all the schools will be due in January.

The total cost of operating the five Mountain Schools last session \$20,580.26. The total amount of revenue locally produced was \$10,534.72. The school year runs from June 1st to May 31st of each year. The books for the Mountain School accounts will be audited accordingly hereafter. The present enrollment of Academy students in the five schools is 379.

By motion, the State Mission Board recommends to this convention to consider turning over the Mountain Mission Schools of Arkansas to the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be operated by that Board.

The Baptist State Assembly.

The only relation the State Mission Board has sustained to the Baptist State Assembly prior to February 8, 1926, is that the

B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Secretary is an employee of the State Mission Board, and at the same time serves as Secretary-Treasurer of the Assembly. The State Mission Board was in no way responsible for the operation of the Assembly prior to the above date.

The present relation and responsibility of the State Mission Board occurred thus: The Baptist State Assembly of Siloam Springs is owned and controlled by the State B. Y. P. U. Convention. The Assembly grounds were deeded to the B. Y. P. U. Convention, and the title is now vested in that organization. Considerable indebtedness had accrued against the Assembly management, due to the large outlay that was needed to equip the grounds for Assembly purposes. The Assembly management was not able to take care of the pressing obligation which involved a number of laymen and pastors over the state. The Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, J. S. Rogers, General Secretary, agreed to endorse the necessary paper for the Assembly provided the State Mission Board would take over the management of the Assembly. The Executive Committee of the State Mission Board took the matter under advisement and sent the following communication to the Executive Board concerning the Assembly:

"Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 19, 1926.

To the Executive Board of the
Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

Dear Brethren: The Executive Committee of the State Mission Board has met twice to discuss the present status of the B. Y. P. U. Assembly indebtedness and we are by this means communicating to you our judgment and a decision on the whole case.

First, our position as a Committee is expressed in a resolution passed by us on February 8th:

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the State Mission Board did, in session February 8th, vote unanimously to adopt the following resolutions:

Respecting the present situation of the Siloam Springs Assembly grounds and the Assembly operating funds, Be it Resolved by the State Mission Board that this Board stand willing to do the following things:

(1) That this Board is willing to take over the operation of the Assembly providing it has charge of its sole management.

(2) This Board is willing to help retire a loan of \$20,000.00 through a course of years to the amount of whatever funds come into our hands from the resources of the Assembly and from donations, over and above the cost of said operations.

(3) This Board will not assume any debt or responsibility for interest outside of the above agreement, with the one exception that we will be willing to make a reasonable appropriation to the Assembly expenses as a missionary investment.

Second, in addition to this we express to you our good faith in assuming the management of the Assembly and we hand to you herewith the full audit of the Assembly up to date. We invite you to study this audit, from which you will be able to see whether or not we may reasonably expect to so administer the Assembly in a way to clear the amount necessary to take care of the proposed loan and interest.

The State Mission Board, therefore, stands ready to take over the sole management of the Assembly, as you have re-

quested us, and do our very best to try to make the Assembly pay its way and retire its indebtedness. But we are convinced that the State Mission Board ought not to be expected to jeopardize its mission funds for this Assembly debt beyond a 'reasonable appropriation as a missionary investment.'

We feel, therefore, that our agreement goes more than half way in the solution of this vexing problem which our Board is evidently no more responsible for than the Executive Board.

We attach herewith also a general resolution passed by us this day which embodies the general items of policy which we propose to put into the Assembly management upon this agreement and when this agreement becomes effective.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. Tull, Secretary."

The Executive Committee of the State Mission Board adopted the following resolutions, February 19th setting forth the policy to be followed by the Board in operating the Assembly, which resolutions were confirmed at the regular meeting of the Board, May 6th.

Whereas, there is now an outstanding indebtedness on the Baptist Summer Assembly, Siloam Springs, of some \$21,600.00;

Whereas, this indebtedness involves a number of pastors and laymen throughout the state;

Whereas, the present management of the Assembly is not able to take care of the pressing obligations;

Whereas, the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has agreed to endorse the paper of the Assembly to the amount of \$20,000 with which to take care of this indebtedness, provided the State Mission Board takes over and operates the Assembly in such a way as to be able to meet the annual payment of interest and principal of said \$20,000.00 for a period of five years at the rate of \$3,400.00 per year.

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Assembly Board in session February 8th did unanimously vote to consign the sole operation of the Assembly to the State Mission Board;

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Be It Therefore Resolved by the Executive Committee of the State Mission Board in session February 19th that the following be adopted as a policy for the SOLE operation of said Baptist Summer Assembly at Siloam Springs.

1. Resolved, that the Assembly Board, appointed by the

B. Y. P. U. Convention of Arkansas, in whom the title of the property is vested, have charge of planning and administering the programs of the Assembly, preparing for the meetings of the Assembly, such as advertising, arranging for transportation, provided the expense of making such preparation and administering the program shall not exceed the amount of funds allowed by the State Mission Board for such purposes.

2. Resolved, That A. M. Rodgers be elected business manager of the Assembly, whose duty shall be to receive all funds collected from all sources during the Assembly, which funds, after they have been recorded on the Assembly books, shall be deposited to the credit of the State Mission Board, and a duplicate deposit slip shall be filed at once in the office of the State Mission Board.

3. Resolved, That a committee be appointed on Assembly, by the State Mission Board, whose duty shall be the same as other standing committees of the Board. This committee shall have general oversight over all the business affairs of the Assembly, shall pass on all financial obligations made during the session of the Assembly, and the chairman of this committee shall endorse all bills of whatever nature before presenting them to the State Mission Board for payment. This committee, in serving the Board in operating the Assembly, like other similar committees, shall not have authority to make any new obligations not authorized by the State Mission Board.

4. Resolved, That the Assembly management continue to collect funds from the constituency of the Assembly and keep a correct record of all such receipts, and deposit the amounts collected to the credit of the State Mission Board, which funds shall be used for maintaining the Assembly and retiring its indebtedness. A duplicate deposit slip of such deposits shall be filed at once in the State Mission office.

5. Resolved, That the funds received by the Assembly from any outside organization, as Sunday School, Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist Convention, W. M. U., or from any other organization, be deposited to the credit of the State Mission Board, and a duplicate deposit slip filed in the office of the State Mission Board.

6. Resolved, That no improvements be made on the Assembly grounds, of any nature, or no new equipment be purchased without authority or okeh of the State Mission Board; that all employees who may serve during the sessions of the Assembly and who may be employed during the time the Assembly is not in operation, shall be engaged by and their wages and salaries fixed by the State Mission Board; and, furthermore, that all expenses and remuneration of all speakers, teachers and lecturers for the Assembly be fixed by the State Mission Board. The committee of the State Mission Board shall have sole authority to engage and dismiss all employees.

7. Resolved, That no person connected with the Assembly nor any employee of the Assembly shall be permitted to make any obligation nor incur any indebtedness of the Assembly without the authority of the State Mission Board.

8. Resolved, That the present outstanding indebtedness against the Assembly be paid by the State Mission Board when the funds are provided for that purpose, only on the evidence that each account is valid and that an itemized statement of each will be presented to the State Mission office.

9. Resolved, That all Assembly funds be handled and paid out according to the adopted policy of the State Mission Board in managing its funds.

The auditor's report of the Assembly's books, dated February 5, 1926, showed the following outstanding indebtedness against the Assembly management in notes and accounts:

To the Executive Board	\$12,500.00
To notes payable at banks	15,557.74
To notes payable to others	4,226.15
Accounts payable	1,872.63
	\$34,156.52

Other accounts reported to the State Mission Board after the auditor's report:

Lights (old account)	\$ 508.09
Home Bakers	13.83
Benton Hardware Co.	68.70
Burns, vegetables (old account)	2.00
Accrued interest	705.35
Accrued taxes	242.48
Balance, Batesel Lumber Co.	41.00
	\$35,737.97

Total, old indebtedness

The authority for starting and building the Assembly at Siloam Springs was given by the State B. Y. P. U. Convention, in due session of said Assembly. The Board of Managers of the Assembly, through the State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary as manager of the Assembly, was instructed from time to time to carry out the above actions of the body.

The following statement shows the receipts and disbursements as made by the State Mission Board on this indebtedness:

Received from the Executive Board.....	\$ 7,352.52
Notes through Federal Bank and Trust Co.....	15,000.00
	\$22,352.52

Disbursed as follows:

Note to People's Savings Bank	\$ 1,000.00
American Southern Trust Co. (note).....	1,000.00
Note, Fountain City Lumber Co.....	1,241.00
Note, Caldwell-Nuckles Lumber Co.....	709.81
Note, Jones Supply Co.	133.84
Note, Petty's Cash Grocery	200.00
Note, Gay-Ola Bottling and Ice Cream Co.	237.30
Note, Producers' State Bank, Siloam	4,148.50
Note, Producers' State Bank, Siloam	3,709.24
Note, Producers' State Bank, Siloam	500.00
Note, Producers' State Bank, Siloam	300.00
Note, Producers' State Bank, Siloam	300.00
Note, City National Bank, Fort Smith	1,000.00
Note, J. S. Batesel Lumber Co.....	306.90
Note, Fountain City Lumber Co.	761.45
Note, E. M. Ratcliff	125.00
Note, Federal Bank and Trust Co.....	1,500.00
Note, Central Printing Co.	215.00
Note, Merchants and Planters' Bank	1,100.00

Note, Bank of Brinkley.....	200.00
Other accounts paid:	
Interest paid (on above notes).....\$	677.02
Home Bakery (not shown on auditor's report).....	300.00
Light Co. (not shown on auditor's report).....	300.00
Benton County Hardware Co. (not shown on auditor's report).....	68.70
Benton County Hardware Co.	250.00
Federal Bank and Trust Co. (expense incidental to loan).....	179.50
G. W. Emerson, (perfecting abstract and title).....	60.35
Delinquent state, county and improvement taxes.....	242.48
Perrine Printing Co.	15.75
H. B. Wilson, caretaker (back salary).....	200.00
H. B. Wilson, February through June.....	500.00
Labor account (extra help).....	75.00
Executive Board.....	1,000.00
A. M. Rodgers, expenses to Siloam.....	26.00
H. V. Hamilton, expenses to Siloam.....	50.00
Total disbursements.....	\$22,350.67
Balance in bank.....	1.85

The following is the present indebtedness of the Assembly on the books of the State Mission Board:

Federal Bank and Trust Co.....	\$15,000.00
Sunday School Board.....	120.64
R. H. Coleman.....	103.20
Carnie-Goudie Manufacturing Co.	1,000.00
Peerless Engraving Co.	71.10
H. G. Pugh.....	12.65
Note to Bank of Malvern.....	800.00
Note, State Bank of Siloam.....	200.00
Note, Producers' State Bank.....	1,000.00
Note, G. M. Lipke.....	136.85
Executive Board, old account.....	12,500.00
Executive Board, new account.....	6,352.62
For insurance, old account.....	214.74
For insurance, new account.....	108.40
Interest to Federal Bank and Trust Co.....	525.00
H. B. Wilson, October and November.....	200.00
Repair bill.....	28.27
Light bill (October).....	3.00
Due State Mission Board.....	21.17
Total.....	\$38,397.54

The above statement does not include any indebtedness of which the State Mission Board has not been informed.

The State Mission Board, after taking over the Assembly to operate, took steps as rapidly as possible to make provision for the opening of the Assembly in July. Otto Whittington, S. E. Tull, C. B. Waller, J. F. Tull, J. B. Luck and A. M. Rodgers were appointed as standing committee on the Assembly, and thus the Assembly became a department of the Board's work until the meeting of this convention. An appropriation of \$1,400 was allowed the B. Y. P. U. organization with which to put on the Assembly program. Mrs. A. M. Rodgers was employed to have charge of the dining room for both the Sunday School Training

Camp and the Assembly. A. M. Rodgers was elected manager of the Assembly to have charge of both the Sunday School Training Camp and the Assembly, as business manager.

The following is an account of the Assembly's current business, June 15 to November 15:

Receipts:

Training Camp	\$1,093.28
Assembly receipts	2,665.15
State B. Y. P. U.	343.74
Camp fees	667.20
Merchandise sold	14.40
Refund, telephone account	3.15
Note to Producers' State Bank	1,000.00
Total	\$5,786.92

Disbursed:

Keeper's salary	\$ 300.00
Administration expense	234.96
Cleaning grounds	112.22
Labor	154.00
Miscellaneous expense	187.46
Swimming pool expense	22.40
Advertising	19.50
Laundry	21.74
Telephone and telegraph	33.49
Lights	125.10
Expense of kitchen	1,005.04
Groceries	1,543.29
Program expense	1,248.71
Electric supplies	4.11
Dishes	269.00
Pump and motor	267.50
Swings, etc.	27.25
Dormitory	43.90
Engine	25.00
Interest to H. B. Wilson	15.00
Interest to Producers' State Bank	13.33
Laundry	2.25
	\$5,675.25
Balance	111.67

Your Board, through the corresponding secretary and business manager of the Assembly, on the advice of a number of the members of the State Mission Board, borrowed \$1,000 from the Producers' State Bank with which to pay the deficit in the current expense of the Assembly and to pay for certain improvements which had to be made preparatory to the opening of the Assembly.

This \$1,000, less the balance of \$111.67, gives the deficit in operating the Assembly the past year, including the expense of preparing for the opening of the Assembly, operating the Assembly, and the expense of the summer and fall to November 15. The deficit was due to small attendance occasioned by the uncertainty of the Assembly being held and the lack of advertising.

The following statement gives the actual cost of the opera-

tion of the Sunday School Training Camp, the Summer Assembly and the Assembly Camp Grounds, June 15 to November 15, and deficit.

Receipts:	
Assembly and Training Camp	\$3,009.49
From Summer Camp fees	667.20
Total	\$3,676.69
Cost:	
Sunday School Training Camp and Assembly.....	\$3,399.01
Incidental expenses for the summer	101.05
Labor	156.00
Caretaker's salary	400.00
Repairs	28.27
Lights	3.00
Total cost of operation.....	\$4,088.33
Deficit	411.64
Cash on hand	111.67
Actual loss in operation	\$ 299.97

The responsibility of the State Mission Board for the Assembly's operation terminates with this convention, unless further instructions are given as to its future operation by this Board.

By unanimous action, at the last session of the Assembly, the State B. Y. P. U. Convention, on Monday, July 12, 1926, voted to deed the Assembly property in fee simple to the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The president of the State B. Y. P. U. Convention, Brother Fritz E. Goodbar, was designated to convey to this convention in session the action of that body.

Financial Exhibit as Given by Auditor.

Statement of Revenues and Expenses, November 1, 1925, to October 31, 1926

Revenues:

Executive Board appropriation	\$25,000.00
Home Board appropriation	15,000.00
Sunday School Board appropriation.....	2,083.32
Sunday School Board rural work.....	1,181.47
State Mission evangelism	3,243.78
Executive Board—1927 account	281.67
Total revenues	\$46,790.24

Expenses:

Miscellaneous administration expense.....	\$ 251.36
Board meeting expense	772.03
Office salaries	6,437.51
Office supplies	208.40
Telephones and telegrams	250.40
Postage	123.68
Publicity	170.50
Rent	570.00
Association Missionaries	3,603.63
State Evangelists	10,122.37

Mountain Schools	7,061.45	
Negro Work	900.00	
Pastors' Supplement	8,550.79	
Sunday School	8,334.80	
		47,356.92
Expenses in excess of revenues		\$ 566.68

Certificate from Auditor.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 7, 1926.

Dr. F. M. Masters, Corresponding Secretary, State Mission Board,
Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Sir—I have audited the records of the receipts and disbursements of your office, finding same to be in proper order. I have verified the moneys on deposit in the Federal Bank and Trust Company and in the American Southern Trust Company, and find such amounts to be in harmony with the records of your office.

Yours faithfully,

Taylor E. Cress, C. P. A.
R. W. Fielding.

Approved by the State Mission Board December 7, 1926.
Little Rock, Arkansas.

Otto Whittington, President of Board.
J. F. Tull, Recording Secretary.

F. M. Masters, Corresponding Secretary.

**REPORT OF STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U.
DEPARTMENT, YEAR 1926.**

To the State Mission Board, Arkansas Baptist State Convention,
Dr. Otto Whittington, President.

Dear Brethren:

In closing the year of his work as director of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. activities of the State Mission Board, your secretary presents herewith his fifth annual report. During the past five years there has been steady progress made in our churches along the lines of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, and though we were necessarily forced to operate upon a greatly reduced budget for this year, we have been able to gain some ground, for which we are truly grateful to God.

We are happy to announce that some of the largest and best Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U.'s of the Southland are located in our own good state of Arkansas, and that we have quite a number of aggressive pastors, superintendents and leaders of B. Y. P. U. work who are persistently pushing the work in their churches.

There is a great need, however, for a concerted effort in our state to get more of our churches to see the need of placing the right emphasis upon Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work. For an organization just to meet does not necessarily mean that it is reaching out after its greatest possibilities. That this work is basal and fundamental in church building has been demonstrated by our leading churches in city, town and rural districts, for wherever these organizations have been properly directed, these organizations have proven to be 100 per cent enlistment, enlightenment and soul-winning services.

We desire to call attention to the fact that our great Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., looks to this department through which to project its nine-fold task. They have been wonderfully helpful to us in not only furnishing information and much free literature, but in assisting with funds as well. We want to thank them heartily for their work. Dr. I. J. Van Ness is a true friend to the work in every state, and his Board backs him up. In the matter of assisting in the rural work and enlargement campaign, the Sunday School Board has made possible the use of other workers, assisting the state in doing a much needed work in the country during the summer months.

Our first annual Sunday School Convention was organized last March at Pine Bluff, Ark. The sessions were held at the First Baptist Church. While the attendance was not as large as we had hoped for, the meeting was a success from the standpoint of electing officers who have been on the job, and in dividing the state into six districts, with plans for the holding of conventions in each of these districts during the early spring, with the second annual Sunday School Convention to be held at Arkadelphia, March 15, 16, 17, 1927.

The Assembly program of this past year was by far the most spiritual and uplifting we have ever had. Pastors and people alike so acclaim it.

In presenting the following report, attention is called to the fact that your Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. department has functioned along the following lines:

Sunday School Administration, consisting of organizing and grading Sunday Schools, enlisting teachers, etc.; Training Schools for the purpose of training officers, teachers and young people in not only the methods that are used in Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, but in the work of the church as a whole and the great denominational causes we foster; Conventions and Rallies by Associations in order to get in close touch with the folks regarding their tasks; sending out literature by the thousands in order to bring the latest information to our people and to create a sentiment for the best in the work; fostering General Programs, such as Southwide meetings pertaining to the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, and such general programs within our state as the Assembly and State Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Conventions.

In the department to assist in carrying on this work to the best advantage is Miss Alice Leatherwood, who has been with us nearly four years, and is most competent in her work. Miss Blanche Linthicum was also elected with special help from the Sunday School Board to serve the remainder of the year as Junior and Intermediate leader and field worker. She has served excellently and well. She is a young woman of splendid ability, and her heart has been in her work.

We desire to show herewith the tabulation of work done, and in so doing wish to say that in no sense of the word do we seek credit for same. The loyal pastors and church members with whom we have worked have made possible these splendid results.

Last year we reported 676 Sunday Schools co-operating with the Convention. The report for this year shows that 49 of this number have either ceased to operate or failed to report, which indicates that very little, if anything, is being done. This is a situation that this department should deal with during the

next year, and by all means seek to secure a much larger number of Sunday Schools that will actually TEACH 52 Sundays, and workers who will work 365 days in the year.

Sunday Schools reported to last convention 676
 Organized during 1926 13

Total Sunday Schools 689
 Failing to report or ceasing to meet this year..... 49

Present total of Sunday Schools 640

The enrollment of these Sunday Schools is 74,051, showing an increase of 3,832.

The B. Y. P. U.'s have done splendidly, and the following table shows the condition at present:

No.		Enrollm't	Bible Readers	Givers	Tithers	Standard Unions
311	Seniors	7,084	3,820	3,732	3,110	36
110	Intermediates	2,420	1,164	1,430	770	16
142	Juniors	3,124	1,420	1,420	568	21
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563	Unions	12,628	6,404	6,582	4,448	73
Table showing increase in above:						
93	Unions	952	194	1,122	2,496	40

We are indeed happy to find our young church members are learning to give, and, best of all, to tithe.

Special Summer Work, Workers and Training School Helpers.

As has been the policy of the Sunday School Board in the past, they again assisted us with a number of special workers during the summer. These workers gave all the way from three weeks to eight weeks in the summer to Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work in the small towns and rural sections. Some gave their time for their expenses only, and we certainly do thank them for the work they did. Those working for salary and expenses in rural campaigns and training schools are as follows: Misses Gladys Green, Prudence Amos, Vida Adams, Helen Shaw, Mrs. E. Rawlings, Rev. W. H. Andrew, B. F. Davidson, Mr. J. D. Carroll and Victor Howell. Those working for their expenses only: James O. Bugg, Flaville Latta and Miss Ruby Freeman. We have also had with us in the state during the year Secretary W. W. Willian of Florida, Secretary L. P. Hailey of Kentucky, Secretary Leon Wiley of Illinois, Secretary J. B. Moseley of Louisiana, Miss Arie Moody of Alabama, Miss Ethel Hudson of Texas and Miss Elizabeth Cullen of Tennessee. All of these did most acceptable work, their coming to us being made possible by churches and the Sunday School Board. A large number of workers were present at the Assembly—too many to name in this report.

We wish to call special attention to the work done by those who spent the summer in rural churches. We largely did the work on the Associational basis. Souls were won, lives enlisted, and a large number of awards sent to these churches as the result of the work.

Your secretary and Miss Linthicum, assisted by several workers, gave all of August and most of September to the rural and town churches, holding a series of rallies and Associational training schools. During these rallies, 21 in number, 74 churches and Sunday Schools were reached, 154 B. Y. P. U.'s, and there

were 1,684 in attendance. We know this has proven to be some of the most acceptable work from the standpoint of results we have ever done.

