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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

IN ITS

SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
(EIGHTY-THIRD YEAR)

BATESVILLE, ARKANSAS
November 17-19
1931

Next Session Will Convene November 15, 1932, at
7:00 p. m., Immanuel Baptist Church,
Little Rock, Arkansas

Preacher of Annual Sermon:
CLYDE V. HICKERSON, Russellville
ALTERNATE: KARL McCLENDON, Springdale
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Vice President .................................... O. J. Wade ............... Texarkana
Vice President .................................... B. V. Ferguson ........... Ft. Smith
Recording Secretary ............................. J. B. Luck ................... Magnolia
Treasurer .......................................... B. L. Bridges .............. Little Rock
Statistical and Historical
Secretary .......................................... E. J. A. McKinney ............. Little Rock

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A. P. Blaylock, Little Rock
A. M. Herrington, Camden

Term Expires in 1933

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Otto Whittington, Little Rock
J. G. Cothran, Benton

Term Expires in 1934

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Jno. W. Reap, Pine Bluff
Jno. H. Buchanan, El Dorado
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J. F. Tull, England, Caroline
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Arkansas Valley
Lloyd Sparkman, Smackover
Liberty
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Little River
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Current River
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Mt. Zion

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Russellville
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Bartholomew
E. S. Campbell, Lake Village,
Delta
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V. H. Coffman, Fort Smith
Concord
E. J. Kirkbride, Batesville,
Independence

Term Expires in 1934

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Hope
H. L. Winburn, Arkadelphia,
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Carey
L. M. Keeling, Malvern,
Central
T. L. Harris, North Little Rock,
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Tri-County
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Woodruff County
Theo. T. James, Heber Springs,
Little Red River

R. A. Suggs, Mtn. View,
Stone County
J. H. Tudor, Marshall
Searcy County
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Madison County
W. M. Cooper, Melbourne,
Rocky Bayou
S. M. Cooper, Viola
Big Creek
Cecil Franks, Rector,
Gainesville
A. B. Cooper, Brinkley,
Monroe County

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C. L. Hill, Earle
H. Loewer, Wheatley
I. M. Prince, West Helena
C. E. Welch, Osceola

P. R. Turner, Marianna
E. P. Moore, Helena
J. I. Owens, Wynne
A. B. Cooper, Brinkley

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N. R. Townsend, Arkadelphia
W. E. Atkinson, Conway

H. L. Winburn, Arkadelphia
C. C. Tobey, Arkadelphia
W. J. Hinsley, Hot Springs

OUACHITA COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Term Expires in 1932

J. R. Allen, Pine Bluff
W. J. Hinsley, Hot Springs
C. A. Routen, Hope
H. L. Winburn, Arkadelphia

Pat Murphy, Nashville
E. C. Nowlin, Little Rock
J. W. Ramsey, Fort Smith
Otto Whitington, Little Rock
Term Expires in 1933

D. D. Glover, Malvern  Dr. J. S. Moore, Arkadelphia
Chas. A. Gordon, Pine Bluff  W. E. Atkinson, Conway
N. R. Townsend, Arkadelphia  Harry Reeves, El Dorado
A. J. Vestal, Arkadelphia  C. C. Tobey, Arkadelphia

Term Expires in 1934

B. L. Bridges, Little Rock  O. J. Wade, Texarkana
C. L. Durrett, Little Rock  E. L. Compere, El Dorado
C. Hamilton Moses, Little Rock  H. G. Thomason, Ozark
D. W. McMillan, Arkadelphia  H. G. Pugh, Little Rock

CENTRAL COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Term Expires in 1932

A. J. Reap, Little Rock  Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, Little Rock
E. P. Moore, Helena  Mrs. E. L. Cole, Morrilton
O. O. Florence, Conway  J. B. Luck, Magnolia
J. D. Dunaway, Conway  W. S. Campbell, Fayetteville

Term Expires in 1933

J. F. Tull, England  L. M. Keeling, Malvern
J. I. Cossey, Searcy  J. H. Estes, Little Rock
L. C. Tedford, Clarksville  B. P. Clayton, Conway
W. R. Donham, Little Rock  L. D. Summers, Hot Springs

Term Expires in 1934

R. S. Boyd, Lonoke  L. M. Sipes, Little Rock
J. G. Cothran, Benton  W. R. James, Little Rock
W. M. Kelley, Beebe  W. N. Deaton, Conway
J. Frank Jones, Conway  I. E. Taylor, Little Rock

MOUNTAIN HOME COLLEGE TRUSTEES

Term Expires in 1932

Lon Jones, Mountain Home  John Q. Wolf, Batesville
J. W. Ragon, Mountain Home  Karl McClendon, Springdale
Oscar E. Ellis, Salem  Jno. W. Webb, Mountain View
H. R. Record, Yellville  A. S. Hays, Russellville

Term Expires in 1933

E. J. Kirkbride, Batesville  H. H. Goodman, Batesville
J. M. Sheppard, El Dorado  Jno. L. Carter, Little Rock
Maurice Moser, Little Rock  A. G. Ingalls, Eureka Springs
G. E. Henry, Walnut Ridge  I. B. Hodges, Pine Bluff

Term Expires in 1934

W. S. Johnson, Arkadelphia  Irl Paul, Mountain Home
J. H. Landers, Melbourne  R. H. Russell, Mountain Home
Natt T. Dyer, Mountain Home  Mrs. A. Flenniken, El Dorado
T. R. Reed, Little Rock  O. C. Karkalits, Mountain Home

DAVIS HOSPITAL TRUSTEES

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H. F. Dial, Pine Bluff  W. E. Bobo, Pine Bluff

Term Expires in 1933

W. P. Keith, Pine Bluff  Chas. A. Gordon, Pine Bluff
Term Expires in 1934

E. W. Freeman, Pine Bluff Jno. W. Reap, Pine Bluff

BAPTIST STATE HOSPITAL TRUSTEES

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J. R. Riley, Little Rock
H. G. Pugh, Little Rock
W. R. Donham, Little Rock
Judge C. D. Wood, Little Rock
Dr. N. R. Townsend, Arkadelphia
W. I. Moody, Little Rock

Term Expires in 1933

J. E. Berry, Smackover
Dr. J. E. Neighbors, Stuttgart
V. C. Neal, Atkins
H. A. Bickers, Bauxite
Guy E. Williams, Lonoke
Dr. M. D. Kelley, Lonoke

Term Expires in 1934

Walter Warren, Hermitage
Mrs. W. N. Gregory, Augusta
Dr. A. L. Goatcher, Plumerville
O. A. Cook, Little Rock
Tom F. Digby, North Little Rock
J. G. Cothran, Benton

BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME

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Chas. Remley, Monticello
Mrs. G. W. Bottoms, Texarkana
D. P. Bodie, Monticello
J. F. Grumbles, Star City
Mrs. J. H. Crawford, Arkadelphia
R. L. Hyatt, Monticello
C. C. Smith, Monticello
Y. R. Royal, Monticello

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

M. A. Treadwell, N. Little Rock
T. L. Harris, North Little Rock
H. A. Bickers, Bauxite
J. F. Hammett, Little Rock
Mrs. W. I. Moody, Little Rock
J. H. Reynolds, Little Rock
R. A. Cook, Little Rock
E. D. Estes, North Little Rock

PROMOTION COMMITTEEMAN FOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

B. L. Bridges
The Arkansas Baptist State Convention met in the Seventy-Eighth Annual Session (83rd year) in the meeting house of the First Baptist Church, Batesville, Arkansas, November 17, 1931, at 7:00 p.m.

The Convention was called to order by Otto Whittington, the retiring president.

H. A. Kelly led the congregation in singing “At the Cross” and “Pass Me Not”.

W. E. Atkinson led in prayer.


L. C. Tedford led in prayer.

A tentative program was adopted.

Enrollment cards were distributed by the secretary and messengers were enrolled. (See messengers).

A motion prevailed that all knowing themselves to be messengers to the Convention be seated as such and permitted to take part in the organization and deliberations of the Convention.

Otto Whittington, retiring president, addressed the Convention.

E. J. Kirkbride, pastor First Baptist Church, Batesville, gave words of welcome in behalf of his church and city.

He introduced S. M. Casey of Batesville, who, also, brought words of greeting.

E. P. J. Garrott, of Conway, was elected president; O. J. Wade, of Texarkana, and B. V. Ferguson, of Fort Smith, were elected vice presidents.

E. P. J. Garrott, newly elected president, made some remarks.

Order of business was read by E. J. Kirkbride and was adopted.

Song, “Jesus, Paid It All”.
Annual Sermon

21. L. M. Keeling, who was selected a year ago to preach the annual sermon, became ill after reaching the Convention. A. S. Harwell, the alternate, preached the sermon from John 12:32.
22. Song, "Amazing Grace".
23. The Convention adjourned.
24. A. M. Herrington led in closing prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

25. Roland Lawrence led congregation in singing "Higher Ground" and "O, How I Love Jesus".
27. J. E. Calloway led in prayer.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED


29. A telegram was read from Arkansas' students in Southern Theological Seminary.

30. L. G. Whitehorn, president of Mountain Home College, read the following report, which was received and filed for information:

FINANCIAL REPORT
of
Mountain Home College to the Arkansas Baptist Convention, Batesville, November 17, 1931, for the Session 1930-31.

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Total Income: $6139.67
Paid Faculty: $6139.67
Incidentals: 674.67

For the Session 1931-1932, Beginning June 1, 1931.

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We expect about $1700.00 from the students this year; added to this amount, the $500.00 from the Dollar Campaign, we have $2200.00; $5200.00 less $2200.00 will make a deficit of $3,000.00 that MUST be had from some other source. The faculty will gladly give two months work this year in order to carry on the institution; therefore, with $2,000.00 from the Convention, we can operate this year without a deficit.

We are giving this year two years of college work and four years of high school work. There are ten members of the faculty—seven have master's degrees and three have the bachelor's degrees.

Last year we enrolled 43 students with not more than 36 at any one time. This year, we have enrolled 78 students, thus, Mountain Home College has the largest increase of any college in Arkansas.

Respectfully submitted,
L. G. WHITEHORN, President.
31. President J. N. Mallory read the following report, which was received and filed for information.

Jonesboro, Arkansas  
November 16, 1931

To the Arkansas State Convention at Batesville assembled: The Board of Control of Jonesboro Baptist College submits the following report and requests that it be spread on the minutes for the information of Brotherhood. Never before have we felt so completely dependent upon the Lord and never have we been quite so sure that divine providence is preserving us. Institutions like individuals come to their extremities. This has been the case with us several times since the depression set in and each time God has seized our extremity as His opportunity to magnify His Omnipotence. We are glad to report that the school has opened for the eighth session and has surpassed any former session in attendance.

The enrollment to date is 226 for all departments. A larger proportion of these are in the Literary Department this year than any time before. In this respect the growth of the college is very satisfactory. The financial situation is distressing but rigid economy is being practiced and salaries have been reduced to the minimum consistent with sound management. The churches of Northeast Arkansas are rallying to the support of the school. Many of them included it in their budget last year and an increasing number are promising to do so next year.

The faculty this year is comprised of fifteen members, nine men and six women. Three of these have Doctors degrees. The school maintains all the usual Junior College departments including Arts and Sciences, Business, Premedical, Theological, Teacher Training, Music, Expression and Art.

Ministerial training is emphasized. We have two seminary men with doctors degrees on the faculty. The preacher boys are given every advantage possible. Some of them already are outstanding in evangelism and pastorate work. All of them have not made their reports but sixteen of them alone baptized more than one thousand during the summer revival season. This phase of work is telling in kingdom interest in our section and should go on with increased momentum. It can when Baptists generally recognize the strong opposition the college holds in this delta country and rally to it as a missionary agency that was intended by the Home Board from the beginning.

We crave the support of Arkansas Baptists in our efforts to build a bigger and better Jonesboro Baptist College.

Respectfully,

BOARD OR CONTROL,
JONESBORO BAPTIST COLLEGE.
By J. N. MALLORY, President.

M. A. Smith discussed the above report.

32. President Charles D. Johnson read the report of Ouachita college, which was received after some discussion.
OUACHITA COLLEGE

ANNUAL REPORT OF OUACHITA COLLEGE TO ARKANSAS
BAPTIST CONVENTION

Prepared by Charles D. Johnson, President

This is the third annual report to be offered by the present president of Ouachita College. It is a delight to report that the spirit of Ouachita is true to the ideals of the founders and that this spirit is reflected through the faculty and student body, course of study and method of instruction.

The Faculty

The faculty is slightly changed from last year though two faculty members have been granted leaves of absence in the interest of economy. The ranking faculty member is Mrs. E. M. Blake, known and universally honored as the leading teacher of English in the State. Her tenure has extended over a period of more than 40 years. Dr. B. F. Condray, Professor L. H. Mitchell, Professor Peter Zellars and Professor C. E. Arnett are among those whose tenure extends from 12 to 22 years. These leaders in Christian education are excellent examples to the younger members of the faculty who are taking places in college and in church life in a most satisfactory manner.

The Student Body

The student body is almost unanimously Christian. Only ten are not church members. Of the 248 students, 196 or four-fifths are Baptists. The churches throughout the state from which Ouachita students have come, have done their work of evangelization well. The local churches, both the First Baptist and Second Baptist in Arkadelphia have received more Ouachita students this year than in many years past. The spiritual tides are rising constantly in the Ouachita student body. There is a deeper interest in religion than has been manifested in recent years.

The student body has been increased this year as compared with last year. This is explained by the fact that 75 scholarships were created for freshmen whose high school records and moral character would justify appointments. Pastors assisted in this work in cooperation with Dr. H. L. Winburn who had charge of the scholarship campaign and carried it to success. The First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia loaned Dr. Winburn to Ouachita and to the cause of Christian education for two months for this work. By this means the freshman class this year numbers 102 as compared with only 60 per cent of this number last year. Ouachita has the highest percentage of high scholarship students in the entire history of the college.

Ouachita this year has 23 ministerial students, three more than last year, and 20 sons and daughters of ministers. Ouachita has continued the policy of free tuition to both of these groups of students. Five ministerial students were graduated last year. It seems that we have the finest type of students in the entire state and all are college grade except one, a young woman, 16, who has won an all-American prize and a $500 cash scholarship plus tuition for a period of four years, $2000 in cash plus tuition. This young woman lives in Arkadelphia and is studying a foreign language at Ouachita as a special student. This is the type of student Ouachita seeks because it is this type that develops into the great leaders.
There are more men than women students in Ouachita as has been the case, with the exception of one year, for the last twenty years. There are 143 men, 105 women students, total 248. The enrollment should reach 265 or 270 before the year closes.

The Course of Study

The liberal arts course of study extending over a period of four years is maintained. Business Administration and journalism are practical courses, primarily for men, and music, including piano, voice, organ, violin and theory and history and music, furnishes necessary cultural courses primarily for women students. These are elective courses. Bible is required of all students including courses in both Old and New Testament. Fundamental and advanced courses in English, history, foreign languages, science and mathematics, are given leading to the standard degree of Bachelor of Arts. It is gratifying to report that two women graduates of Ouachita along with a much larger number of men graduates have taken the doctor's degree, one of the degree of Doctor of Literature at the University of Paris, the other the Doctor of Philosophy at the University of North Carolina. Ouachita's credits are acceptable in American or European Universities. Baptists have as much right to standard education as adherents of any other denomination. We should be grateful that a standard course of study is available to our Baptist sons and daughters in our own Ouachita College.

The Flenniken Foundation

Besides the broad and deep education afforded at Ouachita in the regular course of study other advantages are afforded. Among these the most noteworthy are the Flenniken lectures provided by the Flenniken Foundation. Mrs. Mary E. Flenniken of El Dorado established the foundation at Ouachita in memory of her husband. Lectures have been delivered by Dr. E. Y. Mullins, Dr. Geo. W. Truett, Dr. W. F. Powell and Dr. John E. White. Dr. Louis D. Newton will deliver the lectures in March this year continuing the religious theme developed previously by the great preachers that have preceded him.

Organizations in the College

The Ministerial Association, the Life Service Band and the B. Y. P. U.'s are all conducted in the college buildings. Sunday school attendance is in the churches of Arkadelphia. The attendance in all of these religious groups has been exceptionally good this year. Scholarship organizations nationally recognized are now decided assets to students at Ouachita.

Pastoral and Evangelistic Work of Ministerial Students

Some of the ministerial students at Ouachita are carrying full time pastoral work. This is very heavy for them with a normal college course. Several students have only part-time work and supply work. The reports of meetings during the past summer both by present students and recent graduates are most gratifying because they invariably show the value of Ouachita as a center of spiritual resources. Not only do preachers carry on church work but recently two Ouachita graduates, both sons of Ouachita preachers, took their places in a great state university law school student body and on the first Sunday lined up with the First Baptist church in the famous Capital city. Ouachita stands for the development of
Christian leadership among laymen as well as among preachers. Christian leadership is the greatest need of the age and Ouachita is continually supplying that imperative need.

