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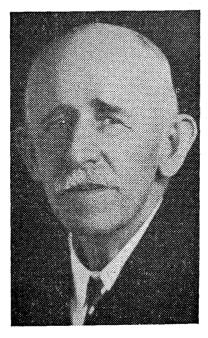
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Monticello 1940

MEMORIAL



P. C. BARTON President of Convention, 1913-15

(contributed)

P. C. Barton was born at Greenville, S. C., Oct. 18, 1856, and died at Jonesboro, Ark., July 20, 1940. When two years of age he came in an ox wagon with his parents to Arkansas and they settled near Jonesboro where he grew up as a country boy. He was educated in his county schools and taught some in these schools before coming to Jonesboro to enter business. He was converted when a small lad and united with Philadelphia Baptist church. When he moved to Jonesboro he united with the First Church where he was to become deacon, treasurer, teacher, and the Superintendent of the new building which is more a monument to him than any other man. He saved the congregation tens of thousands of dollars by giving his time and thought to it. He was a clean, generous, devout, courageous christian and was a friend to young preachers and country churches. I think he helped more young preachers to secure an education and more churches to build than any other one man in Arkansas. He was Moderator of his Association, President of the Arkansas Convention and Vice President of the Southern Baptist Convention. He never accepted any position in his church or denomination or anywhere else that he didn't give his time and thought and money to it. "Well done good and faithful servant in as much as thou has been faithful over a few things I will make thee ruler over many, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

PROCEEDINGS

of the

Arkansas Baptist State Convention

in the

EIGHTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

(Ninety-Second Year)

MONTICELLO, ARKANSAS

December 3 - 5

1940

NEXT SESSION WILL CONVENE NOVEMBER 11, 1941

AT 2:00 P. M.

With

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Jonesboro, Arkansas

C. C. WARREN, LITTLE ROCK

Preacher of Annual Sermon

ALTERNATE: S. A. WILES, ARKADELPHIA

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ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION DIRECTORY FOR NINETY-TWO YEARS

	Place	P resident	Secretary	Preacher
1848	Brownsville	Isaac Perkins	S. Stevenson	E. Haynes
	Dallas Co.			-
1849	Mt. Zion	_Jesse Hartwell	S. Stevenson	
	Hempstead Co	ο.		
1850		W. H. Bayliss	S. Stevenson	.F. Courtney
	Clark Co.			
	Princeton			
	E! Dorado			
			S. Stevenson	
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1855	No Report	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	m	*** ***
1896		Jesse Hartwell	R. J. Coleman	W. M. Lea
1057	Dallas Co.	737 7VF T 00	R. J. Coleman	
1001	Dallas Co.			
1252	Charleston	W L.	R. M. Thrasher	
	Little Rock		R. M. Thrasher	
	Pine Bluff			-
	Fort Smith			**
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	Little Rock		r	S. Stevenson
			W. H. Roberts	
			J. B. Searcy	
			J. B. Searcy	
1871	Monticello	.M. Y. Moran	J. B. Searcy	Moses Green
1872	Austin	_M. Y. Moran	J. B. Searcy	J. M. Hart
			J. B. Searcy	
			J. B. Searcy	
1875	Arkadelphia	H. H. Coleman	J. B. Searcy	J. B. Searcy
			J. B. Searcy	
1877	Forrest City_	Ч. H. Coleman	T. P. Boone	W. A. Forbes
			W. F. Mack	
1879	Hope	J. M. Hart	J.R.G.W.N. Adams	. R. J. Coleman
1880	Russellville _	J. P. Eagle	J.R.G.W.N. Adams	J. D. Jameson
			B. Thomas	
1882	Lonoke	J. P. Eagle	J. B. Searcy	W. E. Paxton
			J. B. Searcy	
			J. H. Holland	
			J. H. Holland J. H. Holland	
			J. H. Holland	
1888	Ioneshoro	J P Eagle	Martin Ball	Enoch Winde
1889	Little Rock	W. E. Penn	J. G. B. Simms	J. R. Hughes
			J. G. B. Simms	
			J. G. B. Simms	
			J. G. B. Simms	
1893	Conway	.W. P. Throgmorton	W. F. Blackwood	W. P. Throgmorton
1894	Lonoke	J. P. Eagle	-W. F. Blackwood	J. H. Peay

Benevolent Institutions:

Lee Nichols

A. C. Halsell

J. I. Cossey

D. D. Glover

E. E. Griever

C. H. Moses

Seminaries:

C. W. Daniels

William F. Shearin

James A. Overton

O. W. Yates

Mrs. O. J. Wade

Absentee Church Membership:

Fritz E. Goodbar

J. F. Queen

C. W. Daniels

John H. Webb

O. L. Gibson

Ministers' Retirement Plan:

Robert E. Naylor

L. M. Sipes

H. F. Vermillion

T. L. Harris

Ira Patishall

Hundred Thousand Club:

J. F. Queen

Charles F. Wilkins

C. D. Wood

C. B. Hall

Stewardship:

Taylor Stanfill

G. D. Thompson

B. H. Duncan

O. J. Wade

O. A. Greenleaf

Mrs. C. H. Ray

Mrs. E. S. Elliott

Commission on State Mission Program:

Blake Smith

C. C. Warren

Otto Whitington

Irvin M. Prince

S. A. Wiles

Legislative:

T. L. Harris

Joe H. Hankins

Alfred Carpenter

O. C. Harvey

T. H. Jordan

B. V. Ferguson

W. J. Hinsley

Laymen's Work:

Grover Prince

C. L. Durrett

J. E. Berry

Jeff Shemwell

J. W. Ramsey

Reese Howard

Maurice Hall

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	J. R. Grant	
Vice President	W. J. Hinsley	Hot Springs
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Secretary	J. B. Luck	
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uttgart W. J. Hinsley, Hot Springs Little Rock Elmer J. Kirkbride, Helena Robert E. Naylor, Arkadelphia

Terms expire 1942

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Terms expire 1943

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J. H. Byers, Hartford Buckner Jesse Reed, Arkadelphia Buckville

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M. E. Wiles, Star City Harmony

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O. L. Gibson, Fayetteville, Washington County

Term expires 1942

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Minor E. Cole, Warren Bartholomew

V. H. Coffman, Fort Smith Concord

Golden Neely, Corning Current River

Fritz E. Goodbar, Russellville Dardnelle-Russellville

T. C. Hart, Eudora Delta

W. D. Edwards, Batesville Independence F. F. Gauntt, Norphlet Liberty

R. O. Barker, Nashville Little River

Harold Tillman, Oceola Mississippi County

O. L. Powers, Jonesboro Mt. Zion

Claude Jenkins, Leslie Stone-Van Buren

W. I. Elledge, Harrisburg Trinity

J. I Cossey, Searcy White County

Term expires 1943

Hugh Cooper, Salem Big Creek

Ira Patishall, Fordyce Carey

B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs Central

J. S. Rogers, Conway Fourche Valley

Russell Clubb. Piggott Gainesville

John H. Webb, Texarkana Hope C. E. Lawrence, Heber Springs Little Red River

T. L. Harris, N. Little Rock Pulaski County

B. B. Cox, Wynne Tri County

W. L. Leach, Mt. Home White River

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E. S. Terral, Tillar

Term expires 1942

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Term expires 1943

R. E. Naylor, Arkadelphia

J. E. Berry, Smackover

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D. M. McMillan, Arkadelphia

C. H. Moses, Little Rock

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Term expires 1941

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A. J. Reap, Little Rock

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T. J. D. King, Batesville

Term expires 1942

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Gail S. Robbins, Conway J. I. Cossey, Searcy

E. E. Griever, Harrison

E. S. Elliott, Paris

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Term expires 1943

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E. C. Brown, Benton

V. H. Coffman, Fort Smith Jack Wood, El Dorado

Emma C. Riley, Little Rock H. P. Westmoreland, Conway Mrs. Fay Lasley, Conway Robert L. Taylor, Conway

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Term expires 1941

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Oates W. Neely, N. Little Rock

H. G. Pugh, Little Rock C. C. Warren, Little Rock

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Term expires 1942

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Guy E. Williams, Little Rock

Term expires 1943

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H. C. Seefeldt, Brinkley

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Term expires 1941

W. E. Bobo, Pine Bluff

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Term expires 1942

Chas. A. Gordon, Pine Bluff

W. P. Keith, Pine Bluff

Term expires 1943

E. W. Freeman, Pine Bluff

John W. Reap, Pine Bluff

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD

Term expires 1941

J. T. Sanders, Forrest City

W. H. Moreland, Tyronza

J. B. Luck, Magnolia

Term expires 1942

Elmer J. Kirkbridge, Helena

E. P. Moore, Helena

H. L. Lipford, Earle

Term expires 1943

W. D. Wallace, Wilson

W. H. Lansford, W. Memphis

Paul Kirkland, Marion

BOTTOMS' BAPTIST ORPHANAGE BOARD

Term expires 1941

T. H. Berry, Crossett C. B. Hall, El Dorado

B. E. Hart, Arkadelphia Mrs. J. E. Short, Gould

Term expires 1942

Boyd O. Baker, Lake Village

S. D. McMillan

R. F. Hyatt, Monticello

C. C. Smith, Monticello

Mrs. G. W. Bottoms, Texarkana (Honorary)

Term expires 1943

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Mrs. W. P. McGeorge, Pine Bluff Miss Theresa Scheu, Pine Bluff

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E. P. J. Garrott, Prescott

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PROCEEDINGS

Monticello, Arkansas December 3, 1940

The 87th annual session (92nd year) of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention met in the First Baptist Church and was called to order by President Calvin B. Waller at 2 p. m.

Gene Spearman, director of music during the session, lead the Convention in singing "All Hail the Power", "Send the Light", and "He Leadeth Me."

Cecil Franks led in prayer.

Irvin M. Prince led in worship using Mark 11:22.

Song, "Have Faith in God".

The Secretary passed the enrollment cards and messengers were enrolled.

Addresses of welcome were made by Congressman W. F. Norrell, Pastor T. W. Croxton, and E. L. Kimbrough.

Response on behalf of the Convention was made by E. C. Brown.

The convention was organized by re-electing Calvin B. Waller, Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, President; J. R.

Grant, President Ouachita College and W. J. Hinsley, Pastor of Second Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Vice Presidents; J. B. Luck, Pastor Central Baptist Church, Magnolia, Recording Secretary; and B. L. Bridges, Little Rock, Treasurer.

President Waller addressed the Convention.

The following order of business was adopted:

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Tuesday Afternoon, December 3

- 2:00 Call to order—President.

 Devotional—Irving M. Prince.
- 2:20 Enroll the Messengers.
- 2:30 Welcome Address-W. F. Norrell.
- 2:40 Response-E. C. Brown.
- 2:45 Organization.
- 2:55 President's Message.
- 3:05 Announcements.
- 3:10 Introduction of New Pastors and Visitors.
- 3:20 Committees Announced.
- 3:25 Absentee Church Membership-Fritz Goodbar.
- 3:45 Annual Sermon-O. L. Powers.

TUESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 Devotional—Harvey Hicks.
- 7:15 Miscellaneous Business.
- 7:25 Call of Committees.
- 7:30 Report of Executive Board-B. L. Bridges.
- 8:10 State Missions—Alfred Carpenter and J. H. Hankins.
- 8:50 Laymen's Work-Grover C. Prince.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4

- 9:00 Devotional—Ira Patishall.
- 9:15 Journal and Miscellaneous Business.
- 9:25 Departmental Reports: Sunday School, Training Union and B. S. U.—Edgar Williamson.
- 9:55 W. M. U.-Mrs. C. H. Ray.
- 10:25 Arkansas Baptist—T. L. Harris and L. A. Myers.
- 11:05 Music.

- 11:10 Announcements.
- 11:15 Cooperative Program-B. V. Ferguson.
- 11:30 Address-J. E. Dillard.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 2:00 Devotional-B. H. Duncan.
- 2:10 Retirement Plan-R. E. Naylor.
- 2:40 Foreign Missions-T. H. Jordan and C. E. Maddry.
- 3:20 Seminaries-C. W. Daniel.
- 3:30 Southwestern Seminary.
- 3:35 Southern Seminary.
- 3:40 Baptist Bible Institute.
- 3:45 Address-W. W. Hamilton.
- 4:30 Open House-Bottoms Baptist Orphanage.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

- 7:00 Devotional-O. C. Harvey.
- 7:15 Hundred-Thousand Club-J. F. Queen.
- 7:40 Prohibition-W. J. Hinsley.
- 8:00 Baptist Colleges-H. T. Whaley.
- 8:15 Central College-O. J. Wade.
- 8:30 Ouachita College-J. R. Grant and R. E. Naylor.

THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5

- 9:00 Devotional-Ross Edwards.
- 9:15 Journal and Miscellaneous Business.
- 9:30 Benevolent Institutions—Lee Nichols.
- 9:40 Orphanage—C. R. Pugh.
- 9:50 Hospitals—Lee Gammill and John O. Steele.
- 10:15 Nominations-Blake Smith.
- 10:30 Obituaries-E. J. Kirkbride.
- 10:40 Resolutions-Victor Coffman.
- 10:50 Stewardship—Taylor Stanfill.
- 11:20 Home Missions-C. C. Warren.
- 11:30 Address-John B. Lawrence.

Some announcements were made by Mrs. Agnes Gibbs Ford, John Lowe, and Pastor T. W. Croxton.

The following new pastors were presented to the convention: Charles W. Anderson, Des Arc; Conrad L. Dupree, Educational Director Immanuel Baptist Church, Fort Smith; W. E. Haltom. Dyess Colony; Truett Farmer, Educational Director, Paris; H. L. Waters, Jonesboro, Pastor at Philadelphia and Pisgah; J. Scott Blystone, Springdale, Pastor at Spring Valley; J. E. Altom, Floral, Pastor, Harris Chapel and New Bethel; Roger M. Baxter, Pastor at Portland and Bellaire; C. H. Peadan, Charleston; Lawrence Green, Barton; Nat H. Britlain, Educational Director, Blytheville; John R. Stratton, Holly Springs; W. Fred Hinsley, Ohio Street, Pine Bluff; John H. Webb, Beech Street, Texarkana; O. T. Bolton, Fountain Hill; O. L. Gibson, Fayetteville; J. A. Boston, Educational Director, Central Baptist Church, Hot Springs; W. H. Langsford, West Memphis; C. D. Wood, Dermott; Wesley A. Lindsey, Ouachita College, New London in Liberty Association; and R. B. Glover, DeWitt.

The following visitors were introduced to the Convention: Robert R. Patterson, Seminary Hill, Texas; N. T. Tull, Home Mission Board, New Orleans, Louisiana; Selus E. Tull, Evangelist, Hazelhurst, Mississippi; J. E. Dilliard, Director of Promotion, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; John W. Lowe, China; Frank Means, Seminary Hill, Texas; F. D. Powell, Louisville, Kentucky; W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, Louisiana; J. W. Beagle, Atlanta, Georgia;

Fritz Goodbar read the report on Absentee Church Membership, which was adopted after being discussed by the reader and others.

"THE ABSENTEE CHURCH MEMBER"

The Absentee church member falls into two classes:

1st. The resident, absentee member, and 2nd. The non-resident, absentee member.

Both are problems facing every church and every pastor, but this report will be confined largely to the latter—the nonresident church member. A commission was appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1938 which was composed of men representing every State in the Convention to make a study of this problem and to report. This commission did report to the Convention which met at Oklahoma City in 1939 and again to the meeting in Baltimore in 1940. These reports are matters of record in the minutes. Six recommendations were made in 1939 and 3 in 1940. They may be summarized as follows: The problem exists; it should be studied carefully and our Conventions should seek a solution. Only briefly are suggestions made for the solution and the commission was given another year for a study of the problem.

It appears to this committee that we do have a serious problem here with which to deal and that the time given it in this Convention will be well spent.

A survey made in many churches and in many states reveals that approximately 28 per cent of the enrolled members of our Southern Baptist churches are non-resident absentee members.

As long as we maintain our Baptist democracy and our doctrine of freedom in matters of religion we will never be able to completely eliminate the non-resident-absentee member. We should simply recognize that as one of the prices we must pay for these most precious teachings. But there is no doubt that the percentage can be greatly reduced; in fact, it should be reduced from 28 per cent to as low as 5 per cent or even lower.

This committee therefore suggests what it believes will be some practical methods of reducing the percentage.

FIRST: Pastoral oversight. As in nearly every church problem the pastor must take note of and work at the solution. In this matter pastors not only should seek to enlist every Baptist in his community to place his membership in the church, where he resides, but he could greatly help by advising his brother pastor of the removal of members from his jurisdiction to that of his brother pastor. This plan has helped in many, many instances.

SECOND: The various organizations of the church may be enlisted in helping solve the problem. Pastors cannot do everything, but they do have valuable and willing assistance at hand in the Sunday school organization; the Training Union organization; the Woman's Missionary Union and the Baptist Student Union.

The Sunday school with its emphasis on visitation and extension work is getting right at the heart of this problem. It has already proven, where it has attempted it, that it can cut down the percentage. It could go still further in a follow-up program when a pupil moves away, by notifying the pastor of the church in the place to which the pupil has removed.

The Training Unions likewise in its enlistment work has a great opportunity to grapple with this problem, and while its leadership recognized its opportunity years ago, it needs a new emphasis.

The W. M. S. in its program of visitation and invitation will be a pastor's great assistant when encouraged in this particular task.

The Baptist Student Union has for a part of its work this very definite thing.

THIRD: An educational program. In this matter we need to inform our churches and our members more thoroughly. Our church covenant carries the agreement that "When we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word." But many church members never heard of a covenant and surely have never entered into it by voluntary acceptance of its provisions. There is some good preaching to be done around the covenant for all our people, and every church member should be instructed in it.

Our great denominational agencies can help in this matter by an educational program through their workers, their periodicals and their instructions.

WE RECOMMEND: 1st. That our Convention and its agencies be asked to take the lead in the solution of this problem, with the conviction that by so doing we can reduce the percentage to a negligible point, and that a committee be appointed to study this matter and report next year.

2nd. That we co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention in its effort along this line.

Respectfully submitted, Fritz E. Goodbar Minor E. Cole Chas. E. Lawrence Ralph B. Glover. The choir of the First Baptist Church of Monticello sang "This Holy Hour" by Carrie B. Adams, with Mrs. J. A. Garret directing and Mrs. W. F. Norrell at piano.

- B. V. Ferguson read Romans 10.
- O. L. Powers preached the annual Convention sermon, using Romans 1:16 as his text and "Not Ashamed of the Gospel" as his subject.

Song, "All Hail The Power."

Alfred Carpenter led in the closing prayer.

Convention adjourned.

TUESDAY EVENING SESSION

President Waller called the Convention to order at 7 p. m. Gene Spearman directed the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace" and "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms".

Worship was conducted by Harvey Hicks, reading and commenting on Romans 1:16.

Harvey Hicks led in prayer.

O. J. Harvey offered the following resolution and according to the Constitution was placed on the table for a year.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION

Whereas, it is believed by some that the best interests of the colleges, hospitals, and orphanages owned and operated by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention would be better served by a more general distribution of the membership of the boards of these institutions;

Therefore be it resolved that Article Seven, Section Two of the present constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Con-

vention be changed to read as follows: One third of each board of Trustees shall be elected annually for a term of three years, and not more than two members of any board shall reside in any association.

Duet by Mrs. H. D. Cammack and Mrs. J. A. Garrett.

General Secretary B. L. Bridges read the report of the Executive Board, which was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Brethren:

Your Executive Board is happy again to bring the annual report of its activities for the year. The Lord has been good to our Baptist people this year, and has blessed the work throughout the state and to the ends of the earth, for that matter. Almost all of our work has been undertaken on a larger scale. It has been a difficult year to obtain spiritual results. Probably our own people have been very largely at fault for this fact because usually a people will let down their persistence after a great year like we had in 1939. And again, the return of material prosperity has made victories more difficult in the Lord's work anywhere. However, there has been no phase of our work which has been marked by any degree of failure during the year. 1940 is an epochal year for Arkansas Baptists. It marks the beginning of a plan which promises definite relief for preachers in their old age retirement. It is regrettable indeed that some such plan has not been in force during the past years. We can see this very plainly as we look around and find men who have just begun their retirement period and cannot qualify in this Plan because it was not begun before they retired. This is another great year in baptisms. There have been between 11,500 and 12,000 baptisms during the year. No year in our history has surpassed this year except 1939, and that only by a small margin. This year also witnesses a major movement to restore Christian education to its rightful standing and to procure a sufficient amount of money to equip Ouachita College for greater service.

Your Board has been forging ahead on the three main lines of Christian activities, namely, BENEVOLENCES, MISSIONS, and CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. The Lord Jesus laid the founda-

tion of Christian activity along these three lines. He set the example, laid down the gauge of battle, and then gave us definite orders to proceed with this selfsame program until we have carried it to the uttermost parts of the earth, and until all men have heard the glad tidings of great joy.

I. MISSIONS

Certainly the primary task of Christianity is Missions in its evangelistic phase. Disciples must be made before they can be edified or trained. Without the constant making of disciples, Christianity would be on the wane and finally there would be no Christian people to work at the task. Making disciples is absolutely essential to the ongoing of any movement or any order, and must be recognized as the first necessity in Kingdom work. While the strength of a religious order may be measured largely by the training and development of its constituency, yet the growth of any movement is determined by the number of persons that are won to its principles and incorporated in its body. This fact makes missionary operations and fervent evangelism an absolute necessity and demands primary emphasis in the ongoing of a great denomination. Winning souls to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world is our first task.

Believing that this is the consensus of conviction among our Baptist people, your Board has again laid stress upon evangelism this year. We have promoted and encouraged Missions in all its territorial divisions, from associational missions on out through Foreign Missions.

1. Southwide Causes

Both Home and Foreign Missions are experiencing much success this year, even in the face of perhaps the greatest difficulties that they have encountered in two decades. Some missionaries are being withdrawn from China because of war conditions. The support that we have given to Home and Foreign Missions has been only slightly more than we gave for the same period last year. Although we projected our work this year as per the instructions of the Convention upon a larger budget than the year before, it has netted Southwide Causes very little more money. This is because we have contributed very little more for the Cooperative Program this year than we did last year. During the first ten months of this year we gave to Southwide

Causes including the 100,000 Club, \$26,585.86. This, of course, does not include money that has been sent directly from the churches and from other sources to Southwide Causes, but is only that which has passed through the hands of our head-quarters office. The reports of Home and Foreign Missions, and of the Seminaries and other Southwide agencies will reflect the progress of their work, when made to this Convention.