Educational Records.

Number Sunday School institutes and campaigns.....	206
Number classes in Sunday School work taught	318
Number B. Y. P. U. training schools conducted.....	321
Number B. Y. P. U. classes taught.....	400
Number taking work by correspondence	72
Number Sunday School awards delivered.....	3,602
Number B. Y. P. U. awards delivered	4,568
Number daily vacation Bible school awards.....	24

Total number of awards, 8,194, just an increase of 51 more than last year, but our forces were greatly reduced this year. We are happy to have held our own.

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

Eleven of our Sunday Schools report as having reached all requirements in the first standard. They are: Alma, Alma; Camden, First; Conway, Second; El Dorado, First; Fort Smith, First; Hope, First; Hot Springs, Central; Humphrey, Humphrey; Little Rock, Immanuel; Pine Bluff, Hazel Street; Blytheville, First.

The following B. Y. P. U.'s made the standard during 1926:

Seniors—Searcy, First; Figure Five, Shady Grove; Fort Smith, First, "Wide Awake," "Senior No. 2," "Upstreamers," Lexington Avenue; North Little Rock, First; Little Rock, Immanuel, "Senior No. 1," "Senior No. 2;" Booneville, First, "Adult;" Bradford, First; Rogers, First; Amity, First; Stamps, First; El Dorado, Zion Hill, Route 4, First, "Hustlers;" Humphrey, Humphrey; Cotton Plant, First; Batesville, First; Conway, First, "Senior No. 2;" Paris, First; Russellville, First; Dermott, First; Hot Springs, Central; Rudy, First; De Queen, First; Dumas, First; Murfreesboro, First; Bentonville, First; Vandervoort, First; Stuttgart, First; Jonesboro, Walnut Street; Pine Bluff, Southside; Sulphur Rock. Total, 36.

Intermediates—Blytheville, First, "Lillian Lane;" Humphrey; Little Rock, Pulaski Heights, Tabernacle; Hot Springs, Central; Pine Bluff, Ohio Street, "Willing Workers," Southside; El Dorado, First, "Leaders," "L. C. W.," "Loyalteens;" Fort Smith, First, "Wide Awake," "Hustlers;" Springdale, First, "Winners;" Harrison; Stamps. Total, 16.

Juniors—Fort Smith, First, "Willing Workers," "Winners," "Boosters;" El Dorado, First, "Sparklers," "Willing Workers;" Blytheville, First, "John D. Lane," "Junior No. 1," "Live Wires;" Little Rock, Immanuel "Hustlers;" Paris; Warren; Morrilton; Humphrey; Augusta; Atkins; Dumas, First, "Live Wires;" Van Buren, First, "Anti-Can't;" Harrison; Booneville, First; Springdale, First, "Soul Winners." Total, 20.

Personal Labors of Your Secretary.

During the year 1926 your secretary has been engaged personally as follows:

Days in office	108
Days on the field	248
Churches visited	103
Training Schools conducted in person	22
Training Schools arranged for	364

Classes taught in person	25
Class periods taught in person	238
Classes arranged for	121
Number enrolled in classes taught and arranged for.....	21,832
Addresses delivered outside class periods.....	149
Sermons preached	24
Conferences held	86
General meetings attended, also conferences in state.....	14
Number personal letters written	5,245
Number form and circular letters written.....	12,307
Number pieces literature sent out	23,512
Miles traveled in interest of work.....	28,815

Looking Forward.

In looking forward we want to hold up as worthy objectives towards which we should immediately begin to strive, the following:

For Our Sunday Schools.

1. A greater emphasis upon the soul-winning task of the teacher and officer of the Sunday School. A great effort should be made to reach every Junior for Christ before promoting him into the Intermediate Department. May we not call upon our workers for a reconsecration to the task ahead of them?

2. We need a well-organized campaign to get our superintendents, pastors and workers to attend the Sunday School conferences and conventions, both South-wide and within our state. This will make possible a concerted effort in doing a greater work as we will all be of the same mind. Sunday Schools should pay the way of officers and teachers, if expense is what keeps them away.

3. We should strive for not less than 250 well-organized Sunday School Training Schools during 1927. An honest effort would make possible something like the following program:

- 10,000 added to our Sunday School enrollments.
- 5,000 won to Christ through our Sunday Schools and brought into the church.
- 7,000 Sunday School awards presented.
- 100 Standard Sunday Schools.
- 36 well organized Associational Sunday School Conventions.
- Six well attended District Conventions.

One splendidly attended and supported State Sunday School Convention.

4. Surely we ought to strive to put on the greatest Rural Campaign next summer we have ever had. The Sunday School Board is wonderfully encouraging in the way they assist us with this work. We should by all means continue the 50-50 basis with them in this work.

5. It is earnestly hoped that we shall push the District Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Conventions we are to have in February and March and the State Sunday School Convention to be held at Arkadelphia, March 15-17, 1927.

For Our B. Y. P. U.'s

1. The churches of our State need to learn more about the real purpose of the B. Y. P. U. Our young people, many of them, have been doing what they have called B. Y. P. U. work for a long time, but it has been as far away from real B. Y. P. U. work as the poles are apart. It is the part of pastor and dea-

cons to learn the work and encourage the young people to do their best in the right way.

2. We earnestly recommend that every church create the General B.Y.P.U. Organization. Some good man or woman should be elected to be director of this service just as we now have superintendents to preside over the Sunday Schools of our State. Plenty of information regarding this may be had for the asking from your State B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School Secretary.

3. We wish to call attention to the B. Y. P. U. Magazine now being published by the Baptist Sunday School Board. It is essential to the best B. Y. P. U. work. We wish all our Unions might use it. It should be subscribed for just as the quarterlies are.

4. During 1927 we wish to emphasize three words in connection with our B. Y. P. U. work. They are "Consecration," "Stewardship," and "Training." Not new words, to be sure, but dreadfully in need of being stressed in connection with our young people's work.

5. During 1927 we hope to have not less than 500 classes in B. Y. P. U. work, delivering not less than 7,000 awards, with an increase in enrollment by 2,500; Daily Bible Reading, 2,500; Giving, 3,000; Tithing, 3,000.

6. We wish to call attention to the South-wide Study Course week the second week in March, our six District Conventions in February and March and our Assembly in July. Let us urge our young people to attend and many older ones as well. We need their helpful counsel and inspiration.

Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Department
Receipts and Disbursements
October 31st, 1925, to October 31st, 1926.

Receipts		
From Baptist State Mission Board	\$7,320.00	
From Inter-state Board Commission.....	55.00	
From Sunday School Board for Rural Work....	1,064.80	
From State B. Y. P. U.	50.00	
From Little Rock B. Y. P. U.....	100.00	
From Churches and Associations, and Sunday School Board for Training Schools.....	462.50	
From Assembly	220.00	
Total Receipts		\$9,272.30
Disbursements		
Salaries—		
H. V. Hamilton	\$3,300.00	
Alice Leatherwood, Office Secretary	1,300.00	
Blanche Linthicum, Jr. and Int. Supt.....	500.00	
Rural Workers (including Training School faculties)	805.50	
		\$5,905.50
Traveling—		
H. V. Hamilton, R. R., Hotel, and meals...\$	578.42	
Alice Leatherwood	35.00	
Blanche Linthicum	91.18	
Rural Workers and cost of Campaign.....	1,519.33	
(This item includes expense of workers used in Training Schools.)		
		\$2,223.93

Office Expense—	
Postage	\$ 231.57
Printing and Stationery	276.62
Telephone and Telegraph	270.57
Office rent, supplies, etc.....	197.35
	\$ 976.11
Total Disbursements	\$9,105.54
Receipts in excess of disbursements.....	\$ 166.76
Cash on hand October 31, 1925.....	93.38
	260.14
Cash on hand October 31, 1926.....	180.00
Amount not paid on Budget Appropriation.....	\$ 440.14

Amount saved this year\$ 440.14
 Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT V. HAMILTON,
 Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Secretary.

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

Your committee finds that during the past year much advancement has been made in B. Y. P. U. work throughout the state. Our efficient secretary and his co-workers have touched the pliable life of many churches, leaving them with high and pulsating aspirations for greater efficiency and consecration in the Lord's work. Increasingly, the meaning of loyalty and the motive which lies back of studying, namely, that of service, unfolds itself to the young people that are willing to be enlisted in kingdom work.

We find that there are now within our state 563 unions with an enrollment of more than 12,000 members, more than 6,000 of whom do the daily Bible readings and more than 4,000 of them are tithing. There has been an increase this year of 93 Unions reporting nearly 1,000 members.

Our state secretary has labored all the year and now makes his report to the State Mission Board. Since June 1 Miss Blanche Linthicum has been his assistant, working especially with the Intermediates and Juniors. Miss Alice Leatherwood has been the office secretary. Both of these young ladies have been valuable assets to the department. There have been a number of other workers serving a few weeks during the summer season. During the year, \$5,905.50 was spent for salaries; traveling and office expenses totaled \$3,200.04, making a total expenditure of \$9,105.54. This was up to October 31, this year.

Since we must train the young people of today for the tasks of tomorrow, we call the attention of the churches and pastors to the opportunity available for doing this training through the channel of the B. Y. P. U. work. There should be in every church a director of B. Y. P. U. work and such other officers as may be necessary for a complete organization. And more than one Union should exist in each church. In many instances, adult unions should obtain, and the men and the women should avail themselves of this opportunity to be trained.

We commend Secretary Hamilton for his efficiency. He has shown himself abundantly able to handle every phase of this work well. We note from the auditor's report that he

lacked \$440.14 of spending the amount appropriated to his department by the State Mission Board.

We call attention to the recommendations on page 6 of his report to the State Mission Board, and most heartily endorse same.

Respectfully submitted,

Ben L. Bridges,
Blount F. Davidson,
V. B. Filson,
W. J. Hinsley,
L. H. Roseman,

Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Southern Baptists have experienced a wonderful growth during the past ten years in Sunday School work. During this period we have gained 3,685 schools, increased our enrollment 931,036, thus making our enrollment at the present time 2,691,828. Our gains were practically three times that of our nearest competitor. Arkansas Baptists have contributed their share to this wonderful growth, and yet we have done very little compared with what needs to be done.

Notwithstanding the great handicap that we have had during the past year in not having funds with which to carry on the work as it should have been done, yet much progress has been made under the untiring efforts of Brother H. V. Hamilton, our efficient secretary. He has emphasized teacher training and standardization all over our state with good results.

For the purpose of carrying forward this work during 1927, we beg to make the following recommendations:

1. That all of our schools adopt and use the six point record system.
2. That all of our schools use the graded lesson series from the Beginners to and through the Intermediate department.
3. That all of our Sunday Schools observe all special days as suggested for Southern Baptists, viz: Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, and State Missions.
4. That all of our schools strive to become standard as soon as possible.

J. R. Gregson,
A. Worthington,
E. L. Compere.

46. At this time Dr. Masters presented to the Convention R. W. Patterson (colored) of Camden, and a group of singers from the Arkansas Baptist College (colored).

Bro. Patterson addressed the Convention enumerating some of the many problems encountered in trying to raise his race to a higher level of living. The singers sang several numbers.

47. The report of the Committee on State Missions was read by A. M. Rodgers of Little Rock, and adopted without discussion.

The report as adopted follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS

Inasuch as the State Mission Board, through its secretary, gives a complete and detailed report of its work each year, the State Mission Committee is left, therefore, to analyze, criticize and advise.

The term "State Missions," as generally understood among Arkansas Baptists, includes the religious operations of Arkansas Baptists in the following fields of labor: Evangelism and Associational Missions, co-operation with churches in paying pastors' salaries, Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, Mountain Schools, financial assistance to the Negroes in their State Mission work.

Notwithstanding the fact that since 1920, when the State Mission Board expended \$129,562.03 for its work, this board has diminished its activities and expenditures until this year the total expenditures of the board amount to \$47,271.85.

There still remains an indebtedness in this department of \$85,000, due to the fact that the State Mission Board has expended, from time to time, more money than was collected for this work.

For the State Mission Board to continue diminishing its activities, which must be done if it cuts its expenditures, this committee regards as a bad and hurtful policy. It is as if a man reduces the feed and continues to reduce the feed to his milk cow, but expects her to continue to produce the same amount of milk and butter fat. As if a man fed his horse less and less, and yet expected him to pull the same heavy load.

State Missions is fundamental and essential to co-operation in all missions. Diminish the one, and, "as night follows day," you diminish the other.

Recommendations

1. That the State Mission Board, as soon as possible and practical, offer to the Home Mission Board all the Mountain Schools under supervision of the State Mission Board, this to be done through the State Mission secretary, thus leaving this department of work to the Home Board, and if the Home Board refuses to take this work under its supervision, that the State Mission Board, as soon as it can be honorably and wisely done, sever its relation with at least two of the Mountain Schools that it is now operating.

2. That the State Mission Board, in its co-operation with the churches in supporting pastors, adopt a policy, making such policy clear to churches, asking aid, that financial assistance will not be given indefinitely from year to year, but each church assisted, as soon as possible; must raise its own budget to finance its current expenses.

3. That the evangelistic force be enlarged, if possible, with specific instructions to emphasize the doctrines of stewardship, storehouse tithing and co-operation in denominational matters.

(Signed)

A. Mack Rodgers, Chmn.;
J. F. Queen,
J. H. Turner,
J. M. Sheppard.

48. Upon motion the Convention adjourned to meet

again Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. The closing prayer was led by Bro. Milton Winham of Texarkana.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

49. The Convention was called to order by the president at 9 o'clock. W. J. Morris of Pine Bluff led the congregation in singing "I Need Thee Every Hour." J. B. Luck, pastor Central Baptist Church of Magnolia, led the devotional service, reading as a lesson Psalms 27. J. F. Queen of DeQueen led in the opening prayer.

50. Under the heading of Miscellaneous Business F. M. Masters presented a resolution instructing the Executive Board to sell certain property deeded to the Convention several years ago by Mrs. Mattie Burke.

The resolution as adopted follows:

Whereas, the State Mission Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, in session December 7th, recommends to the Convention that certain property deeded several years ago to this Convention by Mrs. Mattie Burke, be sold for the sum of \$1,500 net.

Be it therefore resolved, that this Convention do now instruct the Executive Board to sell this property, and with the funds carry out the contract with Mrs. Burke during her lifetime as to the aged monthly annuity, and then the principal of \$1,500 be used according to the terms of the contract.

51. Fritz E. Goodbar of Wheatley proposed to turn over to the Convention a deed in fee simple to the Assembly grounds at Siloam Springs. Motion prevailed without discussion that the property be accepted.

52. The Committee on Order of Business reported and the report for the day was adopted.

53. The secretary read the journal for the preceding day. After minor corrections the journal was adopted.

Hospitals.

54. The report of the Committee on Hospitals was read by Dr. N. R. Townsend of Arkadelphia. The floor was yielded to P. S. Rogers of Clarendon, who spoke concerning the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis.

The following report was filed for information:

REPORT OF BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Record

"By their fruits ye shall know them."

Total admissions, November 1, 1925, to November 1, 1926, 12,635.

Charity, \$153,402.91.

A home, when sick, for every preacher, priest or rabbi; no charge for room, board or hospital nursing.

Admissions	
1915	3,235
1916	4,363
1917	5,500
1918	5,797
1919	7,858
1920	7,619
1921	8,034
1922	9,073
1923	10,766
1924	11,599
November 1, 1924, to November 1, 1925	11,103
November 1, 1925, to November 1, 1926	12,636
Baptist	3,235
Methodist	2,626
Presbyterian	714
Episcopalian	300
Christian	393
Catholic	285
Jewish	412
Others	260
Not recorded	1,959
None	2,453
Total	12,635

Charity	
Arkansas	366
Mississippi	338
Tennessee	1,506
Others	181

2,391

Cost

\$11,679.94

(Nurses and employees cared for, 118; births, 225, included in the above total.)

Financial Statement

Total receipts		\$635,310.45
Charity	\$153,402.91	
Operating expense	426,363.39	
Equipment	25,744.19	
Depreciation	27,707.35	
		\$633,217.84
Net profit		\$ 2,092.61

55. The report of Davis Hospital at Pine Bluff was read and discussed by R. Carnahan of Pine Bluff.

56. At this time the Convention was favored with special music numbers by the nurses of the State Baptist Hospital.

57. The report of the State Baptist Hospital was read and discussed by Dr. J. P. Runyan, superintendent of the hospital.

58. The statistical report of the State Baptist Hospital was spoken to by W. T. King, financial secretary of the hospital.

59. The following resolution was presented by C. A. Riley and adopted without discussion:

Whereas, a motion was made in this Convention in regard to a possible sale of the Baptist Hospital, and whereas, a joint meeting of the Executive Board and the Hospital Commission finds that the matter is at present so indefinite that we really have no proposition to consider, this joint meeting recommends:

1. That the whole matter as regards the Convention action of any sort be not considered, and

2. That any future consideration of such a matter, if any, be left in the hands of the Executive Board, as it has been from the start.

(Signed)

C. A. Riley, Chairman.

(About 35 present.)

60. Upon motion, the reports on Hospitals were adopted. They were as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOSPITALS

When Jesus said to his disciples, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men;" and his inspired historian added the significant words, "And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people," we were given an inspired comment on how to win effectually a lost and unfriendly world to Christianity and to Christ.

When Jesus sent out the seventy, he instructed them to "preach" and to "heal the sick." The same instruction was given to the apostles; and in their ministry we find them teaching in synagogue and temple as opportunity presented, preaching in fields of gospel destitution and healing in the name of Jesus. Religious education, evangelism and caring for the sick and afflicted is heaven's method of winning the lost.

From the beginning of our denominational history in the state, Baptists have realized the importance of preaching the gospel as a means unto salvation, but, somehow, we were strangely slow to see the value of religious education as a means to that end. Men now in this convention can remember when Baptists had no school or college in the state fostered by the denomination. Stranger still is the fact that not until within the last decade did our people wake up to the value of hospital work—"healing the sick"—as an evangelizing force.

The Catholics have emphasized this phase of religious work more, perhaps, than any other denomination, and to that fact, largely, they owe their hold on the common people. In Arkansas Baptists are about ten times as strong, numerically, as they are, yet they have three times as many hospitals and are treating approximately three times as many charity patients as we are. "My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

Our Southwide Hospital Work

Baptists of Arkansas are glad to have a part with their brethren of other Southern states through their contributions to the hospital work conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

1. The Baptist General Hospital at New Orleans.

A splendid eight-story, modern, fireproof hospital has been erected and equipped at a cost, including the site for the building, of about a million dollars; and three per cent of the money we give for "Southwide" purposes has been allocated for its support.

2. The Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

For several years the Southern Baptist Convention has been operating a sanatorium at El Paso, Texas, for the treatment of tuberculosis. It is under the management of our own Elder Henry F. Vermillion. Its location is ideal for the treatment of that dread disease, and its "buildings and equipment and service are of the best." They reported at the convention at Houston, Texas, statistics as follows:

April 1, 1925, to April 1, 1926:

Number of patients treated	253
Number of charity cases	160
Total gifts to charity	\$18,731.31
Income from patients	53,610.23
Income from other sources	35,601.80
Total income	89,212.03

This is a commendable proportion of real charity cases, and Arkansas Baptists should be proud of the privilege of helping in this work, and should know of the opportunity offered there for treatment of this fearful malady. The percentage of cures and improvement of their cases treated is commendably high.

The Baptist National Hospital

While we have not yet assumed any financial obligations toward this institution, yet our people are in hearty sympathy with it, and will be glad to know that the movement to build goes forward. They have a beautiful nineteen-acre site, well located, and are planning to build on it a million-dollar hospital, which will serve a national need. Hot Springs is the greatest health resort in the United States, and its healing waters are world famed. Over a quarter of a million people visit there annually, many of whom are seeking health, and many of these need hospital treatment. Because of the availability of the government medical waters, this hospital, when erected, will be unique among Baptist hospitals. The Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is in sympathetic co-operation with their Board of Trustees. Ex-Governor Charles H. Brough, Elder A. S. Hardwell and Mrs. J. G. Jackson represent this Convention on its board, and should be continued on it.

The Baptist Memorial Hospital

A few years ago the Baptists of Arkansas joined with their brethren of Tennessee and Mississippi in the erection and maintenance of the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis, Tenn. It is the "South's largest hospital, and doing the South's largest charity except that done by tax-supported institutions."

Our Convention is officially connected with this institution, furnishing nine of the twenty-seven trustees.

It is more convenient for a large section of our state to patronize this institution than any of our other hospitals, and we ought to help support it, at least to the extent of the money they spend treating the charity cases from our state.

The growth in popularity of this hospital is seen in the fact that there has been a steady growth in patronage, from 3,235 cases admitted in 1915 to 11,599 cases in 1924.

The year just ending, November 1, 1926, they admitted 12,635 patients, 2,391 of which were charity patients, at a cost of \$153,402.91. Three hundred and thirty-six of these patients, at a cost of \$11,679.94, were from Arkansas.

"A home for all preachers and dependent members of their families, and no charge for room, board, or hospital nursing."

Hospitals Owned by Our State Convention

For a decade or more various associations over the state, and this Convention itself, passed resolutions from time to time, urging that steps be taken to establish a hospital fostered by Baptists and under Baptist control, where our own people and the poor of the state could receive treatment, coupled with religious influence acceptable to us. Two such institutions have been provided.

1. The Davis Hospital.

This hospital, located at Pine Bluff, was offered to us in 1919, and was accepted, and has since been fostered by us. It has done a splendid work in the section of the state in which it is located. Their board will make a report of the work it is doing.

2. The Baptist State Hospital.

A strong call was made from all over the state for a modern hospital, centrally located, well equipped, and large enough to meet the needs of our people. Such a building has been erected in this city, and is doing a splendid work. The chairman of their board will present a resume of the work being done and of the prospects and needs of the institution.