Finances

Ouachita was maintained last year as a standard college in the face of greater difficulties than have faced the college since 1913-14. When banks began to close in the state last year, demands were made by creditor banks for payment. These demands were made during the year when the income had decreased from $155,599.28 to $107,970.11 or a decrease of $47,629.17. This does not mean that Ouachita had a deficit of $47,629.17 because expenses were reduced from $149,951.58 to $128,836.87 or a decrease in expense of $21,114.71. A reduction of faculty and administrative expense made this reduction possible. Faculty expense was again reduced for the current year, 1931-32. Faculty and administrative expense has been reduced 14 per cent so that now Ouachita's faculty salary scale is lower than that of any other standard college, state or denominational, in the state. It was at such a time of financial stress that Ouachita trustees in order to meet the demands of the banks and finance the operations of the college through the year, funded these bank obligations of approximately $55,000 and provided a supplementary fund of approximately $20,000 for the maintenance of the college by a loan of $75,000 at six per cent interest to extend over a period of five years. None of the property of Ouachita was mortgaged and the endowment was not placed as security. Only the income from the endowment was pledged as security and a sufficient amount of this income is reserved annually for the repayment of the loan. The decrease in the student enrollment from 327 total with a general average of 294 in 1929-30 to a total enrollment of 246 with a general average of 209 in 1930-31 explains both the decrease in income and the necessity to re-finance the then existing indebtedness and provide for an operating expense fund. The trustees have kept faith with the Convention; with creditors and with the college in a time that has tried men's souls.

Faculty Aids Ouachita Endowment

The members of the Ouachita College faculty this fall formed themselves into a group for the purpose of adding to the endowment. The $35,000 policy has been made to the college. Attention is called to the fact that nearly $50,000 of Ouachita's endowment has come from friends who have made policies payable to the college.

The Cost of College Education

Ouachita, like every other standard college, puts more into the education of students than students pay to the college. Tuition and fees are never sufficient to pay for standard college education. Only finishing schools for girls and private schools for boys operated for profit and catering to the wealthy make tuition and fee charges sufficiently high to cover the cost of education. Tuition and fees in such schools vary from $650 to $1800. These charges seldom include room and board. Ouachita charges only $90 a year tuition and $67 fees or a total of $157.

Ouachita must have 400 students to solve two problems at once: First, the financial problem. It is a well known fact that colleges whose student enrollment is from 400 to 750 can be operated far more efficiently and with far greater resources for education than colleges
whose enrollment is as low as 300. When the enrollment is below 300 the cost increases rapidly. The unit cost, when the college has an enrollment of only 200, is too great for the denomination to carry. Professors can teach 24 to 30 in a class instead of 5 to 15 in a class. Head Professors are the expensive teachers though they may be no more able than the assistant Professors. Insurance, interest, taxes, up-keep and administration are about the same whether there are 200 students or 400. This Convention could make no wiser and no more constructive move than to promote a workable plan for placing 400 Baptist students in Ouachita next year. The time is ripe for such a move.

The second problem that would be solved by getting at least 400 students is the problem of Christian service. Since Ouachita is a really great Christian College as has been proved by the product of each graduating class for nearly half a century it is more necessary than ever before that the values of Christian education be doubled and as time goes on doubled again as the needs require and resources are provided. There may be too many people in some of the professions, vocations and trades. About seven million people in America are out of work now. But there are not too many men and women with Christian education. There are too few. The service of Ouachita College is necessarily limited until the student enrollment is increased. With an increase to 400 the light of a glorious day for Ouachita will begin to break through the clouds which to some have had no silver lining. Others, standing on the immovable vantage ground of an unwavering faith, have seen the streams of light already in clear view heralding the dawn of this new and better day.

Ministers Meet at Ouachita

Answering the call of the President last spring a fine and representative group of preachers came to Ouachita for an all-day conference. Every section of the state was represented. They came from country, town and city. The conference lasted throughout the day—not a minute was wasted. It is a well known fact that preachers have been the leaders in the movement for college education on the American continent long before the author of the Constitution of the United States was born. Present day preachers are the great grandsons of the founders or others like them of those great old institutions which have given to the Christian leadership of the world such men as John Hay, Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Evans Hughes and Woodrow Wilson.

Ouachita is young yet in comparison with the Alma Maters of these leaders in the thoughts and activities of the people of the whole world. Two of these four world figures are Baptists, Hay and Hughes, and graduates of the same Baptist College while Wilson and Roosevelt, Presbyterian and Dutch Reform respectively, are both graduates of Presbyterian Colleges.

It is not too much to expect that the movement which began to function anew when the group of preachers met in conference last spring will grow to such proportions that Ouachita will share in a decisive manner in shaping not only the religious movements of the age but the social, economic and political as well and in so doing Ouachita will fulfill the purpose in the minds of the founders of all really great colleges. For years Ouachita has needed such an impetus and it is with gratitude that it is here officially recognized with the hope and faith that more than 100,000 Baptists, laymen and women as well as preachers themselves will catch the
vision of a greater and nobler Ouachita and having caught the vision will be as true as Paul to the heavenly vision.

We recommend the following:

FIRST, that the Convention approve a movement for increasing the enrollment at Ouachita College to 400 students; that the trustees be instructed by the Convention to execute plans which are deemed wise to make this student goal attainable at the earliest reasonable time.

SECOND, that churches be urged to co-operate with the movement in sending Baptist students to Ouachita.

THIRD, that scholarships and loan funds be created by Baptist churches to be forwarded to Ouachita College to be used by the college in assisting worthy students in attending Ouachita College.

FOURTH, that permission be given Ouachita College to appeal to the churches and other friends of the college for the purpose of raising a fund of $15,000 a year for a period of five years, or a shorter time if the enrollment is increased sufficiently to reduce the time or the amount required to maintain Ouachita as a standard college.

FIFTH, that the department of religious education be enlarged and stressed as the primary purpose of Ouachita College in the present as well as in days of the founders of the College.

Favorably reported.

33. The chair ruled that recommendations coming from institutions with reports are not adopted when reports are received, but are sent to the Committee on Resolutions.

34. Motion prevailed that the recommendations from the Board of Trustees of Ouachita College be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

35. J. S. Rodgers read the report of Central College. It was discussed by Misses Janice Singleton and Hattie Strother and E. P. J. Garrott and then received.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF CENTRAL COLLEGE

To the Messengers of the Baptist Churches of Arkansas, assembled at Batesville, November 17-20, 1931, in the Seventy-eighth Annual session of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Dear Beloved Fellow-workers in the Lord:

In this thirty-eighth year of Central Baptist College we bring to you a hopeful report. We are having probably the greatest year in the history of the college. We are deeply grateful to God for His great blessings upon the college.

Without a doubt the world is in a moral and spiritual crisis and there is no organization or institution among us that can, if it will, help more to guide the world safely through this storm than a truly Christian College. This Board and the Administration are sincerely trying to make Central College such an institution, and we wish to do this thoroughly in keeping with every ideal and aim of the Convention. Your Central College Board believes that a Baptist College should be as spiritual and as orthodox as a Baptist Church,
and we hereby most earnestly request the churches to help us make Central College such a school. The college absolutely allows no conduct that a good spiritual Baptist Church could not endorse.

**Faculty of Central College**

The faculty of Central College consists of the following:

1. **Literary Faculty**: A. J. Meadors, Jr., Dean and Head of Education Department; Miss Hattie Strother, Dean of Women and Assistant in English; Miss Janice Singleton, Head of Science and Mathematics; Miss Bernice Galloway, Head of English Department, also French Dept; Miss Emma Hern Edwards, Associate in Education and Assistant in English; Miss Agnes Gillespie, Head of Social Science; Mrs. Floyd L. McCollum, Head of Home Economics; J. S. Rogers, Bible; Miss Eliza Johnson, Librarian.

2. **Conservatory Faculty**: Miss Lucy Hall Pack, Head of the Conservatory and teacher of piano and pipe organ; Miss Ruby Gish, teacher of piano; Miss Maxine O'Quinn, teacher of piano; Mr. Chas. Brod, teacher of Violin; Mrs. W. P. Wilson, Voice; Miss Bettie Mae Collins, Expression and Dramatic Art; Mrs. M. J. McHenry, Art.

Other officers are: J. S. Rogers, President; Dr. E. P. J. Garrott, College Pastor; Miss Daisy Bruce, College secretary; Mrs. J. S. Rogers, College Mother and hostess, and Mr. A. J. Phillips, caretaker. You will note that there are twenty persons in this group who are doing their utmost to serve the Lord and you well in their respective capacities.

All literary teachers have the degree of Masters of Arts or more, and all the other teachers are experienced instructors and unsurpassed in their work. The Central College Conservatory has long been famous throughout the State and beyond, and is now under the direction of one of the greatest musicians in the South. Every teacher and every employee about the college, except the art teacher, is a Baptist, a church worker, and a regular contributor to local church expenses and to the missionary program of this Convention. Every teacher is a prayer meeting church member. We believe that you will not find anywhere a more religious nor better trained faculty educationally than we have at Central College. All teachers are University trained and meet all the requirements of the North Central Association.

**The Standing of Central College**

Central College is a standard Junior College, a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, a member in full standing of the American Junior College Association, fully recognized by the State Education Department of Arkansas, the State University, etc. Membership in the North Central Association gives Central College recognition among all educational institutions. Many of Central’s graduates enter the teaching profession. A high school graduate can secure the diploma Associate in Arts in two years and at the same time take her L. I. which gives her State License to teach and is transferable to other states. These diplomas are standard, recognized the land over. Many of our supporters have in other days minimized the importance of meeting the requirements of the North Central Association, but experience has proved that these requirements are reasonable and very few Baptists now raise this question. Lately the officials of the North Central Association have made some suggestions to the Central Administration, but these suggestions were only for improvements
which were necessary. However, there is one fact that should be indelibly impressed and fixed upon the minds of Arkansas Baptists, and that is, it makes no difference how large the income for the college from students fees may be nor how well and economically the college may be managed, Central College must have from some source an annual income of at least $10,000.00 over and above student fees, to remain standard and in the North Central Association, and the college cannot operate unless this is the case. It ought to inspire gratitude in the hearts of all Arkansas Baptists that we are one of the only two denominations in the State that have two colleges in the North Central Association. Let us thank God and press forward.

The Enrollment and Religious Life

The enrollment this year to Monday, November 16, was from the states of Arkansas, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas. When the enrollment of boarding students reached 123 there were five to one of other denominations.

So the boarding student body stands 103 Baptists, and 20 of other denominations. The total enrollment is now 154. We have not lost a student this year. The enrollment for the whole of last year was 134. There are exactly 71 people from Central College who are members of the First Baptist Church of Conway. Very few of the boarding girls are unsaved. The college has a Y. W. A. with every boarding girl as a member. This organization is efficiently led by Miss Janice Singleton, who is not only a college and university woman, but a graduate of the W. M. U. training school at Louisville, Ky. We have had ten conversions among the girls since school opened. We have Bible reading and prayer every morning at Chapel. The Y. W. A. has morning watch every school day morning. All students must attend Sunday School and Church each Sunday. Many of the teachers and students teach and hold other positions in the First and Second Baptist Churches of Conway, and go out to nearby churches and put on religious programs, missionary programs, etc. In all the religious programs, of the college great emphasis is put on missions and at least three or four of the students expect to be foreign missionaries, and others are to do special Christian work of some kind. Really a large proportion of the students expect to be special religious workers and we are trying to train all of them to be far better church members when they return home and thus make the college a real Baptist asset. Every student graduating from any department must have had at least one year of three hours per week of Bible, and we teach the Bible itself, not some book on or about the Bible. We expect in the spring to have a great Missionary Conference with the purpose of trying so to impress upon the hearts of the students the New Testament doctrine and practice of missions that they will be active missionary church members all the rest of their days. During the whole of the third quarter, for twenty minutes every morning at chapel, we expect to teach and drill over and over the whole student body on how to be good church members, and we most sincerely request that all our people pray for us.

Classification of Students

We have fifteen high school students; 123 college students, and sixteen "s ecials." We have an unusually large number of valedictorians from the high schools of the state. About twelve daughters of preachers. One daughter of Georgia pastor. Central College stu-
dents make up as fine looking and promising a group of young wo­men as you will find anywhere in the land. Last May at the gradu­ating exercises the college issued exactly fifty diplomas and certifi­cates. There were thirty-one Associate in Arts graduates and twenty­six that took the L. I. Certificate. There are forty-one girls in our literary graduating class this year.

Improvements

A beautiful and very useful in-door swimming pool has been ad­ded to our equipment this year. We have also added several hundred new books to the library, and the science department has had very valuable equipment added to it. Some other important improvements have been made.

Finances

Central College along with the rest of the world is experiencing serious financial difficulties. We attach to this report a statement from the auditor's report as of June 30, 1931. Probably the exact status of the college finances can be best understood by saying that the college has just about the same amount owing to the institution that the institution owes. Of course, the vote of the convention ask­ing churches and other friends to contribute to the college $10,000 per year in order that the school may remain in the North Central Association is still in force. We urge our friends to help the col­lege financially. All salaries have been reduced very materially and the force of teachers and other employees of the college has been reduced as far as possible. Last year the teachers and other em­ployees of the college contributed almost $2,500 to the school.

A Few Facts About the Present Administration

The present administration is seeking to run the institution exactly as Arkansas Baptist want it run, and stands ready most joy­fully to make any change or to formulate any policies that this convention may direct. We are trying to practice every possible economy and to make the institution thoroughly democratic and Christian. Students wait tables, wash dishes, serve as stenographers, milk, etc., and white women who have daughters in the college do the cooking. We have our own garden and cows. During the sum­mer and fall to try to make "ends meet" we put up some 2000 gal­lons of fruit and at some meals almost everything on the table was produced on the campus. The president serves as business manager and pastor of two churches. We buy most of our groceries at wholesale cash prices and pay these bills on the first of the month, with just minor exceptions here and there. The college gives free literary tuition to the children of preachers. We now have in school two girls from the Little Rock Orphanage and one girl from the Bottoms Orphanage, who are admitted at greatly reduced charges. We have in the college about ten or twelve girls who are daughters of preachers in the state and one daughter of a Georgia pastor. Please say a good word every where you can for Central, help us financially just a little, send us your girls, pray for us and come to see us.
# CENTRAL COLLEGE BALANCE SHEET

**JUNE 30, 1931**

(Copied from Auditor's Report)

## ASSETS

### Current Assets—
- Cash in Bank—Farmers State Bank .................................................. $ 2.23
- Accounts Receivable—Students .......................................................... 9,332.97
- Notes Receivable—Students .................................................................. 3,473.56
- Notes Receivable—Dr. Sipes .................................................................. 322.50

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Less: Reserve for Bad Debts ................. $ 7,636.87

### Total Current Assets ......................... $ 5,492.16

### Fixed Assets—
- Real Estate and Old Buildings .......... $ 115,500.00
- Bruce Hall ........................................ $ 167,359.02
- Furnishings and Equipment ............... $ 33,893.52
- General Improvements ................. $ 2,994.14
- Automobile—Chevrolet Coach—cost .......... $ 560.00
- Livestock ......................................... $ 353.75

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### Deferred Charges to Operations
- Prepaid Insurance ................. 1,359.67

**Total Assets** ........................................... $327,629.64

## LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

### Tuition ........................................... 15,738.28

### Current Liabilities—
- Salaries Payable ................................ $ 2,725.59
- Accounts Payable ................................ 2,413.82
- Notes Payable—Banks ......................... $14,375.00
- Notes Payable—Others ....................... 650.00
- Total Current Liabilities ................. 20,164.41
- Endowment Fund ................................... 460.00
- Arkansas Baptist State Convention Bond Account ................................... 188,788.11
- Surplus—Exhibit “C” ......................... 118,247.12
- Contingent Liabilities—On Obligations of the “Ark” $ 414.78

**Total Liabilities and Surplus** ................... $327,629.64

## STATEMENT OF INCOME

### Operating Income
- Annual Fees ........................................ $ 6,125.43
- Board and Room .................................... 23,630.52
- Diplomas—Net ...................................... 401.85
- Salesroom Income—Gross ................. 518.76
- Tuition ........................................... 15,738.28

**Total Operating Income:** ...................... 46,414.64

### Income in Donations .......................... 10,360.84

**Total** ........................................... $56,775.48

**NOTE:** This “statement of Income” is not taken from the Auditor’s report but is made up by the President from the books of the college.
36. A. P. Blaylock read the following report on Ministerial Education:

After being amended, the report was adopted and the resolutions referred to Committee on Resolutions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

To the 78th Annual Convention of the Arkansas Baptists,

Greetings:-

We, your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to submit the following report:

We your committee believe that the education of our ministry is basic, primary and fundamental among the needs of our great Denomination. We believe that God has and will continue to use many untrained workers in his service. He often uses the foolish to confound the wise and the weak to the dismay of the strong that through "their weakness his strength might be made manifest". But while God often uses the weak and untrained he can more effectively use the trained. He set his divine approval upon training and trained leaders when he called Moses and Saul of Tarsus. The Master further revealed his will concerning his leaders when he spent the greater part of his earthly ministry teaching and training his Apostles and Disciples in the work they were to accomplish. Your committee believes in the light of these facts that when God calls a preacher that he calls him to prepare for his ministry.

The responsibility for training and equipment rests mutually and equally upon the denomination which is to be served and upon the ministers which are to serve. It is the lot and part of the denomination to adequately provide institutions of training and learning and to assist the minister in every way possible to acquire the needed training. It is the part and duty of the minister to make every effort and sacrifice necessary to secure the needed training and development. Our denomination will never rise higher than the ideals and purposes of her leaders. Our leaders will never lead beyond their abilities, natural and acquired.

We therefore recommend:

First, that our Pastors "call out the called" urge upon the called their need of training and ask their churches to assist in their training as much as possible.