2. State Missions

Your Board has continued to follow the fourfold plan of State Missions during this year. The four points that are stressed in the State Mission Program are: evangelism, stewardship, missions, and education. The results of this work this year so far have been almost as gratifying as in 1939, and 1939 was one of the best years we have ever had. Our State Mission Program is a sort of a duplex one. We have five State Missionaries working directly under the direction of the Executive Board, and then we have been assisting twenty-three associations that have been unable in their own strength to support an associational missionary. This latter phase of the work is under the direction of the associations. Your Board has no part in it except to furnish some money to the associations that find themselves unable to maintain a missionary without outside help. This is the third year of this plan of missionary operations, and although we have not had it going long enough to dress off the rough places and to apply the strength of our program to the task in such a way to get the best results, yet we are happy to say that we are gratified in the flattering results that have been obtained. We believe that no state has a greater State Mission program than we have, and ours will be better in its results each succeeding year. Any army can obtain its best results in fighting after the first few skirmishes, during which it has learned where to make its hardest and most definite assaults on the enemy, and after it has found its own weakness, and has had time more clearly to define its operations. Likewise, our State Mission program should yield better results during the coming year than ever. During the first ten months of the year, our State Mission department has reported 2,074 professions and 1,738 baptisms. This does not take into account the many fine things that have been accomplished by our State Mission forces in addition to professions and baptisms. Nearly 40 Sunday schools have been organized, and nearly that many Training Unions. Other organizations including churches have been effected, to say nothing about the strengthening of the great Mission causes and all other phases of our work, which our State Mission Program undergirds. During the first ten months of this year, we have spent directly on State Missions \$11,527.96, and for other missionary operations not supervised by the State Board, we have spent \$3,382.33. making a total expenditure of \$14,910.29. We do not believe that there is any Board that can show such gratifying results on the same expenditure of money.

Your Board believes that this program of missions has more than vindicated itself and should be strengthened as the years go on. We need \$10,000 more annually for this phase of the work in order to put additional missionaries in the field confining their labors to certain destitute counties where Baptist preachers do not ordinarily go. Your Board proposes to attempt next year the organization of a church and to encourage the erection of a building in every community where there is a consolidated school.

II. BENEVOLENCES

Our Baptist people should have a humble pride in our program of Benevolences. We have three benevolent institutions. are the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage in Monticello, the Baptist State Hospital in Little Rock, and the Davis Hospital in Pine The hospitals are A-1 institutions, and are able to pay their way and do the necessary expansion work. We commend the board of trustees for their wise planning and for the success that these institutions are making. In addition to the good work that they are doing in healing the sick, they are making many friends for the Baptist Cause. Our Orphanage has cared for more children than usual this year and probably has won more souls to Christ than usual. It will make its report, of course, to this body, but we desire to call attention to the fact that we have not given sufficient funds for the operation of this great institution this year. The Orphanage has no source of revenue other than the outright contributions of our people. Other institutions do have sources of income other than contributions. Our people need to do some careful and discriminate thinking along To support an institution that cares for nearly 100 children during the year and keeps repairs made on its properties, pays for its utilities and its force of workers, etc., requires a



large income in the form of outright contributions from its constituency. The maintenance of the buildings and grounds alone together with insurance and improvements, necessitates a large outlay of money before the real operations begin. Orphanage needs more money than we have been allocating to it. and it finds itself this year facing a deficit. We have made comparison of the operating cost of our Orphanage with that of four other Baptist state orphanages in sister states, and we find that the operating cost of our institution is far below the average. The annual operating cost of the Baptist orphanage in one border state is approximately \$327.00 per child. The annual operating cost in another border state is approximately \$222.00 per child. In another state the average is \$212.00 per capita and in still another it is \$290.00 per capita; while the per capita operating cost of our institution is approximately \$164.00 annually, or \$98.00 below the average.

Occasionally there arise calls for other benevolences. This year there has come a call through our Southern Baptist Convention from our fellow Baptists in Great Britain who, in the most terrible circumstances in this cruel war, find themselves unable to support their force of foreign missionaries. Their plea was for a loan of \$250,000 from American Baptists; but the messengers of our churches assembled in the Southern Baptist Convention, could not see that the British Baptists would be able to repay such a loan and recommended that our churches make outright contributions to the mission cause of British Baptists at this particular time. This is an unusual form of benevolence and reminds us of the calls of the Apostle Paul for the unfortunate saints in the New Testament times. Your Board has received and disbursed on this particular call \$1,447.98.

III. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. Our Schools

Both Ouachita and Central Colleges are enjoying a splendid year. Ouachita College has again this year found it difficult to accommodate the large number of students that have made application for entrance. The enrollment is far above the number which the institution is able properly to accommodate. Its finances seem to be in good condition, and the \$150,000 Campaign is moving forward; and it is hoped that this Campaign will result both in the freeing of the endowment income for current operations and

in the erection of a chapel for religious services on the campus. Your Board is handling these contributions and during the first ten months of the year, it had received \$27,812.44 cash, for this purpose. Ouachita College has an endowment amounting to approximately \$560,000. It has a large student body. It receives regularly a percentage from the Cooperative Program receipts, and the special contributions in response to the special appeals. Thus Ouachita College has four financial sources which should make it able to carry on in a splendid way.

Dr. O. J. Wade, the new president of Central College, is optimistic in the outlook for continued progress in the work of Central College. Central College is recognized by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges as a standard junior college for girls.

2. Christian Education in the Churches

There is another phase of Christian education which should be mentioned here. It is the work of the Sunday school, Training Union, and Student Union departments, and the work of the Woman's Missionary Union, and of our state paper, the Arkansas Baptists. These departments, of course, will make their reports to this Convention, but we desire to call the attention of our people to the fact that the program of Jesus as given in the Great Commission is not fully carried out until our converts are baptized and taught and trained. No dinner is ever completed by the gathering of the food into the kitchen. It must be dressed and cooked before the meal is complete. Likewise, the program of Jesus is not completed when we have gathered disciples. We must carry the program of teaching and training just as far as the making of disciples has gone.

3. The Arkansas Baptist

This is the first year since 1931 in which your Board has operated the Arkansas Baptist. From 1931 to 1939 inclusive, it was operated under lease contract. At the beginning of this year your Board undertook again to operate the paper. Dr. L. A. Myers was employed as the full time editor, and your Board allocated \$3,000, including \$1,000 for the back page of the paper which the Board reserves for its exclusive use. We are happy to announce that we are making a major success of this periodical, and it has come to be recognized all over the Southland as one

of the very best Baptist papers in the land. The list of bona fide subscriptions has rapidly mounted even at an increase in price. The editor has shown his ability not only in making up a splendid paper, but also in finances, having operated the paper these ten months within the limitations of a small budget. The editor is making a definite report to this body.

IV. THE MINISTERS' RETIREMENT PLAN

This is the first year of operation for the Arkansas Convention Ministers' Retirement Plan. This Plan was authorized by the Convention two years ago. and we spent one year in preparation and publicity and in enlistment. The Plan actually began operation January 1, 1940. The response of the pastors and churches has been gratifying. You must know that the inauguration of a major enterprise such as this one has called for a great deal of judicious planning and unceasing promotion and much routine work, whose details have been of the most particular type and have required the most discriminating attention. This project has added perhaps forty per cent to the laborers of our headquarters office. The movement has, however, been successful, and we are happy to report that we have been able to make the best showing of all the Southern states.

To date we have enlisted 198 preachers and 266 churches. The Convention understands, of course, that in this Plan the preacher pays three per cent of his total salary to make up his membership fund; his church pays also three per cent of his salary, and the State Convention pays two per cent, making five per cent of the salary basis that goes into a fund which is used to complete an annuity for the retired member after his own personal membership credits are exhausted. For the first ten months of this year your Board has received for members' dues \$6,730.02. and from the churches \$7,210.73, making a total of \$13,-940.75. During this ten months the allocation to this Plan from the undesignated receipts as a first preferred item amounted to \$5,000.00. Of this amount your Board has remitted \$4,489.55, which represented the State Convention's two per cent (of the members' salaries) contribution.

Your Board recommends that the churches and pastors enlist in this movement as rapidly as possible.

V. STEWARDSHIP

Your Board has again promoted a clear-cut ministry of Stewardship during this year. Many churches have a new appreciation of the assistance that we are offering to them along the lines of Stewardship. We have been gathering information on the best methods of approach to the financial task in the churches. At this point Baptists are weakest. With great and holy pride Baptists have rejoiced in their heritage with reference to New Testament churches and with reference to that great body of doctrinal teaching found in the New Testament to which we have so closely adhered through the years. Not only have Baptists kept true to the materials of our ministry, but also to the spirit of it. Our men preach our distinctive doctrines with great spiritual power, and for the most part we have been very true with reference to the administration of the ordinances; "and now concerning the collection" we realize that we have largely failed to enlist our people in Christian giving throughout the Southland. We find that in response to the promotion and assistance given by our Board, hundreds of churches have increased their finances. and many of them are now on a firm financial footing. lieve that any church that has as a basis for its financial operations the payment of the tithes as a minimum expression of individual stewardship cannot be greatly shaken in its financial structure even by a depression. Your Board has not only offered information and plans, but has also gathered materials and offered them to the churches at scarcely any cost. We rejoice to find the churches prospering both materially and spiritually when the emphasis upon tithes and offerings is sufficient to enlist their people in such proportionate giving. This annual service has evidently greatly assisted the churches in bringing their budgets up to a predepression level. Leaders in other states and even in foreign lands have complimented us on the Stewardship movements and have requested copies of the program.

VI. FINANCES

While your Board regrets that it has been unable to collect the full amount which the budget called for month by month, yet we are happy to report that even in the face of two major specials—namely, the Ministers' Retirement Plan and the Ouachita College Campaign—we have received more undesignated contributions than we did for the same period in the previous year.

The amount of undesignated Cooperative Program receipts for the first ten months of this year was \$70,174.86. This is an increase of approximately \$6,000.00 over the corresponding period of last year. We also received during this ten months in designations \$47,124.39 including \$27,812.44 cash on the Ouachita Campaign. We also received from the Sunday School Board for the Sunday School, B. T. U, and B. S. U. departments \$4,825.00. We have further received for the Retirement Plan and from the S. A. Apple bequest, and a few miscellaneous contributions \$16,-797.06, which makes a grand total of receipts for the ten months amounting to \$138,921.31. The same figure for the corresponding period of 1939 was \$94,892.89. These figures reveal the fact that our people have given much more largely than they did the previous year. Causes in and out of Arkansas have reported they have received from donors in the state an aggregate amount of \$12,612.53. So it appears that our Baptist people have given as much as \$150,000.00 to Missions, Christian Education and Benevolences during the ten months period.

Arkansas Baptists, however, should have given this amount through the State Budget, to say nothing of specials. We ought to have a budget of \$175,000, for 1941 instead of the one we are suggesting, and we ought to provide that much to meet the growing demands of our work and our opportunities. At least \$75,000 of such a budget ought to go to Southwide Causes. There is so much at stake in this crucial hour, and there are so many worthy causes of great moral and spiritual values that clamor for recognition and for a little financial assistance from the greatest crowd of Christian people in this commonwealth. There are so many causes whose appeals to us are fraught with justice and whose opportunities are enlarged because of a growing public sentiment in their favor. The Crusade for Prohibition should have financial assistance through our State Budget. provide a small church building fund to encourage weak churches and mission stations to start houses of worship. State Missions ought to have \$25,000.00 at least.

Somehow we Baptists in Arkansas do not have the proper outlook upon our world task. We are not supporting the cause of our Saviour as we ought to do. We now have a fairly good home base, and we ought to have a long range Christian vision even as long as that of the Saviour when He said that the limit of our operations is the uttermost parts of the earth. Many of

our churches that have budgets practically as large as ever are giving only a small percentage for Missions. Our pastors should become more and more Mission conscious, and our laity should respond to their leadership in the matter.

Organized evils have increased their promotional budgets by leaps and bounds until now their advertising expenditures are enormous. The Federal Government has increased its expenditures many times over in the last two decades. So have state and county and municipal governments. They borrow and borrow, and tax and tax, and spend and spend, and re-elect and reelect. It is sad but true that governments sponsor vice and iniquity and organized evil definitely in their programs. We pay our taxes in increasing figures, but when we make our budgets for missionary, Christian education, and benevolent causes, our people begin to object and want to reduce the budget. We buy our automobiles and make pledges to pay from \$500 to \$1,000 in monthly payments. We buy our refrigerators and radios and pledge from \$50 to \$150 in monthly payments. But when the Cause of Christ presents itself and we are asked to make large subscriptions and pledges, we begin to raise questions. No wonder the world is growing worse. Many of us believe it will grow worse until Jesus comes. But whatever else the Bible does mean, it certainly does not mean that we are to let down and diminish our efforts while the devil's crowd is constantly bringing up re-enforcements.

The S. A. Apple Bequest. "The Apple Bequest" was part of a trust fund of approximately \$30,000.00, which was set up by the late Mr. S. A. Apple, formerly of Arkansas but who later lived in another state, and became wealthy. His last Will and Testament directed that ten per cent (10%) of this fund be given to the Trustees of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, to be administered by them as an educational trust fund. After Mr. Apple's demise his widow contested the Will, but the defendants won the lawsuit. Seventy per cent of our part, or \$2,056.46, has been remitted to us, thirty per cent being withheld until the status of the inheritance tax can be determined. We do not expect to get any more of this fund.

VII. BAPTIST PRINCIPLES NEED A NEW EMPHASIS

Your Board would urge our Baptist leadership in particular to re-emphasize certain vital principles that are essential to the progress of the Baptist Cause and which mark an unswerving loyalty to Christ. There is an octapla of Baptist principles that ought to engage our major attention and have the fervent support of every Baptist pulpit during 1941.

1. The Lordship of Jesus

Jesus is the Lord of both saints and sinners, whether they recognize Him or not. None can escape the government of Christ! None of us is free to do as we please unless we please to love and trust and serve Him. We are bond slaves of Christ. Our daily living ought to reflect His life to this dark world. Neither can our churches escape the Lordship of Christ. He, in every case, is the head of the church. This doctrine can find its complement and corollary only in a faithful stewardship, and this carries not only with reference to the individual but also with reference to the churches.

2. The Local Church Magnified

The local church is the central organization and the unit of promotion in all Kingdom work, and so far as any human authority goes it is absolutely autonomous. It is the one institution that Jesus set up on earth and He is its only Head. The Commission was given to the first church. Christ should have His glory in the church, and the members of our churches should be anchored in the doctrines that are committed to the churches.

3. Revival of Our Distinctive Doctrines

We have noticed with grave concern a denominational laxity and a painful absence of distinctive Baptist preaching and teaching in the last ten years. Why not come back to the preaching of the doctrines that laid a firm foundation for Baptist progress? An appeal based upon loyalty will be no more than a bag of mush unless the appeal is based upon principles that will justify and inspire a response. If we do not believe something distinctive, and if there are not Bible principles and doctrines that Baptists believe, which other denominations repudiate, either by confession or by practice, then our people will see little justification for a response that resembles sacrifice for the causes which we represent. If we do no more and stand for no more than others why sacrifice to keep our work going? Why not let our pulipts ring again with the doctrines of "Universal and Total Depravity," of the "Absolute Necessity of a Regenerated Life," and the

"Unconditional Requirement of Repentance Toward God and Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ", that only the Blood of Jesus Christ can cleanse from sin; that salvation is a new birth, and that regeneration is more than reformation. Why not re-emphasize the New Testament doctrine of the ordinances, and the authority of only a New Testament church to administer them? Let us preach these distinctive doctrines, not to be disagreeable, of course, but for the truth's dear sake. Our answer to the periodical approach of unionizers should be a fervent campaign of indoctrination.

4. Recognition of the New Testament Principle of Cooperation

Here again the Lordship of Jesus is involved. We labor constructively only as we build around the person and Lordship of Christ. If Christ is the head of every church, then too many churches abuse their independence. Can a church be independent of Christ's missionary commands? Some seem to think so, but in assuming that position they thus repudiate the headship of Christ, run liberty into license, and cut Christ out of their program. If a church is free to repudiate Missions, it is because it has rebelled against the Head of the church. We are laborers together with God.

5. Evangelism

We must never cease to major on evangelism. Christ wept over lost multitudes. How can we say we love Him if we refuse to tell lost men of His redeeming love? Our loyalty to Him is determined at this point. If a denomination comes to the day that it wants to put more emphasis upon and more money into institutions than it does upon evangelism and Missions, it is taking a back track and will soon find itself at its small starting point. It will soon become top-heavy enough to topple over.

6. Missions

Missions must continue to be emphasized. Missions is simply carrying the message of evangelism to people of other lands until we reach the uttermost part of the earth. And what is true concerning the primacy of Evangelism may also be said of Missions. We can enlarge our support of the Cooperative I rogram by preaching Missions.

7. Christian Faith and Heroism

This is no time to compromise. It is no time to retreat. This

is a day when the prevalence of evil ought to challenge every spark of holiness in the soul of every saint. The forces of evil are entrenched and are defiant. Yea, they are advancing with new weapons of spiritual warfare, and in many instances they have government protection and in some instances are government sponsored. But we can voice the assertion of Paul—namely, "A great door is opened unto us, and effectual; and there are many adversaries." We ought to be willing not only to face the enemies of the Lord. but if necessary to die in a renewed assault upon the forces of evil.

8. Love

Jesus warned us that the day would come when "because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." There is a painful absence of love in the brotherhood today, and a painful presence of criticism. Since love is the badge of a Christian, should we not call our people to return to the life of love for each other. "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples," said Jesus. Let us re-emphasize this in our preaching and teaching, and practice it in our relationships.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

- 1. That the Cooperative Missionary Program and the unified budget be heartily supported by all of our churches during 1941, and request that the churches increase the mission percentages in their budgets.
- 2. A well organized effort led by the Executive Board members in the associations to get eight hundred (800) churches to contribute regularly to Cooperative Missions during 1941.
- 3. That "tithes and offerings" be emphasized as the scriptural method of supporting the Kingdom Work.
- 4. A vigorous evangelistic campaign during the year, and that we commend the Southern Baptist Convention for its evangelistic movement, and that we cooperate with President Hamilton and Dr. Leavell of the Home Mission Board in their plans for the movement.
 - 5. We recommend unreservedly to our Baptist people the

adoption of the Cooperative Missionary Program as the safest, simplest and most economical method of working together which we have ever tried, and we urge all our pastors and church members to join with enthusiasm in the campaign to carry information about the program to every church. As a means of instruction and as a source of supplemental income for some of our agencies, we recommend heartily the special seasons of emphasis provided for in the Calendar of Time of the Southern Baptist Convention and urge the churches to use the program as a means of instruction and to take the offerings as a method of enlarging the grace of giving among our people.

6. We recommend that 1941 be a year of unceasing Bible reading and prayer by all the elect throughout the state—prayer for more of the grace of God to make us humble, obedient, diligent witnesses of Christ; prayer for more of His power upon every word that we speak and upon every deed that we perform; prayer for more spiritual guidance in all our choice making and activity; prayer that we may bring forth more fruit and that our fruit may abide; prayer that more lost souls may repent and believe the Gospel and be saved.

7. We recommend the following budget for 1941:

Administration\$	9,000
Promotion and Convention Expenses	1.750
W. M. U.	8,000
S. S. and B. T. U.	5,200
Southwide Causes	24,000
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage	12,000
Ouachita College	9,000
Central College	4,000
State Missions	15,000
Ministerial Student Aid	1,500
Ministers' Retirement Plan	5,500
The Arkansas Baptist	3,200
Emergency Reserve	1,850

GRAND TOTAL \$100,000

EXHIBIT "A"

EXECUTIVE BOARD ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Balance Sheet December 31, 1940

ASSETS

Cash—Trust Funds on Hand and in Banks Office Furniture and Fixtures Real Estate—Camp Pike Property	1,000.00 400.00	63,380.62
Less: Reserve for Depreciation	1,400.00 1,400.00	
Bonds—Central Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Ark. Interest Coupons Certificates of Indebtedness— Ouachita College	2,000.00 15.00	2,015.00 788.27
Total Assets		66,183.89
LIABILITIES		
Fund Balances		
Administration	1,101.88	
Benevolent	304.50	
Church Building	115.00	
Flood and Storm Relief	63.25	
Ministerial Education	174.62	
Negro Work	156.79	
State Missions	12,262.69	
Student Work—Conway	33.34	
Sunday School and T. U. Department	579.37	
Unappropriated Ministers' Retirement—	305.24	
Cooperative Program	617.26	
Ouachita College Campaign—Building	22,962.36	
Ouachita College Campaign—Debt	12,571.66	
Ouachita College Campaign	2,803.27	
Promotion and Convention	43.98	
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage	3,165.96	57,261.17
Special Funds		
State Missions Endowment	5,260.14	
Office Building Reserve	618.79	
S. A. Apple Arkansas Baptist		

Educational Fund
Baptist Church—Wright's Plantation—
Plum Bayou

Plum Lightities

2,056.46

987.33

8,922.72

Total Liabilities

66,183.89

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that we have audited the books and records of the General Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Board, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, for the year ended December 31, 1940, and, in our opinion, the above statement correctly reflects their financial position on that date.

Little Rock, Arkansas January 17, 1941.

RUSSELL BROWN CO. By A. B. GOODRUM

Certified Public Accountants.