Briefly, however, we will state that 2,542 patients have been admitted and treated during the past year, 379 of whom were charity patients.

Of these patients, 811 were Baptists, 410 Methodists, 380 of other denominations, and 941 with no church connection.

The cash income for the institution the past year has been \$98,079.32, and the expenditures were \$91,909.03, leaving a net profit of \$6,170.29.

Your committee would make two suggestions regarding our state hospital.

1. The percentage of charity cases is entirely too small, relatively, to meet what the brotherhood had in mind in the establishment of the institution. Ought we not to lay more emphasis on the charity side of our work there? Until the staggering debt on the hospital is materially reduced, this can only be done by more liberal support from our churches, our Ladies' Missionary Societies, and by a hearty response to the call on our Sunday Schools for liberal contributions on "Hospital Day" in May.

2. In order to meet the debt on the institution, your com-

mittee concurs in the opinion of the Executive Board that the four per cent allocated to that purpose heretofore be increased to six per cent for 1927.

If changes in the policy of handling the institution or its debts be necessary to stop this increasing deficit, then these changes should be made.

N. R. Townsend,
C. E. Witt,
R. Carnahan,
L. B. Burnside,
A. S. Goodwin.

SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT, DAVIS HOSPITAL
November 1, 1925, to November 1, 1926

Surgical cases	885
Medical cases	121
Obstetrical cases	88
New born	77
Still born	11
Radium	15
Accident	110
Diagnosis	7
Total admissions	1,313
Patients dismissed	1,333
Patients in house November 1, 1925	33
Patients in house November 1, 1926	23
Fatalities	32
Average stay in hospital, per patient (days)	3.65
Average patients per day	38
Receipts, 1926	\$44,510.82
Operating expense	41,049.52
	\$ 3,461.30
Improvement and equipment	1,311.59
	2,149.71
Balance, gain for year	2,805.06
	Total balance to date
	\$ 4,954.77
Free cases cared for	133
Partial pay cases	5
Amount applied to charity	2,657.01
Accounts receivable	2,092.52
Bad debts	1,592.32
Daily cost per patient	4.00
74,060 meals served, cost per meal	16½c

Cost per patient is figured on operating expense only.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Carnahan,
Chairman of Board.

REPORT OF BAPTIST STATE HOSPITAL

I herewith submit the following report for the Baptist State Hospital, beginning November 1, 1925, and ending October 30, 1926:

Total number of patients admitted	2,542
Total number of charity patients	379
Nurses and employees cared for	26

Preachers cared for	62
X-Ray examinations	650
Births	64
Deaths	74
Percentage of deaths	2.9
Average cost of maintenance per day.....	\$3.46
Out-of-town patients, approximately.....	55%
Number of hospital employees	26
Number of student nurses in training	54
Amount charged on books for student nurses' services.....	\$27,372.50
Charity hospital service	\$17,263.18
Medical and surgical service	36,000.00
Total	\$53,263.18

Financial Statement of Operation

Total operating income	\$141,891.05
Total operating expense	86,682.97

Operating profit, one year..... 55,208.08

This profit has been distributed as follows:

Charity account	\$17,262.18
Reduction of accounts and notes payable....	4,478.03
Increase in accounts and notes receivable....	22,413.61
Insurance and taxes on building	1,054.26
Paid to Executive Board.....	10,000.00

Total 55,208.08

Accounts receivable, 10-31-26.....	\$63,839.04
Notes receivable, 10-31-26.....	11,034.36

Total 74,873.40

Amounts received for charity

W. M. U.	\$ 1,200.00
Men's Charity Club, net.....	408.52
Mother's Day, net.....	578.32

Total cash received for charity, one year..... 2,186.84

I do not want to fail to mention the wonderful work done by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Baptist Hospital, as it has been the means of helping to support charity patients and of getting fruit, linens, and other useful articles for the benefit of the hospital which have been of great help in reducing expenses.

Also a summary of the work done by the Rev. W. T. King during the year:

Collected on old accounts, approximately.....	\$ 7,500.00
Collected for charity	1,276.75
Collected on old subscriptions	931.59
Equity in farm	2,250.00
New subscriptions	518.50

Total \$12,476.84

He has persuaded numbers of churches to send fruit and other useful articles to the hospital, visited associations, and has done a great deal of publicity work in helping to keep the hospital before the people; also spoke in 77 churches, giving one month's interest to the Orphanage campaign.

The work done by Mrs. S. A. Stearns, religious worker, during the year includes:

Good cheer visits	3,805
Religious conversations	333
Avowals of faith	6
Bible classes taught	16
Religious literature distributed	192
Other literature	21
Errands done for patients	12
Prayer meetings	19
Y. W. A.	7
Friends located in city for patients.....	8
Flowers	50
Reclaimed	3
Prayer meetings in wards	3
Prayer meetings in Negro ward	1
Bible read to patients	6
Minister called to visit patients.....	2
Friends of patients in city notified.....	3

Prayer meetings are held every Thursday night in the chapel by different leaders. Also morning chapel services conducted by Mrs. Britt for the student nurses.

In regard to Mrs. W. S. Britt, superintendent of nurses, we wish to state that her work has been very successful this year. We have as fine a student body of nurses as could be found in any hospital. We had, during the year, nine girls to graduate, and, because of the practical training received under the supervision of Mrs. Britt, we can safely say that there are none better equipped to go out and nurse.

As our time is limited, I am not permitted to make an extended report of many good features in our hospital work.

The great question before us now is, "Was the hospital built for the purpose of making money or for taking care of the thousands who need attention and are without money or price?"

From the very beginning, the propaganda which was put out over the state for the raising of funds to erect this institution stated that the building would be paid for by the Baptist denomination, as well as the friends of the institution. And in the advertisements we stated from time to time that not one penny that was to be made in the operation of the hospital was to go into the denominational treasury, but was to be used for the upkeep of the equipment and the taking care of charity patients. We stated at our last year's Convention, in the report on page 47, that—

"As every informed Baptist knows, the Baptist State Hospital was not erected for the purpose of making money, because not one penny of the money made in the hospital goes into the denominational treasury, but goes directly back into the hospital for the upkeep of the equipment and the taking care of the charity patients. We think that this is right, because the Lord himself took a deep interest in the sick and afflicted."

And in one of our advertisements in a leading newspaper we stated that "We do not mean to place the building of the hospital on the basis of commercialism." This was thoroughly understood throughout the Baptist ranks.

In conclusion, we will say that, taking everything into con-

sideration in comparing our report with any other hospital in the South, we consider that we have had a very profitable year's work in your institution.

J. P. Runyan,
General Manager.

Woman's Work

61. The report of the Committee on Woman's Work was read by Chairman T. H. Jordan of Helena.

62. Mrs. J. G. Jackson read and discussed her report as corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union.

63. Upon motion the reports, as follows, were adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S WORK

We, your Committee on Women's Work, submit the following report:

Since the days of the lowly Nazarene, women have been elevated to a position of influence and power in the kingdom of God. In the very beginning they caught the vision, heard the call, heeded the summons and went afield to carry out the will and purpose of the Master. A chain of golden deeds and sacrificial services stretches across the years, linking their work today with that of the faithful band of women who followed our Savior and administered His needs.

In 1888 the W. M. U. was organized as an auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. It would take volumes to enumerate the marvelous things they have accomplished in these thirty-eight years of matchless service. But when we consider the aims of the W. M. U.—individual and united prayer, Bible study, soul winning, enlistment, mission study, organized and personal service and systematic and proportionate giving, we can understand something of the secret of their wonderful achievements.

We can never know how much we are indebted to the faithful women of our denomination for the progress we have made. They have set the pace in many things. They have stimulated the missionary spirit in our churches through their Mission Study classes. They have promoted progressiveness in our work by their example. They have furnished consecration by their zeal and devotion to the cause of the Lord. They have inspired us to greater efficiency by their enlistment work. They have led us to systematic, proportionate giving through their study and practice of stewardship.

It will be well to remember that when we speak of the W. M. U. we mean not only the women of our church organized, but also the other auxiliary organizations, which are Y. W. A., G. A., R. A., and Sunbeam Band. Some of the most telling and far-reaching work of the W. M. U. has been in these young people's organizations. Through programs, Bible study, mission classes and other good work, the boys and girls are trained and developed. Many of our most efficient church workers received their first vision of service in these auxiliary organizations. And perhaps their life of zeal and consecration would have been lost

to the church had it not been for this early training and seed sowing.

Time and space forbid a discussion of the work accomplished during the past year. Suffice it to say that the good women of our state, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. J. G. Jackson and her helpers, have been awake to every opportunity for service, overlooking no feature of the organized work. A brief summary will show this:

Mission study awards	2,033
Contributed to the Co-operative Program.....	\$71,409.26
Contributed to special causes.....	75,188.12

In addition to regular church support and the Co-operative Program, they make special gifts during the weeks of prayer to Home and Foreign Missions. They have a district budget including training school expense and scholarships, Bible fund, Margaret fund, program fund for printing the W. M. U. programs for Cuba and other Spanish-speaking districts. Besides these, they make gifts to the White Cross work, furnishing hospitals on foreign fields, Baptist Orphans' Home, hospitals at home, and other causes.

We recommend that pastors and missionaries study the plans and methods of W. M. U. work so they can help the women in the churches where there are no organizations.

T. H. Jordan,
Mrs. O. J. Wade,
Mrs. S. R. Doyle,
Mrs. Otto Whittington.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S
MISSIONARY UNION**

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

W. M. U. Gifts

Baptist Co-operative Program	\$ 71,409.26
(Designated and undesignated.)	
Special Gifts, Mrs. G. W. Bottoms—	
Foreign Missions	17,000.00
Home Missions	15,000.00
Industrial Home, Mountain Home College.....	4,000.00
Orphans' Home debt	2,000.00
Christmas offering to Foreign Missions.....	11,898.26
Thank offering to Home Missions.....	2,546.50
Thank offering to State Missions.....	1,070.78

\$125,924.80

W. M. U. Specials..... \$ 3,232.23

(Training School, Margaret Fund, S. S. Board
Bible Fund, Printing Cuba W. M. U. pro-
grams.)

Hospital charity fund	1,765.31
Orphans' Home boxes and supplies	5,206.06
Ministerial student fund and boxes.....	1,572.55
Associational Missions	1,298.40
City Missions for evangelism	5,477.00
Rural work	237.50
Magazine fund for missionaries	18.75

Louisville Seminary building fund	1,864.83
	<u>\$ 20,672.58</u>
Total to Missions	146,597.38
Local church work	\$ 36,556.76
Local benevolence	14,199.23
Miscellaneous	6,181.41
Assembly	198.00
	<u>\$ 57,136.40</u>
Total gifts	\$203,733.78
Gifts by Young People included in above	4,056.97

Office Expense

Rent	\$ 420.00
Postage	289.80
Telephone and telegrams	145.16
Office supplies, printing and stationery	374.42
Salaries, eleven months	4,179.22
W. M. U. page in Advance	900.00
Traveling expenses	879.52
W. M. U. minutes, printing	250.00
Sundries	55.44
G. A. Conference	54.50
	<u>\$7,548.06</u>
Refund from S. S. Board, \$812.29; other sources, \$341.50 ..	1,153.79
	<u>\$8,701.56</u>
Total expense	\$8,701.56

Office Work

Letters received	2,905
Letters written	2,505
Multigraph letters sent	12,170
Copy for multigraph	43
Copy for W. M. U. page in Advance	50
Packages sent	4,079
Leaflets	22,861
Manuals	302
Mission magazines and Advance	488
Standard of Excellence charts	7
Tithing cards	1,114
W. M. U. Minutes	2,000
Board reports	1,952
Week of Prayer envelopes	21,660
Treasury Temples	3,195
Fish cards	426
Promotion certificates	36
Mission record cards	1,080
Small seals	2,033
Official seals	37
Subscriptions sent for mission magazines	284
Mission maps	565
Report blanks	6,754
Letters multigraphed	12,423
Leaflets multigraphed	3,105

Personal Service

(A few outstanding items.)

Visits in interest of church and Sunday School.....	24,000
Letters to unconverted	500
Bibles distributed	500
Hours taught in Daily Vacation Bible Schools.....	400
Conversions reported	100
Garments distributed to poor	3,000

Organization

Number Woman's Missionary Societies.....	429
Number Young People's organizations	546
Number new organizations	127
Number associations co-operating	42

Rural Work

(One full-time and two part-time workers.)

Churches and societies visited	110
Associations touched	50
Societies organized	38
Societies revived	31
Mission Study classes taught (three to five days each)....	92
Story hour for children (three to five days each).....	114
B. Y. P. U.'s organized	4
B. Y. P. U. classes taught.....	6
Days on field	436
Visits in homes in interest of the work.....	143
Talks made	170
Books sold on the field.....	102
Subscriptions to magazines	92
Conversions	3
Miles traveled	11,369
Plays and pageants presented	10
Missionary programs presented	5
Letters written	247

Mrs. W. D. Pye,
 President.
 Mrs. J. G. Jackson,
 Cor. Secretary.
 Miss Elsie Harrison,
 Office Sec'y-Treasurer.

Publications

64. The report of the Committee on Publications was read by the chairman, J. B. Luck, of Magnolia. The report was spoken to by Editors C. P. Stealey of the Baptist Messenger of Oklahoma and J. S. Compere of the Baptist Advance.

65. Upon motion, the following report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

In the midst of changing conditions when the world is being sown down with all kinds of reading matter, it behooves Baptists to see that the people have the best to read. Most of the people are reading something, and more of it than ever before.

Too much emphasis can not be put on reading the Bible, for "this book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and the happiness of believers." "Its doctrines are holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, the Christian's charter." It is so vital to every life that we, as Baptists, should see that every man, woman and child have access to it.

The great thinkers of our denomination have given to us a good book or tract on almost every subject which enters into making a great life. How thankful we should be that Baptist consecration and scholarship have brought to us a flood of rich literature unsurpassed by any denomination. The wise pastor will really know this literature and will be faithful and diligent in getting his people to secure it, read it, and put it into practice.

In a well ordered Arkansas Baptist family you will find a good Bible for each member of the family, the Baptist Advance, Home and Foreign Field, Royal Service, World Comrade, B. Y. P. U. Monthly, and many other valuable books that space will not allow us to name.

If comparisons should be made, next to the Bible in the development of a Christian character is the state paper, the Baptist Advance. It has been said that it counteracts the influence of hurtful publications, warns against hurtful movements, aids in enlistment, and is the only medium of communication for the Baptists of the state.

We recommend:

1. That each church put the Baptist Advance in its budget and send it to every family represented in its membership.

2. That in churches where for any reason the paper can not be put in the budget, the pastors and churches make definite and vigorous effort to get as many subscriptions for the paper as possible.

3. That all our people subscribe for and read Home and Foreign Fields, and that the women and young people get and read Royal Service, World Comrades, and the B. Y. P. U. Monthly.

4. That pastors and churches give serious and prayerful attention to the circulation of religious books among our people.

J. B. Luck, Chmn.;

Alonzo Yancy,

Warren P. Clark.

Foreign Missions

66. The report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read by the chairman of the committee, Otto Whittington, of Immanuel Church, Little Rock.

The report was spoken to by Missionaries E. A. Nelson of Brazil and J. Walter Moore of Chefoo, China, and Dr. Forrest Smith of Fort Worth, Texas, representing the Foreign Mission Board.

67. The following report was adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Our Foreign Mission Board is in the midst of its eighty-second year of service. During all these years it has given expression to the determination of Southern Baptist churches to make the will of Christ regnant around the world. How well it has fulfilled this great purpose has been determined by the loyalty of our people. The Foreign Mission Board's work reflects and reveals the real missionary spirit of Southern Baptists. It expresses just how intensely we believe in the unselfish New Testament doctrine of Christian missions. The board, in its work, cannot go far beyond the vision and liberality of its constituency. No one can read the past history of the board's work and growth without being thoroughly convinced of the abounding grace and constant providence of God.

Fundamentally Worldwide

Foreign Missions make our program worldwide. The whole world was involved in sin. No program for Southern Baptists that is short of the boundary of sin is worthy of the people of God. The whole world was included in the redemptive work of Christ. It was included in His atonement. "He is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (1 John 2:2.) Christ's vision from the cross was a world vision. He came, He saw, He sacrificed, He saves. He had to sacrifice to save. So will we. It took sacrifice to effect the salvation Christ provided, and will take sacrifice to carry it to the world.

The Debt

On account of the debt on our Foreign Mission Board we are compelled, it seems, to retrench for the coming year; a thing which our board finds a heart-rending task. Baptists know very little about how to retreat. Former generations of Baptists have not practiced it. They have left no example of it. They did not so teach us. But we are to be pioneer Baptists in the art and practice of retrenchment. Baptists have been on the battlefield a long time. It is getting late for them to begin retreating now.

The Foreign Mission receipts for the year ending May 1, 1920, were \$2,360,909.68; for 1921, \$2,529,155.63. The next year, 1922, the receipts went down to \$1,784,344.76 and have continued to go down since. With such a condition it was impossible to get out without a debt. The foreign mission program for 1927 has been reduced \$441,000. This was heart-breaking information to our missionaries on the field. The missionaries at home on furlough were notified that unless the receipts for foreign missions were greatly increased they could not return to their fields. When scores of young men and young women, hearing the call of God, are volunteering for foreign work, and when missionaries and lost souls on the field are frantically calling for help, is no time to let down in our efforts to take the world for Christ. It has created a perilous and intolerable condition that Southern Baptists should not permit. Your committee does not believe that this lack of support of Foreign Missions on the part of our people is an expression of their unbelief in missions,

but is caused by a general laxity and indifference to the whole cause of Christ.

We can and we ought to lift the heavy debts from our boards. These are our debts. The responsibility for our indebtedness is upon the Baptists of the South who have withheld their gifts from God. Southern Baptists owe God enough to pay every debt our boards owe, and then have enough left to send all the missionaries who are wanting to go and meet the distressing need for improvement on many of the fields.

Results

Notwithstanding the great handicaps under which our missionaries have labored, the report of our Foreign Mission Board at the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shows wonderful results.

The receipts last year from the Co-operative Program of the states were \$1,049,517.87. The love offering, designated receipts, legacies and miscellaneous receipts make a grand total of \$2,278,225.95.

Missionaries employed, 528; 11 less than last year.

Native workers, 2,644; 201 more than last year.

Churches, 1,215; 114 more than last year.

Baptisms, 13,269; 1,135 more than last year.

Church members, 140,488; 22,557 more than last year.

Number of schools, 929; 83 more than last year.

Number of students, 36,893; 4,769 more than last year.

We recommend \$50,000 as an amount for Foreign Missions next year from Arkansas.

Otto Whittington,
Thos. H. Berry,
Thos. W. Croxton.

68. Upon motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 2 o'clock p. m. The closing prayer was led by Dr. O. L. Hailey of Nashville, Tenn.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

69. The Convention convened promptly at 2 o'clock. The song service was led by C. L. Randall of Little Rock, and the devotional conducted by J. D. Allen of Bentonville. The opening prayer was led by State Evangelist M. L. Voyles.

70. E. J. A. McKinney, statistical and historical secretary of the Convention, brought to the attention of the Convention an article of historic interest found in the Arkansas Gazette of 100 years ago. Upon motion, this article was ordered printed in the Annual. The above mentioned article will be found on page 119.

71. Upon motion of J. S. Compere, Brother McKinney was authorized to lend a copy of Dr. Searcy's History of Arkansas Baptists to the Baptist Bible Insti-

tute of New Orleans for the purpose of having it copied.

72. Upon motion, Brother McKinney was authorized to have a list of all Baptist churches in the state prepared and printed in the 1926 Annual.

73. Upon motion of J. F. Tull of Augusta, the secretary was authorized to have a list of the names and addresses of all Arkansas evangelists and gospel singers printed in a convenient place in the 1926 Annual.

Report of Committee of Fifteen

74. The report of the Special Committee of Fifteen, provided for in paragraph 37, was read by the chairman of the committee, Otto Whittington.

The report included four recommendations which would change some of the policies of the Constitution of the Convention.

Motion prevailed to discuss the four recommendations seriatim.

At the expiration of a 45-minute extension of time a motion prevailed to extend the time indefinitely for a complete discussion of the report. After several hours of discussion and many changes in the several recommendations, the report, as a whole, was adopted.

The report, as adopted, follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHICH WAS REFERRED THE REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AND OF THE DEBT-PAYING COMMISSION

We recommend the following four things:

1. That the report of the Executive Board be adopted with the necessary changes to make it fit the following recommendations.

2. That we rearrange our work under one General Executive Board instead of two.

3. That the necessary changes be made in the Constitution to meet the change in organization. To effect these changes, we offer the following resolution to take place of Article V in the present Constitution:

Article V—Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Convention is composed of 45 members chosen from the state at large, not more than five of whom shall reside in any one county of the state, and none of whom shall hold any remunerative office under the Convention or any of its institutions. One-third of this board shall be elected annually, and twenty shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Board is constituted and empowered by the Convention as its legal and business agent to administer all business committed to it by the Convention, and to employ such paid agents as it deems necessary in carrying out the missionary,

educational and benevolent enterprises of the Convention. The Executive Board shall raise, collect, receive and disburse all the funds for the Baptist Co-operative Program, both state and Southwide. The office of the Executive Board is the clearing house for the business side of the Convention's work and a headquarters for Baptist information. Its books, records, and files shall at all times be open for the reference and inspection of any one who may desire to examine them. The Executive Board shall render to the Convention annually a complete and detailed statement of all its business for the year.

Article VI—Finance

The Executive Board shall function for the Convention in the field of financial matters.