Second: We urge that our ministers attend our Baptist colleges and seminaries; that if unable to attend that they take advantage of the correspondence courses by our Seminaries, the Southern at "the Beaches" in Louisville, Ky., and the Southwestern at Seminary Hill, Texas and B. B. I. at New Orleans.

Third: We recommend that Ouachita College some time during the school year offer a special course of two or more weeks study in church methods and other such subjects as will better equip our ministry and other church workers for their tasks.

Fourth: We further recommend that all ministerial students who accept free tuition in one of our convention supported schools be required to make personal notes for their tuition to be paid within three years after graduation or their discontinuance of their studies.
with the school, in case they do not follow the work and calling of the ministry.

Signed by the Committee—

ARDEN P. BLALOCK
DEWEY HORN
D. W. BOLTON
LLOYD A. SPARKMAN
W. B. YATES
W. J. DENNIS
THEO. T. JAMES
THOS. J. D. KING.

37. Paul Elledge, a ministerial student of Ouachita College, appealed to members of the Convention to assist ministerial students in securing work.

38. The report of the Education Commission was read by Otto Whittington. Motion carried that time be extended indefinitely to consider the above report.

39. Convention adjourned until 2:00 p.m.

40. Charles D. Johnson led in closing prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

41. Herbert Finley led the congregation in singing “Come Thou Fount” and “Blessed Assurance.”

42. Dow H. Heard conducted the devotional by reading and commenting on Genesis 4:26.

43. J. F. Tull led the Convention in prayer.

44. By common consent, the Convention heard Miss Kathleen Mallory, secretary of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention.

45. The report of the Woman’s Missionary Union was received and discussed by Mrs. W. D. Pye.

ANNUAL REPORT OF
ARKANSAS BAPTIST WOMAN’S MISSIONARY UNION
1930-1931.

“They That Be With Us”

In bringing the annual report of Woman’s Missionary Union to this Convention we are reminded of a sentence in 2nd Kings 6:16 where Elisha said to his servants as they were pursued by adversities, “They that be with us are more than they that be with them.” Over and over this verse has impressed itself upon our minds during the past year with its financial difficulties and seemingly insuperable obstacles, and we have been conscious as we thought upon that verse that like Elisha we were surrounded by God’s love and guidance, even as Elisha’s mountains were filled with the horses and chariots of fire. Truly when God is with us in any endeavor “they that be with us” count for much more than any difficulty that might make against us in carrying on His work.

Organization and Office: The work of Woman’s Missionary
Union is carried on from the office of the organization at 407 Federal Bank & Trust Bldg., Little Rock. "They that be with us" in the capacity of co-workers in the office are Mrs. W. D. Pye, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, and Miss Margaret Hutchison, Young People's Secretary. At the beginning of the year Miss Elsie Harrison was employed as Office Secretary-Treasurer and Miss Helen Shaw as Field Worker, but because of the financial distress, the services of these two workers were dispensed with May 1st. This was done with much regret as they had served faithfully and were beloved by our constituency. Mrs. J. M. Flenniken is President of the organization and Mrs. J. L. Hawkins is the Recording Secretary. On the mailing list at present there are 393 Woman's Missionary Societies and 483 Young People's Organizations. Beside the departments mentioned in the succeeding paragraphs, the Union sponsors the W. M. U. Training School at Louisville, Ky., of which Mrs. J. C. Wallis, Arkadelphia, is the Trustee from our state, and the Margaret Fund for the education of missionaries' children, whose interest are in charge of Mrs. A. G. Thomas, Paris. Thirty five Associational Superintendents and many other workers, none of whom are remunerated for their services, greatly assist in furthering the interests of this missionary organization.

Meetings: "They that be with us" in the many meetings of the year have been legion. The Annual Meeting of Woman's Missionary Union was held with the First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, April 7-9, 1931. There were 402 delegates and visitors registered at this meeting, representing 21 Associations. Visiting speakers from out of the state were Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, Principal of the W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, St. Louis, Mo., who represented both the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. The subject of the program was "Witnessing for Christ."

There were 880 people registered at the six District Meetings in June. Mrs. M. L. Jenkins, Mansfield, La., was the guest speaker. She brought missionary messages from the French fields of Louisiana as a home mission topic and also described her recent visit to the foreign fields of South America. The theme of the meetings was "Along the Highway of Service," and grateful mention is made of the six District Presidents who so beautifully developed this topic in their programs. They were Mrs. W. B. Langford, Jonesboro, Northeast District; Mrs. W. S. Johnson, Southwest District, Arkadelphia; Mrs. Walter Jackson, Ft. Smith, Northwest District; Mrs. W. E. McRae, Southeast District, El Dorado; Mrs. C. H. Ray, Central District, Little Rock; Mrs. T. G. Angel, North Central District, Yellville.

Four classes were taught by W. M. U. members at the Assembly at Siloam Springs in July. There were 109 registered in these classes which were as follows: "Missions Our Mission" taught by Mrs. C. D. Craseman, Tennessee, for W. M. S. members; "Healing and Missions" taught by Mrs. W. D. Pye for Y. W. A. members; "Lottie Moon" taught by Mrs. A. G. Thomas, Paris, for G. A. members; "The Merry-Go-Round" taught by Miss Margaret Kime, Little Rock, for Sunbeam children.

Instead of attending the annual Associational meetings this fall as has been the custom of W. M. U. workers for a number of years, the W. M. U. Executive Board authorized a series of Associational Institutes to be held from September 1st to December 10th. These are in the form of all-day study classes and the Standard of Excellence is the subject emphasized. Up to the time this report was prepared 25 Institutes had been held for 29 Associations, two being combined in some instances. About 1,143 people have been in attendance repre-
senting 123 W. M. U. organizations either for women or young people. Mrs. W. D. Pye and Miss Margaret Hutchison have taken week about conducting the Institutes which have been grouped together in different sections of the state and many more people have been touched at less expense than would have been possible in any other way. Nine more Institutes will be held before the middle of December.

Prayer: “They that be with us” in prayer have been numberless this year. Since the first of 1931 it seems to us that there has been a genuine revival of interest in all phases of W. M. U. work and this we attribute to persistent, prevailing prayer. Like Elisha we have prayed that our eyes might be opened to the many opportunities for service in our midst that depended neither on dollars nor dimes to be embraced in this financial depression, but only on the willingness of each individual member of Woman’s Missionary Union to spend and be spent in service for the King. Along with the individual prayer of the members have been the Seasons of Prayer for the different mission causes. During these Seasons of Prayer the offering for State Missions last October amounted to $2,390.43, for Foreign Missions in December the total was $5,561.20, and for Home Missions in March we collected $2,921.71. Since this report extends from October 1st, 1930, to October 1st, 1931, we have not included the State Mission offering this calendar year, although it is coming in very nicely at the present time.

Study: “They that be with us” in mission study during the past twelve months have been almost numberless also. Many women and young people have, like Elisha, had their eyes opened to the needs of an unsaved world through mission study classes and individual study. The three employees of W. M. U. who did field work during the year taught 55 classes in various parts of the state. There were 461 classes held in local organizations and 2,081 certificates and 4,972 small seals were awarded W. M. U. members. There were 66 people who completed various courses and were awarded official seals. Of the above totals, 902 certificates, 1,421 seals, and 32 official seals were awarded the young people, the remainder going to members of missionary societies. Mrs. Perry Webb, Pine Bluff, was State Mission Study Superintendent until last April when Mrs. H. M. Keck of Ft. Smith was elected to this office and is rendering very fine service.

Gifts: “They that be with us” in sacrificial giving this year have been many. Following Elisha’s example, they also have bestowed, with God’s help, gifts upon the various mission and benevolent causes. Though the year has been one of extreme financial depression the reported gifts show only a slight decrease over the total reported last year when the depression had not reached its height. The record for twelve months shows total gifts to the amount of about $156,919.29, probably $81,263.51 of this being for mission causes either given through the Co-operative Program or designated to various objects in the State and Southwide Programs, the remainder of $75,655.78 having been given to the upkeep of the churches and local benevolence. Mrs. Aylmer Flenniken, El Dorado, was State Stewardship Chairman during the time covered by this report but recently resigned because of ill health and Mrs. L. M. Sipes, Little Rock, was appointed to fill out her unexpired term. The number of tithers reported last quarter was 1,276. Woman’s Missionary Union is assisting in the promotion of the Every Member Canvass through its various channels.

Service: “They that be with us” in performing deeds of loving service have been, like Elisha, merciful to those in their immediate
vicinity. The department of Personal Service has been under the direction of Mrs. M. A. Treadwell, North Little Rock, and she reports that 6,491 people have been engaged in personal service during the year, the results of which have been the establishment of 74 family altars and 152 conversions. The amount of money spent in direct personal service of the missionary organizations has amounted to $4,764.67, while several thousand dollars was given to other local benevolent work in addition to this.

Beside their personal service work, the Baptist women support the charitable efforts of our various institutions. Mrs. R. C. Rudisill, Little Rock, State Chairman of Hospital and White Cross work, reports that 2,116 pieces of linen valued at $627.54 and 2,486 jars of fruit valued at $797.18 have been given to the Baptist State Hospital and the Davis Hospital. In addition to these gifts, new furnishings to the amount of $500.40, miscellaneous gifts of $208.89, and "charity dollars" to the amount of $1,643.67 have been received.

The Bottoms Baptist Orphanage also receives much support from W. M. U. members. The children are largely clothed by missionary societies, with a few other organizations assisting, and Mrs. C. R. Pugh, Assistant Superintendent of the Orphanage, has been an interesting speaker at many of our general meetings. Woman's Missionary Union pledges each year the sum of $600 to pay for help in the kitchen and dining room and we have never failed to raise that amount.

**Missionary Education of Young People:** "They that be with us" in our interest and effort for the missionary education of young people may likewise be enumerated by the hundreds, although we do not yet have as many people who are willing to lead Sunbeam Bands, Girls' Auxiliaries, Royal Ambassador Chapters, and Young Woman's Auxiliaries as we should have. This department has been under the direction of Miss Margaret Hutchison during the year, and we believe that the enthusiasm of the young people in their organizations is showing a decided increase. Last March the Girls' Auxiliary Conference was held at Central College with 92 in attendance. Mrs. R. K. Redwine, Alabama, and Miss Emily Beck, Oklahoma, were the guest speakers. In April 183 young women attended the annual banquet for Y. W. A. members which was held in Pine Bluff at the Annual Meeting. Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn and Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence were the honored guests. In July camps for Y. W. A., G. A., and R. A. members were held three succeeding weeks at the Little Rock Boys' Club Camp twenty miles west of Little Rock. A total of 131 attended the three camps. Rev. and Mrs. Harley Smith Brazil, and Miss Mary Ellen Caver, former missionary to Africa, were the missionary speakers.

**Conclusion:** Truly as we review the period from the last Convention until this goodly hour we know that God's guiding hand has been with us and that our own mountains, whether they were the knolls of difficulty or the hills of achievement, were filled with His "horses and chariots of fire" by which we shall eventually ride with Him to victory in the salvation of the lost and the training of His hosts. If God be for us then "they that be with us are more than they that be with them."

**COMBINED REPORT OF W. M. U. EMPLOYEES**

(Four women employed seven months; two employed last five months.)

Letters received .......................................................... 3,630
Letters written .......................................................... 3,905
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<td>Young People's Camps and Conferences conducted</td>
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### Office Expenses

**Salaries**

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<td>Mrs. W. D. Pye</td>
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<td>Miss Margaret Hutchison</td>
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<td>Miss Elsie Harrison (6 months)</td>
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Total salaries: $3,540.00

**Traveling Expenses**

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<td>Mrs. W. D. Pye</td>
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<td>Miss Margaret Hutchison</td>
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Total traveling Expenses: 333.10

**Printing W. M. U. Minutes** | 176.80
**Office supplies, printing and stationery** | 332.80
**Postage** | 194.00
**Telephone and telegraph** | 101.48
**Rent** | 420.00
**Baptist Advance for W. M. U. page** | 120.00
**Insurance on office furniture** | 2.98
**Auditing** | 90.00
**Mrs. J. L. Hawkins, Recording Secretary** | 55.00
**Mimeograph** | 53.34
**Sundry expenses** | 25.03

Total paid by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention: $5,444.53

**Paid by W. M. U. from Expense Fund**

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<td>President's traveling expense</td>
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<td>Postage Week of Prayer literature</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous expense</td>
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Total paid by Woman's Missionary Union: 975.68

Total expense of W. M. U. office and field work: $6,420.21

### Reported Gifts

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<td>Home Missions</td>
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Thank Offering for Home Missions ........................................ 2,921.71
State Missions and other State objects ................................. 12,902.12
Special Offering to State Missions .................................... 2,390.43
Cash to Orphans' Home .................................................... 4,001.75
Value Boxes to Orphans' Home ........................................... 1,558.92
Co-operative Program and Southwide Objects ......................... 14,278.59
Associational Missions ..................................................... 996.73
City Missions ..................................................................... 2,206.50
Hospital Charity .................................................................. 2,928.30
Value Hospital Supplies ..................................................... 731.19
Christian Education ............................................................ 1,887.94
Special Gifts to Baptist Bible Institute ................................. 5,467.50
District Budget ................................................................... 2,349.71
Local Church Expense .......................................................... 56,970.39
Cash for Personal Service and Local Benevolence .................. 12,134.54
Miscellaneous Gifts ............................................................. 6,550.85

Total Gifts Reported ............................................................. $156,919.29

Gifts of Young People included in above $8,253.32.

(Of the above tables the Report of W. M. U. Employees and the Reported Gifts extend from October 1, 1930 to October 1, 1931. The report of Office Expense covers the fiscal year of this Convention, November 1, 1930 to November 1, 1931.)

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. D. PYE,
Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer
and Chairman of Committee on
W. M. U. work.

Committee—
Mesdames W. D. Pye
J. M. Prince
Oscar Barkdale
L. G. Whitehorn
Gus Rusher
Roland Stiles
I. B. Hodges
W. L. Leach
W. S. Johnson

46. The discussion of the report of the Commission of Education was re-opened at this time.

47. After a lengthy and free discussion by many brethren, the report of the Education Commission was adopted after being amended.

Education Commission

Report of the Education Commission to the
Baptist State Convention
November, 1931.
Batesville, Ark.

Preamble—

This Commission was appointed at the request of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention one year ago in the city of Fort Smith.
The resolution adopted by the Convention creating the Commission is as follows:

WHEREAS, That the income of this Convention has by a long series of years been shown to be inadequate for the support of our educational institutions; and,

WHEREAS, The march of progress and the acute pressure of competition in education are pressing every year more and more burdensome obligations upon us to put educational work upon a standard basis; and,

WHEREAS, As the times and conditions seem to demand that some vital constructive changes be brought about in our plans and policies;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: (First) That an Education Commission of nine members be appointed by the President of this Convention in conference with the President and one other member of each of the Boards of Trustees of Schools of this Convention, the President of this Convention to serve as Chairman of this Education Commission: (Second) It shall be the duty of this Commission to make a careful study of the whole educational situation in regard to the denominational schools and Christian education in Arkansas and, based upon such study to formulate and propose a wise educational policy for Baptists in Arkansas and report the same to the Baptist Convention at its next meeting.

The following named brethren compose the Commission:

Otto Whittington, Little Rock, Chairman

By order of the Convention

J. R. Grant, Russellville
O. C. Harvey, Stuttgart
J. R. Allen, Pine Bluff
J. T. Richardson, Fordyce
J. Q. Wolfe, Batesville
E. L. Compere, El Dorado
O. J. Wade, Texarkana
W. R. Donham, Little Rock

The Presidents of our Educational Institutions were invited to attend each meeting.

An effort was made in the selection of the Commission to secure a representative Committee. And the Commission wishes the Convention to take notice that we were to face our task without bias or prejudice, for or against any institution, but wholly in the interest of the Convention in general. This we have tried to do.

The first task of the Commission was to make a thorough educational survey. The Presidents of our Colleges, Dr. C. D. Johnson, Dr. J. S. Rogers and Rev. L. G. Whitehorn were requested, by the Commission, to accumulate the facts of the survey and present them at its next meeting. This was done in a most admirable way. These men have cooperated with, and have been of incomparable help to, the Commission.

THE SCOPE OF THE SURVEY

The educational survey has included the study of three types of Educational Institutions. The State College, the Church of Denominational College and the Municipal College. Church Colleges include those under Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian control. State
schools include the State University, Teachers Colleges, Agricultural and Mechanical Colleges and some Junior Colleges.

In this survey we have not confined ourselves to the state institutions alone but have carefully studied the history, growth and methods of many of the leading Colleges of the United States. We have had access to many magazines, educational bulletins, address and newspaper articles on the trend and development of education throughout the country. By correspondence and by personal interview we have conferred with many outstanding educators in and out of the state.

We have made a thorough study of the conditions of Liberal Art Colleges, the types of Ouachita and Central, in other states; and we have used every facility of which we know to come to an accurate, sane and sound conclusion that we might be able to present to you the wisest educational policy possible.

We have made a thorough and minute survey of the schools in our own state, including thirteen different institutions for the past few years.

I. From the standpoint of the student. The survey covered the following:
   1. The opening enrollment.
   2. The total enrollment.
   3. Number of college students.
   4. Number in summer school.
   5. Number in High School department.
   6. Number in Professional schools.
   7. Number of Baptists.
   8. Number of Methodists.
   9. Number of Presbyterians.
   10. Number of Christians.
   11. Number of Others.