EXHIBIT "B"

EXECUTIVE BOARD

ARKANSAS BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements January 1, 1940 to December 31, 1940, Inclusive

Cash on Hand and in Bank
January 1, 1940

Cash Receipts
Cooperative Program—Undesignated Contributions
Baptist State Hospital
Bottoms Bappist Orphanage 5,178.91
Less: Refund 35.00 5,143.91

Central College	4:55
Ouachita College	133.13
Ouachita College Campaign	48.744.57
Ouachita College	E00.00
Campaign (bldg.) Ouachita College	590.08
Campaign (debt)	871.97
State Evangelism	3.503.70
State Missions 5,420.80	
Less: Refund 8.10	5,412.70

State Missions (W. M. U.	
"Week of Prayer")	4,195.68
Foreign Missions	1,907.60
Home Missions	643.31
Hundred Thousand Club	5,306.62
Old Ministers Relief	44.78
British Baptist	
Mission Relief	1,490.21

Total Designated Contributions

78,064.20

Total Cash Contributions Miscellaneous Cash Receipts:

164,790.94

From Baptist Sunday School	Board-	
For S. S. and T. U. Dept. 4	,475.00	
For S. S. and T. U. Specials	250.00	
For D.T.U. Conferences	100.00	
For Ark. Baptist Assembly	100.00	
For Field Work	200.00	
For Summer Field Work	725.00	
For Vacation Bible Schools	100.00	5,950.00

From B. S. U. Convention	n	86.34
From B. S. U. Retreat		136 60
From D. T. U. Conferen	ces	60.50
From Relief & Annuity Bo	oard for Min	nisters
Retirement Administra	tive and	
Promotional Expense		633.68
Interest on State Mission		000.00
Endowment Fund	•	43.24
From S.A. Apple Est. Ar	k. Baptist	
Educational Trust Fund		2,056.46
From Chas. A. Gordon,		2,000.10
Simmons Nat. Bank, Pi	ne Bluff	
Dec. 1, 1940 Installmen	t due on	
Ouachita College Certif		
Indebtedness	reares or	2,191.25
Ministers Retirement—		2,101.20
Members' dues	8,080.91	
Less: Refunds		0.000.01
Less. Retunds	11.10	8,069.81
Ministers' Retirement—		

Total Miscellaneous Cash Receipts

8,766.53

6.00

8,760.53

Churches' dues

Less: Refund

27,988.41

Total Cash Receipts

192,779.35

Total Cash to be Accounted for

210,088.56

Cash Disbursements

Administration Expenses 10,481.38

Less: Refunds 58.55 10,422.83

Promotion and Convention

Expenses 2,038.57

Less: Refunds 82.55 1,956.02

S.S. - T.U. Dept. Expenses 9,428.32

Less: Refunds & Transfer 111.91 9,316.41

S.S. - T.U. Special Funds—

Expenses 1,875.53

Less: Refunds 51.84 1,823.69

State Mission Expenses 19,315.81

Less: Refund 25.00 19,290.81

Woman's Missionary Union 9,098.06

Less: Refunds 598.06 8,500.00

The Arkansas Baptist 3,417.75

Less: Refunds 417.75 3,000.00

Ouachita College Campaign

Advanced for Expenses 4,015.25

Less: Refund 15.25 4,000.00

Payments on Ouachita		
College Certificates of		
Indebtedness		2,863.85
Remitted to Simmons Nat.	Donle	2,009.09
and Chas. A. Gordon, Tr		
		10.000.00
for Ouachita College Bo		10,000.00
Remitted to Relief and A	-	
Board for Ministers Retire	em e nt:	
Members' dues	8,069.81	
Churches dues	8,760.53	
Executive Board, Ark.		
Baptist State Convention's		
2% Contribution 5,384.24 Less: Refund 1.50	5 909 7 <i>1</i>	22,213.08
Less. Refund 1.50	0,302.14	22,213.00
		
Ministerial Student Aid		
(Ouachita Students)		1,340.75
Negro Work		748.48
Benevolent Fund (E. B. Bro		
	\$50.00)	125.00
Church Building Fund: Hardy Baptist Church	50.00	
Wolf Bayou Baptist Chur		60.00
,, car _ a y		00,00
Remitted to Baptist State		
Hospital		71.39
Remitted to Bottoms		
Baptist Orphanage	9,057.44	
Bottoms Baptist Orphanage Expense—Thanksgiving	!	
Offering Promotion	95.00	9,152.44
Offering 1 formerion	00.00	0,102.11
		
Remitted to Central Colle	ge .	2,397.78
Remitted to Ouachita Coll		6,111 01
Remitted to Foreign Mission	on Board	842.58
Remitted to Executive Con		
Southern Baptist Convent	ion	
Southwide Causes —Undesignated	23,921.88	
Designated—Old Minis-	40,541.00	
ters Relief	44.78	
Des.—Home Missions	643.31	
Des.—Foreign Missions Des.—Hundred	1,065.02	
Des.—Hundred	E 000 00	
Thousand Club	5,306.62	

Des.—British Baptist Mission Relief

1,490.21 32,471.82

Total Cash Disbursements

146,707.94

Cash on Hand and in Bank December 31, 1940

63,380.62

SCHEDULE "I"

STATE MISSIONS FUND

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

January 1, 1940 to December 31, 1940, Inclusive				
Balance in State Mission I State Mission Receipts 1940 Cooperative Program		ıary 1, 1 94	0	8,621.17
Undesignated Receipts Designated Receipts—Stat		c 5 420 80	10,764.34	
Less: Refund	e mission		5,412.70	
Designated Receipts—Evan E. B. Abington Elmer F. Cox C. L. Randall O. M. Stallings W. R. Vestal	ngelism 584.15 270.75 992.63 963.70 692.47		3,503.70	
W. M. U. "Week of Prayer Interest on State Mission		nt Fund	4,195.68 43.24	
Total State Mis	ssion Rece	eipts		23,919.66
•				32,540.83
State Mission Disburseme District Missionaries: E. Butler Abington, Salary	7 2,700.00			
E. Butler Abington, Exp.	285.38	2,985.38		
Elmer F. Cox, Salary Elmer F. Cox, Expenses	2,100.00 310.02	2.410.02		
C. L. Randall, Salary C. L. Randall, Expenses	2,700.00 239.45	2,939.45	ند	٠.

O. M. Stallings Salary (11 mos.) O. M. Stallings, Expenses W. R. Vestal, Salary W. R. Vestal, Expenses	2,200.00 s 220.89 2,700.00 275.80	2,420.89 2,975.80	
W. It. Vestal, Expenses		2,515.00	
Letterheads for District Missionaries Employees' Retirement Du		5.34	
C. L. Randall O. M. Stallings W. R. Vestal	81.00 66.00 81.00	228.00	13,964.88
Associational Mission Aid: Benton-Washington Coun	tv.		
A. L. Hart	υ,	150.00	
Benton County, A. L. Ha	rt	30.00	
Big Creek, Raymond But		175.00	
Black River-Greene Cour			
J. M. Hitt	• ,	300.00	
Boone-Carroll, Hugh Coo	per	240.00	
Buckville, H. R. Boyd		159.00	
Caddo River, I. M. Kibbe	:	140.00	
Caroline, Richard Johnson	n	50.00	
Clear Creek, E. Rawlings	125.00		
W. Lindsey	25.00		
J. Freeman	25.00		
Raymond Butler	37.50	212.50	
Current River-Caineguille			i
Current River-Gainesville W. O. Taylor Dardanelle-Russellville,	,	360.00	
Gray Evans		360.00	
Delta-Ministerial Student	· e	100.00	
Faulkner County, E. F. S	immone	210.00	
Fourche Valley, Wallace I	Viarks	75.00	
Hope, L. Y. Lewis		210.00	
Tri County, J. Ernest Cox		360.00	
Trinity, Louis Gustavus	•	300.00	
Trinity, Louis Gustavus White County, W. E. Cor	der	180.00	
White River, H. J. Adkins	3	50.00	
Woodruff Co., J. O. Kincan	non. Jr.	75.00	3,736.50
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Missionen- Desten Desse	۰ ۱		
Missionary Pastor, Dyess, A Harvey Gray (1 mo.)	ırkansas–	25 00	

W. E. Haltom (6 1-3 mo	s.)	158.33	183.33	
P. A. Stockton, for services	assisting in	n meeting—	-	
Pleasant Home Church,	Pine Bluff	Ass'n.	25.00	
First Baptist Church, Boo	neville—			
I. Mosier and Raymond	Sykes		225.00	
Bible Schools—Expense	S		359.66	
Taxes—Camp Pike Prop			.71	
Mrs. Mattie M. Burke A			90.00	
"State Mission Day" Prom				
Postage 94,000 Offering Envelop	100.00			
20,000 State Mission Trac				
1,500 State Mission Poste				
Cuts	3.50			
Clasp Envelopes	9.29			
Parcel Post Labels	2.12			
Mimeograph Paper and Letterheads	10.00			
Program Material	10.00			
from Nashville	52.08		427.06	
		•		
Expenses of Conference				
on Evangelism	222.32		107.00	
Less: Refund	25.00		197.32	
				
Expenses Special Work Co	onducted b	y W.M.U.		
at Migrant Center			43.23	
500 Leavell's Handbook o	n Evangel	ism	8.45	
Expenses, Meeting of Com Missions and Evangelis			29.67	
Transferred to Special Ac Bldg. at Wright's Planta			987.33	
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EXHIBIT "C"

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

January 1, 1940 to December 31, 1940, Inclusive

	Cooperative Program Undesignated	Designated	Designated (Sent Direct)	Totals
State Causes				
Administration	\$10,000.00			\$10,000.00
Ministers' Retirement	6,000.00			6,000.00
Promotion & Convention	2,000.00			2,000.00
State Missions	,	13,112,08		23,876.42
Sunday School, Training	10,101.01	10,112.00		20,010.12
Union and Student Un-				
ion Department	5,200.00			5,200.00
The Arkansas Baptist	3,000.00			3,000.00
Woman's Missionary Unio	,			8,500.00
Baptist State Hospital	JII 0,500.00	71.39	3,416.71	3,488.10
Bottoms Bap. Orphanage	7,174.49	5,143.91	2.998.08	15,316.48
Central College	2,393.23	4.55	163.00	2,560.78
Davis Hospital	2,555.25	4.55	213.78	213.78
Ministerial Student Aid	1 106 69		415.10	
Negro Work	1,196.62 598.30			1,196.62 598.30
Ouachita College	5,977.88	133,13	1,452.76	7,563.77
Ouachita College, Campaig		48,744.57	_,	48,744.57
Ouachita Col. Campaign		590.08		590.08
Ouachita Col. Campaign		871.97		871.97
Oua. Col. Cam. (Ouachita Certificates of Indebted	College's	788.27		700 07
Oua. Col. Cam. (Bonds of	: Central	100.21		788.27
Baptist Church, Hot Sp	rings)	2,015.00		2,015.00
Southern Baptist Convent	ion Causes			,
Southwide—Cooperative I				
British Baptist Relief	23,921.88	1 400 01		23,921 88
Foreign Missions		1,490.21 1,907.60	9,237.70	1,490.21 $11,145.30$
Home Missions		643.31	4,791.70	5,435.01
Hundred Thousand Club		5,306.62	_,	5,306.62
Old Ministers Relief		44.78		44.78
TOTALS	86,726.74	80,867.47	22,273.73	189,867.94

SUMMARY OF WORK DONE BY STATE MISSIONAR-IES AND BY ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARIES WHOSE SALARIES WERE SUPPLEMENTED BY STATE BOARD DURING 1940.

JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, INCLUSIVE

	Total State	Total Ass'n.	Grand Tot.
	Missionaries	Missionaries	State and
•		A	A ssociational
			Missionaries
Months Labored	- 59	168	227
Revival Meetings Held	73	152	225
Professions Witnessed	1,073	1,135	2,208
Received for Baptism	842	948	1,790
Total Additions	1,132	1,247	2,379
Churches Organized	2	7	9
Sunday Schools Org	3	33	. 36
B. T. U.'s Organized	14	23	37
Collected for State			
Missions	\$3,503.70	\$ 84.70	\$3,588.40
Collected for			
Cooperative Program	25.56	75.41	100.97

Song, "My Hope Is Built".

State Mission report was read by Alfred Carpenter and discussed by Joe H. Hankins, and adopted.

STATE MISSION REPORT

We understand this phase of our Mission work to mean: the gathering of mission funds for this purpose of distribution same in the interest of enlisting all our churches in all our mission program and to promote evangelism in needy and neglected places. Is not this phase of our state work the hub of our whole mission enterprise?

To this end your committee has been thinking, praying and planning for a State Mission program that would both challenge our churches and be adequate to meet our opportunity, reaching from center to circumference of our state. We have a firm conviction that Arkansas Baptists would be satisfied with nothing less and are ready to stretch full length in such an enterprise.

This report deals, first, with some visible accomplishments for the past ten months (Jan. 1, 1940 to Oct. 31, 1940). Second, our needs for the immediate future. Third, some recommendations to meet these needs.

Accomplishments: (Taken from 10 months report)

- 1. The Five district and twenty-two association missionaries (whose salaries we supplement) report 210 revivals, 2,074 professions of faith, 1738 baptisms, totaling 2,381 additions to churches. Nine new churches were organized, 33 Sunday Schools and 32 Training Unions. \$3,043.68 was raised on the field for state missions.
- 2. This year a Stewardship Campaign was conducted beginning with a state rally, followed by district and associational rallies reaching into the churches. Five district Bible Schools were conducted and Evangelistic conferences held. The entire state mission forces led in all these meetings.
- 3. We have operated within our budget. Ten months receipts have totaled \$18,464.37. Disbursements amounted to \$16,-143.69. We are not well pleased to announce a balance but would rather apologize to this convention for not "placing missionaries on the field as soon as funds justified", as you instructed last convention.
- 4. This has been a constructive year for the state mission phase of our work. An enlargement is indeed justified.

II. The Present Needs

1. Those ever present.

Fully 800,000 lost souls in the state, 1200 dying each month. More than one half our population is unreached by any church. There are 120 pastorless churches, 95 preachers without churches. 350 churches make no gift to cooperative missions while 10% of our pastors give nothing to missions. 140 churches reported no baptisms. 88 communities in the state greatly in need of Baptist work. These figures vary little from year to year. Surely they can be favorably changed.

2. Needs that call for immediate attention.

Camp Robinson at Little Rock. The government colonies, the rehabilitation projects, the seasonal migrant problems, and the destitute section of our state. Our colored brethren need assistance in their work. These needs should receive immediate attention in this year's program.

III. Recommendations:

Before considering recommendations for the future program may we review those made at the Ft. Smith convention in 1937 when a three-year program was launched. The recommendations were:

- 1. Increase the number of our district missionaries from 3 to 5. This has been done.
- 2. Increase supplements to associational missionaries to enlarge the number from 10 to 20. This accomplished.
- 3. Conduct state-wide evangelistic and stewardship campaigns each year. This has been done with good results.
- 4. Our three year goals were: Total baptisms 50,000. Approximately 37,000 have been baptized. Enlist 40,000 tithers, this difficult to check on. Increase our state mission budget to \$25,000.00, anticipated receipts this year will be \$20,100. 800 dhurches giving to cooperative missions, approximately 145 churches have been added to the giving list these three years.

In the light of results from this three year program that closes with this convention, and with a view of the future, your committee recommends; that this convention recommend to the Baptist churches in Arkansas, that a four year state mission program be launched to close with the convention meeting in the fall of 1944 which is previous to the Centennial meeting of the Southern Convention in the spring of 1945. That the four year program include:

- 1. Meeting the needs of Camp Robinson as soon as possible.
- 2. That the government colonies and rehabilitation projects together with the seasonal migrant problems, destitute sections of the state to be given special attention.
- 3. That our district missionaries and associational missionaries, whose salaries are supplemented by state mission funds, give special emphasis and personal direction to stewardship and

budgeting campaigns in an effort to enlist more of our churches in the whole mission program of the denomination.

- 4. Continuation of state-wide evangelistic campaigns each year, seeking to reach each needy place with at least one revival. Setting the goal of baptisms for the four years at 60,000.
- 5. That the state be definitely organized for four major mission offerings each year, in keeping with denominational calendar. Namely: Home missions in March, Associational missions in July, State missions in October and Foreign missions in December.
- 6. That we encourage and probably worthily assist our colored brethren in an enlarged mission program among their own people.
- 7. That our state mission forces lead the way for aggressive cooperative enlargement and enlistment campaigns as sponsored by our Sunday School and Training Union secretary.
- 8. The number of our missionaries be increased as rapidly as funds will justify.
 - 9. The continuation of our District Bible Conference.
- 10. That our state mission budget be increased from year to year and all phases of our state program MAJORS ON MISSIONS. By the convention in 1944 our state mission budget should be \$40,000.00

Conclusions:

The Lord has blessed our efforts in that Arkansas Baptists are gaining faster than any other two denominations. 47% of the church members of the state are in Baptist churches. Enlarged blessings bring increased responsibilities.

With Arkansas judged as saturated with missionary opportunity and with a ready response to our Baptist message, your committee calls this convention to challenge Arkansas Baptists with a well rounded four year, all state, all missionary program.

Respectfully submitted,

Ira Patishall
E. P. J. Garrott
Lloyd Sparkman
O. J. Chastain
Alfred Carpenter

Grover C. Prince read the report on Layman's Work. After it had been discussed by Lawson H. Cook, Secretary of the Brotherhood of Southern Baptist Convention, it was adopted.

LAYMEN'S WORK

At the last meeting of the state convention, a committee of seven was appointed by the president to promote Brotherhood work and develop a State Brotherhood Organization. This committee, consisting of three pastors and four laymen, has been active throughout the year and wishes to report the progress made.

During the week of April 22nd, five district Brotherhood Rallies were held in succession throughout the state. On May 27th a sixth rally was held in Pulaski county. The entertaining churches were Immanuel at Pine Bluff, First Church at Hope, First Church at Van Buren, First Church at Batesville, First Church at Jonesboro and Pulaski Heights Church at Little Rock. The total attendance at these rallies was better than 300.

District Brotherhood organizations have been set up in each part of the state with the following men elected as district presidents: S. E. District, Eddie Blackmon of De Witt; S. W. District, W. A. Jackson of Benton; N. W. District, Judge J. O. Kincannon of Van Buren; N Central District, Roy Jordan of West Batesville; N. E. District, G. B. Knott of Jonesboro and Pulaski county, Jeff Shemwell of Immanuel with Ike Taylor of Pulaski Heights as vice president. These district presidents automatically became State vice-presidents when the organization was completed this morning by the election of Claude Durnett as State Brotherhood President.

Your committee wishes to report a growing interest in the Brotherhood work with several Associational Brotherhood organizations and with more than fifty of our churches having active Brotherhoods, whereas three years ago there were only two active Brotherhoods in the state.

At each of the district rallies mentioned above, resolutions were unanimously passed calling on the convention through its Executive Board to recognize the increased interest in Brotherhood work by placing in the budget for 1941 a modest sum for the promotion of this work; also to secure the services of some competent layman as Brotherhood Secretary.

Since it did not seem possible to make such arrangements for 1941, we your committee recommend:

That the Executive Board include in its list of committees this coming year one on Brotherhood Work to continue to foster this movement.

Respectfully submitted,

Grover C. Prince, chairman Maurice M. Hall Reese S. Howard W. A. Jackson

The congregation sang "Onward, Christian Soldiers".

Closing prayer by J. O. Williams.

Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

President Waller called the convention to order at 9 a. m.

Gene Spearman led the congregation in singing "At the Cross", "The Rock That is Higher Than I".

Ira Patishall conducted devotion by reading and commenting on 1 Peter 1:3-6.

The convention sang "How Firm a Foundation".

James Kelly offered prayer.

The following resolution was offered by Blake Smith and

made a special order for Thursday morning.

BLAKE SMITH RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the president of the Convention be instructed to appoint a committee to survey the religious and spiritual needs, to study the state mission programs in other Southern States. Ascertain from our pastors, laymen and district associations what type of state mission program would in their judgment best meet the needs of our state, and in the light of these facts and judgments bring to the convention next year a proposed program of State Missions.

Be it further resolved that the Executive Board shall pay the expenses of this committee, not to exceed \$300.00.

Edgar Williamson read Sunday School, Baptist Training Union, and Baptist Students' Union reports; and after it had been spoken to by J. O. Williams of the Sunday School Board, it was adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, TRAINING UNION AND STUDENT UNION REPORT

Annual Report

January 1, 1940 to November 30, 1940

We submit herewith a report of the work done and the results accomplished by Arkansas Baptists through the Sunday Schools and Training Unions in the churches; the Student Union councils in the colleges; and the Summer Assembly. It reveals another year of progress. God has continued to bless the teaching of His Word, the training of church members, and the enlistment, conservation, and training of Baptist young people while in college.

Your Sunday School Work

In March, the last of the Annual State Associational Sunday School workers' Conferences was held in the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia. There was a total registration of 560. Thirty-nine associations were represented.

In April, with the assistance of Associational and other leadirg Vacation Bible School workers, Associational Vacation Bible School Conferences were conducted in every association in the state. We are glad to be able to report an increase in the number of Vacation Bible Schools conducted this year over that of last year.

Your State Approved Workers have been busy during the entire year, and have, by correspondence and conferences, helped materially, at little expense, with the promotion of Sunday School work. They have also served in many enlargement campaigns and training schools. At present the State Approved Workers are: Young People, Mrs. I. M. Prince; Intermediate, Mrs. A. C. Kolb; Beginner and Cradle Roll, Mrs. Edgar Williamson. The following served for a part of the year: Adults, Rev. Glenn A. Moore; Junior, Mrs. Dan Webster, Jr.; Primary, Miss Fay Matthews. Many association-wide and individual church enlargement campaigns and training schools have been conducted with gratifying results.

During the year, many churches have erected additional buildings or repaired and enlarged those already in use. This department has assisted in the planning of many of these. Practically all churches are now making provision in the Junior and Intermediate Department rooms for both the Sunday School and the Training Union, by the use of movable partitions.

A Comparative Report

	1939	19 40
Number Sunday Schools	989	1,035
Sunday School Enrolment	11,497	123,839
New Sunday Schools Organized	126	119
Diploma Holders in New Study Course, Total	927	1,218
Awards in New Sunday School Course, Total	29,130	35,937
Associations organized or partially organized		
for Sunday School Work	38	38
Standard Sunday Schools	56	44
Number Vacation Bible Schools Conducted	111	134

Your Training Union Work

On **April 30-May 1**, the last of the Annual State Associational Training Union Workers' Conferences was held in the Central Baptist Church, Hot Springs. There was a total of 525 registrations, with 36 associations represented.

In **August**, eight District Training Union Conferences were conducted, with an estimated total attendance of more than 2500 in the eight conferences.

Many association-wide and local church enlargement campaigns and training schools were conducted.

A Comparative Report

1939	1940
Number Training Unions 529	558
Number B. Y. P. U.'s, B. A. U.'s, and Story Hours 2,412	2,604
Total Training Union Enrolment 39,677	42,088
Training Union Awards12,951	12,405
Associations organized or partially organized	
for Training Union Work 36	37

Your Student Union Work

A Student Union council has now been organized in all of the Senior Colleges and in some of the Junior Colleges in the state. Student Union councils are now functioning in twelve colleges and one hospital.

In January, an Officers' Planning Meeting was conducted in the Second Baptist Church in Little Rock. All state officers and the president of all college councils, together with several pastors and faculty advisors, attended this meeting.

In April, the Annual State Spring Retreat for all new officers of the college councils was held in the First Baptist Church, Benton. 110 attended this meeting.

In October, at the First Baptist Church, Russellville, the Annual State Student Union Convention was held. 210 students registered, representing every campus in the state where there is a functioning council.

One of the most fruitful results of the Student Union work is the organized Summer Field Work participated in by many of the students. We are submitting the record of the Training Union work done in the rural churches of Arkansas during the summer of this year, and the totals for the past three years, by college students, serving under the directions of this department. This report does not include souls won, lives dedicated

or rededicated to the Lord's service, Sunday schools or churches organized or revived.