Article VII—Trusteeships

The Convention shall elect trustees to manage and to operate its colleges, schools, hospitals and orphanage as follows: Ouachita College, 24 trustees; Central College, 24 trustees; Mountain Home College, 24 trustees; all academies, seven trustees each; Baptist State Hospital, 18 trustees; Bottoms Orphans' Home, nine trustees. The Convention may constitute trusteeships in any other institution or movements in which it takes active interest. All trusteeships of the Convention shall be amenable to the Convention on all financial matters through its Executive Board, and no trusteeship shall be permitted to conduct extra movements to raise money outside its regular producing courses of revenue without the approval of the Executive Board, or by the Convention in session, and no trusteeship shall incur a deficit on running expenses or create debt without the approval of the Executive Board.

All trusteeships shall render to the Convention annually a complete and detailed statement of all its business and activities for the year.

4. That the following resolution looking to the financing of our indebtedness be adopted:

Whereas, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has at this time loans outstanding in the nature of notes and bonds on the Baptist State Hospital, Central Baptist College, Bottoms Orphans' Home, a note issue due from one to ten years, and a floating debt to banks and individuals, and in order to re-finance all of its indebtedness or pay any part thereof;

Now, be it resolved by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, that it be authorized and empowered to borrow in its name any sum, not exceeding nine hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$950,000.00), and to pledge, mortgage, or encumber any property, real or personal, it owns, and the property of the above named institutions, to secure said loan, and that its proper officers be authorized to execute a deed of trust or mortgage on the above named property and sign negotiable interest-bearing bonds or notes as evidence of such debt in such denominations and form and maturity as the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention may deem advisable. Said loan to be repaid in annual installments over a period of time not exceeding twenty (20) years. That all matters pertaining to the borrowing of the money, the execution of the bonds or notes by the proper officers of the Convention, and the negotiation and sale of bonds or notes be placed in charge of the Executive

Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention with full power and authority to act. The proceeds of said loan to be applied on the indebtedness of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, including the debts of its various institutions.

Resolved, further, that no obligation made hereunder by this Convention, or any board or other agency of this Convention, shall have precedence over any obligation issued under authority of this resolution, and the Convention shall set aside annually out of its revenues a sufficient amount of money to pay the annual interest and installment of principal due that year. The full faith, credit and integrity of this Convention is pledged to the repayment of any money borrowed under the terms of this resolution.

Be it further resolved, that certified copies of this resolution be furnished by the officers of the Convention to the officers of the Executive Board, and that the Executive Board be empowered to change any wording or item in the above resolution that may be needed to make it unquestionably legal.

Otto Whittington
S. E. Tull
J. S. Rogers
H. G. Thomasson
C. A. Riley
L. M. Keeling
O. J. Wade
E. P. J. Garrott
Thos. W. Croxton
S. B. Barnett
B. V. Ferguson
W. A. Jackson
F. W. Carnett,
Perry F. Webb
Thos. H. Berry

75. Motion by Fritz E. Goodbar was carried that a trusteeship of seven members be formed to accept and administer the Soliam Springs property from the B. Y. P. U. Convention. The Nominating Committee was instructed to nominate the personnel of this trusteeship.

76. Upon motion, the Nominating Committee was instructed to place the following four of its members on the new Executive Board: L. M. Keeling, G. L. Boles, F. W. Carnett, C. L. Durrett.

77. Upon motion, the Convention adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock. State Evangelist L. A. Robertson led the closing prayer.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION

78. The Convention convened at 7 o'clock, the song service being led by W. F. Copeland of Alma and the devotional conducted by Arden Blaylock of Arkadelphia.

79. President Winburn introduced Brother W. E.

Dunham of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans. Brother Dunham spoke briefly concerning the work of B. B. I.

80. The Committee on Order of Business reported and the report for the evening was adopted.

81. The secretary read the following telegram from G. M. Ford of Konawa, Okla., and was instructed to make suitable reply:

“Greetings, brethren beloved. John 13: 34, 35; Second Corinthians 6:13. G. M. Ford.”

Mountain Home College

82. The report of the Board of Trustees of Mountain Home College was read by President H. D. Morton.

The report was spoken to by Ben F. McFerrin of Harrison, president of the board, J. W. Burnett, a ministerial student in the college, and H. E. Kirkpatrick, a member of the board.

The report, as adopted, follows:

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MOUNTAIN HOME COLLEGE

It is with a profound spirit of thanksgiving to God for his abundant blessings upon this institution during the past year and a deep sense of gratitude to the Baptists of Arkansas and the South for their support and co-operation that we present to this Convention our report for the session of 1925-1926. Although the enrollment, 166, was smaller than for the previous year, the income from tuition and fees was \$1,955.40 more than in 1924-1925 and larger than for any previous year. This is accounted for in the fact that there was a large increase in the number of college students, and the falling off was in the first and second year high school students.

The present enrollment, 155, is much larger than at this time last year, and is within eleven of the total enrollment for last regular session. The increase in enrollment this year is largely due to the addition of a commercial department this year. This department, which offers complete courses in bookkeeping, shorthand, typewriting, accounting and related subjects, is not only self-supporting, but is a source of revenue to the school. We were fortunate in securing Prof. Allan Mote, who has, in addition to his experience as a teacher of commercial subjects, had several years' practical experience as a business executive with one of the largest firms of the South. This new department is growing rapidly and promises to become the most popular department in the school. The furniture and fixtures for this department were manufactured in our own manual training shops. The other equipment was largely donated.

It is with regret that we report the passing away of the beloved president of the Board of Trustees, Hon. B. A. Spradlin, of Harrison, who has so wisely guided our councils, and Hon.

Charles Padgett of Batesville, a member of the Board of Trustees. Their going is a distinct loss to Mountain Home College.

A faithful effort has been made to carry out the instructions of the Convention regarding standardization. All new members of the faculty for the last two years have been employed with this in view. Our library now contains 5,500 volumes besides government publications. The laboratories meet the requirements for standardization. However, before we can standardize we must have an endowment of \$200,000, or the guaranteed equivalent of the income from this amount.

There are twelve ministerial students in Mountain Home College this year. No provision whatever was made this year for ministerial aid. A small amount of aid has been secured for two of the boys since the opening of school. There are more young Baptist preachers in north central Arkansas than in any other section of the state. If Baptists are to educate these boys and prepare them for the largest possible service to the glory of God and the development of our denominational interests, it will be in Mountain Home College. Those who come are becoming great soul-winners and are helping develop kingdom interests. One ministerial student who enrolled in the seventh grade two years ago has had about 150 conversions during the two years he has been in Mountain Home College.

A gift of \$5,000 from Mrs. G. W. Bottoms, received in July of this year, enabled us to secure and open an industrial home for girls this fall. This blessing came to us in an hour of great need, and greatly increases our power to help worthy young women.

Below is a statement of the revenue and expenses for the school year 1925-1926 and of current assets and liabilities at the close of the first quarter of the present session, November 15, 1926. Cash collections on tuition and fees, as well as on notes receivable, have been better this year than usual. The increase in current liabilities over current assets during the last year has been only \$1,439.12. This is remarkable when we consider that the institution received only \$2,028.45 from the denominational program in Arkansas and only \$1,200 from the Home Mission Board, or a total of only \$3,228.45. From June 1, 1924, to June 1, 1926, a period of two years, Mountain Home College received from Arkansas Baptists only \$3,125.07, or \$680.33 more than was required to pay the insurance on the property during this period of time. When we take into consideration the low rates of tuition and fees, which are about 50 per cent of either of our other colleges, it seems almost unbelievable that the institution could be operated with so small a deficit for the year. The financial statements are not based upon the auditor's report, as the audit of the books had not been completed at the time this report was prepared.

**Statement of Revenue and Expenses From June 1, 1925,
to May 31, 1926**

Revenues:	
*Tuition, fees, board, etc., from students' accounts.....	\$28,389.37
Profits from book store operations.....	294.71
Cash over	101.79
	Total income from operations.....
	\$28,785.87

Revenues from outside sources:	
Arkansas Baptist Convention	2,028.45
Gifts for industrial home	283.00
Home Mission Board	1,200.00
From loans	7,425.00
Miscellaneous sources	1,510.64
Total income from outside sources.....	\$12,447.09
Total revenues from all sources.....	41,232.96

* Includes \$2,195.14 board, tuition and fees for summer term, 1926, which began May 18, 1926.

Expenditures:	
Teachers' salaries	\$17,174.37
Board—Supplies and labor	11,693.44
Notes payable (payments on same).....	4,333.40
Athletics	1,322.47
Repairs and improvements	1,291.01
Miscellaneous expenses	913.04
Fuel and janitor work	909.35
Lyceum and Dramatic Club	527.12
Farm and orchard	108.10
Interest and rent	189.48
Mountaineer	564.48
Science equipment	169.14
Library operations	284.52
Office help and supplies	660.00
Ozark Echoes	245.00
Postage, printing and advertising	1,362.45
Cash on hand and in bank	133.18
Total expenditures	\$41,880.55
Excess of expenditures over revenues	647.59
Plus tuition, etc., for summer term, 1926	2,195.14

Net deficit for the year	\$ 2,842.73
Attention is also called to the fact that of the above receipts, the following amount was from loans.....	
While there was paid on notes payable only.....	7,425.00
	4,333.40
This increases the actual deficit on operations.....	\$ 3,091.60
Adding to this the net deficit for the year.....	2,842.73
Actual deficit on operations for the year.....	\$ 5,934.33

Statement of Current Assets and Current Liabilities at the Close of Business, November 14, 1926

Current assets:	
Cash on hand	\$ 112.78
Cash in bank	118.69
Book store inventory	1,500.00
Boarding supplies inventory	1,000.00
Open accounts	1,544.09
Notes receivable	9,041.70
Total current assets	\$13,317.26
Current liabilities:	
Notes payable	\$15,027.90

Bills payable	327.21
Discount on notes receivable (25%)	2,260.42
Discount on accounts receivable (10%)	154.41
Student deposits	544.00
Board and tuition paid in advance	1,314.90
Accrued salaries	593.75
	\$20,222.59
Total current liabilities	
Excess of current liabilities over current assets	6,905.33

Central College

83. The report of the Board of Trustees of Central College was read by President D. S. Campbell.

The report was spoken to briefly by President Campbell and unanimously adopted. It follows:

ANNUAL REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL BAPTIST COLLEGE

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

Brethren—We, your Board of Trustees, submit the following report:

For the past thirty-four years Central College has been operating under the control of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Throughout its history there have been constant evidences of the providence of God toward the school. Through all its struggles and vicissitudes there has always been furnished relief when relief became absolutely necessary. Many times this relief was at tremendous expense to loyal individuals whose names should never be forgotten by any appreciative Baptist.

The enrollment during the last school year was 254. This is the largest number ever enrolled in a single year. The large majority of these students were of college rank. The enrollment during the current year to December 1 is 233. The enrollment one year ago was 232. This enrollment fills the school to its normal capacity and represents about what we can accommodate until we enlarge classroom and laboratory space. The student body has been enrolled at a very reasonable cost.

The faculty represents the same high standards of efficiency and character which it has been our purpose to maintain. Few changes have been made in the staff during the past year. In every case where a change has been made, the incoming teacher possesses qualifications equal to or better than those of the retiring teacher. The faculty meets the requirements of the North Central Association.

The religious activities in Central College are under the special direction of Miss Vida Adams. Numerous other members of the faculty give valuable assistance in this most important service. Strong classes in the Bible are maintained, with large enrollments. Every student must pass certain courses in Bible before her graduation. Regular weekly meetings of the Y. W. A. are attended by a large majority of the students. Those who know the school intimately speak most encouragingly of the high type of religious development that is manifest.

The financial situation at Central College is such that it demands the immediate and unqualified support of this Convention. The college has operated for thirty-four years with practically no endowment and with comparatively small amounts donated for its current support. The buildings and equipment have been kept in splendid repair; the campus has been enlarged and improved; a school of standard grade has been maintained—all on a current income which scarcely exceeds \$70,000 per year. This has resulted in a current floating indebtedness which must necessarily be a serious menace to the current operation of the school.

The 75 Million Campaign furnished considerable money to Central College, but it was far from enough to meet the actual needs of the school. Bruce Hall was constructed at a total cost of \$170,000; new acreage was added at a cost of \$10,000; furnishings for Bruce Hall cost \$14,800, of which \$2,500 has been donated. In addition to the above, the teaching equipment in Main Hall has been more than doubled. The laboratory space has been trebled, and still it is being taxed to its entire capacity. The library has been doubled in size and increased many times in efficiency.

We call your attention to the fact that when this Convention took over the indebtedness of the college, ten years ago, there were in reality nearly \$7,000 of indebtedness not included. Furthermore, \$7,800 expended at that time for piano equipment was placed upon the current account. The result is that today there is an actual indebtedness of \$161,000, including both current and bonded indebtedness.

The auditor's reports will show that, but for the necessity of carrying items which properly belong to the capital account, the current account easily ran within its income during the past fiscal year.

The value of the property of the college is conservatively placed at \$300,000. It has been appraised at \$325,000. More property is very urgently needed, but it is not the purpose of this board to ask the Convention for more buildings until our indebtedness shall have been reduced and some adequate endowment is in force. The only opportunity for constructing additional buildings will be through the interest of individuals.

Your board feels keenly the responsibility which you have placed upon it. We recognize that Central College is but a part of the great program of education fostered by this Convention. We do not ask for considerations which are not wholly in line with the progress of the whole Baptist program. We do feel, however, that if we are to take our activities in their proper order, Central College should now be made the center of the Convention's interest and activity until the security of her position as an institution of higher learning shall have been guaranteed. We urge that this Convention adopt means for obtaining scientific information regarding our educational needs, and that we set out to meet these needs in a progressive way.

As a temporary expedient, we recommend and urge:

1. That the Convention authorize and instruct its Executive Board to furnish to the current account of Central College the sum of \$10,000 annually until the income from endowment shall reach that amount.

2. That the Executive Board be authorized to co-operate

with this board in refunding the current account and any part of the bonded indebtedness which they may deem necessary.

3. That this board, in co-operation with the Executive Board, be authorized to seek funds for sustenance and for endowment from individuals and from churches when so doing will not interfere with the promotion of the denominational budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Board of Trustees, Central Baptist College,
A. J. Reap, President;
A. J. Sims, Secretary.

Adopted in a regularly called meeting at Little Rock, Ark., December 6, 1926.

84. Upon motion, T. D. Brown was instructed to send a message of good cheer to President A. B. Hill of Ouachita College, who was in Mayo Brothers' clinic at Rochester, Minn.

Ouachita College

85. The report of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College was read and briefly discussed by T. D. Brown, head of the Department of Bible in the college.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE

The founders of Ouachita College were vitally interested in promoting the cause of Christian Education. Throughout its history, great emphasis has been placed upon all forms of Christian activities. Many young men and young women have gone from Ouachita into their respective fields of labor, determined to make their lives count for the most in promoting the various interests of the denomination and emphasizing the ideals and standards set up by Jesus when he was on earth.

It is the purpose of the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College to continue to lay great stress upon the activities which have to do with the advancement of the kingdom of Christ. In harmony with this policy, there has been placed at the head of the department of Christian Education one of Arkansas' leading pastors. In the short time in which he has had charge of this department he has been able to reach many of our young men and young women daily through class instruction, and his influence has been felt throughout the student body.

Faculty

Since the first of June many changes in the faculty have been made. The total number of teachers has been increased by two. In making these changes, the requirements of the standardizing agencies have been kept in mind, and we now have on the faculty six who have the equivalent of a Doctor's degree and three who have secured the Master's degree. It is the policy of the Board of Trustees to fill all vacancies in the future with teachers who meet in every way the requirements of the various standardizing agencies.

Students

The student body is composed of 356 students. Of this number there are 182 young men and 174 young women. All of these young men and women have completed the equivalent of a four-year high school course before entering Ouachita College. A complete religious census shows the following:

Baptists, 269; Methodists, 22; Presbyterians, 14; Christians, 4; Catholic, 1; Episcopal, 1; non-church members, 29.

Consecration Week

For three years the students have, upon their own initiative, carried on what is known in the institution as a week of consecration. During this week the students carry out a program of consecration and evangelization among themselves. All meetings are student-directed and conducted. The week of October 18th was given to this feature of religious activity. A number of the unsaved were converted and four young men and young women surrendered for special Christian service. The meetings were well attended and great and lasting good was accomplished.

Literary Society Work

For many years Ouachita College has been known to have surpassed most institutions in the type of literary society work carried on by the members of the various literary societies. In former days the literary society organizations took first place among the activities of the institution. In recent years there has been a tendency to slight the literary society work for other things in which the students were most interested. At present there are four organized literary societies—two for young men and two for young women—and these organizations are being encouraged in every way to regain their accustomed place in the life of the institution.

Finance

On June 1, 1926, there was a current indebtedness of \$16,-552.54. Over against that amount there were due the college outstanding uncollected bills and notes amounting to \$11,219.55. In addition to the above, it was found the college had endorsed outstanding notes to the amount of \$7,011.79, of which \$1,718.50 had been collected June 1.

Standardization

Ouachita College is in the territory of the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. It is essential that Ouachita, without further delay, become a member of this organization. We believe that no stone should be left unturned in meeting the requirements of the North Central Association. Many new books have been added to the library; much equipment has been purchased for the laboratories, and all of the requirements regarding the faculty and the organization of the school have been met. On November 29 Dr. J. D. Elliff, president of the North Central Association, came to Ouachita College and spent a day looking over our situation. Dr. Elliff reported that the institution would be able to meet all the requirements, with one possible exception. This exception has to do with the endowment. A recent regulation of the North Central requires that institutions having over 300 students shall have \$600,000 endowment. The former requirement had been \$500,000, and

we were not conscious of the change. Every effort will be made to meet even this requirement.

Endowment

Ouachita's Endowment Committee should be congratulated upon the amount of revenue which is annually secured from the endowment. At present the endowment and investments are as follows:

Investment, December 1, 1926:

To bonds	\$326,026.54
To stocks	1,240.00
To real estate loans.....	159,060.26
To gift notes	15,003.71
To accrued interest on bonds	531.68
To insurance on bonds	500.00
To cash in banks	30,104.05
	\$532,466.24

It is estimated that the interest on this endowment for the current year will be \$31,748.95.

Teachers' Salaries.

The Board of Trustees, realizing that the salary schedule for teachers at Ouachita had been exceedingly low, and desiring to make a better showing with the North Central Association regarding this matter, have made material increases in the salaries for the members of the faculty. The total amount of increases being \$6,855.00.

Needs

Ouachita College needs at once at least \$100,000 more endowment, a Science building, a gymnasium and a conservatory building.

Ministerial Education.

86. The report of the Committee on Ministerial Education was read by H. H. McGinty of Osceola, and was spoken to by W. J. Hinsley of Ouachita College.

The report, as adopted, follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Reports from the various schools show that there are at present 62 ministerial students in our denominational institutions of learning in this state, as follows: Ouachita, 28; Jonesboro College, 22; Mountain Home College, 12. This does not include many others, no doubt, who are in our mountain schools and state schools and colleges. In addition, there are 40 Arkansas ministerial students in our Southwide seminaries, 27 of whom are in the Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, 7 in the Baptist Bible Institute at New Orleans, and 6 at the Southern Seminary at Louisville. This makes a grand total of 102 men and women who are giving themselves to religious training, most of them at great sacrifice.

An examination into the means of financial support of these students reveals the fact that the days of faith and heroism on the part of those seeking educational preparation for the ministry are not past. Of the students in our seminaries, 15 are

receiving help from some source to the amount of approximately \$500. Two are provided with scholarships, some work to pay their expenses up to the amount of \$20 per month, while the others are provided for by loans or gifts. None of these seminaries report any assistance in this work from our state this year, except their percentage allotment of Southwide funds for running expenses. The Bible Institute has been forced to borrow practically all the money used for this purpose for the last three years. It has formerly been the custom of the state Executive Board to allot some money for this object, a thing they have been unable to do this year.

Some of the students in our state denominational schools are enabled to make their own way, either by pastoral work or employment on the campus. Brother W. J. Hinsley, field secretary for Ouachita College, is able to provide some funds through gifts from individuals, churches, missionary societies, Sunday Schools, etc. Other than this, there are no sources of income, since the ministerial fund from the budget has been overdrawn for some time and offers no hope for the immediate future. Certainly this condition calls for our serious consideration, since the education of our ministers must always be at the heart of the wider field of Christian Education. Your committee makes an earnest appeal—

1. For personal gifts for the relief and help of our ministerial students.

2. For the establishment of more scholarships of \$150 to \$200, either as a loan or an outright gift.

Respectfully submitted,

H. H. McGinty,
W. J. Hinsley,
Fred H. Ward,

Committee.

Christian Education

87. The report of the Committee on Christian Education was read and discussed by LeRoy Ashley of Heber Springs. The report was also spoken to by F. W. Carnett of Fayetteville.

Upon motion, the following report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention:

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Christian Education submits this report:

There is no need in this day to urge upon Arkansas Baptists the scriptural warranty for Christian Education. There are numerous instances in both the Old and New Testaments where God's people were brought together in the capacity of schools, and where they were taught the law and otherwise led into the knowledge of His revelation to men. Jesus enjoined His followers to make disciples and then proceeded to teach them. We find that Paul constituted himself a college and seminary and instructed young preachers and other church members in the things necessary for a fuller Christian expression.

When people have been truly brought to the Master and consecrated themselves to His service, there opens a vast world

of service for His kingdom to be done by and through them. Many have found they could not be thus useful because of limited training, and thus the beginning of the school system of today. For schools were first fostered by religious organizations. It was found that the more general knowledge one had, the better workman one might be in the service of the great King.

Not only are there immense benefits to be derived from such training, but there are many mistakes to be thereby avoided. No doubt great harm has been done by the zealous but unlettered. Others have done their part by securing the wrong kind of training. Still others are today in their undeveloped state the veritable prey of every religious trickster who goes about peddling his spurious wares. It should be a matter of deep concern to every Christian that all who drink at our fountains get the kind of drink that the Savior had in mind when he said that it "would be a well of living waters."