II. Financially:
   1. Amount spent by the college on each student.
   2. Amount paid by each student.
   3. Comparison of tuition and fees.
   4. Endowments.

The figures in the survey reflect the absolute facts about the condition, the trend and the future necessities for the liberal arts denominational college, not only in Arkansas but throughout the country.

The Findings of the Commission

I. In General:
   1. We find that the education trend is toward large colleges and universities in the interest of efficiency, economy, enlargement and a wider field of usefulness.
   2. That Methodists and Presbyterians are already consolidating and moving their schools for the above reasons and to save them from either an early death or a struggling existence.
   3. That almost all large colleges and universities of the United States are located in large population centers.
   4. That quite a number of these institutions were first located in small towns where they could not be maintained, were moved to larger cities and have had marvelous growth.
   5. We find that the conditions that made it necessary for those schools to relocate or consolidate in other years are more imperative now than they have ever been.
6. The geographic survey shows that the great majority of students come from a very small circle around the school. We must take our schools to the people if we are to expect the people to flock to our schools.

7. That a college must have students and money if it is to stem the tide of modern educational development.

8. It has been clearly shown that both these, namely, students and money can be had in greater abundance in large population centers than in small ones.

II. Our Findings in Particular:

1. There has been a decrease in the number of Baptist Schools in Arkansas. Five academies have been discontinued; Central College has been reduced from a senior college to a junior college, leaving only one degree granting Baptist College in Arkansas.

2. The number of State Schools for whites has been increased since 1909 from one to twelve. Before 1909 the State University was the only State School. Now we have the University, Teachers Colleges at Conway, Harrison and Arkadelphia, Agricultural and Industrial Schools at Mena, Beebe, Huntsville, Clinton, Russellville, Magnolia, Jonesboro and Monticello.

3. There has been a constant decrease in enrollment in Baptist Colleges more especially since 1925 when the agricultural schools became Junior A. and M. Colleges.

4. A continuous increase of Baptist students in State Schools has been shown year by year.

5. Tuition and fees have been constantly increased from year to year in Baptist Colleges.

6. State Schools, twelve in number, tax-supported, offer free tuition to all students. Only minimum fees are charged.

7. Every Baptist College in Arkansas is located in a city in which there is a state tax-supported college with free tuition. Ouachita is in Arkadelphia with Henderson State Teachers College; Central College in Conway with Arkansas State Teachers College, and Jonesboro Baptist College in Jonesboro with Jonesboro Agricultural and Mechanical College. The result is that the enrollment in our Baptist Colleges has been very materially reduced, while the number of Baptist students in these tax-supported schools has constantly increased. Then why should we continue to operate schools in those towns where the state has so well provided with schools by taxes of which we pay a part. In those communities we are paying dearly to do what the state offers to do for nothing.

8. The number of students in all the Colleges of the Arkansas Baptist Convention could be taught by one faculty no larger than that of Ouachita College thus eliminating duplication of courses of study and the expense entailed in the maintenance of the faculties of three separate colleges. The large and needless administrative expense would also be eliminated. The denomination is paying dear for this overlapping in our education policy.

9. The competition which formerly existed between Ouachita College, Baptist, and Henderson-Brown, Methodist, both in Arkadelphia, has shifted. Baptists now attend Henderson State Teachers College in larger numbers both because Henderson is not a Methodist College and invites members of all churches, and because free tuition is offered.

10. Before 1909 one-half of the Baptist students attending college in Arkansas were in Baptist Colleges. Since 1925 there has not been a constant increase of Baptist students in State Colleges but there has been actual decrease in the number of Baptist students.
in Baptist schools until the ratio now is approximately five Baptist students in state schools to one Baptist student in our Baptist Schools.

11. The trend from church colleges to state schools is nation wide. Surveys in other southern states in particular reveal a similar situation. Presbyterians, Methodists and other denominations have merged their schools to preserve them.

12. State schools, especially universities, are introducing courses in religion. The University of Iowa has a school of religion as a regular part of the curriculum thus indicating the activity on the part of the University to cover the field of religion so long covered by the church college.

13. The various denominations are establishing Bible and religious educational departments near the state school campuses so that students may get courses in religion while attending the state school. All of this makes it increasingly hard for the liberal arts denominational college to live.

14. The greatly increased financial burden of operating our schools with a decreased enrollment is becoming unreasonable and unbearable under the present policy: To say nothing of the absolute necessity of repairs, improvements, including greatly needed buildings, library, scientific equipment and etc., which must be provided soon.

15. It is not an experiment but a demonstrated fact that consolidation of schools into one system has resulted in great efficiency and economy in many states. The necessity of relocation of one or more church schools in other states has resulted in greatly increased enrollment and reduced expenses furnishing us a splendid example for procedure.

Recommendations:

Acting under your orders of one year ago, after long, careful and exhaustive survey and study of all our educational problems, and after restudying the history and methods of the larger colleges and universities of the country, magazines, educational bulletins, addresses and articles by leading educators, education surveys, made both by the state and by those who operate Liberal Art Church Colleges, we come to unanimously recommend the following:

1. That all our educational institutions, under Convention control, be coordinated into one large Baptist University.

2. That this University be located near the center of the population of the state.

3. That the curriculum and departments of education in this University be laid out on a basis to meet the demand and supply the education need of this and future generations of a great and growing commonwealth. At the same time preserving and maintaining absolute allegiance to Christian Education and denominational support and control.

4. That these recommendations be carried out as soon as practicable and possible.

5. That this Convention create a competent representative Education Commission of at least nine members to carry out the above recommendations, to negotiate for a location, to receive propositions and bids and to negotiate for the disposal of any educational property we now have.

6. That this Commission be given the authority to set up the necessary organization to do its work, to call the Executive Board or the Convention, or both, together and to proceed with its plans only upon the approval of the Executive Board and the Convention.
7. That the Boards of Trustees of our Education Institutions be, and are hereby, instructed to cooperate with the Commission and the Executive Board in carrying out the above recommendations.

Commission:
Otto Whittington, Chairman.
J. R. Grant
O. C. Harvey
J. R. Allen
J. T. Richardson
E. L. Compere
O. J. Wade
W. R. Donham

48. The Convention adjourned.
49. Charles D. Johnson led in closing prayer.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

50. B. B. Cox led the congregation in singing “How Firm a Foundation”, “Near the Cross” and “What a Friend We Have”.
51. E. A. Petroff conducted devotional exercises using 2 Tim: 3:16 and 17.
52. W. A. Forbes led in prayer.
53. F. M. Powell representing the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary spoke at this time.
54. H. F. Vermillion spoke in behalf of the Relief and Annuity Board.
55. W. T. Conner, of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, addressed the Convention.
56. B. B. Cox read the following report on Ministerial Relief and Annuity. It was adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF AND ANNUITIES

The Relief and Annuity Board is one of the youngest agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. While it has not been operating as long as some of the other Boards it has made splendid progress. Our Baptist people have been slow to recognize their obligation to their old preachers and those dependent upon them. Paul said, “The laborer is worthy of his hire.” These servants of God and the churches haven’t been given an even break with others to prepare for old age. In most cases their salaries have not been sufficient to provide for the future. The preachers whose salaries have been adequate to make provision for the future have felt so keenly the needs of the Kingdom, that they have returned to the churches and the denomination practically all their income, above the necessities of economic living. A mighty host of the worthy veterans of the cross have been shamefully neglected.

Some large donations to the Board has enabled it to carry on in the face of the declining receipts from the Co-operative Program. There are at present 1304 Relief Beneficiaries on the roll. The sum of $136,000 is available for this number. There are at present 150 applicants on the waiting list because of the lack of funds.
The old annuity plan still operates. It has been closed, however, to new members. There are at present 1525 members enrolled in this department. Funds are set aside to take care of all policies in this department, which will continue until all obligations in the contract have been fulfilled.

A new department has been set up in which the preacher pays a percent of his salary and the church supplements it with a sufficient amount to provide a reasonable income at the age of 65 or to his dependants in case of his death. It also provides for an income of disability.

We recommend that our Executive Board be instructed to at least take care of the beneficiaries from Arkansas.

Signed:

B. V. Ferguson
E. D. Estes
W. N. Deaton
H. G. Thomasson
J. I. Owens
E. S. Elliott
G. D. Faulkner

57. J. P. Edmunds read the report on Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work, which was adopted after he had discussed it.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. DEPARTMENT OF THE
EXECUTIVE BOARD ARKANSAS BAPTIST CONVENTION

NOVEMBER 1ST, 1930—OCTOBER 31ST, 1931

J. P. EDMUNDS, State Secretary
MRS. GRACE HAMILTON, Office Secretary

Important Dates in 1932

Seven District Sunday School Superintendents’ Conferences—February 15th to February 27th.
State Sunday School Conference—Tentative Date, April 5-7.
Six District B. Y. P. U. Conventions—May 27-June 3.
Siloam Summer Assembly—July 4-13.
State Baptist Student Union Convention—Conway, November 3-5.

Our Field, Feats, Force, and Forecast

OUR FIELD

God has wonderfully blessed Southern Baptists. We have just passed through a most unusual and a most difficult year, from a financial point of view. But God’s blessings have been as many as money was scarce. Last year baptismal waters were stirred 198,579 times by Southern Baptist preachers, which was an increase of 22,948 baptisms over the previous year. For the past ten years we have been baptising new converts at the rate of 605 every day in every week in every month in every year and the average is without vacation. Last year our Sunday school enrollment increased at a rate of
3,125 for every Sunday in the year, making a total for the year of 162,518. Likewise, our B. Y. P. Us have grown at a rate of 626 for every Sunday in the year, making a total gain for the year of 32,571. And all of this during a year of unusual depression. Arkansas has shared in these gains in proportion to our denominational strength. Truly may we say, "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

But what of our unfinished task? To intelligently study our field is to discover facts and a challenge as staggering as our record is glorious. Note a few interesting figures:

Population of Arkansas (white and colored) ........................................ 1,853,981
Unchurched population of Arkansas ................................................. 1,232,674
Arkansas Baptist Sunday school possibilities ................................. 584,339
Present Sunday school enrollment ............................................... 84,339
Our Sunday school challenge ......................................................... 500,000
Churches without B. Y. P. U.s ..................................................... 151
Total B. Y. P. U. possibilities ..................................................... 36,287
Present B. Y. P. U. enrollment ....................................................... 15,747
Our B. Y. P. U. challenge ............................................................. 20,540

The above challenge is both inspiring and staggering. It is not an impossible task. On the contrary, it is quite possible when Arkansas Baptists recognize this as an outstanding missionary opportunity and are able to visualize, in the place of figures, these one million souls who are without Christ; thousands, many of whom are our own church members, who do not study God's Word; and a great host of Baptist young people who need the training of the B. Y. P. U.

**OUR FEATS**

When we compare the tremendous field before us with the small report which we are able to make we immediately raise the question, "Are we matching our God-given opportunity with our God-given resources?" On the other hand, we must recognize that figures and even words refuse to indicate the real progress that has been made. Lives have been touched, souls have been stirred and won to Christ; organizations have been strengthened, resolutions have been made and God has been glorified in the work which this Department promotes. With the smallest budget in the history of the Department, the demands have been far greater than the funds would permit. With no field help, with the exception of a few weeks made possible by the Sunday School Board in the work of our Approved Workers, and volunteer workers available, the secretary of the Department has been forced to give much of his time to associational conferences and training schools in order to touch the largest number of organizations and individuals possible. As much as possible he has gone to individual churches in country, town and city for training schools and enlargement campaigns. Each of these was marked with a fine interest and attendance. All state meetings were well attended and financed within the budget of the Department. This includes the Siloam summer assembly which recorded its best attendance, spirit and program in many years. The following figures speak for themselves, indicating in their own way the work of this Department:

S. S. Normal Course Diplomas issued ............................................. 620
S. S. Seals issued ........................................................................... 1,934
Administration Diplomas issued ................................................... 231
Administration Seals issued ......................................................... 138
Total S. S. Awards issued ........................................... 2,923
Standard Sundry schools ........................................... 22
Standard last year .................................................. 18
Normal Course Diploma holders .................................... 7,727
Normal Course Seal holders ....................................... 21,937
Daily Vacation Bible schools conducted ........................ 10
B. Y. P. U. Diplomas issued ...................................... 2,941
B. Y. P. U. Seals issued .......................................... 2,906
Total B. Y. P. U. awards .......................................... 5,847
Standard B. Y. P. U.'s during year .............................. 85
Standard General Organizations ................................... 2
Total Sunday schools in state ..................................... 676
Sunday school enrollment .......................................... 84,339
Increase over previous year ....................................... 2,489
Total B. Y. P. U.'s in state ...................................... 783
B. Y. P. U. enrollment ............................................ 15,747
Personal letters written .......................................... 2,634
General letters written ........................................... 3,672
Promotional literature sent out .................................. 30,387
Churches visited ................................................... 84
Addresses delivered ................................................ 267
Conferences conducted ............................................. 88
Miles traveled ....................................................... 18,500

OUR FORCE

Only through the leadership and guidance of our Heavenly Father, the hearty co-operation of Arkansas Baptists and the financial support of the Baptist Sunday School Board has this report been possible. Secretary B. L. Bridges and his office have co-operated in every possible way. Pastors, educational directors, Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. officers and leaders in large numbers have contributed greatly to this program. Especial recognition should be given to Dr. I. J. VanNess and the Baptist Sunday School Board for their wonderful support. Needless to say, we could not have operated this year without this support. However, in the light of their past interest and support and the prospects that Arkansas Baptists can do more State Mission work next year because of our new financial program, your secretary urges that the Sunday School Board be relieved of its full support of this Department. Whatever the Board should give should be on a co-operative basis. Such an appropriation would not only guarantee more field work through this Department but would relieve the Sunday School Board of a responsibility which they should not be asked to assume, namely, the full support of a state department.

We have had associated with us this year Mrs. E. Rawlings and Miss Jean Laseter as Approved Elementary and Intermediate Workers, whose services were made possible by the Sunday School Board. Pastors and other volunteer workers in large numbers have assisted in our training classes teaching in nearby and even far-distant churches. More and more we are having to call on these workers because of the many demands upon our office.

Mrs. H. V. Hamilton has been the efficient office secretary for almost three years. Her work of writing letters, issuing awards, sending our promotional literature and other general office work has been most efficiently done and we register here our appreciation of her and her work.
OUR FORECAST

The privilege of forecasting the work of this Department for another year is not within our power. We can only pray that God will move upon the hearts of Arkansas Baptists to see our field white unto harvest and then give that we might "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." If this is done, the future is as bright as the promises of God.

"Challenge thy people, Jehovah of hosts!
Speak as of old at this hour;
Silence alike their complaints and their boasts;
Challenge thy people with power".

"Speak to them out of the pillar of cloud,
Speak from the pillar of flame,
Show them their sin, lest they dare to be proud,
Show them their weakness and shame".

"Give them a task that will drain their heart's blood
Lead on a wilderness way;
Call them to conquest through fire and blood;
Challenge thy people today!"

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. EDMUNDS,
State Sunday School and
B. Y. P. U. Secretary.

58. Mrs. E. Rawlings and Miss Jean Lassiter, workers of the S. S. Board, were introduced.

59. W. R. Donham read the report on Hospitals. After discussion by B. A. Wilkes, of Missouri, it was received.

BAPTIST STATE HOSPITAL ANNUAL REPORT TO ARKANSAS BAPTIST CONVENTION, BATESVILLE
NOVEMBER, 1931

ACTIVITY ANALYSIS

Baptists ....................... 585 Surgical Cases ................. 631
Methodists ..................... 404 Medical Cases ............... 1,295
Presbyterians .................. 87 Obstetrical Cases .......... 171
Catholics ....................... 46 New Born .................. 158
Episcopals ..................... 21 Diagnostic .................. 23
Other Religions ............... 226 Not Treated ................. 9
Unclassified .................... 722
Out Patients ................... 196

Total ........................ 2,287

Total Patients ................ 2,287 Total Patient Days ...... 16,666
CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET

November 10, 1931

Assets

Current—

Cash on hand and in banks ......................... $ 4,506.16
Inventory — Pharmacy ................................ 3,372.79
Accounts and Notes Receivable—Net of Reserves ................................................................. 8,671.79

Total Current Assets .................................................. $ 16,550.51

Fixed Assets—

Land and Building—Appraised Value ................ $808,081.10
Equipment—Furniture and Fixtures—
  Appraised Value ............................................ 113,179.73
Other Fixed Assets—Cost ................................. 8,083.43

Total Fixed Assets .................................................. 929,344.26

Other Assets—

Real Estate—From Alma Fones Estate ............ $ 575.00
Diamond Ring—Appraised Value ........................ 1,250.00
Claim—American Exchange Trust Company .......... 4,541.36

Total Other Assets .................................................. 6,366.36

Prepaid Insurance and Supplies ..................... 2,046.58

Total Assets .......................................................... $954,307.71

Liabilities and Surplus

Current Liabilities—

Accounts Payable—Prior to 11-1-28 ............. $ 1,476.20
Accrued Interest on Certificates of Indebtedness ......................................................... 3,316.81
Notes Payable—Prior to 11-1-1928 ............... 2,590.00

Total Current Liabilities ....................................... $ 7,383.01

Deferred Credits—Nurses' Annual .................. 117.50
Certificates of Indebtedness—6%—Outstanding—
  Past Due ....................................................... 35,818.01

(Issued for Debts prior to 11-1-1928)

Other Liabilities—

Executive Board, Arkansas Baptist State Convention 526,755.87

Surplus—

From Appreciation ........................................... $431,130.64
Operating Surplus—Deficit ............................. —46,897.32

Net Surplus ......................................................... $384,233.32

Total Liabilities and Surplus .......................... $954,307.71
Condensed Statement of Income and Expense,
Year Ended November 10, 1931

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Other Expense and Deductions:
- Finance Board—Salary and Expenses: $2,307.46
- Interest Accrued on Certificates of Indebtedness: 2,149.20
- Adjustments of Accounts Receivable: 475.06

Total Other Expense and Deductions: 4,931.72

Net Profit for the Year: $10,304.79

Comparative Condensed Statements of Income and Expense for the Years 1931-1930-1929

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We hereby certify that we have audited the books of accounts and records of the Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock, Arkansas, for the year ended November 10, 1931, and that in our opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and Statement of Income and Expense correctly sets forth their financial position on November 10, 1931, and the operations for the year.