A Comparative Report

	Three Years'
. 1940	Total
Number Associations worked in 8	26
Number Churches worked in 102	300
Number Classes Taught 213	609
Number Enrolled in Classes 5,973	16,715
Average Attendance4,180	11,734
Number churches where workers were	
sent that did not have any B.T.U 53	171
Number New Unions organized251	642
Number Awards earned2,736	6,866

During the year your workers have made several tours, visiting the different colleges in the interest of Student Union Work. Dr. Frank H. Leavell, the Southwide Student Union Secretary, and Dr. John Miller, Student Union President of Arkansas, 1939-40, accompanied your workers on one of these tours. This department has, in the interest of Student Union work, promoted the publishing of a Student Union paper, entitled "THE CHALLENGER." Each month during the college year, copies of this paper are sent to each college campus for free distribution. We wish to express our grateful appreciation of the splendid work that is being done by the pastors of the churches located in the college centers. Without their assistance, the Student Union work of this department would be greatly handicapped.

Your Assembly

Your Assembly, located at Siloam Springs, promotes each year an "All Baptist Program for all Arkansas Baptists." Every phase of church work is presented and considered. For four years, there has been an increase in enrolment over the preceding year. This year there was a paid registration of 1056.

At no extra expense to the Convention or those attending the Assembly, improvements are continually being made to the buildings and grounds. Mr. Shelby Ford of Springdale, is the efficient Treasurer of the Assembly. Mr. Harry Turner continues his faithful service as caretaker of the Assembly grounds. This year, in accordance with the new plan of operating the Assembly, Rev. I. M. Prince, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Paragould, was elected President of the Assembly for the ensuing year.

Your Workers

There are four workers connected with this department. These are your Secretary; Associate Secretary, Miss Blanche Mays, who has increasingly rendered faithful and efficient service in the office and on the field in all phases of the work; and Mrs. Grace Hamilton and Miss Emma Jean Webster, who as office secretaries, have been efficient, zealous, and untiring in their efforts to promote faithfully the work of the department.

During the year your workers have conducted enlargement campaigns, training schools, conferences, conventions, and other services in 133 churches in every section of the state, and have traveled 44,570 miles in the interest of the four phases of the department's work. In addition to these, your office secretaries have written 5,430 personal letters, and 9,973 general letters, and have distributed 97,542 pieces of free promotional literature.

This department is grateful for the cooperation of our Arkansas Baptist pastors, district and associational missionaries, and all association and local church workers. We are especially grateful for the hearty support of the Executive Board. Dr. B. L. Bridges, the Executive Secretary, has given this department the finest possible cooperation. We also wish to express our deep appreciation for the Sunday School Board, and its support and cooperation. The financial budget of the department is provided jointly by the Arkansas Baptist Executive Board, and the Baptist Sunday School Board. We desire to express our sincere and deep appreciation to Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary of the Sunday School Board, for the cooperation he has given us in the promotion of our work this year.

Plans For 1941

This department will cooperate with the Sunday School Board in the promotion of the new Four-Year Program. During the week of **March 10**, every association in Arkansas will be visited by a team of workers who will endeavor to reach every

Baptist church in every association, in the interest of Sunday School work.

During the week of **April 21**, the same plan will be used in the effort to reach every church in every association in the interest of our **Training Union** work.

In addition to this, with the help of our Summer Field Workers, association-wide Training Union enlargement campaigns will be conducted in seven associations. During the year, association-wide Sunday School enlargement campaigns will be conducted in at least six associations. All of this promotional work has for its purpose the organization and strengthening of the Sunday School and Training Union work in every church in Arkansas.

In addition to this, every effort will be made to strengthen the work among the students of the colleges in our state. We propose to promote a three-fold personal program for every Baptist student attending any college: 1. Membership in a local Baptist church; 2. Enrolment in a unit organization of the local Baptist church; 3. Maximum Christian living on the campus.

A strong Assembly program personnel has already been enlisted for the 1941 Arkansas Baptist Assembly to be held in Siloam Springs, July 1-10. The paid registration goal for 1941 is 1200, and the attendance goal is 2000.

This department still believes that the best way to win souls for Christ is to locate and enlist them for the teaching and preaching of the Word of God; that the best way to reach, enlist, and train church members for useful and active service, is to reach and enlist them for the training services of our churches.

We also believe that there are many ways to help our churches, but that the best way is to work in and with the individual church.

Through associational conferences and association-wide enlargement campaigns to be conducted during 1941, this department hopes to make an outstanding contribution to the growth of all phases of our Baptist work.

We prayerfully urge all district and associational missionaries, pastors, and associational and church workers, to labor together with God in a united effort to reach and strengthen every Baptist church in Arkansas during 1941.

Respectfully submitted,

Edgar Williamson, Secretary

Mrs. C. H. Ray read the report on Woman's Work, and it was adopted.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Be Ye Steadfast, Unmovable, Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord—1 Cor. 15:58.

The watchword and hymn chosen for the present calendar year is especially expressive of W. M. U. ideals and activities. Throughout the year we have been singing of the firm foundation of our faith as laid in "His Excellent Word." And, standing on this foundation, it has been our aim to obey the admonition of our dynamic watchword, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

All through the history of Woman's Missionary Union it has been the purpose to abound in every possible service for the Lord. Grateful as we are of past achievements, we are not satisfied. When we compare what we have done with what we might have done, we are deeply conscious of our need of more of His abounding power, more of His abundant grace, and more of His sufficiency in all things.

Organization and Office

A debt of gratitude is due all officers, departmental chairmen and members of the Executive Board for their loyal support and co-operation in promoting "The work of the Lord" through the activities of the Union. The general officers are: Mrs. L. M. Sipes, president, Mrs. W. C. Edwards, recording secretary, Mrs. J. C. Fuller, assistant recording secretary, and Mrs. G. D. Thompson, auditor. District and associational officers, have, for the most part, given their best to leadership in their particular section of the State.

Serving in the capacity of co-laborers in the offices at the Union's Headquarters, 209 Hollenberg Building, Little Rock, in addition to the executive secretary are: Miss Margaret Hutcheson, young people's secretary, Mrs. W. D. Pye, treasurer and program editor, and Miss Elma Cobb, office assistant.

The records show the following office work accomplished: 7,604 letters received, 7,715 personal letters and cards written, 71,829 mimeographed letters and articles, 190,317 leaflets and other promotional literature, 14,779 packages sent, and 24 programs prepared and sent for different meetings.

The amount of \$9,989.09 has been spent for office administration and traveling expense of the two secretaries and other Union representatives. Of this amount \$6,500 was received from the Executive Board of this Convention, and the remainder of \$3,489.09 was received by Woman's Missionary Union direct from its organizations.

We now have on our mailing list 487 missionary societies and 878 young people's organizations, making a total of 1,365. These organizations are grouped in the 40 associational unions, these being divided as equally between the eight districts as territory will permit.

Meetings

Our women and young people have sought the blessings gained from "assembling themselves together." The annual meeting was held with the First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, April 2-4, the theme being "And they continued steadfastly." There was a total attendance of 1,200, consisting of 426 delegates and 774 visitors. Miss Mary Christian, teacher of Missionary Education at the Training School, Louisville, Kentucky, Dr. Maxfield, Garrott, missionary to Japan, and Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary of missions of the Home Mission Board, were guest speakers.

There were 1,246 assembled in the eight district meetings in May. The inspirational speaker was Miss Wilma Bucy, field worker for the Home Mission Board. At each of these meetings Mrs. Ray and Miss Hutchison represented the Union and Mrs. J. E. Short, the Orphanage. The theme was "Mightily Grew the Word of God and Prevailed", and we make grateful mention of the eight district presidents who so beautifully developed this topic in their programs. They are: Mrs. J. E. Short, Southeast, Mrs. Albert L. Buck, Southwest, Mrs. Walter Jackson, West Central, Mrs. P. O. Freeman, North Central, Mrs. B. B. Maxwell, East Central, Mrs. Julius G. Priest, Northwest, Mrs. T. Shad Medlin, Central, and Mrs. T. E. Tate, Northeast.

There is another large group in the State who serve loyally, namely, the associational superintendents and young people's counselors. Upon their shoulders largely rest the success or failure of our State work. Associational rallies have borne fruits that abound to the accounts of these associational officers. W. M. U. quarterly rallies have been held in most of the associations during the year. Associational young people's counselors have promoted 25 rallies during the year with an attendance of more than 2,352. Suggested programs and source materials for talks have been prepared and supplied from the W. M. U. office for all these rallies.

Last fall Woman's Missionary Union promoted 40 associational methods institutes, the total registration being 1,965 from 197 organizations. These were in the form of all-day study classes and the Standard of Excellence was the subject emphasized.

Many other meetings, either local or associational-wide, have been promoted by the State W. M. U. field worker, Miss Irene Chambers, who has traveled a distance of 16,308 miles in "The work of the Lord." She knows how to reach the hearts of people, loves them and makes them aware of her interest. A total of \$1,270 has been spent for field work. The field worker and the two secretaries have attended a total of 470 meetings, made 238 talks and traveled a total of 40,136 miles.

Woman's Missionary Union promoted classes for all grades at the Assembly with a total registration of 327 and 163 certificates and 184 seals awarded. The executive secretary served as dean and teacher, assisted by Mrs. L. M. Sipes, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, guest teacher and inspirational speaker, Mr. Lowell Queen, Miss M. E. Moore, Rev. and Mrs. Hugo Culpepper and Miss Corrie Chaney.

Chief Aims

The name of Woman's Missionary Union defines its purpose—MISSIONS. This purpose is promoted through the six Chief Aims. We give below the statistical report of the achievements during the past twelve months. These figures, we believe, contain only the tangible evidence of His divine leadership.

PRAYER—Definitely have we sought to emphasize prayer in the individual as well as the united prayer life by the use of the Calendar of Prayer, the holding of cottage prayer meetings and through the observance of the 9 o'clock prayer hour for world-wide missions and the special prayer seasons. We report the establishment of 435 family altars, and an average of more than one-half of the 1,365 organizations observing the prayer seasons during the past year, this being an increase of 153 organizations observing one or more of the three seasons of prayer. There was also an increase of \$1,073.96 in gifts over the previous year.

For Home Missions in March, 751 organizations met for prayer and brought offerings amounting to \$5,405.28; for State Missions in September, 632 groups prayed and gave \$4,215.72, while in December 784 organizations met to pray and brought gifts totaling \$9,422.25 for Foreign Missions, a total of 2,167 organizations and \$19,042.25 in over and above gifts to missions.

ENLISTMENT—There were 7,655 new members enlisted in missionary organizations during the past year, 3,569 in Missionary societies and 4,086 in young people's auxiliaries.

STUDY—Mrs. H. M. Keck, State Chairman of Mission Study, reports 1,796 classes held, 3,940 certificates and 10,537 seals awarded. Included in these were 175 official seals for completion of courses. Many of these classes were held preceding the March and December Seasons of Prayer. Many associations have held mission study institutes in which better methods of teaching were stressed and suggestions for presenting current books given.

PERSONAL SERVICE—Mrs. J. T. McLain, State Chairman of Personal Service, reports 638 organizations doing personal service with 8,419 members thus engaged, 5,695 among the women and 2,813 among the young people. There were 1,268 conversions reported from these activities and a total of \$7,819.50 spent in personal service activities promoted in local communities.

Beside their personal service work, the Baptist women support the charitable efforts of our various institutions. Mrs. R. C. Rudisill, State Chairman of Hospital Supplies, reports a total valuation of hospital gifts and supplies of \$8,137.92.

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. Through voluntary cash gifts from many societies in the State, Woman's Missionary Union has provided funds for a helper in the home for a number of years.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS—Certainly there is great need to "abound in this grace also." We are happy to report an increase of \$40,836.03 in the amount of gifts reported over the previous year. All gifts reported for the past year total \$266,047.68, the amount of \$180,674.91 having been contributed to local church, charity and miscellaneous, and \$85,399.77 for various mission causes. Mrs. E. S. Elliott, State Chairman of Stewardship, reports a total of 4,717 tithers, 3,258 among the women and 1,459 among the young people. The present challenge is to hold the number attained and to win for more faithful stewardship others and yet others. During the coming year greater emphasis is to be placed on the securing of a greater number of signed-up tithers, and we are praying for an abundant increase. Woman's Missionary Union is also endeavoring to double the number of memberships in the Baptist Hundred Thousand club among the women and young people during this calendar year as well as in 1941.

Arkansas W. M. U. entered heartily into the plan for securing its apportionment of \$3,335 for building the new training school in Louisville, Kentucky, and it is with gratitude that we report the completion of this objective. The young people of the State set as their goal of the above amount \$335, but they actually gave more than \$350.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE—It was Jesus, the friend of little children, who set a child in the midst of His followers. Hundreds of counselors, directors and leaders of young people have, through the year, zealously endeavored to keep the missionary training of young people in the midst of W. M. U. interests. Through the leadership of Miss Margaret Hutchison, Young People's Secretary, and her co-laborers, God has richly blessed their efforts as is evidenced by the results of the year's work, and this evidence will continue to be revealed as these young lives, touched with missionary fervor, through the coming years an abundant harvest of gifts, prayers and service. Miss Hutchison has written 2,464 personal letters and supervised the sending of all promotional literature for 878 auxiliaries, wrote and edited 13 programs, attended 149 meetings or series of meetings and traveled 12,940 miles in promoting "the work of the Lord" among young people. She has planned and executed various meetings for young people, some of the larger groups being the G. A. Conference in March with a registration of 239, the annual Y. W. A. Banquet with 225 in attendance, the Y. W. A. Houseparty with 85 registered, the junior and Intermediate Camps for boys and girls with a total attendance of 238, assisted in two District Y. W. A. Camps with 108 attending, and chaperoned a group of young women to Ridgecrest Y. W. A. encampment. She has visited 5 colleges, making several visits to two of these, and taught mission study classes at two. For the period covered by this report the young people gave \$24,439.44, which is an increase of \$1,281.59 over any previous record. This amount is included in the total gifts of Woman's Missionary Union.

Conclusion

Any report compiled by the executive secretary is made possible by the aid of others. In addition to the officers, State, district and associational, I want to express my profound gratitude to the local workers and pastors who have given their abundant service and prayers for the work of Woman's Missionary Union.

We find the watchword for the year set between two great expressions of victory. Just before the watchword is this song of praise, "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Following the watchword comes this promise. "Forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." We are not in a losing battle. As we face another year with its challenge for more abundant service and, with assurance of certain victory for all who follow Him, surely we MUST be "Steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. H. RAY,

Executive Secretary and Chairman of Committee on W. M. U. Work.

Mrs. Ray introduced the following workers: Mrs. L. M. Sipes, President Woman's Missionary Society of Arkansas; Mrs. J. E. Short, Mrs. A. L. Buck, Mrs. T. Shad Medlin, Mrs. P. O. Freeman, Vice President; Miss Margaret Hutcheson, Young People's Worker; Mrs. T. D. Thompson, Auditor; Miss Elma

Cobb, Office Assistant; Mrs. Ralph Davis, Mrs. L. E. Henson, Mrs. M. L. Summer, Mrs. J. C. Haney, Mrs. W. T. Weems, Mrs. M. E. Cole, Mrs. W. B. De Yambert, Mrs. S. A. Lawhorne, Associational Superintendents.

T. L. Harris read the report on the Arkansas Baptist. It was adopted after it had been discussed by Editor L. A. Myers.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST REPORT

We are compelled to admit the force of Proverbs 11:24 which refers directly to the dissemination of a truth. Here is the way the inspired writer brought his report centuries ago, "There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth only to want." We are encouraged to disseminate our truth as a means of growth and we are warned against the poverty around the corner for the organization doing less than its best to spread Baptist tidings. We must, therefore, accept this order of emphasis:

First, The Circulation Is Positively Primal

Circulation is primal for the reason that it is basic to all work of Baptists. It is therefore with gratification that we learn that the Arkansas Baptist has within 1940 almost reached circulation peak in its entire 39 years of history. The current issue carries a circulation of 7,000. At the present rate of increase we expect to go well within the range of 10,000 by the close of 1941. At present we are reaching every 6th Baptist home. The goal for the next five years is to reach every 2nd family within the state. To do this we must reach 15,500 subscribers. this end a special committee has been set up to work with the editor and the regular committee. All of us are of the opinion that the means to this enlargement must be the budgeting of the paper by the churches. We are likewise agreed that there can be no stability in a subscription list where the church has not taken some definite responsibility in circularizing its own members. This local church responsibility for reaching its membership with the paper may take three directions:

First, set up \$1.00 in the budget under Christian Literature for every family, paying monthly as all other church bills are paid. The amount would be 8 1-3 cents per month for each family.

The papers will be mailed direct from the printer and without any responsibility to the church.

Second, set up \$1.00 in the budget for "Official Families" only. By this is meant all in the church holding places of leadership, such, for instance, as the chairman of the deacons, superintendent of the Sunday School, teachers, departmental superintendents, and Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood organizations and heads of general church committees.

Third, set up a stipulated amount to match the interest of the member. It operates in this way. The subscription price is \$1.50. The denomination pays 50c, the church accepts 50c, and the subscriber accepts 50c. In this way \$100.00 set up in the budget of the church would mean 200 families securing the paper. Obviously, this plan is not as good as those previously given for the reason that it restricts circulation to those willing or able to pay.

Our committee has accepted the principle, along with our leaders in other Southern states, that there is really no difference between giving Sunday School literature to the membership by way of teaching and training them, and the giving of the paper to the same membership by way of indoctrinating, informing, and unifying them.

In view of the pressing importance in budgeting the paper, we desire here, to make the support of the following churches a matter of record. We therefore, set them out with the hope that this list will continue to grow until our whole Arkansas Baptist Brotherhood will be included in the subscription rolls. The churches that have already accepted the responsibility of circularizing all or a part of their memberships in one or the other of our plan are:

Emmett Antoine Curtis Lake Hamilton Gentry Forester Newport S. Highland, Little Rock Augusta Paragould Marianna Almyra England Baring Cross, N. Little R. West Point Immanuel, Little Rock. First, N. Little Rock Osceola Park Place, Hot Springs New Bethel, Miss Co.

Some of us remember on a previous year when emphasis

was given to placing the paper in the church budgets. We must remember also that this was at the beginning of the depression period, when there were many failures. At any rate, yesterday's failures must never be a criterion for the successes of tomorrow. The committee sees our Arkansas people reading our Baptist paper as never before. This statement is not to be taken as a negative note for our publications of the past, but, we are building, and we are looking surely to a circulation in the months ahead that will lift our whole Baptist cause.

Second, The Policy Is Positively Aggressive

No small part of the success of a paper is attributable to its aggressiveness. On this point we are gratified with the courageous attitude and the positive note of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST. It has won attention for and wide and is being widely quoted in the religious press. Its editorials and features are direct and purposeful. As an example of its convicting power this instance has taken place within the month: The proof-reader for typographaical errors, a young lady employed by the print shop, came under conviction and was converted from the reading of proof on the Arkansas Baptist, and two weeks ago united with the First Baptist church, Benton. It was her testimony that the influence of the paper wrought conviction.

Third, The Financial Management Is Positively Efficient

While the paper is not a money-making organ, and indeed, can never be, yet we feel some sense of security in the record of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST for the year. It takes two and onehalf tons of paper for a month's run. Immediately, we get a suggestion of the possible cost. Printing and mailing alone will run \$600.00 per month. General operating expenses, including salaries, rent, telephone, office supplies, and promotional costs in keeping up the subscription list will approximate another \$600.00 monthly. To meet the production cost of from \$1100.00 to \$1200.00 per month, the convention has handed the editor an allocation of \$250.00. This has left a difference between \$850.00 to \$950.00 to meet the monthly demands. Nothwithstanding, this material difference, the paper has met all expenses, and comes to the convention with a bank balance of \$160.00, a small amount, but a safe margin. The editor tells the committee that he has put faith along beside cold business dealing, putting the maximum of income into the quality of the paper, allowing no latitude. This is to say that to change any part of the income is to force a change in the present set-up of printing, quality of paper, and size of paper.

Whether or not we may be agreed upon the wisdom of carrying political advertisements, the fact is that the political year has been a good break for the paper financially. Approximately \$500.00 has been received from this source. Advertising from other sources has amounted, in round numbers, to \$3,400.00. Subscriptions have brought \$4.557.03. This, together with the allocation of \$2,500.00 from the convention, has given the paper a total income to date of \$10,993.50.

Perhaps it should be observed here that the first consideration of the editor and the committee has been the best possible paper. We have operated within the present income without sacrificing quality. We beg such support on the part of the convention as will make possible the continued maintenance of the standard thus far set.

A Positive Recommendation

The committee recommends that the convention go on record as endorsing the circulation goal of 15,500 subscribers by 1945, and that the convention's stamp of approval be placed upon the efforts of the editor and the committee in enlisting our Arkansas churches in the the budget column of the paper.

"There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth only to want."

Respectfully,

T. L. Harris, Chairman Irving M. Prince

M. E. Cole

P. J. Crowder

J. F. Brewer, Jr.

C. F. Wilkins

R. A. Butler

Song, "Blessed Assurance".

The report on Co-operative Program was read and discussed

by B. V. Ferguson, and adopted.

CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM

"We are labourers together with God." That means cooperation with God, and one another. To work with God in His plan and with each other to accomplish His will is the genius of the Christian faith and service. Baptists often call themselves 'a peculiar people' but the most peculiar thing about any Baptist is to refuse or to neglect to co-operate with his brethern in Christ's service.

Co-operation is no new word with Baptists. We pride ourselves upon being New Testament Christians and so we are. From the very beginning Christ taught co-operation. "Fear not little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give to you the Kingdom." He spoke to His people as sheep in a world filled with ravenous wolves. They would need the comfort and support of one another. Heresy and persecution have always driven the lovers of truth to the same shelter. When Jesus sounded

out the word of conquest, the great commission, it was to His church. It was His divine command that we keep step under His command; speaking the same language—telling the same story, following the one-spirit—animated by the same motive, presenting the one hope, relying on the one source of strength, accepting the one authority, proclaiming the one gospel, exalting the one and only Savior, Jesus Christ.

We find the apostle Paul and other apostles teaching from the very beginning unity of spirit and endeavor. "Endeavoring," said Paul, "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

By the very nature of our organizations, the independence of the local churches, the absence of human authority; Baptists have had to learn ways and methods of working together to the end that they might give their witness to the world. You will recall how just a little while ago Luther Rice went up and down the land bringing the Baptists together in a co-operative program. There have been times when the Baptist voice could scarcely be heard. But today we speak, as it were, from behind a sounding board. Our message is gone out in all the earth. The earth drenched in blood by ruthless dictators needs the Baptist message of freedom in Christ. "Who knoweth whether thou are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

We support and urge upon our people the support of the co-operative program for the following reasons.