"Head-education" may or may not be a blessing to one, depending entirely upon what has supplemented it. Brain and body development may produce a vigorous, beastly machine that will wreck and ruin. The world must be brought to see that spiritual development is worth far more to the present world than that of head and body, however worthwhile these may be.

This spiritual development is what we call Christian education. In our schools it is simply the interpreting of the various branches of learning in terms of the revelation of Christ. Anything else would be an un-Christian education. We just naturally expect the Bible teacher to call the name of Deity with reverence. But he can do very little except as he has the united support of all the faculty to this end. It is patent that anyone who cares may find the Lord's footprint in the laboratory as well as the sanctuary.

This is the great task set our Baptist Colleges in Arkansas. Parents by the hundreds are sending their sons and daughters to our schools expecting that when they return they will be intelligent Christian citizens of our commonwealth and of the kingdom of our God. How well our institutions are keeping the faith you very well know. We have nothing but praise for our schools and earnestly believe they are being led of God to do a wonderful work for the Master.

Therefore, we would like to make certain recommendations to the Baptists of Arkansas:

First, that we all view our educational problems with sympathy. Let us remember that antagonism nor indifference were ever constructive. Our leaders are able men, hence we ought to have the utmost of confidence in their opinions and help them to carry on the work we have entrusted to them.

Second, that our schools be made special objects of prayer. If other affairs of the kingdom are advanced by petitioning the throne of grace, our schools could be. The mothers brought their little ones to the Lord and he blessed them. Will he not richly bless our schools if we bear them to Him?

Third, that we really launch into the business of Christian Education. Our institutions are hampered and some of them suffer by comparison with others. The Lord's work ought to be done right. We can no longer play at training men and women when they are slipping away to other places. Our Baptist folks

ought to have just as good training as others, and we must make this possible or quit.

L. Roy Ashley,
H. G. Thomasson,
J. D. Allen,
B. A. Pugh.

88. Upon motion, the Convention adjourned until Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Carroll D. Wood, Jr., of Monticello led the closing prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

89. The Convention convened at 9 o'clock. The song service was led by P. A. Stockton of Little Rock, and the devotional was conducted by T. H. Jordan of Helena.

90. The journal for Thursday's session was read by the secretary. After corrections, upon motion, the journal as corrected was adopted.

Evolution

91. The following resolution concerning the teaching of evolution in the schools of Arkansas was presented by J. S. Compere and unanimously adopted without discussion:

"Be it resolved, that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention go on record as favoring the passage of a law to prohibit the teaching of the theory of evolution in the tax-supported schools of the state."

92. A motion was made by F. M. Masters, duly seconded and carried, that the work of the officers of the two boards, the State Mission Board and the Executive Board, be continued until the meeting of the board appointed under the new Constitution.

93. Ben L. Bridges made a motion, which was unanimously carried, that the section of the Constitution providing for the Hospital Commission be amended by added the following provision, viz: "That one-third of this board or commission be elected annually, and that not more than five of the board or commission shall reside in any one city, town or community."

Stewardship and Tithing

94. The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Tithing was read by J. F. Tull and adopted without discussion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Stewardship, when correctly defined and scripturally construed, is the doctrine of God's ownership of all things (Ps. 24:1), and of Man's trusteeship of God's estates.

Tithing is the law of God which specifies (Lev. 27:30-32) the return which a trustee of God's estate is required to make to the owner of said estate, for the privilege of exploiting it, and of enriching himself from it.

These are the foundation doctrines in kingdom finance, and therefore if we ever expect to realize for the Lord's cause an adequate supply of Christian money, then all church and denominational financial methods must be built upon these doctrines. We may raise all of the debt-paying commissions that we want to raise, and we may revise, and even revolutionize all of our denominational machinery and institutions if we want to, but there is absolutely no hope that we, as Baptists, will ever get our churches and the work of our denomination at large upon a sound financial footing until all of our people are brought to the point of recognizing their stewardship under God, and are also brought to the point of acknowledging this stewardship by actually and habitually paying God's tenth into His treasury as He directs us in his word.

The unsophisticated laymen and laywomen of our churches may be, to some extent, excusable when they are found to be ignorant concerning these tremendous facts, but in the event that pastors and other great denominational program makers are found to be ignorant of them, then their ignorance of the fundamental laws of kingdom progress disqualifies them for the high positions with which they have been honored, and entails upon them personally a fearful responsibility, and covers the denomination with shame, and, worse than all, dooms the cause. In the final analysis there is but one problem confronting Arkansas Baptists, and that is the problem of settling our people down for good and all upon the doctrines which support kingdom money, viz: Stewardship and Tithing. When this problem is solved, and all of its issues are settled, then all of our institutions will soon be emancipated and State Missions will flourish like the green bay tree.

Now, if your committee is correct in these statements, and we most assuredly believe we are, then this is the hour for Arkansas Baptists to get off the sidetrack and get out on the main line and go somewhere with their work. But our people are not going on until they are led on, and they will not very readily follow in a path that their leaders have left cluttered up with rubbish. The way must be cleared and illuminated so that the most fearful ones may be heartened and fully reassured. So with the hope of helping to clear the way before the people and of shedding further light upon the path in which they are expected to walk, we venture to go a step or two further in our attempt at illustrating and interpreting these foundation doctrines.

We believe that any man who will study the doctrines of stewardship critically will soon discover that one of the main difficulties to be mastered in its propagation is the question of clarity of definition, and in this he will recognize at every turn of the road the ineptitude of our English word **steward** as a

vehicle in which to carry the full meaning of the Greek word which in the New Testament it is used as a translation. The term **steward**, as used in our English New Testament, translates a compound New Testament Greek word, which, when literally translated into the English language, signifies **housekeeper**. Our anglicized Greek word **economy** is this same New Testament Greek word transliterated. Another of this same New Testament Greek word's derivatives is the word **economics**, which is nowadays so familiarly used to describe the proper conduct and management of both our governmental and domestic affairs. Still another of its derivatives is the word **economist**, which describes the genius of good **housekeeping**. A study of the word "**economist**" will open the view and point the path to a clearer understanding of the meaning of **stewardship**. As a matter of fact, the word **steward** has rather an unattractive etymology, since it was originally used to describe the man to whom his landlord had entrusted the care of the hog-lot. We are not **sty-wards** as the word **steward** in its etymology would indicate, but we are **housekeepers** as the word **economist** signifies. The man who studies and plans and works for the public weal is known as a **political economist**, and likewise the man who studies and works and plans for the domestic weal is known as a **home economist**, and by the same token the man who studies and plans and works for the weal of Christ's kingdom is a **Christian economist**. He is God's **housekeeper**, since this word **economist** signifies **housekeeper** and since it is the New Testament Greek word which we translate by the word **steward**.

Now, if these explanations and illustrations do not clearly define the term **steward**, let us hope that Christian scholarship may yet, and that right early, discover and adopt some word or term which will more clearly translate and fully express to the minds of laymen the meaning of this Greek word than does the now almost obsolete word **steward**. Our task as a denomination is to teach our people that God is the proprietor of all things, ourselves included, and that we are the keepers of his estates, which estates cover all realms, whether they be of a material, social, intellectual, moral or spiritual character. That nothing belongs to us, but that all things belong to God, and that it becomes our duty in the premises to develop and exploit God's estates in such a way as to make every force and factor within our realm to yield its best to God. Surely no man could aspire to a place of higher dignity than this, and likewise no man could aspire to a place of greater responsibility and usefulness. Thus we ought not only to accept our stewardship under God gratefully, but we ought to glory in it.

And our people must also be taught that **tithing** is not a thing apart from **stewardship**, but that it is altogether consequent upon it. Since we are **stewards** it follows that we are on that account **tithers**. It is impossible to separate the two. We are God's **housekeepers**, living in his house and of his house, and are enjoying all of the riches of his estates, and therefore there devolves upon us the obligation to make to the owner of the property on which we live and of which we live some return, and the owner of the estates has reserved to himself the right to say what per cent of the estate's yield belongs to him. He has said in his word (Lev. 27:30-32) that all of the tithes of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the

tree, is the Lord's; "it is holy unto the Lord," and that we are (Mal. 3:10) to "bring all the tithes into the storehouse," and that we are (Matt. 22:21) to "render unto God the things which are God's." Thus we find that tithing is an acknowledgment of our stewardship, is taught in the Law, and in the Prophets, and in the Gospel, and we maintain that unless our people can be brought to an acknowledgment of these facts and to a practice of them, we are not going to be able to meet the days that are upon us.

We recommend:

1. That our General Secretary be requested to either prepare or cause to be prepared, and give wide circulation to literature specially designed to teach our people their stewardship.

2. That every possible effort be made by every agency of the denomination in the state to show all our people that God's housekeepers are required to acknowledge their stewardship by faithfully paying into God's treasury one-tenth of their income.

J. F. Tull,
G. W. Holcomb,
W. K. Oldham.

Budget Plan

95. The report of the Committee on the Budget Plan for Church and Denominational Finance was read by Chairman F. W. Carnett and adopted without discussion.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUDGET PLAN FOR CHURCH AND DENOMINATIONAL FINANCE.

There are two things every enterprise must take into consideration if it succeeds. First, what are its actual demands for the current year, and, second, what are its resources for meeting these demands? This means that there must be the budget idea for the running of this enterprise, regardless of whether it is on paper. Every well regulated household has a budget—if it be not for the year, it is usually understood what are the resources or income and what are the necessities for the household during the month. It may not be on paper, but the idea must be there in order to live within one's means. This is true of denominations and churches. For a long time the churches tried to get along with spasmodic efforts frequently and infrequently to raise their funds. This haphazard method was lacking in business sense, and therefore success, and so it is a joy to note that rapidly we are coming to use good sound methods, though the idea of a unified budget is comparatively new. The unified budget is the longest stride, organically, we have ever made.

When we say "budget" we mean a carefully prepared estimate of the whole amount the particular church or denomination should undertake to raise, both for the home use and outside causes. It means unity in the administration of the church's finances. Many a failure is due to the fact that the local membership does not know what it is all about. The budget idea means that all funds of all auxiliaries or sub-organizations of the church should go into the treasuries of the church and be handled by the church according to its adopted plan. In this the

budget will of necessity aim to cover all the running expenses of its auxiliaries.

To sum up its benefits, we will say:

1. It summarizes all its activities. At a glance one can visualize what it includes and comprehend the largeness of the program Baptists undertake to foster.

2. It unifies. Each object is part of the whole undertaking. Each has its share in the dispensing. Each has its proper emphasis in setting it forth. Yet it is taken care of in the one contribution of the giver.

3. It informs. It gives opportunity to explain and teach the import of all our work.

4. It enlists. Furnishes the occasion to urge each member to be a part of the whole program. He cannot complain that there are too many calls, and therefore he gives to none, but it leaves him without mental, material, or moral excuse to support his own work. And we might add, it brings a note of exuberance and inspires to greater effort when its success is noted.

But lest we be misled in this matter, this report endeavors to point out some dangers:

1. That the membership will take too much for granted, and will not keep properly informed. This may also be true of the preacher. Feeling that all the objects fostered by his own church and denomination are taken care of, he may cease to instruct the people on the different objects, and thereby lessen the interest of the laity in these vital matters.

2. That the system may be abused in that funds will be borrowed from one cause for the other. There are very few churches who do not do this sometimes and then feel no remorse of conscience or fail to be aroused by the needs of others having met their own crisis this way. For this reason we prefer the duplex system, with two budgets—local and benevolent. This may call for two treasurers and the funds may be kept entirely separate.

3. That we will think when this budget is formed and subscribed that the work is over. No plan will work unless it is worked.

4. That the Spirit will be quenched as to breaking out and over under certain circumstances. Some members will never conform to the adopted policy of the church in this matter; therefore it becomes necessary to get their contributions in some other way. Some others who are giving through the budget are not doing half enough and need to have the spiritual fires rekindled before they will do what is right.

We would recommend, therefore, that the budget principle be taught:

That the individual situation be treated in the light of world conditions.

Furthermore, that it be used.

Further still, that it be scrupulously observed, and God's people will march to glorious achievement and success in hastening the coming of our blessed Redeemer. "Even so come, Lord Jesus."

Frank W. Carnett, Chmn.;
V. H. Coffman,
S. B. Barnett,
P. S. Rogers.

Jonesboro College

96. The report of the Board of Trustees of Jonesboro College was read and spoken to by N. M. Stigler, dean of the college. Upon motion, the report was received and ordered printed in the Annual for information.

JONESBORO COLLEGE

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention Assembled—Greetings:

It is a joy to us, the Board of Trustees of Jonesboro College, and the president, to be able through the wonderful providences of God, to bring a good report to our Baptist brotherhood of the work being done in our school. We rejoice also because of the phenomenal success of our sister institutions. We believe that Christian education is one of the strong forces to be used in combating present-day evils and should be fostered more extensively by Baptists as a means of kingdom building.

The third session of the college opened September 6 with flattering prospects indeed. Like most other colleges, we are enjoying a very large increase in enrollment. We are thankful to be able to reach a constantly enlarging number of deserving young people with influences of Christian education, yet we are not unmindful of the fact that our very prosperity brings with it greatly increased responsibilities as well as multiplied opportunities for service. There is no question but that our surroundings are such as to give us unlimited possibilities.

We are conscious of the fact, however, that as the so-called baby institution grows, facilities must be found for taking care of her growing needs. This is always a serious problem. The facts are that our building program is moving along as rapidly as is consistent with our "pay-as-you-go" policy.

Our faculty has also been enlarged sufficiently to take care of our increased enrollment to date. The personnel of our faculty has changed very little, a few exceptions being occasioned solely by the addition of new departments. We believe thoroughly in every member of our faculty, and we bespeak for each your hearty and sympathetic endorsement when once you come to know them.

As heretofore, it is still our chief desire to affirm our whole-hearted allegiance to the entire Baptist Co-operative Program. We wish also to prove our loyalty not in words, but in deeds, by fitting thoroughly into your plans for building up a greater kingdom work in Arkansas.

We have in a small measure already proved ourselves worthy of a place in the thinking of Baptists by the results of valuable assistance given Mount Zion Association through the associational missionary under the direction of the Association Board. With their help we have just gone through with our second summer of intensive evangelistic operations. We have been engaged chiefly in reaching the lost, but have also supplied many pastorless churches with pastors, organized a great many new churches, and last, but not least, we have undertaken to put on the budget in every church reached by the preaching of our students.

We are trying to make good the purpose that was in the minds of those who induced the Home Mission Board to under-

take to reach this field of unequaled destitution by first establishing in its center a Christian college as a radiating plant from which to operate. It is a fact that northeast Arkansas, together with portions of outlying states, constitute a real mission field. You can understand this better when once you come to realize what a hotbed of "isms," heresies and infidelity now exists in the lowland districts which lie adjacent to and within reach of our college. Indeed, we occupy a strategic position in the state. It is true we have not yet done a great deal. We also know that the whole Baptist constituency is working at this same job. There is enough work to engage the attention of all of us.

As for Jonesboro College, we want to do more. Give us your sympathetic co-operation and allow us to have a larger share in helping to carry our common burden. This is our earnest plea, and it is our heart's sincere desire and prayer to God that He may hasten the day when not only our Home Mission Board, but all our boards, state and Southwide, may rise up in their might and heroically shake themselves free from their load of debts, that they may as never before enter into fields which are already white unto harvest.

Besides our contribution to the sum total of the Baptists' mission movement, we hope to make our chief contribution in preparedness; that preparedness which comes only through training for service; that preparedness which makes a man a man and enables him to stand shoulder to shoulder with his Christian fellowmen through thick and thin and fight till "kingdom come," when all of our efforts shall have culminated in victory, glorious and unspeakable, and the Master shall have proclaimed it enough. "Enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

A brief summary of some missionary activities of our students and faculty members is as follows:

Sermons preached durnig the year.....	2,021
Meetings held	47
Churches pastored	25
B. Y. P. U.'s organized.....	7
Funerals conducted	50
Sunday Schools organized	5
Number baptized	349
Couples married	12
Conversions under preaching.....	570
Additions by baptism	349
Sunday School classes taught	243
Special addresses	54

A summary of enrollment by departments and net anrollments is as follows:

Academy	72
College	97
Business College	69
Theological department	24
Music	90
Expression	23
Night school	17
Extension department	30
Demonstration class	24
Total	446

Duplicates	156
Net enrollment for fall.....	290
Net enrollment for summer	230
Net grand total since last June.....	520

J. N. Mallory, President.

Laymen's Work

97. The report of the Committee on Laymen's Work was read by G. W. Puryear, and, after slight amendment, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S WORK

The organization among Southern Baptist men, originally known as the Laymen's Missionary Movement, began operations July 1, 1908. At the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the name was changed to "The Baptist Brotherhood of the South."

It is under the direction of an executive committee of Christian men elected annually by the Southern Baptist Convention.

For most of the time since its organization it has had only one salaried secretary to promote this vital work among the Baptist men of the seventeen states.

The Executive Committee has been authorized, however, to employ an associate secretary, and is now in search of a suitable man.

The committee also strongly advises every state to employ a capable and consecrated layman on adequate salary to enlist, organize and train a group of leaders in every association who will be prepared and willing to help promote the denominational program in any of the churches that may need assistance. Such a committee should be able to transform the financial policies of many churches and largely increase the revenues of the boards.

Some of the states already have these secretaries and a half dozen others have voted to employ such workers.

Since its organization it has stressed the following practical measures, each of which is reinforced by Scriptural quotations:

First, loyalty to and adequate support of the pastor. "We should esteem him very highly in love for his work's sake." "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

Secondly, the weekly offering by every member of the church as a vital feature of worship. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered you." "Bring an offering and come into his courts."

Third, faithful attendance on the worship of the sanctuary. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

Fourth, religion in business. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

Fifth, a larger study of God's word, study classes in Stewardship and Missions, and the reading of religious books, papers and tracts by the laymen. The Executive Committee is announcing a study course for men in Stewardship and Missions, and is awarding an attractive certificate with seals to those

who complete these books. "Study to show thyself approved unto God."

Sixth, the movement also urges laymen to write their wills early, seek legal counsel, and bequeath at least one-tenth of their estates to the Lord's cause. "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven."

Seventh, the organization of the men in the churches into brotherhoods that shall hold monthly meetings for the cultivation of fellowship and promotion of intelligence and consecration. "That in all things Christ may have the pre-eminence."

Eighth, the leading work of the movement from the beginning has been the promotion of the stewardship of life and substance. During the Convention year 1921-22 this organization enrolled nearly 250,000 tithers. "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse."

Ninth, your committee also claims that the layman, as well as the preacher, should recognize that he is a kingdom factor. He should share the burdens that come to the pastor, college president, and mission secretary. "How shall they preach except they be sent?"

Tenth, because of intimate friendship and business relations, a layman may have special influence with his neighbor or partner. He may win the indifferent to service, reclaim the erring Christian, or lead the unsaved to Christ. "If a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual restore such an one in the spirit of meekness." "He that winneth souls is wise."

The committee recommends the appointment of a committee composed of members elected by the several associations in the state, to help promote this work. While the state board is expected to elect, direct and pay a state laymen's secretary, this committee may be of great service in helping the secretary to enlist, organize and train the men in their sections.

For literature on all the matters referred to in this report, your committee recommends that you write to J. T. Henderson, general secretary, Box 585, Knoxville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. Moore,
Committee.

98. At this time Dr. E. P. Alldredge, statistical secretary of the Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn., was presented to the Convention by President Winburn, and addressed the Convention on the work of our great Sunday School Board.

99. Motion was made and carried that the reports of the committees on Stewardship and Tithing, the Budget Plan for Church and Denominational Finance, and Laymen's Work be printed in tract form for general distribution.

100. Upon motion by C. B. Waller, the secretary was instructed to send a telegram of confidence and loyalty

to the Foreign Mission Board. The following telegram was sent:

“To the Foreign Mission Board:

“We reaffirm and convey to the Foreign Mission Board our confidence and pledge our increased loyalty and co-operation in its world-wide mission program.

“Arkansas Baptist State Convention,
“By S. R. Doyle, Secretary.”

Orphans' Home

101. Report of Committee on Orphans' Home was read by Chairman O. J. Wade and was spoken to by Mrs. C. R. Pugh, assistant superintendent of the Home, and C. N. Denson of Dermott, a former superintendent of the Home.

Upon motion, the following report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

There are at present 70 children in the home. Admission was sought for 110. Ninety-five were refused admission because either father or mother was living. Twenty-five children have been received into the home. Twenty-five, also, left the home, having been placed in private homes or else adopted. Two were adopted. No child has been turned away who should have been admitted.

The health of the children has been unusually good. No physician has been called because of illness. An occasional accident has needed his services.

The meals served are wholesome and bountiful. Fresh vegetables were served each day during the season. Milk has been served at each meal to all the children; butter twice daily.

More than 100 fruit trees were put out during the year. These were donated by Mr. Langford of Jonesboro.

It may be interesting to know that for three years Mrs. Estelle Blake of Ouachita College has conducted Mission Study classes. Quite a number of the children took studies during the past year and received proper awards.

Two friends of the home have sought to make the children happy through two beautiful and thoughtful gifts. Dr. and Mrs. S. F. Busey built a large concrete swimming pool at a cost of \$559. Mr. B. A. Connor of Fresno, Calif., gave an Atwater-Kent radio, which has contributed much to the pleasure of the children.

Your committee would call attention to some needs. A piano is very much needed; also a cold storage plant and seats for the schoolroom, and a fence around the campus. One of the pressing and continual needs is more money. More Sunday Schools should make a monthly offering and more churches should contribute to the co-operative program.

Arkansas Baptists are grateful to God for His favors so graciously bestowed by his own people upon the helpless and homeless children of our state. The management says, "We wish the people who sent the two carloads of fruit and provisions could know how much real happiness they gave to the children, and how much these gifts reduced the account at the grocer's."

O. J. Wade,
V. C. Neal,
William Cooksey,
E. E. Young,
L. R. Carter,

Committee.