REBSAMEN, BROWN & COMPANY,
Members American Institute of Accountants

High Lights for 1931

IMPROVEMENTS

Bought new suction machine.
Resodded and reworked hospital grounds.
Planted shrubbery all around building.
Bought new washing machine.
Repaired and repainted nine operating rooms and corridors.
Repainted third floor.
Installed gas and fixtures on colored ward.
Installed drinking fountains on three floors.
Installed new cooking range.
Repainted kitchen and dining rooms.
Bought 15 new tables and 60 chairs for nurses' dining room.
Repainted all stairways.
Resurfaced ambulance entrance.
Bought new noiseless typewriter.
Bought special operating room light.
Bought silver service for hospital.
No indebtedness subsequent to October 1, 1928.

RELIGION

We regret to announce the recent death of Mr. S. A. Stearns. Mrs. Stearns in charge of religious work has given a full year to a most important work. There were 4,644 Good Cheer visits, 70 Bible classes, 120 Bible readings, 240 religious conversations, 1,155 tracts distributed, 190 prayer meetings, 28 Y. W. A. meetings, 8 B. S. U. meetings, 4 reclaimed, and 13 conversions to Christ.

OTHER HOSPITAL ACTIVITIES

Entertained a meeting of the American College of Surgeons. Secured passage of two laws advantageous to all hospitals. Superintendent of Hospital elected President Arkansas Hospital Association. Secured Rock Island Hospitalization Contract. Reapproved by American College of Surgeons. Graduated 18 Nurses. Functioned as Army Hospital during encampment of Citizens’ Military Camp and three regiments of Arkansas National Guard. Sent Superintendent to Toronto, Canada, to read paper on Hospital Economy, on invitation of Protestant Hospital Association. The Baptist State Hospital has been closer to proper functioning the past six months than in previous two and one-half years. Given support, prosperity and future of our hospital is assured.

LEE C. GAMMILL,
Superintendent.

November 16th, 1931.

Below will be found the report for Davis Hospital.

TO THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION
TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT DAVIS HOSPITAL

Pine Bluff, Arkansas

November 1, 1930 to October 31, 1931

Patients admitted to the Hospital during year—872—of which 498 were surgical cases

Cash on Hand November 1, 1930 ..............................................$ 317.02
Operating Receipts .............................................................$28,698.71
Contributions Received—
    Jefferson County ......................................................... 1,100.00
    City of Pine Bluff ....................................................... 100.00
Harrisburg W. M. U. .................................................. 10.00
Arkansas Baptist W. M. U. ........................................... 81.89
Others ................................................................. 81.89

Total Receipts ........................................................ $30,009.31

$30,326.33

Operating Expenses .................................................. $28,899.71
Paving Tax ............................................................. 50.85
Equipment ............................................................... 783.69
Bad Checks Charged Off ............................................. 139.05
Christian Worker ....................................................... 120.00

Total Disbursements .................................................. $29,993.30
Cash on Hand October 31, 1931 ..................................... $ 333.03

Services rendered to Faculty, Student Nurses, Doctors, Ministers and their families during the year and no pay ................................................... 568.65
Charity ................................................................. 2,557.15
Checks Returned and no Good ........................................ 139.05

Loss of Revenue to the Hospital ................................... $ 3,264.85
Accounts and Notes Receivable ................................ ....... $ 2,939.33

The Hospital paid $350.00 and Interest balance of note due November 1, 1930, also paid twelve notes of $35.33 or a total of $423.96 at the Simmons National Bank, leaving only four more notes of $35.33 due on the Kelvinator.

Insurance carried on the Hospital Building, Furniture and Fixtures:

- Fire ........................................................................ $88,000.00
- Tornado ................................................................... 50,000.00
- Explosion ............................................................... 56,000.00

No new Assets have been set up this year as very little has been bought except real necessities.

The Cash Income for the year ending October 31, 1931, was $15,030.78 less than for the year ending October 31, 1930, necessitating the practice of the most rigid economy.

Operating Staff

1—Superintendent—Mrs. J. P. Ferguson.
1—Operating Supervisor—Mrs. Christine Needham.
1—Floor Supervisor—Miss L. Priddy.
1—Historian—Bookkeeper—Mrs. Don Maxey.
1—Kitchen Supervisor—Mrs. J. W. Gray.
18—Student Nurses.
1—House Man.
3—Domestics.

27—Total Employee’s.

Board Members Elected by this Convention in 1930.

E. W. Freeman, term expires November, 1931.
John W. Reap, term expires November, 1931.
H. F. Dial, term expires November, 1932.

(H. F. Dial elected to fill unexpired term of J. W. Holt who resigned).
W. E. Bobo, term expires November, 1932.
W. P. Keith, term expires November, 1933.
Chas. A. Gordon, term expires November, 1933.

Board Members Elected by the Above Board in Accordance with this
Conventions Direction of 1928

Judge R. W. Williams, term expires November, 1931.
Harvey Hogg, term expires November, 1932.
W. W. Taylor, term expires November, 1932.
Henry Marx, term expires November, 1933.
T. L. Brummett, term expires November, 1933.

Through the co-operation of the Woman's Auxiliary Board of
the Davis Hospital, with the Hospital Board a religious worker is
maintained in the Hospital, and is rendering a very valuable service.

Fraternally submitted,

JNO. W. REAP, Chairman of Board.

60. The following brethren were introduced:

New Pastors: Irvin M. Prince, West Helena; E. S.
Elliott, Paris; E. H. Westmoreland, Monticello; Theo. T.
James, Heber Springs; Joe Stiles, H. R. Jackson, Kelley
Barnett, Don Hooks, James Draper, Paul Elledge.

Visitors: Ben M. Bogard of Little Rock, and F. D.
Dodson of Tennessee.

61. The Convention adourned.
62. Ben M. Bogard led in closing prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

63. Roland Lawrence led the congregation in sing-
ing “Power in the Blood” and “Leaning on the Ever-
lasting Arms.”

64. T. J. D. King led the devotional.

65. Otto Whittington led in prayer.

66. Motion carried that the report of the Committee
on Nominations be made a special order at 2:00 p. m.

67. O. J. Wade offered a resolution, which was re-
ferred to the Committee on Resolutions:

68. Thomas L. Harris read the report on Steward-
ship.

STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship of possessions is being emphasized now among the
Baptist churches of the Southern Baptist Convention as never be-
fore. At last, we are awakening to the fact that God has already
given us a very clear and simple plan of stewardship in the Scrip-
tures. The Scriptural plan of stewardship is based upon the idea
of Divine Ownership and human trusteeship. A steward is one who
is intrusted with the property and interests of his master to admin-
ister his affairs for him, with the understanding that an accounting
would be required at some stated time. Yet, in the face of this
revelation, there seems to be still differing opinions as to what actual stewardship involves. Some acknowledge God as absolute owner and that He will demand a strict accounting of all His affairs at our hands; others profess to believe that He is an absentee owner and has no concern for the interests He has left behind, and we may administer His affairs as we see fit—with no fear of reprimand from Him—and however careless we may be in that duty, we fully expect to hear the Welcome well done promised to the faithful. Then, of course, there is that group who would have us believe that there is no God and that they are accountable to no one. Many Christians profess to believe in God’s absolute ownership and that a strict accounting will be required and will, still, in their conduct, act as though He were not. It is not a matter as to which of these beliefs we profess to adhere to, but which one do we practice? “A profession that does not square with expression means nothing”. Therefore, the necessity for a clear expression of the teachings of the Book on the question of stewardship becomes paramount. That God is both Creator and Redeemer and all redeemed should show forth such faith in life and practice. For, certainly “It is required in a steward that a man be found faithful”. And the proper recognition of such obligation is to be seen in the manner in which we respond to this demand in the light of His manifold blessings upon us.

The outstanding motives for putting into practice in our lives this divine plan of stewardship is the authority and power we ascribe to our Creator, who made us and redeemed us from the curse of sin, and sustains us by the right hand of His power. For in Him “we live and move and have our being”. Not only do we fully recognize His power and supreme right to our whole hearted allegiance, but “He holdeth the wealth of the world in His hands; the cattle upon a thousand hills belong to him and to whomsoever He will this wealth may be given” for full well we know it is God that giveth us the power to make money. Again, the Lordship of Jesus constrains us to lay our diadems at His pierced feet, who loved us and gave Himself up for us all. Surely, such love and sacrifice demands my soul, my life, my all. And, again, the Scriptures clearly promise unmeasured blessing upon those who are faithful in discharge of their trusteeship and their names are legion who joyfully testify that this word is true. All too few of His own have really tested and found true that it is more blessed to give than to get. For getting brings no lasting joy but rather a renewed obligation, but the giver is promised rich reward both here and in the world to come.

The scriptural plan of giving, as delivered by Paul to the church at Corinth, is complete and fulfills every scriptural requirement. Let everyone of you lay by Him in store on the first day of the week as God hath prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come. Everyone a giver every week and according to His income, which plan will provide sufficient funds.

THOMAS L. HARRIS
WARREN P. CLARK
C. V. HICKERSON
W. S. CAMPBELL

69. W. A. Jackson read the report on Layman’s Work.

LAYMEN’S REPORT

A report on laymen’s work cannot record deeds done in our state during the year by our men as a state-organized body. If we
should undertake to recount the labors and services of our Baptist men in their respective churches, the account would be endless. We acknowledge, with grateful hearts, the loyal support given by a vast army of consecrated men, who are loyally supporting their pastors, churches and Sunday Schools, and faithfully serving the Lord in their daily lives. We pray that their numbers may be greatly increased.

This Convention, a year ago recognized the important work that so many laymen are doing in their churches and the need for further stimulation of their activity, and appointed a chairman of Laymen's work. But, by the very nature of things, this action could be only a mere gesture, for the one chosen had to give his time to his own business and there were no funds for expenses, not even postage. But, we are not complaining, for we know that this was all that could be done.

Some effort has been made during the year and several conferences have been held to work out some plan of organization that would appeal to our men, and be a means of helping and causing them to grow themselves, and do more effective work as Christians and church members. A general meeting was called in Little Rock in the early summer, which was well attended and at which a sincere and deep interest was manifested. But, nothing definite came as a result of this meeting.

Late in the summer, we were happy to have come to our state Bro. T. J. York, assistant Baptist Brotherhood Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, who is giving his time to work West of the Mississippi river. Another conference was called in Little Rock which Brother York attended, and at which it was decided that the Baptist Brotherhood be adopted as the plan of special work for our men in this state, and an advisory committee was decided upon the named to work with Bro. York, who is to give a part of his time to work in this state.

It is felt that the Baptist Brotherhood Movement should be endorsed and encouraged by pastors, churches and palmen with the hope that, thru it, more of our men may be enlisted and caused to grow and blossom more nearly into the fulness of their Christian possibilities.

We suggest that our pastors and churches call on Brother York and give him a chance to aid them in carrying on the work that the Brotherhood proposes to do. He is here for service; let's use him.

We recommend that our State Convention endorse the Baptist Brotherhood work and urge that Associational Brotherhoods be organized throughout the state. Though in some associations these may be small yet, they can render a valuable service to the moderators and pastors in these associations. In addition to holding their meetings monthly or quarterly, as they may decide, some of the laymen will be able to organize Sunday Schools, hold services in pastorless churches, and conduct study courses for men. This will not only be a great service to the churches, but will be a blessing to the men who participate.

We would further recommend that where it can be done, local church Brotherhoods be organized for the enlistment and utilization of our men.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. JACKSON, Chairman
T. V. GRAY J. G. LILE
T. F. FOREST P. C. BARTON
JIM RILEY L. D. REAGON.
T. J. York discussed the two above reports and they were adopted.

70. J. H. Buchanan nominated the following brethren as Education Commission. They were elected.


71. B. L. Bridges read the report of the Executive Board. The report was received and the recommendations adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR, NOVEMBER 1, 1930 TO OCTOBER 31, 1931

To the messengers of the Baptist Churches of Arkansas in convention assembled in Batesville, November 17, 1931, in the 78th annual session, Grace and Peace be multiplied from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. In giving an account of its stewardship for the fiscal year, November 1, 1930 to October 31, 1931, your Executive Board most respectfully submits the following report:

The all-wise and merciful heavenly Father has most patiently and graciously led Arkansas Baptists through another year, which has been the most trying year, perhaps, that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention has ever experienced. We changed secretaries, defaulted in payment on our debts, found ourselves in the midst of a great monetary deflation and out of the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists. It has required an abundance of grace and patience from the Lord for us to come to this hour without great shame and defeat.

Dr. T. D. Brown, our former General Secretary, resigned and concluded his work with us about January 25, 1931, after a little more than a year of faithful service. The present General Secretary was immediately elected by your Board. Pending his decision regarding the acceptance of the secretarship, he was asked to be Acting General Secretary. At a later date he declined to accept but was again elected by your Board and on April 6, announced his decision to accept, and on June 1, began giving his full time to the secretarship. On February 1, your Board was compelled to default in the payment of interest on our first and refunding mortgage 6%, gold bonds, because special funds, deposited for that purpose, amounting to $18,000.00, had been frozen in bank failures and the churches had not remitted enough funds to take care of the semi-annual interest on our funded debt. Consequently, our people were greatly discouraged and broken in morale because of the danger of losing all our institutions and properties.

Our 1931 Budget

Last year in Fort Smith, our Convention voted the following budget for 1931:
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Less than one-fourth of this amount has actually been sent to our office by the churches. We could not at all, therefore, follow such a schedule in distributing the funds received. We received for the budget during our fiscal year which closed October 31, $32,555.84.

In February 1931, our Acting General Secretary, with the assistance of our property commission, induced our bondholders to name a committee with whom we might be able to negotiate concerning a new arrangement of our funded debt. Unceasing efforts were put forth by our secretary in locating and inducing our bondholders to deposit their bonds with such a committee and authorizing the committee to deal with your board. The Bondholders' Protective Committee, although it had not received authority from all the bondholders, agreed that it was imperative that our offices should operate, and further agreed that the operating expenses of the Executive Office should be taken out of the first money received month by month. Your Board has acted as wisely as it could possibly do in distributing the funds and managing the affairs of the Convention. It has been very difficult on account of existing conditions. We believe that great progress has been made toward the solution of our problem. Our Secretary addressed forty-one of our forty-five associations, endeavoring to inform our people of our conditions and to inspire and encourage them with reference to our challenges and our possibilities.

In addition to the $32,555.84 received on our State Budget, your Board received $29,026.15 designated to other objects, $22,719.43 of which was belated receipts resulting from the debt paying campaign of 1930. All designations have been respected fully. Total contributions passing through our office during the fiscal year closing October 31, 1931, amounted to $61,581.99. Southwide causes and the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage report that they have received from Arkansas $22,743.04 and $12,024.86 respectively. The total amount given, therefore, by Arkansas Baptists during the year was $96,349.89, less $141.75 sent us from other states. Your Board deemed it wise to use the $32,555.84 undesignated receipts for payment of interest to our note holders and for operating expenses, except $2,500.00 remitted to St. Louis Union Trust Company and H. J. Miller, of St. Louis, Trustees named in the indenture of our bond issue, $1260.92 of which has since been used to pay insurance premiums for Mountain Home College.

**Administration**

When we speak of administration we refer solely to the work and office of the General Secretary. There are only two regular employees in the administration office, the General Secretary and the bookkeeper. The bookkeeper has handled the stenographic work, except in emergencies. Since our last convention the salary of the General Secretary has been twice reduced and the salary of the bookkeeper has been reduced once. The General Secretary has secured a 20% reduction in rents for all office space. The entire administration expense for the year was $9925.26, $2,638.99 less than was ex-
pended last year. Miss Ruth DeWoody is our bookkeeper. She is most efficient and thorough in her work. No one could possibly surpass her in efficiency, loyalty, and faithfulness. We would ordinarily pay a bookkeeper of her qualifications and efficiency $200 per month. We are paying her only a little more than half that amount. She really does the work of two employees, that of a bookkeeper and that of a stenographer. During the time when she is closing the books for the year, the work is so heavy we are compelled to hire an extra stenographer. Your Board employed Rev. J. M. Gibbs to assist the General Secretary for about six weeks in helping the churches. On the administrative office rest all the promotional and administrative burdens— the raising of funds, the financing of the entire program, the shifting of financial obligations, the equitable distribution of the moneys received, establishing and maintaining contact with the churches, working with associations, dealing with Southwide Agencies, keeping the good will of our creditors, assisting in co-ordinating the work of our institutions, assisting in keeping insurance policies intact, securing proper audits, and a hundred other nerve-racking responsibilities. We constantly strive to curtail all expenses connected therewith. Our General Secretary, during September and October, addressed forty-one associational meetings and established an unusual contact and relationship between the associations and the work of the convention in general. Two associations merged with others, and one new one was organized. Our office greatly needs a field man.