First—It is sound and scriptural. It safeguards the independence of the churches and at the same time provides for the co-operation of the churches in carrying out the command of Christ. Certainly there is no scripture that is violated by our method. Those who find fault with the method simply make their complaint a substitute for being missionary and do nothing at all.

Secondly: It is the safest and best method yet discovered. It lays the claims of Christ upon all His churches and makes possible the carrying out of the Great Commission. Where is the church or churches that have found some better way? The fellow whom Jesus tells about to whom was given the one talent, who went and buried it might well serve to represent the non-cooperating churches.

Thirdly: We have found it to be the most adequate method. It brings in more money than the indefinite and uncertain appeals. It reaches vastly more people. It is adequate in that it distributes the funds to the best advantage and according to the needs of the fields. Our gifts are more intelligently distributed.

Fourthly: Its effect is most wholesome. It makes it possible for the individual to have part in all phases of the work at home and around the world. It binds us together in a challenging task. There is no spirit of unity where there is no spirit of cooperation. There is a sweet fellowship where we walk together in doing His will.

We have not realized our expectations this year. We have fallen short of the goal some \$30,000. However, we have made some gain. 508 churches have contributed to the Co-operative program this year while only 460 made contributions to the Co-operative program last year, a gain of 48 churches. Many churches are still lingering in the valley of the depression.

We urge that we make a definite advance in support of the

co-operative program this year.

B. V. Ferguson
John H. Webb
Mrs. Albert Buck
W. A. Jackson
W. R. Hamilton
Mrs. T. Shad Medlin

J. F. Queen read the report of the Hundred-Thousand Club. After it had been discussed by J. E. Dillard, Director of Promotion, it was adopted.

BAPTIST HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB

History

It was seven years ago last May that the Hundred Thousand Club was begun. The purpose of it was to liquidate the debts of the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention. The plan was to secure 100,000 givers who would contribute \$1.00 per month until the debts were paid. Each giver was to be urged to make his contribution over and above his regular giving to his own church budget. The Sunday School Board was to pay all expenses of the movement so that every dollar contributed could be paid on the principle of the debts. This plan has not been changed and the results have been gratifying, however, we have fallen far short of the Hundred Thousand members.

Progress

To June 1, 1940, Southwide agencies have received the following amounts from the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club: Foreign Mission Board, \$274,521.50; Home Mission Board, \$302,-344.57; National Baptist Memorial, \$8,373.21; New Orleans Hospital, \$20,483.68; Education Board, \$43,483.68; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$202,520.20; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, \$194,817.17; Baptist Bible Institute, \$124,-195.63; American Baptist Theological Seminary, \$1,249.74; Total, \$1,171,988.84. Of this total amount Arkansas Baptists have paid \$39,015.33, or an approximate average of \$5,500.00 annually for the seven years with an approximate membership of 450 annually. That means we have had only about one member of the club out of every 300 Baptists in the State.

The receipts are distributed as follows: Foreign Mission Board, 18%; Home Mission Board, 29.7%; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 18 1-3%; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 20 1-3%; Baptist Bible Institute, 12 1-3%; Southern Baptist Hospital, 1.3%; total, 100%.

But the progress has been more than financial and numerical. It has strengthened the morale of Southern Baptists, re-established our denominational credit—bonds that sold for twenty cents on the dollar when the Club started now sell at \$1.02—saved the lives of some of our institutions, and brought our south-wide debts from above five million dollars down to less than three million.

Looking Forward

There is a growing spirit among us that we should be free from these debts by 1945. The following are some of the things that must be done if this hope is realized:

- 1. More churches and pastors must become vitally interested than have been the past seven years.
- 2. More must be said about the Hundred Thousand Club in associational meetings, workers' councils, and by more influential writers through our Baptist State paper.
- 3. Pastors must preach more about its importance and worth in their pulpits.
- 4. Definite organic steps must be taken in each church for the enlistment of membership and the successful promotion of the Club.
- 5. Unceasing prayer and effort must be made for a Debtless Denomination by 1945.

The fact that the Southern W. M. U. has taken the responsibility of raising \$1,000,000 of the remaining debt does not mean that it will be easy to raise the balance. They will draw the money practically from the same source that it would come if the churches were well enlisted. After all it means the enlistment of membership. The fact that we are saving annually \$65,000 in interest on what we had to pay seven years ago does not mean that it will be easy to raise the balance of the debt. But a prayer-

ful, persistent effort by us all can make it easy by 1945.

J. F. Queen

C. D. Wood

C. B. Hall

The closing prayer was offered by O. J. Wade for Mrs. G. W. Bottoms, who is ill.

Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Vice President W. J. Hinsley called the Convention to order at 2 p. m. and presided during the afternoon session.

Gene Spearman directed the Convention in singing "Standing On the Promises" and "My Jesus, I Love Thee".

B. H. Duncan read John 12:20-33, and after commenting on it, led in prayer.

Davis Hospital report was given by Superintendent John O. Steel. It was received and filed for information.

DAVIS HOSPITAL

Twenty-first Annual Report

Cash on hand December 1, 1939	\$ 525.50
Total Operating Receipts55,199.67	
Total Cash Donations Received 255.28	55,454.95
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Total	55,980.45
Total Disbursements	55,472.75
Bank Balance 12-1-40	507.70
Total Number Hospital Days.	10.975
Total Number of Patients Treated during year	•
Average Stay per Patient	6
Average Patients Daily	
Deaths During Year—Non-Institutional	
Cost per Hospital Day	\$4.79
Operating Staff:	*

Superintendent-John O. Steel.

Supervisor of Nurses—Miss Roxie Stone.
Anesthetist—Miss Martha Brown.
Historian—Mrs. Don Maxey.
Bookkeeper—Miss Phoebe Jean Owen.
Diet Kitchen—Two.
One Cook and Assistant.
One Houseman.
One Laundrywoman.
Four Domestics.
One Telephone Operator.
Twenty-one Graduate Nurses.
Orderly.

A total of thirty-five employes.

We are glad to report an increasing patronage of our hospital as reflected in an increase in cash receipts of almost \$8,000.00 over the preceding year. While you will note that our cash donations amounted to only \$255.28, we received a considerable number of contributions of linens and food from the different churches, for which we want to express our genuine gratitude. The total patients treated during the year shows an increase of 238 over the preceding year.

During the year we cooperated with several programs for the care of indigent sick. These included patients sent to us by the State Welfare Department, The State Crippled Children's Division, and the Junior Auxiliary of Pine Bluff. We also rendered a considerable amount of service to patients who were able to pay only a part of the expense, and others who were entirely free. Including the hospitalization for our employees, discounts to ministers and physicians ,and the patients mentioned above, we have rendered during the year more than \$9,000.00 worth of hospital service without renumeration.

Last summer we leased an apartment building across the street from the Hospital so that we might use the fourth floor our building for an obsterical department. The rooms formerly occupied by the nurses were refinished and refurnished at a cost of \$1,947.95.

We have received during the year some nice gifts from local organizations. The Pilot Club of Pine Bluff bought for us a splendid operating light, a new and modern stretcher, and some

other smaller items of equipment. The Junior Auxiliary purchased for us an incubator for the care of premature babies.

The members of the Board of Control elected by this Convention are as follows:

E. W. Freeman	Term	expiring	December,	1940
John W. Reap	Term	expiring	December,	1940
H. F. Dial	Term	expiring	December,	1941
W. E. Bobo	Term	expiring	December,	1941
W. P. Keith	Term	expiring	December,	1942
Charles A. Gordon	Term	expiring	December,	1942

We are grateful to the public for their increasing use of our facilities and hope to continue to merit their patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Reap, Chairman Board of Control.

John O. Steel, Superintendent

A motion was carried that the part of the Executive Board's report referring to Retirement Plan be the report of the Committee on Retirement Plan. It was spoken to by C. H. Bolton of the Retirement Plan.

T. H. Jordan read the report on Foreign Missions. It was discussed by Otto Whittington and John W. Lowe, a returned missionary from China. The report was adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Christianity is primarily and essentially a missionary religion. It was conceived in the heart of God who "so loved the world that He gave." It was commenced in the life of Christ who came "to seek and to save that which was lost." It is continued in the lives of Christians who are "partakers of the divine nature" and who possess the Mind and Spirit of Christ.

The scope of our missionary enterprise must be world-wide. God's love included all the world. Christ tasted "death for every man." We are commanded to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." The Great Commission is the marching orders of Baptists, and must so remain till Christ comes.

It demands a world-wide missionary program. We are under the direct, positive command of our crucified, but risen, reigning Lord to give the whole gospel to the whole world. This we are endeavoring to do through our various agencies and boards by means of the Co-operative Program fostered in our churches.

"Missions" is the term used to describe the organized efforts of Southern Baptists in proclaiming "the glorious gospel of the blessed God" to the lost everywhere. Foreign Missions is that part of our program, in which we endeavor to carry the message of God's redeeming love to the regions beyond the borders of our home land. Our agency for carrying out this task is the Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Virginia. Dr. C. E. Maddry is the secretary.

Christianity is the only remedy for the sins of the world. The principles enunciated by the Lord Jesus Christ furnish the only basis for establishing right relations among the nations. There is no hope for lasting peace or the practice of fairness and justice among the peoples of the nations until they have their nature changed by regeneration. The only power under the sun that can change the nature of man is the gospel of Christ. Christianity not only makes men safe for the world to come but also makes the world safe for us now. It is still true, as it always has been, and will continue to be, that it is "either Christ or Chaos." We must Christianize people to civilize them in the highest degree. "We must evangelize or fossilize."

The Foreign Mission Board is operating in sixteen countries with 456 missionaries and 2,900 native workers. On these fields there are 1,883 churches and 3,269 out-stations. 1.160 of these churches are self-supporting. These churches have a membership of 236,265. During last year 18,606 converts were baptized into the fellowship of the churches.

The war clouds that hang over our missions fields, pouring death upon the defenseless, destruction upon property, and devastating the land, have failed to dampen the spirits of our missionaries, or lessen their activities. The Lord has wonderfully and marvelously blessed their labors. The struggles they put forth to serve the people they love, the suffering they endure to carry out the will of Christ, and the sacrifices they make for the glory of God, read like another chapter in Acts of the Apostles.

We are deeply grieved over the turn of affairs in China and Japan. Things have happened in these two countries during the last few weeks which have seriously handicapped our activities. Because of censored mail we have not been able to get all the facts. Dr. Maddry received a cable from Dr. Rankin in Shanghai, November 7th, announcing a list of missionaries and their families who were sailing for home. The list contained the names of 51 missionaries who were sailing, and six more who had tentatively booked passage.

In Japan the conditions are very unpromising. Since Japan has joined the "Axis" powers, Germany and Italy, the Japanese government has become a totalitarian state, and immediately adopted a new Religious Organization law forcing all religious bodies and denominations into one organic church union, known as, "The Genuine Japan Christian Church." All denominations working in Japan have had this organic church union imposed upon them by the government. The new church must reflect the government's attitudes and wishes with respect to plans and policies; and is to be told what it may or may not teach and practice. The head of the new church Bishop Abe, formerly a Methodist bishop. All kingdom agencies and activities will come under the control of and be directed by the head of the new "Genuine Japanese Church." Imagine, if you can, Baptist preachers receiving appointments to their churches and taking orders from a Methodist bishop!

It is encouraging to note that the debt of the Board has been reduced during the last seven years from \$1,110,000.00 to \$245,-000.00. It is the earnest desire and sincere prayer of Southern Baptists that the Board will be entirely free of debt by 1945, when its one hundredth anniversary is to be celebrated.

The Lottie Moon Christmas offerings have been a life-saver to our foreign mission work. These offerings have been increasing each year. The large sum of \$330,424.70 was raised last year. We owe a great debt of gratitude to the women of the south for their devotion to the cause of missions and their sacrificial gifts to keep alive the work of foreign missions during these trying times. Because of their gifts the Board has been able to send out new missionaries and do some needed building and repairing.

The receipts of the Hundred Thousand Club have been of great help in reducing the debt of the Foreign Mission Board.

We sincerely trust that all our pastors will stress the Hundred Thousand Club in their churches.

The circulation of THE COMMISSION, our foreign mission magazine, is growing. There were 15,398 subscribers the first of June. We suggest that our pastors subscribe for it and commend it to their members.

The unsettled conditions at home have multiplied our problems, and the war has greatly increased our difficulties in mission lands. But our God is a great God, and if we will only have faith and courage to follow Him, He will lead us to victory.

T. H. Jordan
Otto Whittington
Russell Club
W. F. Sharin
Miss Margaret Hutchison.

Otto Whitington led in prayer for our Foreign Missionaries. C. W. Daniel read the report on Seminaries. It was adopted.

SEMINARIES

The relation of the Churches to our Seminaries, viz., the Southern Baptist, the Southwestern, and the Baptist Bible Institute, is the same as that which they sustain to the other causes fostered by the general Baptist bodies with which they cooperate.

Like other agencies, their trustees are appointed and their policies are determined by the Southern Baptist Convention, which in turn is constituted of messengers, elected by the churches.

Like the other agencies, they owe their origin to influences and circumstances, which time and experience have amply proved to have been of divine leading.

Like the other agencies, the Churches are or should be interested fundamentally in the service they are set to render. Churches are interested in the Seminaries in the measure that they are concerned about the kind of leadership they are to have in the work which God has given them to do.

Many successful preachers have never gone to a seminary. Probably the time will never come when all our preachers will be seminary trained. It remains true, however, that for the rank and file of young preachers the seminary is invaluable. Multitudes of God-called men without Seminary training have been greatly blessed by the indirect influence of the Seminaries. They embody and constantly witness to the finest ideals of the Churches as to what constitutes an efficient minister. Through their faculties, libraries and alumni they touch the lives of all our preachers, and challenge them to make the most of themselves for the glory of God.

Closely akin to the question of the relation is the matter of the obligation of the Churches to the Seminaries. This obligation is two-fold, viz., financial support and supply of students.

From the first the Seminaries have made no charge for tuition. Wherever possible aid has been rendered worthy students unable to provide for their personal living expenses.

Funds for equipment, faculties, libraries, student aid, etc., perforce must be provided by generous Churches and individuals.

All three of these institutions carry indebtedness upon their property. Gratifying progress has been made in recent years in steadily reducing these obligations.

None of these schools have adequate endowments. The Southern has by far the largest. The Institute has practically none. In recent years the earnings from invested funds have been materially reduced. The prospect of large gifts by individuals under present financial conditions seems remote. Only as the Churches give regularly and liberally through the Co-operative Program and the 100,000 Club can they be worthily maintained.

The Churches need to keep in mind another important fact. These Seminaries will not enroll as regular students those who are not certified by the Churches as having given evidence by character and gifts of a divine call to the ministry. Young men and women who feel that they have been called to special forms of Christian service apart from the ministry will not be accepted unless they are approved by their Churches. This throws a weighty responsibility upon the Churches.

We believe that only God calls men to preach. We believe also that only God saves people. In both instances God uses human instrumentalities to make known to all men the riches of his grace in Christ and to appeal to them by life and example, by words and deeds, to receive the grace of God and to find their places in God's service. It is inconceivable that God should save a person and that person give no credible evidence of that experience to others. It is equally impossible for a man to be called by God to preach, and that man give no visible assurance of that fact. Happy is the Church whose members have the spiritual insight to recognize and to appraise the outward evidences of the working of the Holy Spirit in the lives of people.

In fullest sympathy and fidelity the Churches should encourage young preachers to seek all possible preparation for their high calling. There is not a valid reason why any man should go to College that is not valid, with added emphasis, why the young preachers should go. There is not a sound argument why any man should seek vocational training that is not more urgent upon the young preacher that he should go to the Seminary.

There he will have the filnest opportunity to test out the sincerity of his purpose to become a minister of the Gospel; to discipline himself to hard work in the study of those courses that are vitally related to his high calling; to profit by the wisdom and experience of teachers who are set to guide him in his pursuits; to have daily contacts with fellow-students, of varied gifts and from various sections, who have in common with him, his life's purpose; to exercise his gifts both as a church member and as a preacher as he has opportunity.

We appeal for a revival of praying that the Lord of the harvest should thrust forth laborers into his harvest.

We should seek to give more sympathy and cooperation to young men who are trying to find God's will for their lives.

We should be alert to the responsibility we incur when we give our approval to those desiring to enter the ministry.

We must give sustained support in gifts of money and in unfailing supplication for our Seminaries in the sacrificial and glorious work which they are doing.

Chas. W. Daniel Mrs. O. J. Wade William Shearin James A. Overton O. W. Yates Frank Means, Professor of Missions at Southwestern Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas, spoke on Southwestern Seminary.

- F. D. Powell, Professor of Church History at Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, spoke on Southern Seminary.
- W. W. Hamilton, President of Baptist Bible Institute and President of Southern Baptist Convention, spoke on the Baptist Bible Institute and brought the closing address of the afternoon session.
 - W. W. Hamilton led in the closing prayer.

Convention adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION

Vice President W. J. Hinsley called the Convention to order at 7 p. m.

Gene Spearman led in singing "I Am Bound for the Promised Land", "When We All Get to Heaven", and "Blessed Be the Name".

O. C. Harvey brought the devotional message, using I Thess. 4:18. He closed by leading in a special prayer for O. A. Greenleaf, who is ill.

President Calvin B. Waller took the gavel.

Miss Frances Hays of the Orphanage, and now a student in Ouachita College, read the report on Bottoms Baptist Orphanage. It was adopted.

BOTTOMS' BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

"Defend the Poor and Fatherless, Do Justice to the Afflicted and Needy." Psalm 82:3

It is not always easy for you and me to realize that there are children who live in destitute circumstances in our own State.

Through the years of near starvation, of insufficient clothing

against the winter; cold, and insufficient heat in their wretched homes, somehow these little children have survived, and this past year 92 of these helpless poor were cared for in your Orphanage. (Present population is 80.) The tragedy of the broken home is not confined to any one section of the State. County and sectional lines are not considered when the cry of a child is heard.

Physical Equipment

It is a source of joy and consolation to your employees to know that the children you have placed in our care are safely housed in fire-proof dormitories. Three fire-proof buildings adorn the spacious campus with its large oak trees, where little children can be seen anytime during the sunny days, playing with dolls and making mud pies in their play houses.

Repairs and Replacements

All of the barns and garages, including the roofs, had to be painted this year. After 16 years of constant use, two 350 gallon hot water boilers had to be replaced. The screens and window panes in both dormitories have been replaced, furniture repaired, rooms in the boys dormitory redecorated, and our truck and machinery had to be over-hauled.

Farm and Dairy

We have not farmed this year—that is, not to raise a crop, since the fertility of the soil is not productive. In cooperation with the AAA, we have planted legume and other cover crops and turned them under to build up the soil.

Mrs. G. W. Bottoms has given the Orphanage a tractor with attachments, which speeds up the work of plowing, discing, and planting crops. In this way we expect to have the farm producing in the near future.

Mrs. Bottoms also gave the children for their Christmas present—twelve hogs to kill for meat. (These hogs weigh 400 pounds each.) The dairy has furnished milk and butter, which the children need and enjoy. Of course, the supply is not as plentiful in the winter as through the summer months, because the cows need more feed to keep them in good condition during the winter months.

Health

Three of the children have had operations, but we are thankful that the Lord was gracious and brought them safely through these testing times. These operations included: two appendectomy operations, and one tonsilectomy. As a result of one case of scarlet fever, forty children were placed under quarantine by the Board of Health. There were a number of others with minor injuries, but NO DEATHS! Many had dental work done, a number had their eyes tested and treated. Three girls and one boy were fitted with glasses.

We wish to express our thanks to doctors: Price, Dickens, Wilson and Leslie of Monticello, for services rendered to our children. We extend our appreciation also to Dr. Lowe of Pine Bluff, and to Superintendent Steel of the Davis Hospital, for their willingness to cooperate with us in giving surgical help and hospitalization to Fannie Russell and others.

Education

All praiseworthy training of children is a process of preparing them for wholesome participation in the many sided life of the community in which they are to live. Seventy-six of the children attend the public schools in Monticello where they have an equal chance and the same advantages as other children. During the summer 14 of our children were given typing instruction, with Frances Hayes, as teacher.

Religious Education

It might be interesting, and otherwise worthwhile, to say that during the forty-six years of Orphanage history, more than 800 boys and girls have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour. Fifty-two of the present population are members of the First Baptist Church in Monticello, where they attend Sunday School and preaching services each Sunday. We have had 21 conversions this year. Forty-five of these children are tithers. Children's gifts to Missions and other causes this year amounted to \$55.00. We have 6 religious organizations in the Home, namely—two B. T. U.'s, two Girls' Auxiliaries, one Royal Ambassador Chapter, and one Sunbeam Band. We conducted six Mission study classes during the summer, for which we issued 27 certificates and 104 seals. Two of our Intermediate girls attended

the Girls' Auxiliary Conference, held at Central College; two other children attended the Arkansas Baptist Assembly in Siloam Springs, and five girls attended Girls' Auxiliary Camp at Ferncliff during the summer. Three girls attended the Y. W. A. House Party at Ferncliff, and one other girl went to the Y. W. A. banquet at the W. M. U. State Convention, held in Pine Bluff.

"Out in the highway wherever we go, Seed we must gather and seed we must sow, Even the tiniest seed has a power— Be it a thistle, or be it a flower."

The Plan for Financing the Orphanage

Through the Cooperative Program and special gifts at Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Orphanage is supported. The present widespread want and suffering are setting the minds of many church members to work. We must give again, but giving may be facilitated by suitable planning.

The Cooperative Program should be looked upon as the main plan for enlisting all our people in the support of all our work. If sufficient funds are provided, then all causes are cared for, while if the funds are insufficient, all causes suffer in the same proportion.

The Orphanage budget or 1940 as set up by the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in 1939 was \$12,000. Because many of the Churches failed to get their offerings in, we are forced to report a deficit, which we regret very much, but we have faith that you will come to the rescue with a special offering soon.

In Appreciation

We thank our Heavenly Father for the offerings of consecrated life, and dedicated money that have been brought into His Courts this year.

We also extend our appreciation to all our co-workers, the people of Monticello, Dr. B. L. Bridges, and his fine staff, Mrs. C. H. Ray and her office force, Mr. Edgar Williamson, and his co-workers, and Dr. Meyers, for giving the Orphanage publicity through the Arkansas Baptist.

We appreciate the faithful pastors and their members for the interest and help they have given us; we are grateful to the Board Members of the Orphanage for their loyalty, their faithfulness and cooperation.