102. Upon motion, the treasurer's report was ordered printed in the Annual for information. It follows:

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE TREASURER OF BOTTOMS
BAPTIST ORPHANAGE, FROM SEPTEMBER 30,
1925, TO OCTOBER 30, 1926

Assets		
Current:		
Cash in Union Bank	\$	232.69
Cash with Executive Board		22,541.98
		22,774.67
For debt reduction		22,774.67
Cash with Executive Board for home furnishing		442.19
Cash, Com. Loan and Trust Co.....	\$	21.26
Cash, Treas. Pickens' bequest.....		1,000.00
Cash in transit from Executive Board.....		14.00
	\$	1,035.26
Total cash on hand		24,252.12
Fixed:		
Land in Monticello	\$	14,487.00
Buildings		132,191.78
Furniture and fixtures		11,376.30
Laundry machinery		1,439.69
Farm implements		877.05
Live stock		763.00
		\$161,134.82
Total investment	\$	161,134.82
Pro rata of Little Rock property.....	\$	483.08
Cemetery lots		70.00
Automobile		135.00
	\$	688.08
Total fixed assets		161,822.90
Endowments:		
Liberty bonds	\$	500.00
Industrial stocks		1,000.00
		1,500.00
Total endowments		1,500.00
Prepaid Expenses:		
Unexpired insurance	\$	858.46
Groceries on hand		528.74

Dairy feed on hand	180.00	
		\$ 1,567.20
		<u>\$189,142.22</u>

Liabilities

Current:

Overdraft, Union Bank	\$ 795.88	
Overdraft, Commer. Bank (petty cash)....	3.33	
Notes payable	4,300.00	
Accrued interest	117.80	
Overdraft with Ex. Board, general fund....	2,171.09	
		7,388.10
Total current indebtedness		
Mortgages:		
Serial notes payable		53,000.00
Reserves:		
Endowment principal		2,700.00
Surplus:		
Balance October 1, 1925	\$104,450.50	
Revenues in excess of expenses for period		
October 1, 1925, to October 30, 1926.....	21,603.62	
		<u>126,054.12</u>
Total liabilities and surplus.....		<u>\$189,142.22</u>

	Monticello	Exec. Board	Total
General fund	\$ 2,768.31	\$14,222.51	
Clothing	1,540.19	52.00	
Dental work, donation	100.00		
Pressing machine, donation.....	224.58		
Wading pool, donation.....	537.20		
Pickens bequest	1,000.00		
Lagoone bequest	1,000.00		
Interest received	26.58		
Refund of freight on coal.....	147.12		
Live stock investment increase..	83.00		
Fuel sold	40.90		
Furnishing fund		350.00	
Debt paying fund	232.69	24,500.01	
	<u>\$ 7,700.57</u>	<u>\$39,124.52</u>	<u>\$46,825.09</u>

Expenses:

Fuel	\$ 1,387.92	
Sundries	807.40	
Traveling	373.43	105.36
Groceries	3,963.02	
Hardware	216.42	
Farm expenses	856.52	
Salaries	5,051.65	
Drug and school supplies.....	826.89	
Building and repairs	322.53	
Dairy expense	838.25	
Merchandise	1,266.46	
Doctor	104.00	
Printing, postage, etc.	110.31	
Plumbing	95.61	
Water and lights	582.17	

Interest	277.47	3,574.65	
Insurance	708.91		
Auto expense	242.33		
Laundry expense	59.93		
Labor	221.00		
Pro rata Convention expense...		11.98	
Pro rata office expense		251.20	
Pro rata of promotion expense..		933.03	
Debt paying campaign expense..		1,958.03	
Depreciation of auto	40.00		
Uncollectible note charged off..	35.00		
	\$18,387.22	\$ 6,834.25	25,221.47

Excess of revenue over expense.....\$21,603.62

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Remley, Treasurer.

103. Motion was made by B. V. Ferguson and carried that all churches be asked to make an annual Thanksgiving offering for the Orphans' Home.

Obituaries

104. The report of the Committee on Obituaries was read and discussed by D. E. Steeley of Clarksville. The report, as follows, was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

During the year many of our beloved and honored workers have been removed from us and promoted to services above. The heart is pained at the thought of even temporary separation from loved ones or friends. There is a vacancy in our lives and we sorely miss the services of many of those who have crossed over into that better land. While we are thus separated we shall cherish their memories and bow our heads in submission and raise our hearts in faith to Him who doeth all things well.

D. E. Steeley,
J. F. Tull,
J. S. Compere,
J. T. Eskridge,

Committee.

105. Upon motion of C. D. Owen of DeWitt, the statistical secretary was authorized to have printed in the Annual the names of all ministers and officers who have died during the past year.

Prohibition and Temperance

106. The report of the Committee on Prohibition and Law Enforcement was read by Fritz E. Goodbar, and was spoken to by Superintendent Paul E. Kemper of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League.

The following report was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Temperance means moderation in all things lawful and non-injurious, and total abstinence from things injurious and unlawful. Your committee understands that its function is to deal with the unlawful liquor traffic of our day.

The courts of our land, both state and national, have condemned alcohol. It has been condemned by legislatures and Congress. Science has shown that it is poisonous; that it impairs health, invites disease, fosters poverty, injures efficiency and hastens death.

It is our supreme task now to conserve and make secure the benefits and blessings which national prohibition has brought to the American people. The enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment has not been and is not now what it should be. Designing politicians are making a football out of this question. Many office seekers are trying to be middle-of-the-roaders on the liquor question. Numbers of prohibitionists have apparently lost interest in the enforcement of the anti-liquor laws, while friends of the liquor traffic are becoming more active all the time. These are demanding the modification of the laws making effective the Eighteenth Amendment. The friends of prohibition should bear in mind that our cause is won or lost largely at the polls when legislators and law enforcement officers are elected. The state and general elections of this year have been interpreted in the light of this question. These elections, together with the presidential election of 1928, will largely determine whether or not the prohibition laws will be repealed, modified, or made more secure.

Therefore, it is our conviction that the time has come for every Christian and lover of American liberty, peace, prosperity and safety to look well into the personal attitude of all office-seekers on this question. Conscience should be the criterion for the Christian in determining his vote at the polls on this question, and not bondage to any political party. We further appeal to the conscience of every prohibitionist to meet bravely and squarely this question at the polls, and thus discharge their obligations in supporting for nomination and for election to office only such men as are unalterably committed to the enforcement of law, and who favor the enactment of other necessary laws to make forever secure national prohibition.

F. E. Goodbar, Chmn.;
Dr. S. T. Kelly,
J. M. Gibbs,

Committee.

Lord's Day Observance

107. The report of the Committee on Lord's Day Observance was read by William Cooksey of Hot Springs.

Upon motion, the report was amended by adding that the Convention go on record as opposing any legislation on the open Sunday.

The report, as amended and adopted, follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LORD'S DAY OBSERVANCE

The Book which has for its aim the glory of God and the highest interests of man teaches by precept and example that all peoples should observe one day in seven for rest and worship. Like as God made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, in six days, and rested the seventh, so he commands that man should labor and do all his work in six days, and to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy;" for the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord his God, and in it he should do no work.

While the New Testament gives us authority to change from the seventh to the first day of the week, it in no wise gives us permission to do away with the observance of one day in seven for rest and worship. As those under the Old Testament law were commanded to observe the seventh day, after the example of the Creator in creation, so we who are under grace should observe the first day of the week, after the example of our Lord, who completed his work of redemption and rested on that day. The fact that we are under grace and not under law changes neither the command nor the need for such a day.

Three reasons at least, aside from the fact that God's word so teaches, may be given for the observance of the Christian Sabbath. First, man's physical body needs one day in seven to rest from the routine of daily toil. Second, his spiritual being needs that day in which to feed on the things of God and look after his eternal interest. Third, the God who created us and the Christ who saves us deserve one-seventh of our time for worship and homage as beneficiaries of divine blessings—spiritual and temporal.

It is with regret that facts compel your committee to say that with many of our people, even many church people, the Lord's day is a convenience to be used for worldly pleasures or personal gain. We know the claim is made, in justification of the desecration of this day, that twentieth century civilization demands its violation, but your committee believes much, if not most, of the work done on this day is unnecessary, and the plea of "Sunday recreation for tired laboring and business people" is a pretense rather than the reason for Sunday amusements and should not be encouraged by Christian people.

We gladly recognize the splendid co-operation of the American Federation of Labor and the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, and all other organizations which have and are contributing their influence to minimize this problem. Among the greatest foes of our "Sunday laws" are the picture shows and baseball. Your committee would urge that all people, and church people in particular, refrain from attending them and like evils on Sunday, and to insist on the enforcement of law against such where it is violated.

We would further urge that our pastors and churches not only express themselves as being opposed to such desecration of the Lord's day, but demand that their members do not lend their support and influence to such by their presence on that day. It is our conviction that every pastor should preach frequently on this subject so vital to the cause of Christianity, thereby recreating a reverence in the minds of our own members, as well as in the minds of others, for this day which God has graciously given to all men for rest and worship.

We recommend that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention go on record as opposed to any legislation, general or local, looking to an open Sunday, such as Sunday baseball, moving pictures, dog races, horse races, etc.

Nominations

108. The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Chairman L. M. Keeling. After several changes in the personnel of certain boards, the report was adopted. The part of the report bearing on the next Convention follows:

"We recommend that the next session of this Convention be held with the First Baptist Church at Jonesboro, and that Brother T. H. Jordan preach the annual sermon, and that V. C. Neal be his alternative. That the appointment of delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention be left to the Executive Board."

(The personnel of the several boards is found elsewhere in the Annual.)

Printing Minutes

109. Upon motion of F. M. Masters, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved that this Convention instruct the secretary to print 1,000 copies of the Annual, and that he be allowed \$100 and his expenses for his services.

"That the statistical secretary be allowed \$100 and expenses for his services in performing the duties of the office."

Modern Dance

110. The following resolution was introduced by B. F. Davidson and unanimously adopted:

"Whereas, the modern dance, born in the lowest dives of our cities, is claiming the attention and time, and too often the virtue, of our young people;

"And whereas, it is sapping the vital spirituality of many of our young people;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention place its unqualified disapproval upon this most degrading and devitalizing cancer of human society.

"Be it further resolved, that we urge our churches not to use as teachers and officers in our Sunday Schools and leaders in other phases of church work, worldly Christians who engage or lend their influence to this destructive institution."

Horse Racing

111. The following resolution was presented by J. F. Tull and adopted without discussion:

"Whereas, it is noised abroad that an attempt will be made at the coming General Assembly of Arkansas to enact measures making it lawful to run horse and dog races within the state borders, and

"Whereas, such a thing is not only immoral in itself, but is attended by all sorts of evils.

"Therefore it is resolved by this Convention that all our Baptist people should do everything within our power to prevent the enactment of the laws contemplated, by getting in touch with their legislators and urging upon them the moral necessity of standing firm."

112. Upon motion, the secretary was instructed to extend thanks of the Convention to the newspapers for their good reports of the proceedings of the Convention.

113. The following resolution of thanks and appreciation was presented by F. W. Carnett and unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved, that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention express its sincere appreciation to the people of Little Rock for the splendid manner in which they have entertained this Convention, and to the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church for the use of their meeting house."

114. Upon motion, the president of the Convention and the present president of the Executive Board were empowered to call a meeting of the new Executive Board.

115. Upon motion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"That the president and secretary of the Convention be instructed to communicate with our representatives and senators in the National Congress and urge the immediate passage of laws to secure the rigid enforcement of our prohibition laws and to take the administration of prohibition enforcement out of the hands of politics."

The following resolution was recommended by the Executive Board and offered by the General Secretary:

"Resolved, that the Executive Board of this Convention be and is hereby instructed to set aside from the receipts of the Board, whether from the churches or otherwise, a sufficient amount, as a preferred item over all other obligations of this Convention or any of its boards or institutions, to liquidate the obligations that accrue from the sale of bonds authorized by this Convention at a previous session (Thursday afternoon, Dec. 9) of this meeting of this Convention. The bonds referred to in this resolution are identical with those authorized for a loan not to exceed \$950,000.00 to care for the debts of this Convention. This resolution is in force during the life of said loan and of said bonds. Dated December 10, 1926."

116. Upon motion, the Convention adjourned at 1 p. m. to meet with the First Church of Jonesboro on Wednesday, November 9, 1927.

P. A. Stockton led the congregation in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," and N. C. Denson closed the Convention with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.

H. L. WINBURN, President.

S. R. DOYLE, Recording Sec.

**ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES REPRESENTED, WITH
MESSENGERS**

Arkansas County Association—

Almyra—A. F. Robinson.

DeWitt—Rev. C. D. Owen.

Hagler—M. B. Howard.

Stuttgart—Mrs. C. F. Brandon, O. C. Harvey, Dr. S. T. Kelly.

Arkansas Valley Association—

Holly Grove—H. Westmoreland.

Clarendon—Patrick Rogers.

Elaine—J. E. Calloway, John D. Crow.

Helena—T. J. Jordan, Mrs. H. P. Masterson, W. W. Moore.

West Helena—Mrs. Wm. S. Holdrege, Rev. E. S. Mizell.

Bartholomew Association—

Arkansas City—T. B. Sandifee.

College Station—C. C. Smith.

Crossett—Clyde Hart, H. C. McCann, W. C. Ruff.

Dermott—N. C. Denson.

Hamburg—E. L. Compere.

Lake Village—Mrs. C. J. Buffington, Mrs. W. L. Dunn, T. J. Watts.

McGehee—Guy F. Jenkins.

Monticello—Mrs. C. R. Pugh, C. C. Remley, C. D. Wood, Jr.

Parkdale—W. O. Traylor.

Warren—G. L. Boles, Mrs. W. E. Mack.

Wilmar—A. F. Muncy.

Benton County Association—

Bentonville—Rev. J. D. Allen, Mrs. J. D. Allen, Mrs. Fay Gann Edwards, Mrs. E. E. Rogers.

Lowell—H. G. Knight, Mrs. H. G. Knight.

Rogers—W. H. Andrew, Mrs. W. H. Andrew, Dorothy Wheatley.

Siloam Springs—V. C. Neal, Mrs. V. C. Neal.

Black River Association—

Hoxie—I. R. Dav's, J. P. Dunn, Mrs. C. E. Post.

Walnut Ridge—Rev. Wm. E. Fuson, Miss Nellye E. Mariott, E. E. Young, Mrs. E. E. Young.

Buckner Association—

Waldron—W. A. Bishop, Mrs. W. A. Bishop, Rufus Hale, A. A. Harp.

Caddo River Association—

Mt. Ida—G. W. Holcomb.

Carey Association—

Bearden—G. M. Workman.

Dalark—Rev. C. J. Segers.

Fordyce—W. I. Ellege.

Hampton—L. M. Webb.

Sparkman—Thos. Berry.

Thornton—P. I. Crowder.

Caroline Association—

- Augusta—Mrs. F. Reneau, Mrs. J. E. Stephenson, Mildred Stephenson.
 Cabot—W. D. Kilpatrick.
 Carlisle—Mrs. J. W. Hand, Mrs. Sarah Harpetrite, Mrs. Hattie Sanders.
 England—Mrs. H. W. Clay, Fred T. Evans, Mrs. W. C. Maguire, C. E. Myrick, Mrs. Octavio Teague, Mrs. E. P. Vick.
 Hazen—Rev. C. E. Cullon, Mrs. C. E. Cullon, Mrs. Maude Elis, Mrs. Mary Hazen, Ed Jackson, J. H. Rounsvall.
 Lonoke—Mrs. R. P. Bain, J. E. Claunch, Emmett Graham, Mrs. Emmett Graham, W. H. Gregory, Guy E. Williams, Mrs. Guy E. Williams, Mrs. O. E. Williams.
 Pettus—W. K. Oldham, Mrs. W. K. Oldham.
 Wattensaw—H. C. Jones.

Carroll County Association—

- Blue Eye, Mo.—A. B. Miller.
 Eureka Springs—A. G. Ingalls, Mrs. A. G. Ingalls, Laura E. Lowe, W. C. Wood.

Central Association—

- Bauxite—H. A. Bickers, Mrs. H. A. Bickers, Lenora Bryant, R. L. Hopkins, Mrs. R. L. Hopkins.
 Benton—Mrs. D. L. Baker, Mrs. A. D. Evans, W. A. Jackson, Mrs. Warren Kelly, Mrs. Sam Sample, Mrs. Maude Wallace.
 Bryant—Henry Couch, L. T. Couch, Mrs. L. T. Couch.
 Haskell—Lorena Moore, Laura Robinson.
 Hot Springs—Wm. Cooksey, Pat Dalton, Mrs. Pat Dalton, Mrs. J. W. Elliott, A. S. Goodwin, Mrs. A. S. Goodwin, A. S. Harwell, Mrs. A. S. Harwell, Mrs. J. B. Johns, Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs. J. O. King, Mrs. W. F. Neal, Mrs. J. M. Wood, J. V. Pennington, Mrs. J. V. Pennington, Mrs. M. A. Treadwell, D. R. Whittey, Mrs. Earle Williams.
 Jacksonville—Wm. Lasley, Mrs. Wm. Lasley.
 Mabelvale—D. H. Mashburn.
 Malvern—Dr. E. T. Bramlitt, D. D. Glover, L. M. Keeling, W. K. Smith, J. E. Stanley, Theo. T. James.

Clear Creek Association—

- Alma—W. F. Copeland, M. C. Steward.
 Ozark—R. A. Collier, Irene Hutchesson, Willie W. Reeves.
 Mulberry—Mrs. A. F. Fisher.
 Van Buren—Mrs. Percy Boatright, Mrs. Ella Jack, W. F. Warren, Mrs. W. Warren, C. M. Wofford.

Concord Association—

- Booneville—G. A. Bryant, M. F. Langley.
 Branch—Alonzo Yancey.
 Fort Smith—J. F. Bow, Warren P. Clark, Mrs. Warren P. Clark, B. V. Ferguson, J. W. Ramsey, Wm. James Robinson, Mrs. Gus Shaw, Mrs. W. F. Webb.
 Greenwood—Rev. S. B. Barnett, Mrs. Mollie E. Fuller.

Crooked Creek Association—

- Parthenon—W. T. Burdine.

Current River Association—

Corning—J. G. Barnes, Mrs. J. G. Barnes.

Maynard—Ben Dees, Jesse Frazier, C. M. Myrick.

Dardanelle Association—

Magazine—James H. Bennett, Chloe Corley, Mrs. O. E. Ducus,

Lelia Hendon, H. G. Thomasson.

Paris—C. N. Royal, Mrs. C. N. Royal.

Plainview—Rev. J. R. Barnett, Gladys E. Tillman.

Fellowship Association—

Amity—Mrs. John Ward.

Glenwood—Lloyd A. Sparkman, Ruby Welch.

Gainesville Association—

Piggott—L. H. Roseman.

Greenbrier Association—

Conway, First Church—Mrs. R. F. Adams, Mrs. I. G. Bailey,

Doak S. Campbell, B. P. Clayton, W. B. Clayton, Mrs. W. B.

Clayton, S. R. Doyle, Mrs. S. R. Doyle, Rev. E. P. J. Garrott,

Mrs. E. P. J. Garrott, A. J. Meadors, Mrs. A. J. Meadors,

Mary Lou Mitchell, G. C. Turner, Mrs. G. C. Turner.

Conway, Second Church—Rev. Alex McPherson, G. E. Owen.

Sulphur Springs—Fay Bowman, T. B. Hutto, Mrs. T. B. Hut-

to, W. W. Lovil.

Mt. Vernon—B. Jobe, J. B. Traylor, B. H. Traylor.

Rose Bud—W. O. Kemper, W. T. O'Guire, Mrs. Jessie Rhyne.

Vilonia—M. E. Fortner, E. F. Simmons.

Green County Association—

Paragould—B. L. Bridges, W. D. Edwards.

Harmony Association—

Dumas—W. H. Dyre.

Humphrey—Rev. A. B. Darough.

Pine Bluff, First—R. Carnahan, V. B. Filson, Mrs. R. L.

Rogers, J. D. Sayers, S. E. Tull, Mrs. S. E. Tull.

Pine Bluff, Hazel Street—Mrs. W. A. Bobo.

Pine Bluff, South Side—V. H. Coffman.

Rison—H. W. Jean, Mrs. H. W. Jean.

Hope Association—

Bradley—J. M. Dalrymple.

Hope, First—Rev. Chas. T. Ricks.

Hope, Garrett Memorial—Rev. J. G. Boyle.

Lewisville—J. H. Landes, Fred H. Ward.

Magnolia, Central—W. P. Cooksey, J. E. Hawkins, Rev. J. B.

Luck.

Stamps—V. E. Florence, Mrs. V. E. Florence, P. F. Squyres.

Stephens—W. K. Wharton.

Texarkana, Beech Street—J. L. Barrett, O. J. Wade, Mrs. O. J.

Wade.

Texarkana, College Hill—L. B. Burnside, H. W. Johnson.

Independence Association—

Batesville, First—Rev. R. B. Butler, E. E. Callahan.

Batesville, West—Fred B. Jenkins, Thos. J. D. King, Mrs. T.

J. D. King.

Newport—Mrs. J. C. Leigh.

Liberty Association—

Caledonia—A. P. Elliff.
 Camden—Rev. H. E. Kirkpatrick.
 El Dorado—V. Allen, Mrs. Aylmer Flenniken, J. M. Gibbs,
 Emma G. Riley, J. M. Sheppard, Mrs. J. M. Sheppard.
 Huttig—D. W. Bolton.
 Junction City—W. P. Carter, J. G. Muse.
 Norphlet—S. A. Maxey.
 Smackover—Mrs. G. W. Kirkwood, Alma Sledge, Mrs. J. R.
 Sledge, L. J. Smith, Christine Webb.
 Strong—J. M. Durrett, Mrs. H. B. Gorman, Mrs. T. W. Hud-
 son, W. V. Walls.