The Baptist Advance

For several months during the last year, we had no particular editor for the Baptist Advance. The General Secretary, with the help of a stenographer published the paper. There was no one, particularly to promote the paper and of course there was a deficit. On May 1, the paper was leased to Dr. L. M. Sipes and since that time your Board has not been responsible for any monetary obligations connected with the paper, whatsoever. From November 1, 1930 to April 30, 1931, the cost of publishing the Baptist Advance was $4076.55. The income for that same period was $3,419.92, making the operating loss $656.63. Our actual loss was more than this, however, because we did not collect all the accounts. We have been constantly paying on this obligation. In the agreement with Dr. Sipes it was stipulated that your Board pay $20 per issue for the use of the back page and $20 per issue for another page to be divided equally between the W. M. U. Department and the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Department. Your Board has received from the Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Department its pro rata share of the expense and has received from the W. M. U. Department $5 per issue for the half page used by that Department. We believe that the Southwide Agencies, benefiting from our program, should pay us $10 per issue for an interest in the back page of the paper, since all causes Southwide as well as State, are promoted on this page. We have not yet succeeded, however, in making such a contract with the promotion committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The lease contract now in force with Dr. Sipes will cease April 30, 1932. Dr. Sipes will make his own report to this convention. He is exceptionally well equipped for the editorship and is giving us a splendid paper. The paper can be increased in size only when our people support it more fully. Your Board finds that the circulation is all too small and urges our pastors, some of whom are not subscribers to the paper,
to endeavor to increase the circulation of the paper on their representative fields.

**Baptist Book Store**

The Baptist Book Store is jointly owned by the Sunday School Board and your Executive Board. While the store is under the general supervision of the Sunday School Board, our General Secretary is the manager, and Mr. Ira Patishall is the active manager and salesman. The net sales for the year ending April 30, 1931 amounted to $11,005.00 and the net operating loss was $2,430.57. The loss was occasioned partly by salary and expenses to Miss Gulnare McGuire while she was ill, depreciation of Book Store stock and by charging off old accounts.

Our Baptist people should patronize our own book store. If any profit is made it goes back into the denominational work. One can get any book any one wants through this store. The address is "Baptist Book Store, 410 Federal Bank & Trust Bldg., Little Rock, Arkansas."

According to your instructions your Board functions in the field of missions, education and benevolence.

**I. Missions**

Because of an anticipated default in the payments on our funded debt, and because such a default might provoke legal action resulting in our being unable to remit funds to Southwide causes, your Board, as per your instruction, did not undertake to function for denominational interests outside of Arkansas. Therefore we had to do with no missions except State Missions, and only such phases of State Missions, as might be termed promotion work.

**State Missions**

1. **W. M. U. Department.**

   Too much cannot be said for this great agency and department of Arkansas Baptists. The department collected large amounts of money and did a marvelous work of training and enlistment. The corresponding secretary of this department, Mrs. W. D. Pye, makes their own report to this convention. Your Board financed this department, as usual, the amount being $5,444.53.

2. **Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. Department.**

   Secretary J. P. Edmunds will make the report for this department which has served the denomination well. During the year your Board has financed this department, as usual, the amount being $5,203.32, $4140.00 of which was received from the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Upon the request of the General Secretary, the Sunday School Board has almost wholly financed this department since May 1, 1931.

**II. Education**

In the field of education your Board has functioned this year in two ways. It has borne the burden of old education debts, and assisted in operating Mountain Home College

1. **Ouachita College.**

   Ouachita College is our standard Senior Co-educational Institution, located in Arkadelphia. Your Board has had nothing in particular to do with the operation of Ouachita College during the past
year. It has been paying interest on debts occasioned by the College. The Ouachita College Board makes its own report to this Convention.

2. Central College.

Central College is our standardized Junior College for girls and is located in Conway. Your Board has had nothing in particular to do with the operation of Central College, except to assist in carrying through such recommendations as have been made by the convention. Your board has been paying interest on debts occasioned by Central College. The Central College Board makes its own report to this convention.


During the year just closed, your Board paid out to and for Mt. Home College $5,513.26. Mountain Home College operated last year with about forty students. It is operating this year with an increased enrollment. The Mt. Home College Board will make its own report to this Convention.

4. Armo Academy.

Your Board having discontinued the operation of Armo Academy at Blue Eye, Missouri, had decided to deed the property to the local Board of Trustees at Blue Eye, Missouri, but upon investigation by the General Secretary, it was found that this Academy owed $2400.00. We sold the property and paid the debt.

5. Hagarville Academy.

Your Board has discontinued the operation of Hagarville Academy. There is a bare possibility of selling the property to a school district in Johnson County.

III. Benevolences

In the field of benevolence our Convention is operating the Baptist State Hospital in Little Rock, the Davis Hospital in Pine Bluff, and the Bottoms Baptist Orphans' Home at Monticello. Your Board had nothing in particular to do last year with the operating of these benevolent institutions. It has been paying interest, however, on debts occasioned by the Baptist State Hospital and the Orphans' Home. The Boards of these institutions will make their own reports to this Convention.

Over the River

Dr. Geo. L. Hale, Pastor of Pulaski Heights Church and President of your Executive Board, crossed over the river to be with Christ at God's right hand. We have keenly felt the loss occasioned by his home-going.

Finances

Your Board received for State and Southwide causes last year $32,555.84 undesignated, and $29,026.15 designated, of which $22,719.43 was belated receipts from the 1930 debt paying campaign, and $73,488.71 was given by Arkansas Baptists for current support of State and Southwide causes. For State and Southwide causes and the floating debt, Arkansas Baptists gave last year, according to our figures and those furnished us by State and Southwide agencies, $96,208.14.

We find that there is great need of Arkansas Baptists unifying
their efforts and programs and supporting their programs with un-designated funds.

**Recommendations**

We recommend that churches and individuals send their funds to our unified Co-operative Program, as far as it is possible to do, un-designated.

We recommend for the fiscal year, beginning November 1, 1931 and ending October 31, 1932, the following budget:

1. We recommend that we operate under a State and Southwide unified budget for 1932, except for the Bottoms Baptist Orphans' Home.

2. That our budget for 1932 be $100,000.00, divided as follows:

   (1) A preferred item of $22,000.00 for operating expenses, divided as follows:

   
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   Total preferred items ................................ $52,000.00

   (3) $48,000.00 to be divided as follows, on the percentage basis:

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   **$48,000.00** $ 48,000.00

   Total ............................................ $100,000.00

We recommend that the Convention endorse and execute an agreement with its bondholders through the Bondholders' Protective Committee in general, as follows:

**RECOMMENDATIONS—BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**

Whereas, our Arkansas Baptist work is in such an unsettled condition because of the financial depression; and whereas, because of this depression, the Convention finds itself wholly unable to meet its outstanding contracts on bonded indebtedness; or to enter into any new contracts of long-term refinancing with any assurance of ability to meet such new contracts; and whereas, it is the purpose of the Convention to pay all its indebtedness,—

Therefore, be it resolved—

That the Board's Committee on Bonded Indebtedness be instructed to offer to the Bond-holders' Protective Committee a two-year plan of agreement on the following basis:

1. That the Convention agrees to pay 4% interest on bonded indebtedness; payable semi-annually, February 1st and August 1st, the first interest payment to be made August 1932.
2. That this agreement shall begin February 1, 1932, and termi­nate February 1, 1934.

3. That the defaulted interest on bonds shall be added as a part of the principal on February 1, 1932, and shall draw interest at 4% from that date.

4. That the Bondholders shall waive all requirements and claims for payments on principal for this period of two years.

5. That the present bonds be not re-issued; but stand with interest-plus for the two years.

6. That the Board's operating expenses and the bond-indebt­edness-interest charges, shall be set up as preferred items in the Convention Budget.

7. That if the above offer be accepted by the Bondholders' Protective Committee, the Bond Committee of the Executive Board is hereby authorized and instructed to work out all details and do such things as may be necessary to the carrying out of the provisions of this agreement.

We recommend:

That any designated gifts to any agency, whether sent direct to its specific object or sent through the State Board, shall be charge­able against such agency month by month; and the monthly allo­cation made to any such agency shall be reduced in a sum equal to the amount designated for the agency. If the amount designated for any one month to any one agency shall exceed its monthly allo­cation, the excess of such designation shall carry on into the fol­lowing month. It is herein provided that specifically designated gifts, such as endowments or gifts for buildings and other similar objects, shall not be chargeable against the allocation to the agency concerned, unless such specific designation shall be an object named in the operating budget.

We also recommend that our churches make a Thanksgiving offering for the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage on either the Sunday just preceding or the Sunday just following the annual Thanksgiving Day.

We further recommend that the churches promote and conduct a simultaneous intensive and extensive Every-member Canvass for subscriptions to support the church, State Baptist causes and South­wide Baptist causes, on the Bible principle of Stewardship, with the tithe as a minimum standard of Christian giving.

We recommend:

That operating expenses be the first preferred item in our Budget and that bond service be the second preferred item and that after the amount of these items has been deducted from the receipts, the balance be pro rated to the various causes on the percentage basis.
### Executive Board
Arkansas Baptist State Convention
Balance Sheet—October 31, 1931

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* Certificates of Deposit belonging to this Endowment Fund aggregating $13,186.08 were applied on indebtedness due American Exchange Trust Company.

We hereby certify, that we have audited the books of account and records of the General Secretary of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention as of October 31, 1931, and in our opinion, the attached balance sheet correctly sets forth their financial position at that date.

Little Rock, Arkansas
November 12, 1931.

REBSAMEN, BROWN & CO.
Members American Institute Accountants.
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(Note—Column headed “Designated-Direct” represents contributions, not sent through General Secretary’s Office, but sent direct by contributors to Southwide Board or Agencies and to the Baptist Orphanage at Monticello, and reported to the General Secretary’s Office as having been received direct.)
72. C. B. Waller read the following recommendations for the Executive Board, which were adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS—BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

Whereas, our Arkansas Baptist work is in such an unsettled condition because of the financial depression; and whereas, because of this depression, the Convention finds itself wholly unable to meet its outstanding contracts on bonded indebtedness; or to enter into any new contracts of long-term refinancing with any assurance of ability to meet such new contracts; and whereas, it is the purpose of the Convention to pay all its indebtedness,—

Therefore, be it resolved—

That the Board's Committee on Bonded Indebtedness be instructed to offer to the Bond-holders' Protective Committee a two-year plan of agreement on the following basis:

1. That the Convention agrees to pay 4% interest on bonded indebtedness; payable semi-annually, February 1st and August 1st: the payment to be made August 1932.
2. That this agreement shall begin February 1st, 1932, and terminate February 1st, 1934.
3. That the defaulted interest on bonds shall be added as a part of the principal on February 1st 1932, and shall draw interest at 4% from that date.
4. That the Bond-holders shall waive all requirements and claims for payments on principal for this period of two years.
5. That the present bonds be not re-issued; but stand with interest-plus for the two years.
6. That the Board's operating expenses and the bond-indebtedness-interest charges, shall be set up as preferred items in the Convention Budget.
7. That if the above offer be accepted by the Bond-holders' Protective Committee, the Bond Committee of the Executive Board is hereby authorized and instructed to work out all details and do such things as may be necessary to the carrying out the provisions of this agreement.

73. L. M. Sipes offered the following resolutions, which were adopted: (See Resolutions).

74. A cash collection for Mountain Home College, amounting to $114.77 was taken by Pat Murphy.
75. The Convention adjourned.
76. James Draper led in closing prayer.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Committee, recommend that the next meeting of the Convention be held with Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, November 15, 1932, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. C. V. Hickerson, of Russellville, to preach the Annual Sermon; Rev. Karl McClendon, of Springdale, Alternate.

(For Boards, see Boards in front part of Annual.)
FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

77. O. C. Karkalits conducted devotional exercise.
78. L. G. Whitehorn led in prayer.
79. T. H. Jordan read the report of the Committee on Nominations, which was adopted. (See boards).
80. H. A. Zimmerman, a returned missionary from Brazil, spoke on his work in the foreign field.
81. A. B. Cooper read the following report on Foreign Missions, which was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Since the 75 Million Campaign was launched in 1919 to the year 1929 the number of churches on foreign fields has grown from 505 to 1,392; the number of self-supporting churches has increased from 143 to 744. We have now more self-supporting churches in the foreign fields than we had churches when we began that God-inspired effort. The annual number of baptisms reporting during this period has increased from 5,635 to 12,264; the membership in these churches has increased from 49,659 to 147,684; the contributions of the native Christians have increased from $178,372 to $574,786; contributions of Southern Baptists to foreign mission work have increased from $1,382,852 to $1,428,666—a net increase of only $45,814.

In comparing the records of 1929 with 1931, still larger growth is noted along all lines except in our contributions to foreign missions, where there has been a decrease of about $400,000 in these two years.

The financial condition of our Foreign Mission Board, notwithstanding decreased support, is better than it was in 1929. The Board, seeing the tendency of backsliding in contribution, adopted a very cautious policy. The debt on Jan. 1, 1928 amounted to $1,211,608.06 (including interest for the year). On this indebtedness there has been paid $616,608.06, leaving the original debt, (the report to S. B. C. 1931) $595,000.00. Deficiencies in current receipts, however, necessitated new loans, under new contracts, so that our indebtedness on Jan. 1, 1931, was $945,366.27. The deficit in available funds for the 1930 program was $333,538.66.

The Foreign Mission Board is pursuing a policy of conservatism in all phases of its work. Its only hope of expanding is the hope that God shall revive in the hearts of His people the passion for the salvation of the foreign peoples. It is seeking to do the will of God in bringing about this revival: it is using every possible avenue of information and inspiration, schools of missions conducted by pastors and others, distribution of literature, free and paid. The members of the Board have been chosen from the most deeply interested and thoroughly consecrated members of our churches, whose hearts are on fire to do the will of our Lord in the task of world evangelization and world winning. It behooves all of the members of our convention and the churches of Arkansas to do their utmost to keep the program of foreign missions living and winning.

J. FRANKLIN CROPP  W. H. MOORE
EDWARD S. CAMPBELL  F. E. GOODBAR
J. W. LOWMAN  L. C. TEDFORD
ALLEN B. COOPER
82. C. B. Waller read the following report on Home Missions, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

The Home Mission Board was organized in 1845, eighty-six years ago. During this period the Board employed 40,862 missionaries. These missionaries reported, as a result of their work, 785,135 baptisms. They organized 8,570 churches. The Board received and expended in this work $200,027,700.

The 40,962 workers represent the amount of service that 100 men could render if they had begun their work on the day that the Ark landed on Mount Ararat, and had continued until May 1, 1931. We do not believe that there is a missionary agency in the world that can duplicate this record.

The Departments of the work of the Board are: Work among Foreigners, in Cuba, Canal Zone, Work among Jews, Indians, Soldiers and Sailors, Negroes, Deaf Mutes, Mountain Schools, Church Extension, etc.

The Budget for the current year is based on cash receipts of last year, $413,283.96. The sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars was set aside for payment of interest and indebtedness. During the past year the Board has had 252 missionaries and helpers who have given 3,162 weeks of labor, conducted 3,563 religious services, preached 9,373 sermons, held 5,857 prayer meetings, made 51,356 religious visits, received by profession and baptism 3,562 people, added to the churches 3,015 members and distributed 634,514 pages of tracts.

The Home Mission Board provides an agency through which Southern Baptists can bring the impact of the whole denomination to bear upon any mission problem anywhere in Southern Baptist territory. With the cooperation of the State Boards, Southern Baptists through the Home Mission Board will be able to evangelize the Southland, preach the Gospel to the foreigners who are in our midst, help the Negroes to come into their own as a Baptist people, build denominational marole, and revitalize our spiritual interest throughout the whole Southern Baptist territory. The prospects for the future for Home Missions are as bright as the premises of God and the faith of His people.

CALVIN B. WALLER
TROY V. WHEELER
W. R. VESTAL
O. C. HARVEY
W. S. JOHNSON
F. F. WEAUB.

83. Supt. C. R. Pugh, read the report of the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. After he had discussed it, the report was adopted.

TO THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION IN SESSION
AT BATESVILLE, ARKANSAS.
1931

Greetings:

The success of any business or institution can only be measured by the quality of results obtained with the amount of capital that
is invested. In this report, we shall endeavor to give you plain, simple facts in the operation of your Orphanage, located at Monticello, Arkansas.

There, we have property valued on our books in the sum of $175,889.36, with an indebtedness on the property of $35,000.00, but, of course, we are in the bonded indebtedness as created by the Baptists of Arkansas. A comparison of the cost per capita in the operation of eighteen orphanages in the South in 1930 is as follows:

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You can readily see that we are not much out of line in expenditures at our Orphanage. We have been wonderfully blessed this year and are grateful that we were able to care for 101 children, and, at the present time, we have a population of 83. 77 of these children are in public school and are doing very creditable work. There is not a month that passes that some boy or girl from our Orphanage does not get on the honor roll.