To each and everyone who has had any part in helping us carry on this work, your generosity will add, and HAS added immeasurably to the joy of living for the boys and girls who live in YOUR ORPHANAGE.

Respectfully submitted,

MARVIN BANKSTON, President R. F. HYATT, Secretary C. R. PUGH, Superintendent.

December 5, 1940.

A program, that was given by the children of the Orphanage, consisted of a talk and personal testimony by Fannie Russell, a seventeen year old girl; a reading by Pearl Hays; songs by a number of the children, accompanied by Mrs. Jack Durand; the congregation joined the children in singing "God Bless America".

Lowell Queen read the report on Baptist Colleges, and it was adopted.

BAPTIST COLLEGES

The present condition of Ouachita and Central Colleges is indicated in information provided by the presidents for inclusion in this report.

At Ouachita the present enrollment is 584 with 112 ministerial students. The president, Dr. Grant, states that, "If we had the faculty, the buildings, equipment, etc., to take care of 1,000 students, we could have very nearly that many people on our campus next September."

A statement of the progress being made in the Special Financial Campaign will, of course, be given to the convention by Rev. Robert E. Naylor, the General Director of the campaign.

Central College reports an enrollment of 107 with the prospect of others entering the second semester. Thirty young women were graduated last May and an equal number will be graduated next June. The college is in the North Central Association and graduates are accepted by the state as teachers in the grammar grades without examination and Central College credits are accepted in the leading colleges and universities.

In the brief time allotted to this report it seems impracticable to attempt more than this statistical summary. It is suggested, however, that the time is not far distant when Arkansas Baptists should conduct a thorough-going study of their educational program in order that the objectives of this program may be more definitely stated and some system of adequate support be devised and adopted by this convention.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey T. Whaley L. M. Keeling O. L. Powers H. E. Williams

Mrs. Ira Patishall

O. J. Wade, President of Central College, read the report of the Board of Trustees of Central College, and it was adopted.

CENTRAL COLLEGE

To the Arkansas Baptist State Convention

With gratitude to God and with faith for the future, the Central College Board and Administration submit this annual report. We wish here to recognize the outstanding service of Dr. J. S. Rogers, not only to the cause of Christian education but to the cause of Christ everywhere. No man among us has wrought more efficiently. The things he achieved are his enduring monument. He retired last June as president of Central College.

Central College, founded in 1892, will reach her "Golden Anniversary" in 1942. It is the hope of the friends of the College that this year shall be notable in the history of the school. Central is a junior college and is the only school of any name in the state for girls only. This accounts for the fact that a large percentage of our enrollment comes from homes other than Baptist.

Our Aims

We believe that true culture is in harmony with and supports the great things of our Christian faith and that He who

is the truth accepts the service of all true culture. Believing these things, we seek to be honest with parent and pupil and to fashion young life into a vessel meet for the Master's use.

Enrollment

Our enrollment is 107. Others are planning to enter the second semester. Four states are represented in our enrollment, and as many Christian denominations.

College Accredited

Central College is a member of the North Central Association. In order to maintain this standing the College should have an annual income of at least \$10,000 in excess of student income. Surely the Convention will not be unmindful of this vital matter.

Faculty

Our faculty is one of the best to be found anywhere. "Every literary teacher has an M. A. degree and all teachers meet the requirement of standardizing agencies." Every member of the faculty is an active church member.

Finances

The fiscal year of the College begins July 1 and closes June 30. A careful audit of the books will be made at the close of the fiscal year and filed with the Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. The amount received during the present fiscal year, up to December 1, 1940, is \$7858.23. The amount expended during the same period is \$7027.19. All salaries and current bills are paid. We wish to express our gratitude to Convention and Dr. B. L. Bridges for allocation of \$4000 per year for Central College.

Our Needs

Some things needed one year ago are needed now. We quote Dr. J. S. Rogers: "The College sorely needs an addition of 1500 volumes to the library, a new fireproof library building, at least \$1000 in science equipment, a heating plant for Main Hall and, of course, an endowment." We may add that some repairs must be made on Main Hall at the earliest possible date.

We submit this report to those who are responsible for the existence of Central College and to those whose control presupposes

sympathy and support. We feel that the day of our release is at hand.

We, your Board of Trustees, respectfully ask this Convention, meeting in Monticello December 3-5, 1940, to suggest, with favor, to the next Convention, that the appeal of Central College for an open field and worthy Jubilee offering during 1942 be prayerfully considered.

O. J. Wade, President

The following program was given by some teachers and pupils of Central College: A violin solo, "Ave Maria", by Miss Helen Lyon, accompanied by Miss Lucy Hall Pack; the Speaking Verse Choir, directed by Miss Irene Coger, presented Psalms 100 and 23, and the poem "Daniel"; and the Glee Club, under the direction of Miss Helen Lyon with Miss Rosemary Sorrells at the piano, presented the following numbers: "Dona Nobis Pacem", "We Thank Thee", and "God So Loved the World".

Gene Spearman led the congregation in singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

A cash offering was taken for the Orphan's Home amounting to \$84.68.

C. H. Moses, President of the Board of Trustees, Ouachita College, read the report of the Board. Report was received.

OUACHITA COLLEGE

Ouachita College is now in its fifty-fifth year. This is my eighth annual report. Never before was the world in greater need of Christian education. Cures suggested for society's ills have failed. Isolation, legislation, organization, education, all have failed. Today the cry is, "National defense program." We favor it, but homes, communities, and nations never can be safe, able to enjoy peace and prosperity until the principles of Christianity are substituted for might and militarism, to settle disputes between groups of people.

The business of Ouachita College is to train Christian leaders for the pulpit and pew. We have tried to do the best we

could with all we had. For eight years, Ouachita College has been running on its income. No new debts have been made. No deficits have been allowed. All bills and salaries for each month this year, up to December 1, have been paid. The report of the business manager shows a balance on hand as of December 1. This pay-as-you-go policy on the part of the Board of Trustees goes far toward explaining the rapid development of Ouachita College.

Expenditures are kept within our receipts. Our receipts are gradually increasing. This is shown by comparing the total receipts of the three months period: September, October and November for the last three years. These receipts were:

	SeptNov
\$37,806.86	1938
43,232.50	1939
48.249.27	1940

This increase in receipts is the result of more students, better collections, more aid from individuals and more support from the Cooperative Program.

Comparisons are not always odious. When they are given in the spirit of thanksgiving and appreciation, they may serve as a worthwhile stimulation. In that spirit, let us study the general progress made during these eight years by taking a brief look at Ouachita in 1932 and Ouachita in 1940.

	1932	1940
Enrollment	241	608
Number of counties represented	41	65
Number of ministerial students	25	117
Faculty members holding		
Ph. D. degrees	2	10
Dean of the faculty	0	1
College bookkeeper	⅓ time	full time
College registrar	½ time	full time
College nurses	1	2
Brick buildings	7	11
Books in library	17,000	24,000
Number boys in dormitory	0	190
Number girls in dormitory	45	160
Number students eating		

in dining hall 50	380
College debt\$165,000	\$35,000
Approximate faculty payroll \$20,000 (1933	\$49,000

There are many other improvements that we shall only mention. The Science laboratories have been newly equipped in new quarters. The library room has been doubled. New steel book cases have been installed. New tables and chairs have been put in the library. 600 new chairs and many new desks have been put in the classrooms. Hardwood floors have been laid on all floors in the Administration Building and the boys' dormitory. A new refrigeration plant has been installed at the dining hall, and every building on the campus has been repaired.

Since our report one year ago, many improvements have been made. We mention the following:

Three rooms on the ground floor of the Administration Building have been made and equipped for classroom and laboratory for Mathematics and Physics.

A chemistry laboratory for seniors has been installed.

Several new tables, chairs, and microscopes have been added to the Biology laboratory.

A recording machine has been purchased for the Speech Department.

A 40-passenger Buick bus has been bought.

14 new pianos have been put in the practice rooms.

40 band uniforms have been bought.

\$4,000 worth of band instruments have been given to the band.

Dr. Henry S. Hartzog, a former president, recently presented the college with his private library of more than 500 books.

The 2-story brick field house has been built, mostly on gifts and student labor.

1100 feet of hard-surface road has been put down on the campus, as a result of a gift and student labor.

A department for training air pilots has been added.

A dairy herd of 42 Jerseys has been bought for the college.

The college farm is now under the control of the college business manager.

Grass, flowers, shrubbery and paint have been so placed as to make the campus much more attractive.

In making all these improvements, we have kept in mind the policy that bills must be paid first and salaries second.

New Buildings Since 1936

Home Economics Building Boys New Dormitory Physical Education Building Little Theatre Second Story on Dining Hall The Field House

Buildings are secondary. They are only a means to an end. We are not interested in brick, mortar, marble, equipment, etc., except as they help us develop our boys and girls into better men and women.

"We are all blind until we see
That in the human plan
Nothing is worth the making, if
It does not make the man.

"Why build these cities glorious If man unbuilded goes? In vain, we build the world, unless The builder also grows."

-Edwin Markham

The influence of our seniors on the campus and alumni off the campus has done a big part toward building a better Ouachita College.

Gifts Left by Senior Classes

1934 A pledge: \$1.00 per month per member for four years.

1935 The marble tiger.

1936 The flag pole.

1937 The concrete tennis court.

1938 The electric drinking fountain.

1939 The electric schedule bell system.

1940 The big entrance sign, "Ouachita College."

The Board of Trustees is made up of 24 men who have worked untiringly, unselfishly, and faithfully for Ouachita. They attend meetings without receiving a penny for expenses. Many of them have given freely of their time, money, labor and matrials to help build a better Ouachita College. During the year just closed we have lost only one of our Board members. Rev. Homer B. Reynolds of Paragould has moved to Wichita Falls, Texas. His going means a loss for Arkansas—a gain for Texas.

Faculty

This year Ouachita College has lost only one faculty member. Our librarian, Mrs. Juanita Barnett, resigned to move with her husband, Dr. Russell Barnett, to Shreveport, Louisiana. Her place was hard to fill, but Ouachita was fortunate to secure the services of Miss Beth Remley, B. S. L., graduate of Peabody College. Miss Remley is no stranger at Ouachita, having served as assistant librarian, 1934-35.

Professor K. D. Archibald is on leave of absence, attending Ohio State University, working on his Ph. D. degree in Biology. Professor A. B. Medlen, M. A., of Baylor University. is now acting as head of the Biology Department.

Three new teachers. Increased enrollment has made it necessary to employ new teachers. Mrs. A. B. Medlen, graduate of Baylor University, has been added to the faculty to teach piano and commercial work. Mrs. Edith Perry, M. A. University of Arkansas, has been added to the faculty to serve as assistant English teacher and as assistant to the Dean of Women, in charge of the girls' annex. Professor W. W. Bradshaw, M. S., Baylor University, has been added to the faculty to promote a program of Physical Education for every student on the campus and to teach Social Science.

No college is better than its faculty. No college is more Christian than its faculty. Personality, scholarship, degrees, etc., are essential to a college faculty, but they are not enough for members of a Christian college faculty. Members of the Ouachita College faculty have all these and more. They have character and a desire to be of service to young people. They are active Christian workers. I think no college has a better all-round

faculty than we now have at Ouachita College.

Our policy of running on the college income has made it impossible to guarantee a definite salary to any member of the faculty. All monthly bills must be paid first. The balance is divided proportionately among faculty members. This policy has made it a little difficult to hold our teachers.

The \$150,000 Christian Education Campaign

One year ago the Arkansas Baptist State Convention launched a program to secure \$150,000 for two purposes: (1) to free Ouachita of all indebtedness; (2) to erect an auditorium and music conservatory. This program is more than half finished. It is giving a brighter outlook to Ouachita College. The assured success of this campaign makes the future of Ouachita more encouraging because:

- 1. More teachers can be employed.
- 2. Definite salaries can be guaranteed.
- 3. It means that an auditorium and music conservatory can be built.
- 4. It means that we can buy more books, more furniture, more equipment, etc., so essential to standard work.
- 5. The statewide interest in this campaign has given students and patrons a greater faith in Ouachita College.
- 6. People are now more willing to invest in Christian education at Ouachita. For example, Dr. Hartzog. in giving Ouachita his library, said, "I see that the people are back of Ouachita, and that it is headed upward."

The Student Body

Our present student body at Ouachita College is very nearly a selected group, though Ouachita does not have a field man or student solicitor to go about soliciting students. How or why the enrollment has grown beyond Ouachita's capacity is difficult to explain. Our problem now is not in getting students, but in getting room for those who come. Our present crowded situation is having a wholesome effect on Ouachita's program. Whether we like it or not we are compelled to set a limit on the enrollment. This also compells us to select our students. More than 100 of our

present freshman class were on their high school honor roll. The crowded condition has made it easier for the administration and the faculty to set standards reasonably high and to stay with them. The faculty makes every effort to save every student, but 26 have already dropped out this year. Many of them would not, or could not, meet Ouachita's scholastic or moral standards.

Our aim at Ouachita College is to train our students for Christian leadership. Ouachita graduates are in demand. All 71 of last year's graduates are employed. We had calls for as many more. Our aim is to help each boy and girl grow "in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and man." Occasionally we must admit defeat. When we fail, or when students fail, we must for the general welfare, send them home. Probably we have let some good students go. Every institution makes mistakes. Ouachita College is no exception.

Looking to the Future

Including the summer school, Ouachita is this year training more than 700 leaders. 130 of them are ministers. Judging from the past few years, Ouachita could have 1000 students within the next two years if we only had room and teachers to take care of that number. The present campaign to secure \$150,000 is to make it possible for Ouachita College to take care of the number that it now has. Still more want to enter, but we must not permit the enrollment to go beyond our capacity. Any day that a Christian college must change its dormitory prayer rooms into bedrooms, it is treading on dangerous grounds. That is what Ouachita did at the opening of the present college year. We still have prayer rooms, but they are smaller. Boards of Trustees and faculties come and go, but Ouachita College goes on. Its future is what you make it. We shall continue to do the best we can with what we have. We need your gifts, your prayers, and your sympathetic, constructive criticism.

P. S. The State Baptist Convention adopted this report and voted unanimously to continue the campaign until the \$150,000 is secured.

Robert E. Naylor reported on the Ouachita College Debt Campaign. He reported that over \$90,000 had been pledged, and more than \$51,000 had been paid. He requested that he be al-

lowed to go on with the campaign.

The following resolution was offered by C. H. Moses, President of Board of Trustees of Ouachita College, and was adopted by unanimous vote: Be it resolved that the Ouachita College Board be authorized and directed to proceed with the \$150,000 Campaign for Ouachita College.

The following resolution was offered by Earl Herrington and was tabled by vote of the convention.

RESOLUTION ON EDUCATION

That the following brethern be named as a Committee on Education to study and formulate and recommend to the next Convention (1941) a new and definite educational policy for Arkansas Baptists.

That the committee publish in the Arkansas Baptist its findings and proposed recommendations sixty (60) to ninety (90) days before the meeting of the convention.

The Committee to be: Brooks Hays, Little Rock; C. E. Brown, Benton; J. R. Edwards, Conway; W. J. Hinsley, Hot Springs, and J. W. Ramsey, Ft. Smith.

Secretary B. L. Bridges announced the special offering in the State for Bottoms Baptist Orphanage is \$4,270.56.

The Ouachita Choir, directed by Ernest Lee Holloway and accompanied by Miss De Lois Curry, sang the following songs: "The Old Rugged Cross", "Open Our Eyes", "God, the Lord is Gracious", a medley of Spirituals: "Nobody Knows", "Deep River", "Steal Away to Jesus', and "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot".

Doxology by Ouachita Choir.

Convention adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

President Waller called the convention to order at 9 a. m.

Gene Spearman directed the congregation in singing "Standing

On the Promises" and "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

Worship was conducted by Ross Edwards, reading II Timothy 2:3 and leading in prayer.

The Blake Smith Resolution offered on the previous day and made a special order for this hour was taken up. After much discussion, it was adopted.

By a common consent, the report on Benevolent Institutions was received and filed.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS

Our benevolent institutions are the cooperative expression of the Christian compassion for those who suffer. Baptists, working together, express through their institutions the spirit which Christ has worked in their individual lives. Through co-operative effort we maintain institutions to do that which we are unable to do privately and singly.

Benevolences have been characteristic of the Christian Movement. Indeed, benevolent works occupied a larger place in the Christianity of the first century than of the twentieth. Every crippled, or blind, or sick, or hungry, or orphaned, or aged, or widowed person was then, and should be now, an object of Christian compassion. The largest collection referred to in the New Testament was for poor relief.

Our foreign mission board has long realized the missionary value of benevolent institutions. Our hospitals and asylums and other centers of relief of human suffering stand as a concrete expression of the devotion of Christ's people to the physical needs of humanity.

Arkansas Baptists seek to express the Christian compassion through the operation of its two hospitals and the orphans' home. We rejoice in the expanded services being rendered by these institutions this year. They are as vital to the Christian Movement in Arkansas as any institutions Baptists maintain. In a silent, but vivid way, they point men to Him "who went about doing good."

D. D. Glover

E. E. Griever

C. H. Moses

Lee Nichols

A. C. Halsell

J. I. Cossey

W. J. Hinsley read the report on Temperance. After it had been discussed by Clyde C. Coulter, Secretary of Anti-Saloon League of Arkansas, it was adopted.

TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE

Temperance is the moderate use of all things helpful and total abstinance from all that is harmful.

Jesus in His ministry had much to say about being temperate in all things and was constantly showing us how we should regard each other in our relationships.

We cannot live unto ourselves. We are dependent on each other and our manner of life affects others.

Baptists claim to take the word of God as their only rule of faith and practice. The Bible teaches that we should refrain from practices hurtful to our fellowman. We have no greater problem facing us today than the problem caused by these relationships which affect our individual selves and our fellow man nearby and far away.

In this report we deal with a few of the problems we are facing today. Forces in our midst to be conquered and which can never be conquered without the help of the Lord. On Baptist, the greatest denomination in the state numerically, and we believe spiritually, rests the great responsibility of ridding our state of these evil forces. But we must join hands with our friends of other faiths who are fighting these same foes. Crime is taking a great toll of life and property, and everyone knows that the liquor traffic is the most prolific breeder of crime in our nation.

In almost ever crime directly or indirectly it plays a part. The liquor forces made many glowing promises of the benefit that the cause of temeprance would receive from the repeal of national prohibition. All of which were false. Intoxicating liquor is easy to obtain now and is being consumed by women and boys and girls. If anyone doubts this, attend one of our high school football games. They also promised us that bootlegging would cease, which we all know now is false. Statistics show that the consumption of intoxicating liquor in the U. S. is on the increase.

Road houses are a general menace to our people. These have sprung up along the highway, away from police supervision, where all manner of crime breeds and thrives. These houses are the products of the liquor traffic.

God pity us when we cease to fight this monster which is preying on our youth.

Gambling is everywhere. Horse racing, dog racing and gambling of all kinds are taking place in our state, legally and illegally. In some cities gambling is carried on openly in flagrant violation of law.

It was an evil day in Arkansas when our law makers legalized horse racing and dog racing in our state. We now have horse racing in Hot Springs and dog racing in West Memphis. The shame of it is that many so-called Christians and church members attend these orgies of gambling.

Legalized gambling is not good for the state morally or economically. Horse racing in Hot Springs hurts the business in our city and surrounding cities. May God hasten the day when our legislators will have the wisdom, moral courage and honesty to repeal this devilish law and deliver our land from this octopus of greed and corruption.

The easy divorce law in Arkansas has done great harm in our state from the moral standpoint. We trust that our legislature will in the near future have the wisdom and courage to repeal this pernicious law.

WE RECOMMEND:

- 1. That our people do their utmost to have all laws repealed that permit the sale of intoxicating liquors within the bounds of our state. That we join forces with every legitimate movement seeking to have this done.
- 2. That we bring all our power to bear to have the law legalizing horse and dog racing in our state repealed.
- 3. That we work for the repeal of the ninety-day divorce law.
- 4. That we here and now moralize our coming legislature and our incoming governor to this end.
 - 5. That a committee of outstanding brethern, brethern with

wisdom, influence and knowledge in affairs of state, be appointed to represent us in these matters before our coming legislature.

W. J. Hinsley, Chairman

S. A. Wiles

P. J. Crowder

L. C. Craig

C. H. Franks

A. F. Muncy

A cash offering of \$37.86 was taken for the Anti-Saloon League.

E. C. Brown read the report of the Baptist State Hospital. After it had been discussed by E. C. Brown and C. C. Warren, it was adopted.

BAPTIST STATE HOSPITAL

With praise to our Lord for His many blessings upon this institution, the Board of Trustees of the Baptist State Hospital offer this report of their stewardship for the past fiscal year.

Financial

The business policy of the Hospital has been toward a constant objective for the past twelve years. Each annual report to this Convention has shown an increase in the number of patients treated, both pay and charity, and increasing revenues from pay business to support the School of Nursing, make possible plant replacements and improvements, and the broadening of our field of service to suffering humanity.

We are again proud to report an increase over last year's record-breaking report—a total of 4,473 patients, having 46,540 days' treatment. The total money volume was \$261,185.67. Of this figure, \$41,513.31 was given to charity. (The value of medical, surgical, and administrative cost is NOT included).

Special contract business from Army, Railroads, Group Hospitalization. State Aid patients, etc., amounted to approximately \$150,000, according to the official report of Russell Brown and Company, Auditors.

The Hospital owes \$70,000 to the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, with interest at five per cent, payable \$5,000

quarterly. The first payment was due and paid on November 1, 1940. This mortgage is secured by a deed of trust to the property, and all furniture, fixtures, and equipment located in the hospital.

The Convention authorized the Board to borrow \$100,000 with which to build a Nurses' Home addition. Only \$75,000 was borrowed. However, the cost of furnishing the Nurses' Home exceeded our income from anticipated donations and expected help, necessitating the incurring of an additional \$10,000 furnishing debt, which is being paid as payments become due.

The Nurses' Home addition to the hospital cost \$126,232.60; furnishings, \$10,528.01; new elevator, \$8,833.20;—a total of \$145,593.81, as of July 1, 1940. We have a big debt, but are paying and will continue to make payment without default.

We, your Board of Trustees, commend to the Denomination a signal achievement in expeditious building and furnishing, providing the needed increase of facilities at the minimum cost to this unit of Baptist property in Arkansas.

Expansion

In addition to providing decent and adequate living space and teaching facilities for the School of Nursing, the Hospital gained space for additional beds, room for diet kitchens and for utility rooms that were badly needed in the hospital proper. The official bed capacity of the hospital has been increased by forty beds, to 340-bed capacity. Actually 140 more beds were made available for patients' use when the nurses, technicians, and the dietitian vacated the space they occupied in the main hospital building.