Little Red River Association—

Heber Springs—Mrs. M. F. Sykes, L. Roy Ashley, Mrs. L. Roy
 Ashley.

Little River Association—

Lockesburg—I. N. Burnett.
 Ashdown—Cliff F. McDonald.
 DeQueen—J. F. Queen.

Madison County Association—

Hindsville—Herbert Reynolds.

Mount Zion—

Blytheville, First—Perry F. Webb.
 Jonesboro, First—Rev. W. J. Derrick, J. R. Gregson, Rev. W.
 E. Hicks, L. L. Jordan, B. A. Pugh, N. M. Stigler, L. D. Sum-
 mers, F. A. Whiteby.
 Jonesboro, Fisher Street—Rev. J. H. Turner.
 Jonesboro, Vann Dale and Brookland—L. T. Wallace.
 Jonesboro, Walnut Street—L. G. Miller.
 Manila—W. H. Horn.
 Osceola—H. H. McGinty.
 Truman—B. Broome.
 Wilson—Harvey T. Whaley.

Ouachita Association—

Mena—Karl McClendon, J. J. Mershan.

Pulaski County Association—

Ferndale—Fred W. McDonald.
 Little Rock, Central—G. W. Blankenship, Mrs. W. J. Dwill,
 N. E. Pumphrey, Mrs. Silas Ramsey.
 Little Rock, Emerson Chapel—Mrs. F. A. Andees, J. H. Rey-
 nolds.
 Little Rock, First—A. M. Blankenship, Mrs. C. W. Byrus, J. D.
 Carroll, Mrs. L. P. Coleman, Mrs. Allen Duggar, Mrs. J. L.
 Fiske, Mrs. J. G. Haynes, G. E. Hilliard, Mrs. W. A. Hull,
 Mrs. W. I. Moody, C. A. Riley, Mrs. H. P. Riley, James R.
 Riley, L. M. Sipes, Mrs. L. M. Sipes, Vivian Smith, P. A.
 Stockton, Will Terry.
 Little Rock, Forrest Park—J. D. Norris.
 Little Rock, Hebron—J. S. Wooten.
 Little Rock, Immanuel—Allen Hill Autry, Mrs. A. H. Autry,
 Mrs. H. E. Boyd, E. J. Carter, W. S. Daniel, Mrs. W. S.

Daniel, Gray DeCaulp, Mrs. Gray DeCaulp, Dr. J. H. Estes, Mrs. J. H. Estes, O. T. Goldsmith, Mrs. O. T. Goldsmith, J. F. Hammett, Mrs. J. F. Hammett, Mrs. J. E. T. Holiman, Rev. W. P. Kime, Mrs. W. P. Kime, Roland W. Lawrence, Mrs. R. W. Lawrence, Mrs. Uua Roberts Lawrence, Chas. H. McGuire, J. L. Medlock, Mrs. J. L. Medlock, W. F. Miller, Mrs. W. F. Miller, J. P. Oldham, Mrs. J. P. Oldham, Rev. E. Rawlings, Mrs. E. Rawlings, Helen E. Shaw, M. L. Voyles, Rev. E. Weber, Rev. Otto Whittington, Mrs. Otto Whittington.

Little Rock, Pulaski Heights—J. S. Compere, Mrs. J. S. Compere, C. L. Durrett, Mrs. C. L. Durrett, Herbert V. Hamilton, Mrs. J. A. Lee, M. A. Matlock, W. D. Pye, Mrs. W. D. Pye, A. M. Rodgers, Mrs. A. M. Rodgers, J. S. Rogers, Mrs. G. D. Thompson, Mrs. Alex Westbrook.

Little Rock, Second—A. J. Ashburn, Mrs. A. J. Ashburn, R. L. Austin, Chas H. Brough, Mrs. C. H. Brough, John L. Carter, Mrs. J. D. Eldridge, Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, Mrs. Catharine M. Frazier, Mrs. J. T. Herring, Ursula Herring, V. G. Hinton, Mrs. Ella Humble, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Rev. W. T. King, S. S. McHugh, F. M. Masters, Mrs. F. M. Masters, Mrs. John B. Moseley, Mrs. Ira Patishall, H. G. Pugh, C. L. Randall, L. D. Reagan, J. R. Riley, Mrs. S. A. Stearns, I. E. Taylor, Tom J. Terral, Mrs. Tom J. Terral, Wm. E. Terry, Mrs. W. E. Terry, Calvin B. Waller, Mrs. C. B. Waller, Dr. C. E. Witt.

Little Rock, South Highland—J. L. Ford, Mrs. J. L. Ford, Mrs. John D. Hill, Mrs. Violet Thomas, Wm. Thompson, Mrs. A. D. Wilkerson.

Little Rock, Tabernacle—Arthur Allen, Laura Dennis, A. A. Walker, Mrs. A. A. Walker.

North Little Rock, Central—Mrs. R. G. Cammock, J. C. Jones, J. K. Smith, Mrs. J. K. Smith, Mrs. J. G. Summers.

North Little Rock, First—Rev. R. E. Gassett, Mrs. R. E. Gassett, Thos. L. Harris, Mrs. Thos. L. Harris.

Roland—Rev. H. N. Oglesby, William S. Page.

Red River Association—

Arkadelphia, First—A. P. Blaylock, J. D. Brock, T. D. Brown, W. J. Hinsley, W. S. Johnson, Mrs. W. S. Johnson, Mrs. C. Forest Medlin, Mrs. J. C. Wallis, Rev. H. L. Winburn, Mrs. H. L. Winburn.

Arkadelphia, Sweet Hill—J. T. Eskridge, Taylor Stanfill, A. S. Suggs, N. R. Townsend.

Gurdon, Beech Street—William L. Memey, Jr., P. William Murphy.

Prescott—Rev. Thos. W. Croxton, Mrs. W. S. Jones.

Rocky Bayou Association—

Sidney—F. F. Weaver.

Russellville Association—

Atkins—E. J. A. McKinney, Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney.

Clarksville—W. E. Atkinson, W. N. Pyron, L. A. Robertson, D. E. Steely.

Dover—R. L. Loyd.

Hagarville—Roe R. Beard, Jay W. C. Moore, Burl A. Ramay, A. Worthington.

Lamar—J. W. Ramay.

Morrilton—W. R. Beess, Harold P. Brinkley, Emory L. Cole, Mrs. E. L. Cole, T. C. Scroggin.

Plumerville—A. L. Goatcher, Rev. C. P. McGraw.

Russellville—Mrs. Walter Brooks, Steele Hays, Mrs. Steele Hays, Clyde V. Hickerson, Mrs. C. V. Hickerson, Bruce Hays Price.

Saline County Association—

Alexander—I. H. Pettus.

Tri-County Association—

Forrest City—Blount F. Davidson.

Wheatley—Fritz E. Goodbar, Mrs. F. E. Goodbar.

Wynne—R. C. Blalock.

Washington County Association—

Fayetteville—Frank W. Carnett, Rev. E. N. Strother.

Prairie Grove—Mrs. W. I. Hilliard.

White County Association—

Higginson—Chas. Mullinax, John Phillip.

Judsonia—W. B. O'Neal.

Kensett—Rev. Geo. D. Burns, Miss Jewell Daniel, Eunice Johnson.

Searcy—Mrs. N. H. Chapman, Dr. J. L. Jones, Mrs. J. L. Jones, W. M. Kelley, Mrs. W. M. Kelley, A. H. Royston, Mrs. Etto D. Royston, Mrs. D. D. Thornton, Eula Mae Varner.

White River Association—

Gassville—W. H. McQuiston.

Mountain Home—Truett Blackmon, Rev. J. W. Burnett, Rev. W. M. Cooper, J. M. Langston, H. D. Morton.

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—Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Convention is composed of 45 members chosen from the state at large, not more than five of whom shall reside in any one county of the state and none of whom shall hold any remunerative office under the Convention or any of its institutions. One-third of this board shall be elected annually, and twenty shall constitute a quorum. The

Executive Board is constituted and empowered by the Convention as its legal and business agent to administer all business committed to it by the Convention, and to employ such paid agents as it deems necessary in carrying out the missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises of the Convention. The Executive Board shall raise, collect, receive and disburse all the funds for the Baptist Co-operative Program, both state and Southwide. The office of the Executive Board is the clearing house for the business side of the Convention's work, and a headquarters for Baptist information. Its books, records and files shall at all times be open for the reference and inspection of anyone who may desire to examine them. The Executive Board shall render to the Convention annually a complete and detailed statement of all its business for the year.

Article VI—Finance

The Executive Board shall function for the Convention in the field of financial matters.

Article VII—Trusteeships

The Convention shall elect trustees to manage and to operate its colleges, schools, hospitals and orphanage, as follows:

Ouachita College, 24 trustees; Central College, 24 trustees; Mountain Home College, 24 trustees; all academies, 7 trustees each; Baptist State Hospital, 18 trustees; Bottoms Orphans' Home, 9 trustees. The Convention may constitute trusteeships in any other institutions or movements in which it takes active interest. All trusteeships of the Convention shall be amenable to the Convention on all financial matters through its Executive Board, and no trusteeship shall be permitted to conduct extra movements to raise money outside its regular producing sources of revenue without the approval of the Executive Board or by the Convention in session, and no trusteeship shall incur a deficit on running expenses or create debt without the approval of the Executive Board.

One-third of the trustees of the Baptist State Hospital shall be elected annually, and not more than five of the board shall reside in any one city, town or community.

All trusteeships shall render to the Convention annually a complete and detailed statement of all its business and activities for the year.

Article VIII—Meetings

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

Article IX—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.

**FROM THE
STATISTICAL AND HISTORICAL SECRETARY,
E. J. A. MCKINNEY.**

HISTORICAL.

Below, by permission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, I am inserting the proceedings of the Little Rock Association of Regular Baptists for 1825. The Arkansas Gazette of March 7th, 1826, gave this matter first page and first columns. It will be seen that this was not the first session of the Association; for certain churches are recognized as already being members and others came by petitionary letters. The Little Rock Church was organized the fourth Sunday in July, 1824. I have been unable so far to get access to the Gazette files for 1824 and 1825; hence the press notices of those years are wanting. The photograph of Eld. Silas T. Toncray, the organizer of the Little Rock church and moderator of the Association, is on display in the History Commission's office in Little Rock, of which Prof. Dallas Q. Herndon is the Secretary. Visit his office and see the picture of one of our earliest Baptist preachers.

The total membership of the five churches composing the Little Rock Rock Association in 1825 was 40, divided as follows: Little Rock, Pulaski county, 12; Salem, Clark county, 6; Little Flock, Clark county, 8; Arkansas, Conway county, 4; Little Flock, Crawford county, 10; Total, 40.

There were only 6 baptisms, all by Little Flock, Crawford county and only 4 received by letter. It will be seen that two of the five churches were named "Little Flock." That was an appropriate name for each of them. I do not know positively that any one of the above churches yet exists.

Other Baptist churches in Arkansas back of 1826 were Union and Little Flock churches in Lawrence county which joined the Bethel Baptist Association in Missouri in 1822. In 1829 four churches were lettered out of this Bethel Association to form an Association in North Arkansas, viz., Spring River, New Hope, Little North Fork and Richland. The second Saturday in November, 1829, was set for the initial meeting to be held with Spring River Church. The Rehobeth church, now at Moorefield, from the best information available, seems to have been organized as early as 1823.

But the record below is the earliest record of an Arkansas Association meeting that I have been able to obtain.

Let the brethren look up old records and report to the undersigned as Historical Secretary of Arkansas Baptist State Convention any new information they may find.

E. J. A. MCKINNEY,

Atkins, Arkansas.

(March 7, 1826.)
MINUTES OF THE
LITTLE ROCK ASSOCIATION
OF REGULAR BAPTISTS

Held at Salem Church, Clark County, Arkansas Territory,
on the 1st Saturday in November, 1825.

An introductory sermon was delivered by Elder S. T. Toncray, from John, 14th chap. 6th verse, "Jesus saith unto him,

I am the way, and the truth, and the light; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

The Association was opened with singing and prayer by Brother Brandon, and the letters from three Churches were read, and the messengers' names enrolled.

Churches, Messengers and Church Meetings.

Little Rock, Pulaski county, Silas T. Toncray and Isaac Watkins, 4th Sunday.

Salem, Clark county, Charles Brandon, George Stroope and Silas Dodd, 2d Sunday.

Arkansas, a letter, but owing to sickness, no messenger, 3d Sunday.

Little Flock, Clark county, Josiah Smalley, 4th Sunday.

Little Flock, Crawford county, no messengers appeared, but a letter was presented by the clerk, 2d Sunday.

Brother Silas T. Toncray was chosen moderator, and Isaac Watkins, clerk.

An invitation was given, for the reception of newly constituted churches as members of this association; whereupon a letter was handed in by Brother Josiah Smalley, from Little Flock Church, constituted since our last association, in Clark county, on the Terre Noir creek, which was admitted and the right hand of fellowship given by the moderator; and their messenger, Josiah Smalley (being the only one present), was invited to take his seat.

A letter was presented by Elder S. T. Toncray, (written to him by a church newly constituted by him in Crawford county, in behalf of the church called Little Flock, in Crawford county, for its reception as a member of this association, (the messengers of said church, owing to sickness did not attend): whereupon said church was admitted as a member of this association; and, according to their letter, five additional candidates for baptism had been received, and not entered in their number.

The first annual report of the Baptist General Tract Society was read and referred.

A circular letter, addressed to the Little Rock Association from the Board of Managers of the General Convention of Baptists in the city of Washington, D. C., was read and referred.

Brethren Silas T. Toncray and Charles Brandon, to preach on Lord's Day, preaching to commence at 11 o'clock.

Moderator, Clerk, Josiah Smalley and Charles Brandon, added to the Committee of Arrangements.

Monday, 7th November, 1825.

The association met according to appointment.

1st. Brethren Smalley and Toncray to preach this day.

2nd. Resolved, That Brother Silas T. Toncray be authorized to write and send answer to the circular letter addressed to the Little Rock Association, by the Baptist Board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, at the city of Washington, the substance of which should embrace a request to make the Territory of Arkansas a part of the field of their missionary labors.

3rd. On motion. Resolved, That Brethren Silas T. Toncray, Isaac Watkins, Charles Brandon, and Josiah Smalley, be appointed a standing committee (unless removed by the association),

to co-operate with, and act as an auxiliary society in behalf of this association, to the Bible Society, in the City of New York, and the General Tract Society of Baptists, in the City of Washington; and that Brother Toncray be authorized to act as president, and Isaac Watkins, secretary, of said auxiliary society to confer, by letter, with the parent institutions.

4th. The circular letter of this association written by Silas T. Toncray, to the churches composing the same, was read and adopted.

5th. Brother Charles Brandon to preach the next introductory sermon, and in case of failure, Josiah Smalley.

6th. Money received for printing the minutes; and the moderator and clerk to superintend the same.

7th. The letter of correspondence written by S. T. Toncray, to the Louisiana Association was read and adopted. Brethren Josiah Smalley, Charles Brandon, George Stroope, and Silas Dodd, to bear the same.

8th. Requests from the Arkansas church to the association, that Christmas Day be set apart as a day of fasting and prayer, in the different churches composing the same.

9th. The next association to be held at the Arkansas church, Cadron township, Conway county, on the Saturday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1826.

10th. Adjourned until our next association.

Silas T. Toncray, Moderator.

Isaac Watkins, Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

The Little Rock Association of Regular Baptists, held at Salem Church, Clark county, Arkansas Territory, on the first Saturday in November, 1825.

To the Churches Composing the Same:

Dear Brethren in the Lord: Being once more permitted to assemble together to worship the Father of our Spirits, and to attend to the temporal and spiritual concerns of His militant care, according to our usual practice, we lay before you a statement of our proceedings, together with fasting and prayer, in the different churches composing the same.

9th. The next association to be held some remarks upon the subject of practical religion which we hope will be profitable to you.

And in the first place we would remark, that evangelical faith is inseparably connected with the love of God, our blessed Savior has given as one evidence of our gracious change of heart, the following text: "If ye love me, keep my commandments:" and true Christians find by experience that His commands are not grievous, for His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

The commands of God are divided into two classes, viz: general and special. By the term, general commandment, we understand all that part of the moral law which is obligatory upon all persons, without distinction. And, secondly, by the term, special commandment, we understand that part of His law which is obligatory upon His church and people, exclusively. Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are, therefore, special

commands and are only binding upon the believer. Believing that you have obeyed these, from the heart, we would turn your attention to some of the general nature in order that you may "Let your light shine to the praise of His glorious grace."

We would mention the duty of a regular attendance upon the public worship of God. "Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is," says our Lord and Saviour. And He also says, "Take heed what ye hear, and when they say lo, here, or lo, there, go not after them." You will see by these wise injunctions, that the Christian, although commanded to worship God in the spirit, is not bound to go after all who may pretend to exhibit His word, but is on the contrary, prohibited from going after them, for their words eat as doth a canker. But it is the bounden duty of the Christian to make himself acquainted with God and His word, and implicitly obey it, without substituting his own opinions in place of any part of it. As a church of Jesus Christ, you are to maintain the faith of the everlasting Gospel, pure and Evangelical; and all who may become heretical in faith or practice, should it be to you like plucking out a right eye, your duty is laid down in the Word of God. A man is a heretic after the first and second admonition. Reject as churches.

It is a duty devolving upon you, to support a regular Gospel ministry among you, and aid in the support of the Gospel by your contributions, as God has bestowed upon you the blessings of life; and to please God, it must not be done grudgingly, for God loveth a cheerful giver.

The duty of family religion might also be impressed upon your minds, by way of remembrance. Did our blessed Saviour pray for His disciples publicly, then we also ought to pray for those over whom heaven has made us guardian angels, and teach them, by our example, to look to the great fountain head of all blessings, and riches, and wisdom, and honor, for the aid of the Holy Spirit to conduct them through this tempestuous world, to a mansion at the right hand of God, where there is fullness of joy and pleasure forevermore.

The duty of practical piety, to those that are without, is imperiously laid upon you, by the great head of the church. We would remind you, brethren, of some evils that are destructive to the happiness of society, which we sincerely hope all Baptists, at least, will try to guard against, to-wit: evil speaking, tattling, back-biting, whispering, evil surmising, and such like; and he that keepeth his tongue, is better than he that keepeth a city. Have as little to do as possible with scandalous reports, and other men's business; for many an innocent man's reputation has been blasted by speaking of common neighborhood reports.

Dear brethren, let us, who are of the day, be sober and try as much as in us lieth, to live peaceably with all men, and see that none render evil for evil, but contrawise, good for evil; and it is a departure from this golden rule, that causes so much evil in the world.

Let us also be cautious and prudent in all our remarks in relation to other denominations; and remember the words of Christ, that he that is not for us is against us. Let us also endeavor to keep up a feeling sense of our acceptance with God, by private devotions and secret prayer. Dear brethren, we have

many excitements, if we are Christians, to public and private prayer. Our Saviour taught His disciples to pray after this manner: "Let thy kingdom come." Do we not desire that the gospel kingdom may prosper, that the powers of this world may be shaken, and sinners converted to the knowledge of the truth? Do we not wish to see liberty of conscience, and pure and undefiled religion, extending its sacred influence to earth's remotest bounds, and the knowledge of the Lord cover the earth as the waters do the spacious deep? If these are some of our desires, let us pray to the great head of the church, to pour out His holy spirit upon us, and bless our preachers, and the preached gospel, our churches, our families, our neighbors, our friends, our children, and our enemies; that all our errors and failings may be rectified, and that the Holy Spirit may sit as a refiner's fire, and fuller's soap, and purge away all the dross in faith or practice that cleaves to us. That we may show forth the praise of Him who hath called us out of darkness into the marvelous light and glorious liberty of the children of God, is the sincere prayer of your brothers in gospel bonds. Amen.

ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS IN ARKANSAS, 1926

Note.—Fewer than one-third of this year's Association minutes are available as I furnish this table; hence it cannot be complete. It will greatly help my work in keeping this list correct for preachers changing address to notify me at Atkins, Arkansas.