The health of the children has been exceptionally good this summer and fall, but during the early spring and the winter months, we had an epidemic of whooping cough which gave us considerable work to alleviate the suffering of these children.

In our religious activities, we have an intermediate and junior B. Y. P. U., a Royal Ambassador, Girls' Auxiliary and Sunbeam Band. During the year, 68 of our children had read the four gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These same children had studied the B. Y. P. U. Manual, the ministry of Women, and Livingston, the Pathfinder. We are happy to report that fifteen of our children were converted and have been baptised and are now in full fellowship with our great Baptist cause. Our children are persistent and consistent givers to all causes fostered by our denomination. In fact, practically all of them tithe, many of them going far beyond the tithe in their giving. Taking all these things into consideration, we feel that our endeavors have been successful this year.

At this time, we must pause and express our thanks and appreciation to our friends throughout Arkansas who have so liberally contributed both their money and supplies that we might carry on this great work. No individual donation has been greater than that given to us by the following railroads in passes and free transportation of supplies for the Orphanage:
The Missouri Pacific Railway,
The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway,
The Ashley, Drew & Northern Railway,
The St. Louis & Southwestern Railway,
The Midland Valley Railway,
The Louisiana & Arkansas Railway,
The Kansas City Southern Railway,
The Arkansas Western Railway,
The Warren & Ouachita Valley Railway.

We trust that, wherever possible, these railroads will be given due consideration in the transportation of freight because they need both your moral and financial support.

We are also very grateful to Dr. and Mrs. S. T. Busey of Chicago who, in the month of June, came to our Orphanage and made moving pictures that we may more adequately present the work of our Orphanage to the Baptists of Arkansas. This is a real human interest moving picture portraying the life of Ben Roberts and his happy family. This is a picture well worth going miles to see. We expect to present this picture in all churches within the next year where proper electric facilities are to be had.

In the matter of our farm and dairy, we were able to grow sufficient vegetables, etc., to supply our immediate needs. Owing to the continued drought this fall, our sweet potato crop was about 50% off and our late fall garden has not developed sufficiently to be of material value to us yet. Our peach orchard was dug and burned up because it was not a profitable investment as the soil was not the right kind for the production of peaches. However, our pear orchard gave us a goodly supply of pears. The dairy has supplied us with an abundance of milk and butter from which were made many appetizing and tempting dishes which the children enjoyed. We are glad to report that our cows have been tested for tuberculosis and found free of this disease. We trust that our friends, during the year will send us eggs by the crate which we can keep in our cold storage. A crate of eggs will last us about three days. We will be glad to have shipments of chickens and other fowl whenever you can conveniently send them.

The name of the children and year of birth is given in the following list who were in the Orphanage November first, 1931.

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C. B. Waller offered the following resolution, which was adopted. (See resolutions).

L. M. Sipes read the following report on Publication. After the reader had discussed the report, it was adopted.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS**

The press has for many decades been one of the most powerful forces, for good or evil, in human affairs. The good or ill effects depend upon the kind of literature that is put out by the press.

Publishing plants are real institutions, but the primary and creative institution is literature. The press did not create literature, literature created and made necessary the press.

Back of literature is the writer. Back of the writer is the cause for which he writes. Manner and matter are two essential elements in good literature, and the greater of these two is matter. Judged by this standard, religious literature is the best literature.

In its broad sense, religious literature may include any literature which breathes the Christian spirit and observes Christian principles. But religious literature as used in this report means that which deals primarily and directly with religious and denominational matters.

Realizing all, but omnipotent power of the press in informing and influencing our people, especially our young people, we wish to emphasize the vital necessity resting upon Arkansas Baptists to sponsor and place in the hands of our people, the best denominational publications available. Certainly our home libraries should contain the best books and periodicals, and a more vigilant safeguard should
be thrown around the home in order to keep bad, but powerful literature out of the hands and hearts of our boys and girls.

We recommend the books and periodicals of our Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. Get acquainted and stay in close touch with our State Baptist Book Store, 410 Federal Bank Bldg. Little Rock.

We have a South-wide circulating institution in Home and Foreign Fields. This magazine should be in every Baptist home, even if it means that some other magazine must go out. Then we have a circulating institution in Arkansas, The Baptist Advance. The Advance is the property of the State Convention. Since May 1st, 1931, the paper has been published and is so published at present, under a lease contract, by which the Convention is released from all financial obligations connected with the paper, except $2,000 per year for the exclusive use of the back page, used by the General Secretary, and one other page divided between the W. M. S. and S. S. and B. Y. P. U. work. The present circulation of the Advance is about 4,600, due largely to financial depression and the collapse of church budget subscription lists. However, we publish 5,000 copies as per contract with printers. There is no deficit. Can’t be. The Editor makes most of his salary outside the operation and income of the paper.

We recommend:
1. Increasing subscription list to at least 8,500.
2. That if possible, some plan be devised to increase the size of the paper to 16 pages.

Signed—
L. M. SIPES, Chairman
W. J. HINSLEY
J. F. QUEEN
D. H. HEARD
M. L. MOSER
HARVEY McGRAW
V. H. COFFMAN
P. B. LANGLEY.

86. J. G. Cothran read the report on Temperance. After it had been discussed, it was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE PRESENTED TO THE ARK. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION IN SESSION AT BATESVILLE, ARK.
NOV. 17-20.

For one to be temperate he must be moderate in all things lawful and non-injurious to his physical, moral, intellectual and spiritual well-being. Some people have been guilty and are now guilty of narrowing and restricting our subject as it is related to themselves and to society as a whole. "Let your moderation be made known unto all men... Abstain from the very appearance of evil... There are many ways in which a man can practice self-control, moderation, and temperance. We should be temperate in all things.

We are living in a day when not only the non-Christian people have allowed themselves to become intemperate in living but many of our church people have lost control of themselves and instead of living as "becometh Christians" they are "eating, drinking and making merry as tho they were to die tomorrow". This is the sum total
of heathenism. This is the philosophy accepted and practiced by many of our church people today. It is an intoxication of self. It is intemperance as bad if not worse than to be drunk on new wines or liquors. We see men and women making a mad rush to satisfy their lustful desires and passions. People have become intemperate in their dress, social life, and in the pursuit of so-called pleasure and happiness. These things are being done at the loss of life, influence, money and at the cost of souls. Too many people are temperate therapeutically but in actual practice they are intemperate and lack self-control and moderation in all things.

We need not take up the fight that was waged against the awful and destructive influence of the saloon and the liquor traffic. We know that the saloon has gone from this country forever. The Eighteenth Amendment has wrought miracles. However, we are aware of the fact that the liquor business has not totally disappeared. This law has accomplished equally if not more than any other major law in our code of laws. We ought always seek to improve upon the matter of enforcement. There are weaknesses in our law enforcement that ought to be corrected. Our citizenry are helping to break down the 18th Amendment by talking against it and by patronizing the law-breaker. The cock-tail drinking, wine drinking, and bootlegger customers are among some of the worst law offenders in our country. The officer who winks at such law violations when he is sworn to enforce the law is not worthy of the trust placed in him.

There are many foes to the Eighteenth Amendment. We do not get the facts thru the press for the press is largely wet. We are told that millions of dollars are being spent in America by large brewery manufacturers of Europe to help create a sentiment for the saloon or legalized liquor traffic.

"Temperance puts wood in the fire, meal in the barrell, flour in the barrell, money in the purse, credit in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the back, and vigor in the body." Ben Franklin.

We therefore wish to make the following recommendations:

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That we declare public office to be a public trust, to be held and administered only in the best interest and for the highest welfare of all the people.

(2) That no person is worthy of public office who is not socially-minded and does not believe in the enactment of such laws as will promote the moral welfare of the people, or who does not believe in the enforcement and observance of all laws.

(3) That we recognize the right of all to advocate a change in any provision of our constitution and laws, but, in the language of the President, which we quote with approval, "Our whole system of self-government will crumble either if officials elect what laws they will enforce or citizens elect what laws they will support. The worst evil of disregard for some law is that it destroys respect for all law. For our citizens to patronize the violation of a particular law on the ground that they are opposed to it, is destructive of the very basis of all the protection of life, homes and property which they rightly claim under other laws."

(4) That we are in no sense concerned with party politics nor with the fate or future of any political party. But in all great moral questions we are deeply concerned, both as citizens and Christians, no matter how they may become related to politics or questions of Government.
(5) That, as we have frequently done heretofore, we declare our intention and purpose not to support for President of the United States, Senator, Representative, Governor, or other officer of high and responsible position any candidate who is hostile to or does not openly and frankly support our present prohibition laws, but to seek the defeat of any such candidate no matter what party label he may wear.

1. That we approve the recommendations adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in May 1931 and that we declare these to be expressive of our sentiments and convictions. Read Recommendations.

2. That we urge the practice of soberness by our manner of living and abstinence from things that would class us as being intemperate lawless. That church members abstain from the use of and purchase of liquor in any form and that we build up sentiment against home-brew making and drinking which makes one a part of the great lawless element in our country.

3. That we lend our support to the social movements that are trying to create sentiment against the liquor traffic.

4. That we examine carefully the attitude of any office seeker before we cast our ballot for or against him. That we refuse to cast our vote for any man who does not stand out and out for the Eighteenth Amendment.

Committee—
J. G. COTHRAAN, Chairman,
L. ROY ASHLEY
J. F. TULL
D. W. McMLILLAN
J. F. BOW.

87. W. A. Jackson read the following report on Plans and Policies. The report was adopted.

PLANS AND POLICIES

The Commission created at the Fort Smith Convention with instructions to negotiate sale of certain properties of the Convention, beg leave to report that, after diligent search, we have been unable to find any prospective purchaser of any property we possess.

All funds for the expense of the operation of this committee were furnished by members of the commission themselves and by the First Baptist Church of Pine Bluff and the First Baptist Church of El Dorado.

With this report, we recommend that the Commission be discharged.

Respectfully submitted,
JNO. H. BUCHANAN
W. A. JACKSON
H. L. WINBURN
L. D. SUMMERS
JNO. REAP
C. H. MOSES
E. P. J. GARROTT

88. E. J. A. McKinney read the report on Obituaries.
The record of the humblest servant of Christ must remain incomplete in the annals of men. The King's record is complete. "The Lord shall count, when He writeth up the people, that this man was born there." Their names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. And a gift of a cup of cold water finds place in an imperishable record. It matters but little whether our names are on perishable parchment, or inscribed on granite that must crumble at last.

We cannot, at this Convention, recall or record the names of those who have passed to their reward. Time would fail us, even to mention their names; much less record their worthwhile achievements.

They live again in our memories, in the lives of those they have left, and in the fruits of their labors to which they go.

We would recommend that the Statistical Secretary of the Convention furnish for minute as far as possible, the names of the "officers, servants of the Convention, and the pastors of the state."

O. J. WADE
E. J. A. McKinney
E. S. Mizell
J. M. Gibbs
M. A. Treadwall
V. C. Neal
Karl McClenendon
W. A. Forbes

89. Pat Murphy read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg to submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved that the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in session assembled express its grateful appreciation to the citizens of Batesville and especially to the members of the 1st Baptist Church and its pastor, E. J. Kirkbride, who have so effectively anticipated our every need, and West Batesville Baptist Church, and their pastor T. J. D. King, and East Batesville Baptist Church, and the churches of the other denominations, and the Batesville Chamber of Commerce for the splendid manner in which they have entertained this Convention.

2. Resolved that any recommendations that the Commission authorized by the report of the Education Commission may decide to present to our next Convention, whether regular or called session, be published in the Baptist Advance, if possible, at least thirty days before the date for the meeting of the Convention.

3. FIRST, that the Convention approve a movement for increasing the enrollment at Ouachita College to 400 students; that the trustees be instructed by the Convention to execute plans which are deemed wise to make this student goal attainable at the earliest reasonable time.

SECOND, that churches be urged to co-operate with the movement in sending Baptist students to Ouachita.

THIRD, that scholarships and loan funds be created by Baptist
churches to be forwarded to Ouachita College to be used by the college in assisting worthy students in attending Ouachita College.

FOURTH, that permission be given Ouachita College to appeal to the churches and other friends of the College for the purpose of raising a fund of $15,000 a year for a period of five years, or a shorter time if the enrollment is increased sufficiently to reduce the time or the amount required to maintain Ouachita as a standard college, and Central College for $10,000.00, and Mountain Home for $2,000.00 in the same manner as for Ouachita.

FIFTH, that the department of religious education be enlarged and stressed as the primary purpose of Ouachita College in the present, as well as in days of the founders of the College.

4. Be it resolved that the Convention instruct its Clerk to convey by letter to the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company our deep appreciation for the service rendered and the courtesy shown many of our ministers and denominational workers in granting them trip and annual passes for use in attending this and other denominational meetings.

5. Resolved that this Convention instruct its Clerk to print one thousand copies of the Annual, and that the Clerk and Statistical Secretary of the Convention be allowed one hundred dollars each for their services.

6. Resolved that the Convention at this time go on record as favoring the most cordial support of our colleges until such time as the recommendations of the Education Commission, adopted at this session of the Convention, shall be put into effect.

7. Since the Management and Board of Trustees request that the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage be NOT included in the Convention Budget, therefore, be it Resolved:

. That this request be granted.

2. That this Convention grant the Orphanage management to go afield with its appeal for support; and that the Convention encourages the churches and Sunday Schools to support this most worthy institution.

8. Resolved that this Convention ask the Executive Board and General Secretary to put on at the proper time in 1932, a debt-paying campaign for the purpose of reducing the principal of our floating indebtedness. Details to be worked out by the General Secretary and the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. HERRINGTON, Chairman
W. R. DONHAM,
PAT MURPHY
ROY L. HURST
M. F. LANGLEY
J. I. COSSEY
L. D. SUMMERS
W. E. ATKINSON

90. Motion carried that the Convention adjourn to meet with Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, Nov. 15th, 1932 at 7 p. m.

91. J. Q. Wolf led in closing prayer.

E. P. J. GARROTT, President.
J. B. LUCK, Recording Secretary.
DEDICATED TO OUR BELOVED DEAD

Not many of our ministers have died during the past year. We note the following:

GEORGE L. HALE, pastor of Pulaski Heights Baptist Church and president of our Executive Board. Dr. Hale was a native of Missouri, where most of his ministerial life was spent. He came to Arkansas as pastor at Pulaski Heights Church in 1930. He was a strong preacher, beloved pastor and a true friend.

J. M. CLEM of Malvern, a veteran and valued preacher, who had spent most of his life in Saline and Central Associations. He did valuable service in his home church and among the country churches of that section.

JOHN HALL of Pea Ridge had done valuable service in Benton County where the Hall families have meant much to Baptist work for nearly half a century.

M. N. TAYLOR of Tinsman passed away in the prime of his ministry. He was a country and village preacher, who loved his Lord and was honored with good fruitage in his ministry. Other ministers passing on and concerning whom we have but little data are: D. S. Dodd, Ravenden Springs, S. D. Withers, Eureka Springs and Shepherd, Hot Springs.

Among others related to our Baptist life in Arkansas we note:

HON. T. B. KITCHENS of Paragould for some 35 years a pillar of the First Baptist Church, Paragould, and honored both by his church and the state. He was long a member of the Mt. Zion Board and a quiet, but strong helper of every good cause.

MRS. N. G. BISCOE, familiarly called "Mother Biscoe", of Arkadelphia. For several years she was primary teacher in Ouachita College, when the college had all grades. Well do we remember seeing grown and even married preachers go to her room to recite with the primary grades and we have witnessed the good work of these men, as they served in the ministry in the after years. Later, Mrs. Biscoe was "mother" in the Young Ladies' Home at Ouachita. She was a good mother to the girls.

MRS. W. P. FLETCHER, of Lonoke, whose husband served more than a quarter of a century as moderator of Caroline Association. Her presence at the Association was almost as regular as that of her husband and her greetings and interest were always helpful. Lonoke church felt the good of her long life.

DEACON S. A. STEARNS, of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, was one of the first promoters of B. Y. P. U. work in the state and was president of the State P. Y. P. U. convention for 1896 and 7. He also organized and was president for three years of the first city Union in Arkansas.

DR. J. P. RUNYAN, deacon of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, and a physician and surgeon of note and for some years treasurer of this convention and president of the Executive Board. For a time manager of the Baptist State Hospital. Many were his kindnesses to Baptist preachers.

THE OTHERS of our brethren and Sisters who "have passed over the river to rest under the shade of the trees," have been several hundred; but the past year has been a year of good health and of spared lives. Has not our God's good mercies been to us for greater and much needed service? May we render it in 1932.
PASTORS AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE

This meeting was held during Tuesday, November 17th, preceding the meeting of the convention at night. No data has been furnished as the annual goes to press. Hence the omission of its proceedings.
LIST OF MESSENGERS 1931 BY ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES

Arkansas County:
Arkansas County:
Almyra—Pastor D. E. Steely, Mrs. E. E. Gere.
DeWitt—Pastor C. Lee Bullard, Mrs. C. Lee Bullard.
Stuttgart—Pastor O. C. Harvey, Dorothy E. Krause, Ola Rodgers, 

Arkansas Valley:
Elaine—Pastor Milford Hale Evans.
Helena—Pastor T. H. Jordan.
Hughes—Pastor Fred L. Ogles.
Roe—Hugh H. Burns.
West Helena—Pastor Irving M. Prince, Mrs. Irving M. Prince, 
E. S. Mizell, W. W. Moore.