At the ground-breaking ceremonies, held on the site of the new Nurses' Home addition, November 2, 1939, none present could foresee events and know how important and far-reaching the program being launched would lead in the more rapid development of the Baptist State Hospital. We think the hospital has attained a normal five-years' growth in the past fifteen months.

School of Nursing

The School of Nursing has approximately 100 young women enrolled in a three-year course. Each student is a Christian, and has offered her life for service to suffering humanity. There is an acute shortage of nurses, and especially trained Christian nurses. We cannot report any nurse-Missionaries this year, due to wars, but we are proud of the twenty-five nurses who were graduated to the Home Field at the nineteenth commencement exercises.

There are twenty-four instructors in the School of Nursing. We, your Board of Trustees, cannot commend too highly to our Denomination the value of the training being given to Arlansas young women to prepare them for Christ-like usefulness to fellowbeings in all walks of life. This phase of hospital work will grow with lasting credit to our Denomination.

Religious Life

Religious activities in the Hospitals are on a parity with all other functions of the institution. Mrs. S. A. Stearns has labored in her chosen field as His leader since the establishment of the Hospital. Each nurse, each employee assists as they perform his or her duties. Golden opportunities are present at all times to serve Him. Mrs. Stearns, in addition to teaching Bible in the School, has constant contact with patients. She reports, as follows: Good Cheer Visits, 4,643; Religious Conversations, 157; Bible read to, 91; Prayers with 472; Bible Classes taught, 49; Religious Literature distributed, 1,345; Conversions, 29; Reclaimed, 7; Y. W. A. Programs, 18; CCC services held, 55; Regular services are held in wards. Ministers of different denominations visit patients regularly; not only members of their own churches, but also out-of-town patients and others when called. Two noted South-wide workers, also local Pastors, have addressed the student body this year. Our State W. M. U. workers review Mission Study books and make talks to the student body. have one of the best B. S. U's. in the South, under the supervision of Dr. John H. Miller, who is an intern in the hospital and is State B. S. U. President.

Woman's Work

Baptist women of Arkansas continue to love their Hospital, and have demonstrated their love and value in their services toward the delevopment of the Hospital during the years. The hospital continues to receive through the State Hospital Chairman, Mrs. R. C. Rudisill, choice gifts of linens, canned fruits, house furnishings, and donations to the chairity fund. We are grateful beyond measure for these gifts, translating as they do sympathy

and love into kindly deeds. The local Hospital Auxiliary, under Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, continues to do fine work for the hospital.

Future

We, your Board of Trustees, are proud of the Baptist State Hospital for what it has been able to accomplish, and, especially, for what it is fast becoming, as the outstanding institution of healing. It is far advanced in medical science, and is teaching and training young doctors and nurses technicians, and hospital workers, to go out in the world for Christian service, with this Baptist contribution as their background.

The Hospital has a preferred credit rating, earned by prompt payment of obligations. The hospital holds every honor and privileged classification known to the hospital field. The personnel organization of the hospital is at highest efficiency, due to keeping the organization long enough to effect best knowledge and training for the care of the sick.

The physical equipment of the hospital is constantly being improved and replaced to keep abreast of the development of medical science. The constant growth of the hospital is interpreted as being the result of its professional standards and facilities, and is indicative of future advancement.

The future and further growth means additional requirements. Certain additional facilities of the hospital at present need attention. The heating, steam and ice-making refrigeration machinery need renewing and enlargement, as is needed larger laundry space and equipment. The next vitally necessary expansion is for a utility building to house these facilities. This will permit needed enlargement of the kitchen. We Trustees are working with this challenge before us.

The developments at Camp Robinson will tax the best effort of the hospital to furnish hospitalization to the many looking to the Baptist State Hospital for service during the period.

We are indeed proud that the Hospital is as well prepared as it is, to do its part, whatever the future may bring.

W. R. Donham, PresidentW. I. Moody, SecretaryE. C. Brown, ConventionChairman.

The report on Nominations was read by Blake Smith and adopted. (See Boards).

Elmer J. Kirkbride conducted a memorial service when the following names were given in to be used in a memorial page.

OBITUARIES

The year 1940 marks the close of life's span for many Arkansas Baptists. We pause at this time to honor the memory of those who since our last meeting have gone on to be with the Lord.

Our friends and loved ones, crowned with glory and honor, have entered into the joy of their Lord, into the fullness of life, the realization of long-desired ideals. Tasks begun on earth are complete, stumbling speech and stammering tongue used to God's glory here, are eloquent now. Weariness of body, so often a weight on earth, hampers them no more. Voices that could not sing the songs of Zion will be able to sing the Songs of Moses and the Lamb.

A complete list of our Deceased loved ones was not available to the Committee, but the list given us is as follows:

Augusta—Dr. L. E. Biles, Deacon.

Brinkley—Thomas Robinson, Deacon and Clerk, Mrs. F. M. Trotter.

Ozark-John T. Greer, Deacon, age 96, Christian 76 years.

Mrs. Ellen K. Alix, age 86, Christian 72 years.

Booneville-Rev. J. W. Pennington, G. A. Bryant.

Little Rock-South Highland Church, W. E. Jolly, Deacon.

Berryville-Rev. C. L. Mattox.

Blytheville-J. H. Smart, Jr., J. W. Auten, Deacons.

Pitman-Mrs. O. H. L. Cunningham.

McRae-Rev. G. W. McCarty, age eighty.

Jonesboro—P. C. Barton, Deacon, ex-president of Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Walnut Ridge-H. T. Kirkpatrick, Deacon.

Ward-Lam L. Cazort, Deacon.

West Batesville-T. J. Hall, Deacon, Sammy Wilson.

Gould-Rev. A. C. Miller.

Springdale—Rev. Arthur Stevens.

Greenwood-R. Y. Been, Deacon, Christian 66 years.

Danville-Rev. G. W. Hunnicutt, H. E. Waters, Deacon.

Little Rock—Dr. Charles E. Dicken, ex-president Ouachita College.

LITTLE ROCK—James R. Riley, Secretary of Baptist State Hospital eighteen years.

We extend our love, sympathy and sincere condolence to the churches and the families in their loss, but rejoice with them in the gain of their members and loved ones in their departure from the earth to be with the Lord, which is far better.

Elmer J. Kirkbride, Chairman B. B. Cox Reese S. Howard L. D. Eppinette.

Victor C. Coffman read the report of the Committee on Resolutions. It was adopted.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions beg to report the following in as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that we express our profound and heartfelt gratitude to the First and Second Baptist Churches of Monticello, their noble pastors and to the citizenship of Monticello for the splendid hospitality and courtesies given the messengers and visitors attending this Convention. Also to the daily press for its courtesies in carrying the news of the convention. Also to express our deep appreciation of Rev. Robert E. Naylor for his excellent work in the Ouachita campaign.

Signed, committee

Victor H. Coffman, Chairman

W. J. Morris

O. C. Harvey

L. H. Roseman

H. C. Sudfelt

RESOLUTION:

Whereas we recognize that it is the duty of the Church to uphold the sanctity of Christian marriage,

And whereas, the alarming divorce rate which is the highest of any country in the world, constitutes a sinister threat to the institution of the family.

And whereas we believe that a change in the present marriage laws of the State of Arkansas would help to safeguard the integrity of the future homes of our land:

Be it resolved by this body that the present law governing the issuance of marriage licenses be changed to include two new provisions, (1) that a health certificate be presented by both contracting parties before a marriage license can be issued, and (2) that the license not be valid until three days have expired after the date of issuance.

This resolution to be addressed to the Governor-elect, Honorable Homer M. Adkins, and the General Assembly of 1941. A draft of a bill incorporating the above features is attached herewith.

IN VIEW of the recent death of Dr. A. C. Millar, Editor of the Arkansas Methodist, and

IN VIEW of his contribution to prohibition in Arkansas, and IN View of his generous and kindly attitude toward Baptists of the state.

BE IT RESOLVED that this convention express to Arkansas Methodists its appreciation for Dr. Millar and its sincere sorrow in his absence from our work.

Lewis A. Myers L. M. Sipes J. F. Brewer, Jr.

Resolution Relating To Arkansas Religious Education Directors

In view of the intimate manner in which the work of Religious Education is connected with the progress of the Convention work of Arkansas, the directors have during the time of this Convention gotten together and organized into an Association, hoping thereby to offer a more united effort and to make a

more concrete contribution towards the fullest advancement of all our work. This new organization comes before the convention with this resolution:

First: That the Convention lend its blessings to the new organization and where possible recognize it through program assignments in Associational, District, and State Meetings.

Second: That the Convention minutes carry the names of all paid Religious Education Workers; including Assistant Pastors, Directors of Religious Education, and all others doing combinations of Educational work in the various churches.

There is an increasing number of Educational workers being added to our churches annually which is indicative of the increasing importance of the work.

Signed by the officers in behalf of the Association.

Luther A. Harrison, president Lowell W. Queen, vice-president J. A. Boston, secretary

Joe Hankins read the following resolution, which was adopted.

In view of the fact that there might be some uncertainty and confusion on the part of those employed in our State Mission work because of the resolution passed by the convention asking the President of the Convention to appoint a committee to make a survey of the needs of Arkansas, and also to investigate the methods of other states in conducting their State Mission work, be it resolved that this Convention, by a vote of the messengers present, assure our present missionaries, State Secretary and the committee on Missions and Evangelism of our hearty and prayerful support during the time of such survey, and also assure the committee appointed for this survey of our prayers and cooperation for the work which they have been asked to do.

By common consent, Taylor Stanfill, handed in the report on Stewardship without reading to be filed in the annual.

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

Your committee on Stewardship reports as follows:

Throughout the days of this convention we have listened to many reports. All of them fine Essays on the subject in hand or presentations of facts that ought to be given to all Arkansas Baptists. We believe our report on Stewardship is vital . . . for all else waits on Stewardship. If we are to care for the orphans, give medical aid to the sick and needy, educate our children in Christian colleges, train our ministry, and preach the Gospel to all our citizenry and join in its spread in "Samaria and to the uttermost parts of the earth," we must consider Stewardship. All our work waits on whether we will be "Faithful Stewards" . . . and we further believe that Setwardship . . . the practice of it, depends on some fundamental, basic principles that are as un-changeable and eternal as God. It is our belief that we must first make the tree good before the fruit is good.

We believe the Co-operative Program and all the related interests of Arkansas Baptists will not be adequately supported until our people recognize and realize in our mind and conscience, and practice in our life the basic principles on which our Heavenly Father proposes to erect His kingdom program of support and propagation. We believe the method of financing the church and kingdom programs of our Lord will be followed when once our people come to a full realization of these eternal principles.

That we have not as yet come to such a realization is evidenced in the poor support given all our interests and institutions and the constant demand for "extra" and "major" offerings above our denominational budget. In this report we desire to call attention first to the fundamentals on which our Father would build H's Kingdom program of support and then present briefly the method of support growing out of the fundamentals.

- (1) Underneath all, is God's ownership. The final, fee simple and ultimate ownership of all real estate, personal property, wealth and the ability to make wealth, is God's . . . and in exercising His rights of ownership . . . to possess or to destroy, He does not imperial the rights of man, for man himself belongs to God . . . and if a Christian, belongs to God not only by creation, preservation and province, but by redemption.
- (2) Then we need to clearly recognize our spiritual debtorship to a lost world. This is basic. The voice of Christian responsibility is "I am not ashamed" . . . "I am debtor" and "I am now

ready." It is when we recognize this debtorship, that territorial, racial and social boundaries, are blotted out. Such a debtorship includes all we are, have, or can be. This makes us our brothers keeper and leads us to give him the light we have, share the truth we know and extend the mercy extended us. This debtorship knows no evasions, exemptions or substitutes and respects no barriers. It is a matter, not of gratitude alone, but a matter of principle and duty.

(3) As a people, Baptists have the Gospel entrusted to them. How we need to-day, to realize our Gospel trusteeship. Paul said "I am entrusted with the Gospel." We are to keep, hold in trust, guard, cherish, and trade with, the Gospel deposited with us... but that is not all. We have been made the people to dispense this glorious Gospel. "Preach it" ... "Herald it" ... "Publish it abroad" ... Yes and "live it." There is an alarming need to-day that we as a people translate our creed into conduct.

The future of the work and our own preservation depends on our faithfulness to this trust. Back in the Psalms is a fine statement . . . "The Lord gave the Word and great was the company that published it." How can we Baptists selfishly contain, keep . . . that which has been so freely given us? This bread of life, this message of good tidings, is to be made available to all who are hungry and oppressed. The robe of Christ's imputed righteousness that covers our own poor, needy, souls . . . must be provided and given all who are now exposed to evil and sin.

(4) A last basic matter upon which our Father will erect His program of support and propogation is our Bible stewardship. Such a stewardship demands all our talents, enlists all our powers, and makes us partners with God, for our own good, the helpfulness of other and to God's glory. It is more than the stewardship of money . . . for involved here are our talents, our time, our physical and spiritual strength, our personalities, our character and even our life. Our Father requires faithfulness. This responsibility is realized through a relationship known as regeneration. It cannot be escaped, evaded or avoided. In youth, in maturity and in old age; as children, parents, neighbors or citizens of the Kingdom of God, we face this eternal stewardship.

These four fundamentals are inflexible, unchangeable and

eternal. The shame is, that as Baptists, too often we have lived by impulse and necessity and not by principle. The interests dear to our Savior's heart will not have adequate support until we live by principles. We have named and presented briefly four fundamentals with the hope and prayer that may be practiced . . . thereby making the method of financing the Church and Kingdom work a matter of secondary importance. The fruit of the tree, made good.

Having presented, what we think, are the four basic principles on which all life rests, we are now prepared to present the scriptural method of Church and Kingdom finance.

Scriptures abound here:

"Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase." Proverbs 3:9.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord for hosts, if I will not open you the windows of Heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Mal. 3:10.

Freely ye have received, freely give." Matt. 10:8.

"Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over shall men give into your bosom; for with the same measure that you mete it shall be measured to you again." Luke 6:38.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly nor of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." Sec. Cor. 9:7.

"Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come." Fst. Cor. 16:12.

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury and beheld how people cast money into the treasury." Mark 12:41.

(1) First of all, the acknowledgment of Bible Stewardship

requires the setting aside, for the extension of Christ's Kingdom, of a definite portion of my income, as indicated in above scriptures and others. We believe that portion to be the tithe. Deut. 14:22 "Thou shalt surely tithe all the increase of thy seed, that which cometh forth from the field year by year."

Deut. 16:16-17. "Three times a year shall all the males appear before Jehovah thy God . . . and they shall not appear before Jehovah empty: every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of Jehovah thy God which he hath given thee."

Psalms 96:8. "Ascribe unto Jehovah the Glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts" . . . again, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's," Matt. 22:21.

- (2) The Tenth is the minimum as set for in the scriptures. But one says: "Jesus abrogated the tithe." The truth is Jesus never revised anything downward. Jesus never re-enacted the law of the tithe nor did he abrogate it in principle. If the people before Christ came practiced tithing, and the people at the dawn of Christianity continued it, shall we at noon day . . . or in eventide of Christianity do less? The tithe was commenced through Abraham, then continued through Jacob and was later commanded by Moses in the Levitical law, when Jesus came the tithe was commended . . at least 6 scriptures in the New Testament thus deal with the tithe. "There was no occasion for Paul to discuss the tithe. "It was an established fact, as were the virgin birth and other Biblical facts." The minimum standard having been set, Paul under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, merely completes the plan, as to time, purpose and place. First Cor. 16:2.
- (3) A third word is that the Bible is clear as to standards of giving.
 - (a) It should be through my Church. Mal 3:10.
 - (b) Giving should be cheerful and liberal. Sec. Cor. 9:7, Luke 6:38.
 - (c) Giving should be sacrificial. Second Cor. 8:1-4.
 - (d) Giving should be proportionate and systematic. Deut. 16:17 and 1 Cor. 16:2.
 - (4) We want to make one other observation. We believe the

individual to be the unit of multiplication in our churches. These individual units are to tithe as a minimum. Tithe through their church. We believe the local church holds the same position in the denominational or Kingdom work as the individual church member holds in the church. The local church... is the unit of multiplication in the Kingdom of God. It is our conviction that all the arguments that can be presented that the membership of our churches tithe and do so through their local church and not designate their tithe, can be made to the local church that they tithe their gross income and make no designations. We believe the tithe of the churches, as a minimum, should go to the Cooperative Program. The tithe of the gross income of our churches will more than care for the annual budget of Arkansas Baptists. If all our churches would adopt the plan of paying through the Co-Operative Program, one-tenth of the gross income of the church, the necessity for special or designated offerings would be greatly diminished . . . if not done away with entirely. It is our conviction that the membership of a given church should not "designate" their tithe . . . It is the Lord's and should be brought into the treasury of the church. The individual therefore has lost his or her identity and the church as a body makes the distribution of all the tithes thus brought in . . . and all the arguments that can present that the individual has lost his or her identity and becomes a part of the whole, can be made that as local churches, the tithe of all the income as such is to be placed into the common "storehouse," and the church thus, has lost its identity and becomes a part of the whole . . . rather because it is a part of the whole . . . and whatever we do, we must do together, they will bring as a minimum, the tithe, for denomination work, undesignated.

-TAYLOR STANFILL.

The report on Home Missions was read by C. C. Warren. After it had been discussed by J. W. Beagle, it was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS

I. Commission and Scope

During the evening of the Resurrection Day the Saviour appeared to His disciples and said, "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" John 20:21. A few days later on an appointed mountain in Galilee he met them again and said, "All power

is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Matt. 28:18-20.

Just before he went back to Heaven he saw them again in Jerusalem and said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

Since the Saviour gave the Great Commission to His disciples three times in less than six weeks it is not likely that we shall repeat it too often or emphasize it too much. It is more likely that a neglected emphasis at this vital point may be the explanation of much of our delay in bringing in his Kingdom.

We also have a tendency to localize and institutionalize our mission interest. We need to be reminded continually that Christ was a world citizen with a world mission and that His Commission includes the whole world.

It has been said that the Great Commission knows no geographical bounds. This is true with regard to its extent, but for the purpose of effectiveness in projecting the kingdom program into all the world our field of endeavor is divided as follows: First, the starting point, "Jerusalem;" second, the nearby regions, "Judaea and Samaria" and third, the lands afar, or "the uttermost part of the earth."

The part of the vineyard which this report is designed to cover is "Judaea and Samaria" or Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board of Southern Baptists is concerned primarily with carrying out the Great Commission in the Convention territory where fields are inadequately covered or wholly untouched by the local churches. Let us note, therefore, some evidences of progress in the conquest.

II. Conquests and Conquering

The Home Mission Board during the past year has added 40 new missionaries, bringing the total to 411, and opened 93 new mission stations, making a total of 863. This mighty force, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, has carried on the conquest for

Christ on more than a dozen distinct fronts:

- 1. One hundred and fifty-five of our missionaries working in the midst of 5,000,000 foreigners supplied 281 churches; opened 28 new missions and won 3,068 converts.
- 2. Two of our faithful missionaries, assisted by volunteer workers, have sought to carry the gospel to 45,000 deaf mutes. They have organized 122 missions or classes and won 114 to Christ.
- 3. Seventy-two of our missionaries have served 151 churches and mission stations, ministered to 40 tribes of 200,000 Indians. 416 Indians were baptized last year.
- 4. In strategic Panama we have eight churches, one of which is self-supporting. Three missionaries serve the other seven which are composed largely of West Indian Negroes.
- 5. Cuba, with a population of 2,500,000, presents one of our greatest opportunities. Here we have 131 churches and mission stations, served by 72 missionaries who baptized 275 converts last year.
- 6. Some of the greatest mission fields in our Southland are to be found in our cities. In Greater Little Rock, the Capital of our beloved state, it is estimated that of the 120,000 inhabitants 90,000 will not be found in any church, of any denomination, on any Lord's day.

Rescue Mission and Good-Will Centers are rendering a great service in many of our cities. 600 souls were won last year at our Rescue Mission in New Orleans.

- 7. In the south we have 11,000,000 Negroes, by far the most neglected group in our constituency. With our colored brethern we have 40 missionaries, most of whom are teachers in 17 colleges, where 3,000 students are enrolled, 160 of whom are serving as pastors.
- 8. Seven of our missionaries, serving in our mountain territory, opened four new mission stations last year, conducted 37 revivals and baptized over 200 converts.
- 9. Two missionaries assigned to work with 500,000 Jews are achieving splendid results.
 - 10. City-wide simultaneous evangelistic campaigns have

been conducted by our department of evangelism in Louisville, Richmond, Little Rock, Temple, St. Louis and Knoxville. 211 churches participated.

- 11. In addition to the above mentioned divisions of the work the Board has four field workers engaged very largely in carrying information about Home Missions to Southern Baptists.
- 12. Another most encouraging indication of progress during the past year is found in the reduction of the Board's indebtedness in the sum of \$160,000.00. A debt payment program has been mapped out which will liquidate all the debts of the Board by 1945, provided receipts do not fall below the receipts of last year.

III. Challenge and Outlook

The present world situation demands prayer and unprecedented effort to Christianize our southland. Mankind is oppressed with perplexity and fear. Men are burdened with evils and with problems apparently insolvable. In countries which are at peace unemployment and malnutrition sap man's strength of body, mind and spirit. In other countries war does its devil's work and threatens to overwhelm us with its limitless catastrophe.

Everywhere men are conscious of uncertainty or chaos. The sinister forces of evil are set on paganizing our homeland in a thousand ways.

Isms of all sorts permeate our Home Mission fields; even under the protection of so-called "Diplomatic Immunity" extended to representatives of other nations, they are spreading their nefarious doctrines through every phase of our American life. In spite of all the clouds that seem to hover about us let us reember that "Christ must reign until He has put all enemies under His feet."

We are persuaded that to Southern Baptists He has committed the most gigantic and challenging task that has ever been given to His people. No people on earth have been so gripped with and blessed by New Testament truth. Our Southland is truly the stronghold of New Testament Christiantity. In many respects it seems that we are destined to become the richest people on earth. Our opportunity was never greater.

Twenty-two million souls out of Christ here in the homeland

cry out to us for the bread of life.

11,000,000 of our brothers in black, right at our door, are looking to us for help.

Five million foreigners, spiritually marooned on our shores, are a challenge to our passion for the lost.

800,000 Mexicans and 225,000 Spanish-speaking people will struggle on in their spiritual night unless we can send missionaries to preach the Gospel to them.

Someone has said that three alternatives confront society today: The collapse of civilization, the acceptance of a new pagan faith, or a revival of Christianity. We, as Christian people, positively know that Christ is the only hope for the world. He must be enthroned in the hearts and lives of the people.