E. J. A. McKinney.

Abernathy, Philip, Big Fork	Ballard, J. M., Roosevelt
Acuff, E. H., Jonesboro	Ballard, R. M., Roosevelt
Adams, A. B., Chidester	Ballentine, J. J., Onia
Adams, A. R., Chidester	Barder, W. L., Judsonia
Adams, E. J., Rogers	Barham, D. W., Waldo
Adams, M. T., Beauchamp	Barham, W. M., Emmet
Adcock, H. H., Fountain Hill	Barham, W. R., Prescott
Adkins, Henry, Urbana	Barnes, J. G., Corning
Alender, Joe, Enola	Barnes, H. C., Monticello
Alexander, W. F., Pollard	Barnes, W. M., Fontaine
Allen, D. A., Batesville	Barnett, C. B., Prattsville
Allen, David, Rosebud	Barnett, Joe, Arkadelphia
Allen, J. D., Bentonville	Barnett, J. D., Forrest City
Allen, Vol, El Dorado	Barnett, L. F., Stamps
Allison, J. A., Attica	Barnett, S. B., Greenwood
Allison, T.B.,RFD,Walnut Ridge	Barrett, J. L., Texarkana
Amos, J. A., Booneville	Barrett, Willis, Florence
Amos, O. D., Mansfield	Bartlett, A. C., Quitman
Anderson, W. B., Rover	Barton, C. C., Decatur
Anderson, C. S., Hatfield	Baskin, T. M., McNeil
Anderson, S. B., El Paso	Bates, Guy, El Dorado
Anderson, T., Jacksonville	Batson, J. A. Greenbrier
Andrew, W. H., Rogers	Beauss, B. L., Oakland
Anglin, J. B., Havana	Beaty, W. O., Marion
Anthony, G. C., Fountain Hill	Beavers, H. E., Clinton
Appleget, J. M., Portia	Beavers, S. W., Stamps
Appleget, C., Nettleton	Belew, Knox, Success
Appling, C. S., Tyronza	Bell, J. B., Pittman
Arnold, J. R., Lydalisk	Bell, W. J., Snyder
Ashburn, A. J., Little Rock	Bellamy, J. J., Smithville
Ashcraft, J. T., Sheridan	Bennett, J. H., Magazine
Ashley, L. R., Heber Springs	Benson, J. T., Ogden
Atchley, J. O., Herd	Berry, T. H., Sparkman
Atwood, S. B., Hon	Berry, T. J., Banner
Austin, R. L., Little Rock	Berry, Tom, Monette
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Sawyer, S. D., Brinkley
Sayers, J. D., Pine Bluff
Scoggins, J. A., Decatur
Scoggins, J. T., Denmark
Scott, H. W., Brinkley
Segars, C. J., Manning
Setser, John, Gravette
Settlemoir, G. M., Black Oak
Settlemoir, J. N., Piggott
Sexton, W. J., Stephens
Shackleford, C. A., Hot Springs
Shackleford, J. A., Glenwood
Shands, J. F., Searcy
Sharp, George, Jonesboro
Sharp, O. E., Grapevine
Sheets, J. A., Arkadelphia
Shemwell, Jeff, Biggers
Shepard, J. W., Washita
Shepherd, J. A., Double Wells
Sheppard, T. R., Blytheville
Sheppard, W. M., Alpena Pass
Sherman, C. W., Spring Valley
Sherod, S. W., Big Fork
Sherman, Sam, Opal
Shibley, H. W., Fort Smith
Shiveley, W. E., Palatka
Shipman, W. J., Onia
Shoptaw, J. H., Belfast
Shoptaw, L. L., Texarkana
Shultze, J. C., Hulbert
Simmons, E. F., Vilonia
Sims, J. F., Damascus
Sims, S. S., Morrilton
Sipes, L. M., Little Rock
Skelton, J. T., Bradley
Smart, J. H., Gurdon
Smedley, E. E., Fayetteville
Smith, A. B., Timbo
Smith, C. C., Manila
Smith, D. H., Shirley
Smith, D. M., Jonesboro
Smith, E., Bradford
Smith, G. D., Booneville
Smith, Geo. S., Jacinto
Smith, J. A., Springtown
Smith, J. K., Levy
Smith, M. L., Bentonville
Smith, R. M., Piggott
Smith, Sidney, Curtis
Smith, T. W., Mountain Top
Smith, W. L., Mena
Smith, W. T., El Dorado
Sneed, Everett, Salado
Soden, C. T., Union
Somerville, F., Collins
Sparkman, L. A., Arkadelphia
Spears, S., Heber Springs
Spivy, J. H., Havana
Squires, P. F., Stamps
Stafford, A. M., Melbourne
Stafford, J. C., Blytheville
Stairs, J. A., Pollard
Stales, O. R., Stamps
Stanfield, A. N., Gentry
Stanfill, Taylor, Arkadelphia
Stark, C. A., Pearson
Stark, Dewey, Arkadelphia
Stark, Joe, Morganton
Steeley, D. E., Clarksville
Steeley, J. E., Bigelow
Stephens, J. M., Biggers
Stephens, G. R., Huntington
Sterling, F. C., Jonesboro
Steward, M. C., Alma
Stewart, T. A., McCrory
Stigler, N. M., Jonesboro
Stingley, W. H., Washington
Stocks, C. L., Norphlet
Stockton, P. A., Little Rock
Stone, Albert, Kensett
Stone, C. R., Humphrey
Stone, J. A., Elkins
Stone, J. E., Van Buren
Stratton, S., Smithville
Suggs, A. S., Arkadelphia
Strickland, J. E., McRae
Suggs, R. A., Mountain View
Sullivan, S., Ola
Summers, L. D., Jonesboro
Summers, John H., Jonesboro
Surratt, O. E., El Paso
Swaim, J. C., Wheatley
Swain, G. E., Booneville
Sykes, J. L., Booneville

- Talbert, A. J., Harrell
 Talley, A. L., Jonesboro
 Tanner, J. E., Sweet Home
 Tatum, John E., Greenwood
 Taylor, Fred G., Paron
 Taylor, Joseph, Brazil
 Taylor, J. W., El Dorado
 Taylor, Thirl, Caledonia
 Taylor, Wilson, Stella
 Taylor, M. N., Tinsman
 Taylor, W. B., Booneville
 Tedford, Leroy, Cabot
 Tennison, J. W., Mt. Home
 Thomas, H. L., Jonesboro
 Thomas, J. M., Emmett
 Thompson, D. L., Holland
 Thompson, Joe A., Pargould R 3
 Thompson, J. E., War Eagle
 Thompson, T. F., Mt. Vernon
 Thompson, W. M., Batesville
 Tibbles, Charles D., Imboden
 Tillman, G. W., Boynton,
 Tillman, H., Plainview
 Tillman, Floyd, Springdale
 Tippit, C. H., Center Point
 Toliver, C. C., Sunsett
 Tolleson, M., Kirby
 Tomlin, E. M., Waldo
 Townsend, N. R., Arkadelphia
 Travis, W. H., Glenwood
 Treadwell, M. A., Bauxite
 Tucker, C. B., McRae
 Tucker, R. A., Kirby
 Tudor, J. H., Marshall
 Tull, J. F., Augusta
 Tull, S. E., Pine Bluff
 Turner, F. P., Little Rock
 Turner, J. H., Jonesboro
 Turner, J. A., Athens
 Turner, P. E., Conway
 Tyler, Alvin, Maynard
 Underdown, J. B., Batesville
 Vandiver, G. W., Oden
 Van, J. H., Caddo Gap
 Van Camp, H. E., Memphis, Tenn
 Vaughn, E. C., Fort Smith
 Vick, S. C., Arkadelphia
 Voyles, M. L., Little Rock
 Wade, O. J., Texarkana
 Wade, W. A., Mountain View
 Walden, R. E., South Ft. Smith
 Walker, A. A., Little Rock
 Walker, C. I., Fort Smith
 Walker, C. M., Rawls
 Walker, D. H., Berryville
 Walker, Joe, Hartwell
 Walker, Raymond, Jonesboro
 Walker, Z. Z., Huntsville
 Wallace, L. T., Jonesboro
 Waller, C. B., Little Rock
 Waller, Joe, Serepta, La.
 Wallingford, J., Marshall
 Walls, W. V., Strong
 Walters, C. P., Black Rock
 Ward, F. H., Lewisville
 Ward, G. S., Emmett
 Ward, J. W., Hope
 Ward, W. S., Imboden
 Warren, C. F., Waldo
 Warren, John, Hartford
 Warren, P. R., Monette
 Warren, W. F., Van Buren
 Wasson, G. H., Caddo Gap
 Watkins, J. C., Monette
 Watkins, R. P., Trumann
 Watkins, W. A., Bengay
 Watts, Thos. J., Lake Village
 Weaver, F. F., Sidney
 Weaver, J. N., Newport
 Webb, E. T., Lincoln
 Webb, L. M., Hampton
 Webb, M. T., Kensett
 Webb, Perry F., Blytheville
 Weber, E., Little Rock, R 5
 Weeks, A. A., Parkin
 Wehunt, Homer, Rover
 Wells, H. M., Ratcliff
 West, O. L., Houston
 West, Bill, Casa
 West, W. J., Enright
 Westbrook, T. F., Dierks
 Whaley, H. T., Jonesboro
 Wharton, W. K., Stephens
 Wheeler, Troy, Jonesboro
 Whisenhurst, P. M., Glenwood
 Whittaker, Zeb, Mountain Home
 White, John, Hagarville
 White, J. R., Conway
 White, J. S., Benton
 White, O. W., Fort Smith
 White, M. D., Gassville
 White, W. E., Arkadelphia
 Whitely, F. A., Jonesboro
 Whiteley, J. W., Lincoln R 2
 Whiteley, Stillman, Lincoln
 Whittington, Otto, Little Rock
 Whitley, D. R., Hot Springs
 Whitlow, J. B., Steprock
 Wilburn, W. S., Hartford
 Wilcoxon, Sam, Lake City
 Wiles, M. E., Mountain Home
 Wiles, S. A., Arkadelphia
 Wilhite, L. L., Oden
 Williams, L. D., Clarksville
 Williams, W. W., Shirley
 Williams, B. R., Garfield

Williams, G. A., Greenwood
Williams, J. J., Greenwood
Williams, J., Mabelvale R 1
Williams, F. B., Ash Flat
Williams, T. E., Gosnell
Willis, Jeff, Milo
Wilkins, Chas. F., Dardanelle
Wilkins, W. L., Bono, R 1
Wilkinson, G. F., Vimy Ridge
Wilson, A. F., Blytheville
Wilson, B. H., Imboden
Wilson, C. T., Jonesboro
Wilson, J. M., Mulberry
Wilson, T., Datto
Wilson, T. J., Flag
Winans, W. G., Harrison
Winburn, H. L., Arkadelphia
Wingfield, J. W., Prescott
Winham, John, Paris
Winstead, H. C., Cane Hill
Winston, W. A., Star City
Winters, A. J., Scranton
Winters, C. C., McNeil
Womack, J. C., Camden
Wood, C. D., Jr., Monticello
Wood, W. C., Eureka Springs
Woodal, A. B., Paron
Woodard, J. C., Clarksville
Woodard, J. M., Clarksville
Woods, J. R., Hamburg
Workman, G. M., Bearden
Worrell, W. C., Little Rock
Worthington, A., Hagarville
Wrenn, W. H., Cushman
Wright, G. H. W., El Paso
Wright, H. L., Morrilton
Wright, H. F., Nettleton
Wright, J. S., Glenwood
Wright, R., Mulberry
Yancy, Alonzo, Branch
Young, George, Shark
Young, J. A., Buckville
Young, W. Q., Fordyce
Young, Virgil E., Preston
Zackary, John, Lamar
Zumwalt, Carl, Pike City

ASSOCIATIONS CO-OPERATING WITH THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION AND SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

NOTE.—For the first time I am listing the Associations according to published alignments; also I am adding the place and time of next meeting, where I have information about them. I have been unable to obtain a 1926 report for the Associations, such as would justify the publishing of the contemplated list of churches and their membership, etc., in this year's Annual. After consulting with Secretary Rogers, I have concluded to keep at work at that and ultimately file it at Baptist Headquarters for future use or publication later.

Respectfully,
E. J. A. MCKINNEY, Statistical Secretary, Atkins, Ark.

ASSOCIATIONS	When Organized	Accessions			Losses			Total Membership	S. Schools		W. M. S.		B. Y. P. U.'s		Gifts to All Benevolences, Missions, Etc.	Gifts to All Local Expenses	Total Offerings	Value of All Church Property	Time and Place of Next Meeting
		By Baptism	By Letter	Otherwise	By Letter	Exclusion	By Death		No. S. S.	Total Enrollment	No. W. M. S.	Enrollment	No. B. Y. P. U.	Enrollment					
1 Arkansas County*	1919	13	62	50				1,339	6	883	10				\$ 2,350.10	\$ 16,359.76	\$ 18,709.86	\$ 55,000.00	
2 Arkansas Valley*	1920	15	199	127	18	85	5	2,662	11	1,757	13		13		10,374.07	31,664.61	45,846.85	219,500.00	
3 Bartholomew*	1850	65	327	226	35	299	61	8,591	40	4,168	22		26	601	9,055.74	39,074.25	48,129.99	191,700.00	
4 Benton County	1885	17	93	134	12	95	5	1,867	12	1,626					1,986.73	13,270.80	15,257.53	68,550.00	Bentonville, September 1st.
5 Big Creek*	1874	11	47					714	3	371	1	16			322.80	1,185.40	1,508.20	6,450.00	
6 Black River	1914	20	69	38	12	87	9	1,624	14	1,260	21	150	5	141	2,354.92	12,552.69	14,907.61	83,700.00	Sedgwick, Sept. 16th, 10 a. m.
7 Buckner	1878	34	217					2,874	21	1,371	8		11	254	2,597.47	10,264.49	12,862.96	73,650.00	Poteau Ch., Oct. 14th, 10 a. m.
8 Caddo River	1853	17	69	48	2	30	3	1,031	11	673	3		8	136	1,329.27	3,591.80	4,921.07	14,250.00	Story, Sept. 16th, 11 a. m.
9 Carey*	1916	18	186	94	13	75	13	2,044	14	1,293	8		9		4,140.29	14,425.32	18,589.19	66,800.00	
10 Caroline	1855	27	382					3,787	36	3,755	43		40	915	9,846.28	64,760.13	77,157.98	244,678.00	Carlisle, Oct. 7th, 10 a. m.
11 Carroll County*	1870	15	84	56	5	51	47	1,456	9	776					925.75	6,711.80	7,647.55	23,000.00	
12 Central*	1919	19	409					3,121	15	2,896	22		24		11,799.54	43,427.91	55,227.45	150,600.00	
13 Cedar Creek	1872	27	40					2,103	13	1,388	11		12	200	2,061.45	12,271.86	14,333.31	49,520.00	Ozark, October 13th, 10 a. m.
14 Concord	1870	34	282	376		440	Losses	5,780	25	4,646	27	655	18	847	12,846.06	55,422.78	68,268.84	366,640.00	Booneville, Oct. 6, 10 a. m.
15 Crooked Creek	1868	19	80					1,115	11	1,109	6	145	5	116	1,699.84	6,597.83	8,297.67	20,000.00	Harrison, Sept. 16th, 10 a. m.
16 Current River	1880	18	84	31	22	42	4	1,705	10						924.62	5,264.92	6,189.54	30,800.00	Hopewell Ch., Sept. 14th, 10 a. m.
17 Dardanelle	1854	27	70	50	20	119	63	2,537	19	2,150	12	168	19	542	2,478.58	14,053.24	16,531.82	68,250.00	Mt. Vernon Ch., Sept. 16th, 10 a. m.
18 Fellowship*	1925	4	50					529	4				4	406	No data here.	No data here.	8,000.00	8,000.00	
19 Fourche Valley*	1887	12	49	21	3	27	1	731	7	404					126.87	1,379.20	1,506.07	6,350.00	
20 Gainesville*	1874	24	302	116	19	145	12	1,889	20	1,500	12		6	14	2,127.13	20,275.42	22,402.55	45,000.00	
21 Grenebrier	1883	28	320	174	19	174	11	2,895	24	2,421	17	315	30	771	5,922.57	17,871.59	23,794.16	123,700.00	Beryl, Oct. 20th, 10 a. m.
22 Greene County	1925	23	210					2,859	22	2,117	6		10	286	3,559.64	20,384.12	23,943.76	23,943.76	Paragould, Oct. 26, 10 a. m.
23 Harmony	1918	19	356	292	14	154	2	4,565	13	3,566	20	407	23	618	15,164.40	52,236.40	67,400.40	326,800.00	Star City, Sept. 7th, 10 a. m.
24 Hope	1908	32	300					5,206	22	3,341	16		23	615	68,756.20	44,288.31	113,743.11	211,300.00	Stephens, Oct. 5th, 10 a. m.
25 Howard Co. No. 2*	1925	5	30					609	4	630	2	43			2,560.08	5,981.43	8,541.51	30,000.00	
26 Independence*	1850	20	143	67		6	19	2,034	12	1,494	3		11	35	1,303.00	28,752.00	30,055.00	99,000.00	
27 Liberty	1845	32	546					5,703	23	4,425	19	671	22	446	50,262.28	92,496.92	142,759.20	428,168.00	Three Creeks, August 25, 10 a. m.
28 Little Red River*	1872	16	88	32	6	30	16	1,402	9	757	3		3		1,009.36	4,654.96	5,664.32	15,200.00	
29 Little River	1915	16	103					1,674	9	1,022	16	376	10	227	2,765.92	11,139.32	13,916.24	51,150.00	Gillham, Nov. 9th, night.
30 Madison County	1888	10	7	10		14		284	No data here.						152.50	620.34	772.84	2,400.00	Hindsville, Sept. 22, Night.
31 Mississippi County	1925	12	125					1,737	11	1,852	14		23	437	4,252.43	26,502.94	30,755.37	154,750.00	
32 Mount Zion	1852	50	565	342	32	211	251	5,715	40	5,390	32				12,504.83	70,582.49	83,087.42	429,800.00	Mt. Zion Church, Oct. 11, 10 a. m.
33 Ouachita	1878	12	45					1,096	10	762	7		9	181	1,391.64	5,392.18	6,783.82	28,450.00	Wickes, Sept. 22nd, Night.
34 Pulaski County	1916	35	403	526	47	412	80	8,717	24	5,923	48	1143	40	1,017	33,785.57	108,650.82	142,436.39	409,225.00	
35 Red River	1848	22	152	182	5	267	43	3,352	No data on these items.						9,795.00	26,393.50	37,218.60	182,600.00	Richwoods Ch., Oct. 7th, 10 a. m.
36 Rocky Bayou	1842	11	55					699	7	424			6	89	550.14	2,142.28	2,692.42	8,700.00	Concord Church, Oct. 6th, Night.
37 Russellville	1880	29	246					2,279	23	2,395	23		20	505	4,499.83	25,008.62	29,508.45	107,800.00	Coal Hill, Oct. 6th.
38 Searcy County*	1922	5	51					458	2	300			2	48	No data here.	No data here.	10,000.00	10,000.00	

39 Stone County*	1919	18	57							1,062	11		8		1	26	130.87	1,487.06	1,617.90	10,000.00
40 Tri-County	1925	18	117	102	29	109	351	7		1,491	12	1,346	15	288	13	323	6,760.24	25,713.12	32,473.34	109,850.00 Wynne, Oct. 18th, 10 a. m.
41 Van Buren County	1923	10	41	13	10	9	16	8		443	4	241					143.72	1,021.69	1,165.41	2,400.00 Pleasant Valley, Sept. 2nd, 10 a. m.
42 Washington County	1919	16	175							2,064	9	1,746	10		15	241	7,599.86	19,456.06	27,055.92	152,500.00
43 White County	1926	15								1,650										
44 White River	1872	16	60	82		61	3	7		1,357			10							
Unassociated (Est.)		4	25							205										
Totals		91	730	399	283	299	1002	354		107,055	609	74,178	492		460	10,462	\$113,882.29	\$967,646.39	\$1,281,528.68	\$4,797,388.00

ASSOCIATIONS CO-OPERATING WITH THE STATE ASSOCIATION AND AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

1 Benton County*	1885	24	36							1,150										11,000.00	
2 Bethlehem*	1921	12	45	36	4	21	1	34		815										8,900.00	
3 Blue Mountain*	1874	15	99							1,068										7,000.00	
4 Buckville	1889	17	39	34	5	8	5	5		1,217		No data here.				16.94	699.73	716.67		4,050.00 New Home Ch., Sept. 9th.	
5 Caglesville*	1919	5								225										2,000.00	
6 Clark-Pike*	1923	19	131	70	6	45	23	9		1,596	13	787				317.17	4,026.73	4,343.90		22,500.00	
7 Columbia	1852	42	226	146	6	124	28	25		3,904		No data here.				866.70	87.99	754.74		61,900.00 Antioch East, Oct. 7th.	
8 Current River*	1922	7								784										4,000.00	
9 Friendship*	1872	23	57	8		36	10	10		1,927										20,000.00	
10 Grand Prairie*	1874	12	39							1,023	9	369				122.81	2,047.58	2,170.30		18,750.00 No Report.	
11 Greenbrier Mis.*	1917	17	49	22		20	15	8		1,308	10					229.73	1,476.76	1,706.49		12,400.00 No Report.	
12 Harmony*	1919	10								458										3,000.00	
13 Howard County*	1893	27	92							1,662										12,000.00	
14 Jonesboro*	1898	18	93	33	20	55	25	14		1,348						906.98	2,505.01	3,411.99		7,895.00	
15 Judson*	1854	40	141							2,363										16,450.00	
16 Lonoke County*	1920	27	100							1,732										25,000.00	
17 Macedonia*	1918	10	74							874										6,100.00	
18 Mt. Hope*	1919	11	7	15		20	8	6		735	4	227				547.16	685.70	1,232.86		5,300.00	
19 Mt. Vernon	1853	19	64							1,220						918.35	4,008.50	4,926.39		21,000.00	
20 New Prospect*	1913	7	26	31	1	1	1	4		301										2,500.00	
21 Perry County*	1919	7	68							383											
22 Pine Bluff*	1862	40	208							4,039	24	1,894				1,582.73	9,420.79	11,003.42		35,000.00	
23 Rocky Bayou*	1842	26	109	25	7	73	10	16		2,004						15.20	425.75	440.95		7,000.00	
24 Saline	1836	49	157							3,778	29	2,305								28,650.00	
25 Southwestern*	1880	21	48							980	8	530								8,000.00	
26 Spring River*	1868	21	108							1,108	9	561								5,000.00	
27 Stearns Creek	1890	31	120	84	9	57	73	12		1,932	16	1,180*				518.89	2,992.38	3,511.27		10,000.00	
28 Trace Ridge*	1889	10	40							566										2,500.00	
29 Union*	1871	43	172	88	21	157	25	15		3,732										23,650.00	
30 Union County*	1920	9								590										5,000.00	
31 United*	1874	20	89							1,108										12,000.00	
Unlisted (Est.)		19								1,050											
Totals		656	2437	596	79	617	224	158		47,080											4,085.45
75 Grand Totals		1566	9740	4586	362	3616	1226	572		154,135											\$5,205,933.00

* Indicates no reports this year and latest figures for past years are given.

NOTE.—I am not adding Sunday School and Financial totals of State Associations or Landmark bodies, because the tables do not do them justice. Their best Associations are not fully tabulated, because I have been unable to get figures up to date. Their own Clerk is this year to print a statistical table. I hope by another year to make this more complete. Even with our own associations, often, important data is left out. I shall thank some brother to send me minutes of 1926 of every association marked with stars; also see that I get statistical reports early next fall.—E. J. A. McKinney, Atkins, Ark.