Bartholomew:
Monticello—Pastor E. H. Westmoreland, Mrs. E. H. Westmoreland, 
C. R. Pugh, Mrs. C. R. Pugh.

Benton County:
Rogers—Pastor Dan S. Brinkley, E. A. Petroff.

Big Creek:
Salem—Oscar E. Ellis, Mrs. Oscar E. Ellis, Mrs. Louis Ashley.
Viola—Pastor S. M. Cooper, J. D. Cochran, Olin Carroll.

Black River:
Tuckerman—Pastor T. C. Hart, J. E. Parrott.
Walnut Ridge—Pastor M. F. Langley, H. R. McCarroll, Mrs. M. F. Langley.

Buckner:
Waldron—Pastor W. L. Leach, Mrs. W. L. Leach.

Caddo River:
Caddo Gap—Pastor H. Roy Jackson, J. D. Tackett, Dewey Horne.

Carrey:
Bearden—W. Q. Young.
Fordyce—Pastor W. I. Elledge, Paul Elledge, H. B. Benton, Mrs. 
H. B. Benton.
Sparkman—Pastor Thomas H. Berry.

Caroline:
Carlisle—Pastor Troy V. Wheeler, Mrs. L. A. McClenny, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. Sarah Harpstripe.
DeValls Bluff and Hazen—Pastor W. R. Vestal.
Lonoke—Pastor F. E. Goodbar, R. S. Boyd, R. P. Bain, Mrs. 
F. E. Goodbar, Mrs. R. P. Bain, Mrs. R. S. Boyd, Mrs. J. V. Ferguson,
Carroll County:
Eureka Springs, First—Pastor Warren P. Clark, Mrs. Warren P. Clark.

Central:
Hot Springs, Central—T. F. Forrest.
Hot Springs, First—Pastor W. C. Reeves, Wm. L. Hall, Mrs. Wm. L. Hall.
Hot Springs, Park Place—Pastor L. D. Summers.
Hot Springs, Second—Pastor W. J. Hinsley.
Malvern, First—Pastor L. M. Keeling, James T. Draper.
Malvern, Third—Pastor A. F. Muncey.

Clear Creek:
Alma—Pastor E. H. Acuff.
Clarksville—Pastor L. C. Tedford.
Van Buren—Mrs. Ella Jacks.

Concord:
Branch—Pastor P. W. Clampitt.
Fort Smith, Calvary—Pastor P. J. Crowder.
Fort Smith, First—Pastor B. V. Ferguson, P. B. Langley, J. E. Finney, Mrs. J. E. Finney, Mrs. Deene Gooch.
Paris—Pastor E. S. Elliott, J. H. McAfee, Mrs. G. C. Freeman, Mrs. Roland Stiles, Augusta McAfee.

Crooked Creek:
Harrison—J. F. Bow.

Current River:
Pocahontas—Pastor F. W. Varner.

Delta:
Dermott—Pastor J. E. Callaway.
Lake Village—Pastor Edward S. Campbell.
McGehee—Pastor Guy F. Jenkins.
Portland—Pastor E. J. A. McKinney.

Faulkner County:
Conway, Second—Pastor E. F. Simmons, J. T. Fuemer.

Fourche Valley:
Gainesville:
Rector—Pastor Cecil H. Franks,
Greene County:

Harmony:
   Pine Bluff, Hazel Street—Pastor I. B. Hodges, Mrs. I. B. Hodges.
   Star City—Pastor L. H. Davis.

Hope:
   Hope, First—Pastor W. A. Bowen, Mrs. W. A. Bowen, Miss Jean Laseter.
   Magnolia, Central—Pastor J. B. Luck.
   Stamps—Pastor Byron B. Cox.
   Texarkana, Beech Street—Pastor O. J. Wade.

Independence:
   East Batesville—F. F. Weaver.
   Batesville, West—Pastor T. J. D. King, S. L. Bracy, Luther F. Jenkins, H. H. Shannon, Mrs. T. J. D. King, Mrs. Luther Jenkins, Lorane Johnson.
   Moorefield—Pastor S. J. Burge.
   Mt. Zion—J. R. Wheeler.
   Newport—M. B. Owens, O. T. Richardson, Mrs. M. B. Owens, Mrs. L. T. Hays, Mrs. O. T. Richardson, Mrs. L. D. Wallace.
   Oneal—O. H. Ford.
   Pleasant Plains—Dan Hook.
   Sulphur Rock—Pastor W. G. Wiley.

Liberty:
   Camden, First—Pastor A. M. Herrington.
   Huttig—Pastor Minor E. Cole.
   Smackover—Pastor Lloyd A. Sparkman.

Little Red River:
   Brownsville—Pastor Gus Poole.
   Mt. Olive—Lawrence Dugger.

Little River:
   DeQueen—Pastor J. F. Queen.

Mississippi County:
   Blytheville, First—Pastor A. S. Harwell, Mrs. A. S. Harwell.
   Wilson—Pastor E. H. Mannwarring, Mrs. Newt Thompson, Mrs. Oscar Barksdale.

Monroe County:
   Brinkley—Pastor Allen B. Cooper, Mrs. R. E. Low, Mrs. Gus Rusher, Mrs. Albert Hope.
Mt. Zion:
Jonesboro, Walnut Street—A. E. Fortenberry, Herbert Finley, Mrs. A. E. Fortenberry.
Lepanto—Pastor A. T. Willis.
Monette—Pastor W. D. Edwards.

Ouachita:
Mena—Pastor J. M. Gibbs.

Pulaski County:
Little Rock, First—Pastor Arden P. Blaylock, James R. Riley, B. L. Bridges.
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial—J. H. Reynolds.
Little Rock, South Highland—John Garrett.
Little Rock, Tabernacle—Pastor Homer B. Reynolds.
North Little Rock, Central—Pastor E. D. Estes.
North Little Rock, Baring Cross—Pastor M. A. Treadwell.
North Little Rock, First—Pastor Thomas L. Harris, C. P. Walters.
Pleasant Grove—Pastor Joe Stiles.

Red River:
Bethlehem—Pastor D. W. Bolton.
Curtis—Pastor M. E. Wiles.
Gurdon, Beech Street—Pastor L. Roy Ashley.
Prescott—Pastor J. Franklin Cropp, W. A. Forbes.

Rocky Bayou:
Melbourne—Pastor Wm. Cooper, Mrs. Annie Miller, Miss Thelma Wiles, Miss Hazel Smith.

Russellville:
Atkins—Pastor V. C. Neal, Mrs. V. C. Neal.
Russellville—Pastor Clyde V. Hickerson, J. R. Grant.
Searcy County:

Forrest City—Pastor E. Rawlings, Mrs. E. Rawlings.
Wynne—Pastor J. I. Owens.

Van Buren County:

Washington County:

Fayetteville—Pastor J. T. Gillespie, W. S. Campbell, R. E. Kennard.
Springdale—Pastor Karl McClendon.

White County:

Bald Knob, First—Mrs. E. C. Ford.
Beebe—Pastor W. M. Kelley.
Kensett—Pastor S. C. Vick, Mrs. Bogle, Mrs. Murphy Sanders.
Searcy, Gentry Mem.—Pastor J. I. Cossey, Mrs. A. H. Royston.

White River:

Cotter—Mrs. S. C. Collins.
Mt. Pleasant (Gassville)—R. J. Lorron, W. J. Johnson.

Woodruff County:

Augusta—Miss Mildred Stephenson, Mesdames W. N. Gregory, J. E. Stephenson, R. N. Smith.
Tupelo—Pastor J. H. Fitzgerald.

VISITORS

Out of State

Dr. H. F. Vermillion, Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas.
Mrs. H. F. Vermillion, Dallas, Texas.
F. G. Dodson, Bell Buckle, Tenn.
Dr. B. A. Wilkes, president of American Association of Protestant Hospitals, St. Louis, Mo.
Dr. F. M. Powell, representing the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
Dr. W. T. Conner, representing the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas.
Dr. W. H. Horton, pastor First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky.
Pastor F. Q. Crockett, Farmington, Mo.
Mrs. S. L. Webb, First Baptist Church, Monroe, La.

Within State

West Batesville—Velma Owens, Glenine Johnson, Mrs. Geo. Owens.
Batesville, First—M. M. Andrews.
Brinkley—C. F. McLin.
Kensett—Mrs. Frank Humes.
Anderson—Mrs. W. D. Barksdale.
Jonesboro, Walnut Street—Miss Midge Newberry.
Sulphur Rock—Holman Ferguson.
Little Rock—Ben M. Bogard, pastor Antioch Church.
CONSTITUTION

Article I.—Name and Object.

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

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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.

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

Article III.—Authority.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 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 once consecutively.

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

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

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

Sec. 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 60 members, 15 to be chosen from the State at large and 45 from the co-operating Associations, 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 15 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 South-wide. 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 orphanages, 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 Davis Hospital, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, 6 trustees, of which two shall be elected at each annual meeting of the State Baptist Convention for a term of three years.

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 a date to be fixed by the Convention, and the Executive Board is empowered in emergencies, to call Special Sessions of the Convention and to change both the time and place of meetings as set by the Convention.

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.
LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS 1931

Abernathy, Philip, Bog Fork
Acuff, Clarence, Fort Smith
Acuff, E. H., Alma, P
Adams, A. R., Camden, P
Adcock, H. H., Fountain Hill, P
Adkins, C. C., Dyer
Allen, C. C., Supply
Allison, Alvin, Walnut Ridge, P
Allison, J. A., Attica, P
Allison, E. D., Florence, P
Amos, J. A., Booneville, P
Amos, O. D., Mansfield, P
Anderson, Grady, Pine Bluff, P
Anderson, W. B., Rover, P
Applegate, J. M., Portia
Applegate, Claud, Nettleton, P
Ashburn, A. J., Little Rock
Ashley, L. R., Gurdon, P
Autry, A. H., Little Rock, E
Bain, R. P., Lonoke, P
Balentine, J. J., Fifty Six, P
Barnes, W. E., Augusta, P
Barnes, H. C., Monticello, P
Barnett, J. R., Helena
Barnett, Kelly, Jonesboro, S
Barrett, Willis, Florence, P
Basinger, J. M., Rudy, P
Batson, J. A., Greenbrier
Bayless, C. Gordon, Pine Bluff, P
Bean, J. A., Mena
Beard, Roe R., London, T
Beavers, H. E., Clinton
Belew, Knox, Success, P
Bell, J. B., Palatka, P
Bell, W. J., Wilmot, P
Bennett, J. H., Hope, E
Benson, J. T., DeQueen, P
Berry, Thos. H., Sparkman, P
Best, R. M., Little Rock
Bickers, H. A., Bauxite, P
Birmingham, R. L., Tyronza
Bishop, Ralph, Alexander, R 2, P
Bishop, W. A., Waldron, R. 1, P
Blackburn, L. B., Waldron
Blackford, Ernest, Jonesboro
Blackeney, James, Philippine Islands, U. S. A., Ch.
Blankenship, G. W., Fort Smith
Blanton, E. A., Pangburn, P
Blaylock, A. P., Little Rock, P
Blaylock, T. F., Fort Smith
Bolding, A. C., Conway, P
Bolton, D. W., Gurdon, P
Bolton, L. L., Nashville, P
Bow, J. F., Harrison, M
Bowen, W. A., Hope, P
Bowin, J. W., Opal, P
Bowling, W. H., Viola, P
Boyd, H. R., Babot, P
Boyle, J. P., Magnolia
Bradley, N. F., Bellefonte, P
Bradley, Sam E., Little Rock, S
Bradshaw, O. D., Grannis, P
Brame, J. E., Forrest City
Braswell, W., Crossett, P
Bray, G. W., Houston, P
Breedlove, Geo. F., Russellville
Brewer, J. F., Fort Smith, P
Brewer, James F., Little Rock, P
Brewster, J. W., Charleston, P
Bridges, B. L., Little Rock, G. S.
Brinkley, D. S., Rogers, P
Brinkley, Paul, Rogers, P
Brown, Clarence, Clarksville, R 2
Brown, W. R., Ashdown
Bryant, E. C., Pleasant Plains, P
Buchanan, John H., El Dorado, P
Bullard, C. L., Van Buren, P
Burge, M. G., Batesville, P
Burge, S. J., Moorefield, P
Burgess, C. S., De Queen, P
Burnett, J. W., El Dorado, P
Burns, G. W., Arkadelphia
Burns, S. J., Van Buren
Burnsides, L. B., Texarkana, P
Burton, M. C., Pineville, P
Burrow, Samuel, Black Springs
Bush, A. F., Vilonia, P
Butler, J. O., Black Springs, P
Butler, R. A., DeWitt, P
Byars, W. A., Bearden, P
Byers, J. H., Mansfield, P
Caldwell, J. H., Spring Valley, P
Calloway, J. E., Dermott, P
Callwell, Roe, Jonesboro
Calvert, F. E., Fort Smith
Campbell, E. S., Lake Village, P
Carson, R. L., North Little Rock
Carter, E. J. G., Texarkana, P
Carter, F. M., Jonesboro
Casey, J. M., Walcott, R. 1, P
Chadwick, W. E., Piggott, P
Chaffin, E. U., Alma
Chaffin, Floyd, Jonesboro, P
Champlin, Dan, Berryville
Chandler, W. R., Hope, E
Chastain, Floyd, Cecil
Chavis, J. H., Monticello, P
Christonberry, J. H., Little Rock
Christopher, B. W., Nettleton, P
Clampitt, P. W., Branch, P
Clark, Warren P., Eureka
Clements, S. H., Ravenden, P
Coffelt, Clarence, Springtown, P
Coffman, V. H., Fort Smith, P
Colbert, J. H., Gilbert, P
Cole, E. L., Morrilton, P
Cole, M. E., Huttig, P
Collier, Andrew, Paragould, P
Compere, W. L., Amity
Connally, W. A., Siloam Springs
Constantz, A. B., Pitman, P
Cook, D. B., Leachville, P
Cooksey, Wm., Hot Springs, M
Cooper, A. B., Brinkley, P
Cooper, Roscoe, Humphrey, P
Cooper, Stanley, Viola, P
Cooper, W. M., Melbourne, P
Corder, W. E., N. Little Rock, P
Corder, Perry, Jacksonville
Cossey, J. I., Searcy, P
Cothran, J. G., Benton, P
Covington, A. J., Huntsville, P
Covington, J. T., Black Springs
Cox, Byron B., Stamps, P
Cox, Elmer, Omaha, P
Crawford, D. A., El Dorado, P
Crawford, Jefferson, Siloam Springs
Crawford, T. J., Siloam Springs
Crawford, J. F., Alma, P
Crawford, Leroy, Siloam Springs
Crider, J. L., Whitehall
Crider, Sid A., Whitehall
Crigler, Claud, Mountain Home, P
Crockett, G. A., Piggott, P
Cropp, J. F., Prescott, P
Crowder, P. J., Fort Smith, P
Croxton, T. W., Arkadelphia, G. and P.
Cunningham, O. H. L., Pitman
Davis, C. N., El Paso, P
Davis, E. H., Rogers
Davis, G. W., Magazine, P
Davis, L. H., Star City, P
Davis, O. O., Texarkana, P
Davis, W. O., Spring Valley, P
Davison, J. S., Fort Smith, P
Day, T. W., Conway, P
Deason, A. J., Rogers, P
DeLaughter, Geo., Texarkana, P
Derrick, W. J., Jonesboro, P
Dicken, C. E., El Dorado, T
Dodd, Byron, Texarkana, P
Dodd, D. S., Ravenden Springs, P
Dorsay, D. W., Arkadelphia
Douglas, E. L., Strong, P
Douglas, Thad, Dermott, P
Duboise, J. E., Cherry Valley, P
Duffer, Russell, Manson
Duke, H. M., Cherry Valley, P
Dunn, J. P., Hoxie
Durham, S. S., Jonesboro, P
Early, T. R., Van Buren
Eastin, J. H., Supply
Edwards, F. F., Alf, P
Edwards, W. D., Monette, P
Edwards, Ross, Arkadelphia, P
Eliff, A. P., Greenwood, P
Ellidge, W. L., Fordyce, P
Ellidge, Paul, Arkadelphia, S
Elliott, Chas., Arkadelphia
Elliott, Chas. G., Arkadelphia
Elliott, E. S., Paris, P
Ellmore, R. R., Magazine, P
Ellmore, W. E., Washington
Ely, J. C., Fouke, P
Ely, Wallace A., Perryville, P
Emery, J. P., Story, P
Emmons, F. B., Paragould, P
Emmons, J. G., Collins, P
English, Joe W., Gentry, P
Eoff, Troy, Harrison, P
Eoff, Henry, Shirley, P
Eppinette, L. D., Newport, P
Ersland, S. T., Siloam Springs, P
Estes, E. D., N. Little Rock, P
Eskridge, J. T., Arkadelphia, P
Evans, M. H., West Helena, P
Evans, W. A., Grandview
Faulkner, G. D., Jonesboro, T & P
Faulkner, J. D. J., Paragould, Rt. 2, P
Ferguson, B. V., Fort Smith, P
Ferguson, Holman, Jonesboro, P
Finch, Charles, Magazine, P
Finney, T. M., Booneville, P
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