The world can never be brought to Christ until we take Christ to the world.

May God provide all needful grace as we rededicate our all to the victorious consummation of His purpose.

> C. C. Warren, chairman E. F. Simmons Glen A. Moore E. S. Elliott Mrs. Gene Spearman James Kelley

President P. W. Coggs of Arkansas Baptist College was presented to the Convention. He, in turn, introduced the Glee club from his college, which sang a number of songs. A collection of \$23.13 was taken for Arkansas Baptist College.

A resolution was passed that the Presidents of Ouachita and Central Colleges be ex-officio members of the Executive Board, if it did not conflict with the Constitution of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

G. H. Ussery, Pastor Second Baptist Church, Monticello, was called for to be introduced to the Convention, but was away attending a funeral.

Secretary Bridges commented on the fact that the First Baptist Church of Monticello had sent out more preachers than any other church in the state. Some of these preachers were introduced and those who were not present were mentioned. These are the names: C. W. Daniel, Phillip Hyatt, A. J. Hyatt, T. H. Jordan, O. J. Wade, J. W. Royal, C. D. Wood, and Joe Fred Luck. The first six grew up in Monticello and were licensed by Monticello Church. Joe Fred Luck was converted and baptized into the fellowship of the church, but moved away when he was twelve years of age.

C. W. Daniel led in the closing prayer of the Convention.

The Convention adjourned to meet with the First Baptist Church of Jonesboro, November 11, 1941, at 2 p. m.

CALVIN B. WALLER, President J. B. LUCK, Secretary.

THE PASTOR'S AND LAYMAN'S CONFERENCE

The Conference met at Monticello, Arkansas, December 3, 1940 at 10:00 a.m. The following program was given:

10:00 Devotional, Dr. Marice Hall.

10:20 Business session when the following officers were elected:

President—Grover Prince.

Vice President-J. E. Berry.

Secretary—Reese Howard.

President of State Brotherhood-Claude L. Durrett.

- 10:40 Song, H. C. Seefeldt, leader.
- 10:45 Brief messages from churches having active Brotherhoods.
- 11:40 Message, "A Returning Backslider Surveys His Church." by Carlton Weaver, Wilburton, Okla.

Grover Prince, president Reese S. Howard, secretary

LIST OF MESSENGERS TO 1940 CONVENTION BY ASSOCIATIONS AND CHURCHES

ARKANSAS VALLEY:

Barton—Lawrence E. Green, Pastor. Brinkley, Harold Seefeldt, Pastor. Elaine-Marion B. Dunham, Pastor, Oscar Green.

Helena—Elmer J. Kirkbride, Pastor, Mrs. Bill Startton, Bill Stratton, Mrs. Elmer J. Kirkbride.

Hughes-Archie L. Partain, Pastor.

Marianna—Ross Edwards, Pastor.

West Helena—Cecil H. Franks, Pastor, Mrs. Cecil H. Franks, Mrs. Fern Jordan.

BARTHOLOMEW:

Antioch Church-Floyd Taylor, Pastor.

Beech Creek, W. W. Nutt.

Comminto-Lehman F. Webb, Pastor, J. W. Mansfield.

Crossett First—Aubry C. Halsell, Pastor, Mrs. Aubry C. Halsell, Mrs. C. F. Tatum.

Magnolia Church, Crossett—W. Braswell, Pastor, Mrs. W. Braswell, Jesse Braswell.

Enon-H. C. Rash, Pastor.

Flat Creek-Rev. O. T. Bolton, Pastor, Mrs. O. T. Bolton.

Hamburg—Reese S. Howard, Pastor, Mrs. Reese S. Howard, Mrs. G. S. Nolley, Mrs. L. W. Dew.

Hermitage—J. A. O. Russell, Pastor, Mrs. J. A. O. Russell, W. M. Wylie.

Holly Springs—Mrs. W. A. Reaves, Mrs. L. E. McClendon, Mrs. G. O. Baker, Mrs. J. S. Creed.

Maplevale—C. C. Young, Pastor.

Monticello, First—Thomas W. Croxton, Pastor, Mrs. Thomas W. Croxton, Eloise Beasley, Elizabeth Binns, Milbrey Lloyd.

Monticello, Second-G. H. Usery, Pastor.

Mt. Olive-J. V. B. Stone, C. I. Birchfield.

Prarie Grove—Frank Wolfe, Mrs. Frank Wolfe, Don Wolfe. Potsville—Dale House, Pastor.

Saline-Devoto Forest.

Warren, First—Minor E. Cole, Pastor, Mrs. Minor E. Cole, W. M. Hester, Mrs. W. M. Hester, Mrs. G. H. King, Sam Stovall, Mrs. Sam Stovall, Mrs. C. E. Stewart, Mrs. Don Ashcraft, Mrs. Clyde Neely, Virginia Bryant.

Warren, Second-Rolla C. Nixon, Pastor.

Wilmar—Mrs. Clyde Birchfield, V. A. Clanton, Mrs. M. H. Green, Mrs. T. J. Robinson.

BENTON COUNTY:

Bentonville—L. C. Tedford, Pastor.

Siolam Springs—J. F. Bow, Pastor.

BIG CREEK:

Salem-Hugh Cooper, Pastor, Mrs. Hugh Cooper.

BLACK RIVER:

Diaz-W. C. Halsell, Pastor.

Hardy-P. O. Freeman, Pastor, Mrs. P. O. Freeman.

Hoxie—J. M. Hitt, Associational Missionary.

New Bethel-W. T. Tiner, Pastor.

Newport—Chas. F. Wilkins, Pastor, Mrs. Chas. F. Wilkins, Mrs. W. C. McAvery, Mrs. M. B. Owens

Walnut Ridge—H F. Vermillion, Pastor, Mrs. H. F. Vermillion.

BOONE CARROLL:

Berryville-Will H. Travis, Pastor.

Harrison-E. E. Griever, Pastor, G. V. Logan.

Omaha—Elmer F. Cox, Dist. Misisonary, Mrs. E lmer F. Cox.

BUCKNER:

Fellowship-Ernest Baker, Pastor.

Forester—James T. Draper. Pastor, Mrs. James T. Draper, Mrs. W. S. Pettijohn, O. C. Stockemer, Mrs. Wayne Pettijohn, Mrs. J. C. Hamm.

Hartford-Bernon E. Yarborough, Pastor.

Horn-John H. Byers, Pastor, J. B. Johnson.

Mansfield—J. I. Owens, Pastor.

Poteau—Murl Walker, Pastor, W. A. Bishop, Assoc. Missionary.

Waldron—A. F. Muncy, Pastor, Mrs. A. F. Muncy, Estella White, Mrs. J. A. Crutchfield.

BUCKVILLE:

Buckville Church—Allen McCurry, Pastor.

Refugee—Henry Webb.

CADDO RIVER:

Glenwood—Cecil L. Gammell, Pastor, Mrs. J. C. Alford, W. O. Blount, R. E. Rodgers.

Mt. Ida Church—J. W. Hulsey, Pastor.

Norman—Elmo Johnson, Pastor, Russell Harbow, Earl Reece.

Oden-I. M. Kibbe, Pastor and Associational Missionary.

CAREY:

Bearden-L. D. Eppinette, Pastor.

Fordyce—Ira Patishall, Pastor, Mrs. Ira Patishall, Mrs. H. E. Tomlinson, Mrs. W. R. Benton, Sr. H. B. Benton, Mrs. H. B. Benton, Mrs. W. C. Williams, Mrs. S. E. Adams.

New Hope-Walter H. Watts, Pastor.

Ouachita Church—Carl H. Harris.

Tinsman—H. S. Speer, Mrs. H. S. Speer, Mrs. W. R. Britt, Helen Hopper.

CAROLINE:

Cabot-W. J. Morris, Pastor, Mrs. W. J. Morris.

Carlisle-Joe Fred Luck, Pastor, Mrs. Joe Fred Luck.

Coy-P. E. Turner, Association Missionary.

Des Arc-C. W. Anderson, Pastor.

England—Cecil Meadows, Pastor, T. A. Haley.

Caney Creek—E. Rawlings, Pastor, Mrs. E. Rawlings, Mrs. R. E. Townsend.

Hazen-J. O. Young, Pastor, Mrs. J. O. Young.

Lonoke-W. M. Pratt, Pastor.

Oak Grove-Wilson Deese, Pastor.

Stuttgart—O. C. Harvey, Pastor, W. R. Vestal, District Missionary.

CENTRAL:

Bauxite-Ralph W. Davis, Pastor, Mrs. Ralph Davis.

Benton—E. C. Brown, Pastor, W. A. Jackson, Mrs. M. P. Crowe, Mrs. Gertie Leech, Mrs. J. L. Richardson, Mrs. A. C. Westbrook, S. J. O'Neil.

Hot Springs-

Central—T. H. Jordan, Pastor, J. W. Watts, Mrs. J. W. Watts.

First Church—B. H. Duncan, Pastor.

Park Place—J. F. Queen, Pastor, Mrs. J. F. Queen, Helen Jackson, Shirley Baldwin.

Second Church—W. J. Hinsley, Pastor, Mrs. W. J. Hinsley. Malvern—James W. Kelley, Pastor, D. Y. McDowell, Mrs.

D. Y. McYDowell, Thomas E. Toler, Sr., D. D. Glover.

CLEAR CREEK:

Clarksville—Mrs. Joe Walton, Mrs. John Linsley.

Mulberry-John M. Basinger, Pastor.

Ozark-J. H. Caldwell, Pastor.

Van Buren-O. J. Chastain, Pastor.

CONCORD:

Booneville-Lee Nichols, Pastor, Erwin Mashier.

Charleston-C. H. Peaden, Pastor.

Ft. Smith-

Calvary—L. H. Davis, Pastor, Mrs. L. H. Davis, Billie Mae Davis.

First Church—B. V. Ferguson, Pastor, E. Butler Abington, District Missionary.

Grand Avenue Church—C. C. Roberts, Pastor, Mrs. C. C. Roberts.

Immanuel Church—Victor H. Coffman, Pastor, Conrad I. Dupree, Educational Director.

Oakgrove Church—H. E. Marsh, Pastor, Mrs. H. E. Marsh, Mrs. J. T. Gann, Mrs. M. H. Gamble.

Greenwood-J. B. Maxwell, Pastor.

Magazine-Harvey S. Bullock, Pastor.

Paris—E. S. Elliott, Pastor, Truett Farmer, Educational Director.

CURRENT RIVER:

Corning—Golden E. Neely, Pastor, H. O. Taylor, Associational Missionary.

Mt. Pleasant—H. W. Johnston, Pastor.

DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE:

Centerville—Gray Evans, Associational Missionary, Mrs. Gray Evans.

Plummerville—Clarence Cutrell, Pastor, Mrs. Clarence Cutrell.

Russellville-Fritz E. Goodbar, Pastor.

DELTA:

Collins-Bertie Hoffman, Mrs. Mae Sasser,

Dermott—C. D. Wood, Pastor, Mrs. C. D. Wood, James Botts, Mrs. E. A. Berryman, Mrs. L. W Wilson, Mrs. Victor S. Bullock.

Eudora—Clyde Hart—Pastor, Mrs. Clyde Hart, Mrs. A. B. Vaughters, Mrs. R. T. Stephenson, M. J. Anders.

Lake Village-Boyd Baker, Pastor, Mrs. Boyd Baker.

McGehee—L. C. Craig, Pastor, Mrs. L. C. Craig, Raymond

Walker, Dorothy Louise Phillips, Otto E. Walker, Mrs. J. E. Baker, Mrs. R. L. Prosser, Mrs. G. A. Hall, Irma Louise Duncain, Helen Dottley.

Montrose—T. D. Douglas, Pastor, Mrs. T. D. Douglas, Mrs. Lawrence Lee, Mrs. Marvin Williamson, Mrs. Robert Radford.

Parkdale-Mrs. T. L. Nichols.

Portland—Roger M. Baxter, Pastor, Mrs. Roger M. Baxter. Tiller—E. S. Terral, Mrs. E. S. Terral.

Wilmot—Robert B. Mathis, Pastor, Mrs. R. L. Echols, Mrs. W. B. De Yampert, Miss Winnie Hill, Mrs. Viloa Ralph.

FALKNER COUNTY:

Conway-

First—Blake Smith, Pastor; O. J. Wade, President of Central College; Mrs. O. J. Wade, Roberta Best, Bernice Galloway, Mrs. Faye Lasley.

Mt. Vernon-B. H. Taylor.

Beryl-E. F. Simmons, Associational Missionary.

GAINESVILLE:

Piggot—Russell J. Clubb, Pastor, Mrs. Russell J. Clubb.

HARMONY:

Almyra—L. T. Daniel, Pastor, Mrs. L. T. Daniel, Mrs. Earl Gere, Mrs. Claud Stephens, Mrs. Roy Vice, Doris Reaber. Andersons Chapel—O. G. Priddy, Pastor.

De Witt-Ralph B. Glover, Pastor, Eddie Blackman.

Dumas—H. A. Turner, Pastor, Mrs. H. A. Turner, Mrs. I. N. Moore, J. E. Allmon, Mrs. J. J. Adams, Mrs. C. R. Peterson.

Gould—Silby Wallis, Pastor, J. E. Short, Mrs. J. E. Short, Mrs. J. D. Crockett, Williard Hix.

Good Hope-Robert D. Hughes.

Humphrey-M. S. Jaggers, Pastor.

Pine Bluff-

Calvary—Ben Wafford, Pastor, Billie Ruth Hyde, Mrs. Jack Robertson, Mrs. D. L. Ridgeway, Mrs. J. E. Hays, Mrs. W. L. Funderburg.

First Church—Harvey T. Whaley, Pastor, Mrs. Harvey T. Whaley, Lowell W. Queen, Mrs. Marvin A. Hudson, Mrs. Garland Hyatt, John W. Reap, John O. Steely, Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney.

- Immanuel Church—Wilford M. Lee, Pastor, Mrs. Wilford M. Lee, Charles E. Gipson.
- Mathews Memorial—J. T. Summers, Pastor, Mrs. J. T. Summers, Mrs. C. J. Downing, Mrs. Tom Wilchman, J. E. Ratliff.
- Ohio Street Church—W. Fred Hinesley, Pastor, Mrs. A. W. Uuchurch, Jr., Mrs. Burell Woodfield.
- South Side—Llyod A. Sparkman—Pastor, Mrs. N. E. Blassingame, Florence Bowden, Mrs. DeWitt Handly, Mrs. Pat Riley, Mrs. A. B. Cash, Mrs. Frank Hilton, Mrs. W. M. Chavis, Mrs. R. J. Wells.
- Rison—Joe B. Sullivan, Pastor, Mrs. Joe B. Sullivan, Mary Ellen Lloyd, Mrs. G. C. Wallace, Mrs. O. N. Eubank, Mrs. J. W. Curry, Mrs. J. G. Moseley, Mary Williams, Mrs. Harry Speaks, J. G. Mosely.
- Star City—M. E. Wiles, Pastor, Mrs. M. E. Wiles, Evelyn McGuffey, Marjorie Eastham, William Fish, J. F. Grumbles, W. B. Crowe, Mrs. W. B. Crowe, Mrs. Garland Nick, Opie Miller, Mrs. Opie Miller.

Shidley—C. D. Sallee, Pastor.

GREEN COUNTY:

Paragould—

First Church—Irving M. Prince, Paster, Frank E. Adams. Mrs. J. C. Honey.

Second Church-George W. Archer, Pastor.

HOPE:

Arabella-D. W. Bolton, Pastor.

Hope—William Russell Hamilton, Pastor, James H. Bennett, Isabel Schooley, Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Mrs. H. J. F. Garrett.

Magnolia, Central-J. B. Luck, Pastor.

Shiloh—George Delaughter, Pastor, Mrs. Isa Lansford.

Stamps—J. H. Fitzgerald, Pastor, Mrs. J. H. Fitzgerald.

Troy-Mrs. Frances Prator, Mrs. W. L. Guthrie.

Texarkana-

Beech Street—John H. Webb, Pastor, Mrs. John H. Webb, Mrs. Albert L. Buck, Mrs. L. K. Whitehead.

College Hill—Mrs. Jeanette Frances, Mrs. L. D. Lykes, Mrs. George Law, Mildred Aaron.

INDEPENDENCE:

Batesville--

First-W. D. Edwards, Pastor.

West Batesville—T. J. D. King, Pastor.

Calvary-Byron King, Pastor.

Rosie-O. D. Yount, Pastor.

LIBERTY:

Cross Roads—D. W. Stark, Pastor, Mrs. D. W. Stark, Mrs. C. A. Langley.

El Dorado-

First Church—Charles W. Daniel, Pastor; C. B. Hall, Associate Pastor; E. L. Compere, Mrs. E. L. Compere, J. N. McKinney, Mrs. J. N. McKinney, Mrs. Hazel Morrison.

West Side Church—R. B. Middleton, Pastor, Mrs. H. M. Dumas, Mrs. Don Darnell, Mrs. Ellis Hammond, Mrs. Ida Dean, Mrs. Alma Tillman.

Elliot-Mrs. W. P. Moore, Mrs. W. J. Lambert.

Galilee-Shepard Word, E. J. Word, Mrs. E. J. Word.

Huttig-C. J. Rushing, Pastor.

Joyce City—J. P. Durham, Pastor, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Grady Phillips, Mrs. E. C. Whisenhunt.

Junction City—J. E. Calloway, Pastor, R. Raley, Mrs. O E. Bryant, Mrs. D. M. Jones, Mrs. J. G. Muse.

New London—Wesley A. Lindsey, Pastor, Mrs. Fred H. Norris, Mrs. J. D. Coleman.

Norphlet—Ford F. Gauntt, Pastor, Mrs. Ford F. Gauntt, Mrs. Almer Evers, Mrs. Don Mason, Mrs. V. L. Armstrong, Mrs. M. King.

Shuler-A. E. Blankenship, Pastor.

Smackover-Glenn A. Moore, Pastor, Mrs. Glenn A. Moore.

Stephens—Harold L. Rutledge, Pastor, Mrs. Harold L. Rutledge.

Strong—Keith F. Babb, Pastor, Mrs. Keith F. Babb, Mrs. J.
Rogers, Mrs. Mattie Hudson, Mrs. T. W. Hudson, T.
W. Hudson, Mrs. Jessie Little, W. V. Walls, Mrs. M.
L. Summers, Mrs. J. T. Gathright, Mrs. Fred McMath.

Urbana—R. H. Dorris, Pastor, Mrs. R. H. Dorris.

Lawson-L. J. Tucker, Pastor.

LITTLE RED RIVER:

Heber Springs,-C. E. Lawrence, Pastor, J. E. Alton.

LITTLE RIVER:

Ashdown-A. P. Elliff, Paster, Mrs. A. P. Elliff, John J

Dulaney.

De Queen—L. L. Hunnicutt, Pastor, Mrs. L. L. Hunnicutt, Mrs. Joe Smith, J. H. Bullard.

Nashville-R. O. Barker, Pastor, Mrs. R. O. Barker.

Ozan—Mrs. W. F. Robins, Mrs. Otis C. Robins, Mrs. John Barrow.

MISSISSIPPI COUNTY:

Blytheville, First—Alred Carpenter, Pastor, Nat H. Britton, Educational Director.

Dyess-W. E. Haltom, Pastor, Mrs. W. E. Haltom.

Leechville—Siebert H. Haley, Pastor, W. J. Field, Mrs. O. C. C. Summers, Reba A. Acree, Werlene Webb, Mrs. J. W. Dortch.

Clear Lake-H. A. Johnson, Pastor.

Luxora—Ralph L. Douglas, Pastor.

Oceola—Harold B. Tillman, Pastor, Lyman F. Sheddan.

Nadena—J. H. Neal, Pastor.

Wilson-W. D. Wallace, Pastor.

New Bethel—F. A. Whitley, Associational Missionary, Mrs. F. A. Whitley.

MT. ZION:

Jonesboro-

Central-Mrs. R. F .Barnett, Mrs. L. E. Rogers.

First Church—O. L. Powers, Pastor; O. M. Stallings, District Missionary.

Fisher Street—L. G. Miller, Pastor, Mrs. L. G. Miller, Mrs. C. Langsdon, Mrs. A. A. Dacus.

Walnut Street—E. T. Smith, Pastor, Ruby Croow, Leonard Smith.

Lake City-L. L. Jordan, Pastor.

Monette-Russell Duffer, Pastor, Mrs. Russell Duffer.

Philadelphia—H. L. Waters, Pastor, Mrs. H. L. Waters, Mrs. L. E. Hinson.

PULASKI:

Little Rock-

Tabernacle—L. H. Rosemond, Pastor, Fred O. Hinkerill.

Bellevue—D. O. Stuckey, Pastor, Mrs. D .O. Stuckey, Mrs. A. J. Hickman. Mrs. Maudie Cornell, Mrs. Buelah Dillinger.

Calvary-Otto Sutton, Pastor, Mrs. Otto Sutton.

Ferndale-Andrew Hall, Pastor.

Friendship-Guy S. Wilson, Pastor.

First Church—Joe H. Hankins, Pastor, Mrs. H. J. Conger, Mrs. Chester Colvin, Thyra Lea Freeze, Mrs. W. B. Acuff, Mrs. W. I. Mooney, B. L. Bridges, Mrs. B. L. Bridges, C. G. Davis, Associational Missionary.

Hebron—Mrs. R. C. Otey, Mrs. W. E. Beaumon, Mrs. Willie Weiss, W. E. Beaumon, Mrs. C. F. Lindsey.

High Street-Harvey Hicks, Pastor.

Immanuel—C. C. Warren, Pastor, J. M. Poe, Mrs. J. M. Poe, Hamiltion Moses, Mrs. C. H. Ray, Mrs. Edgar Williamson.

Pulaski Heights—L. M. Sipes, Pastor, Mrs. L. M. Sipes, Garland Richardson, Mrs. R. W. Morris, George D. Thompson, Mrs. George D. Thompson. Mrs. Jean Hogue.

Renolds Memorial-Barney R. Freasier, Pastor.

Second Church—Calvin B. Waller, Pastor, William F. Shearin, Mrs. William F. Shearin, Blanche Mays, Gene Spearman, Mrs. Gene Spearman, Lewis A. Meyers, Mrs. W. I. Stout, Francis Andrews, Mr. W. I. Stout, Miss Margaret Hutchison, Mrs. T. Shad Medlin.

South Highland—L. M. Keeling, Pastor, Mrs. L. M. Keeling, John R. Strolton.

North Little Rock-

Baring Cross—Taylor Stanfill, Pastor, Bill Fleming, J. N. Lamound, Mrs. J. N. Lamound, Mrs. W. J. Radnedge, Mrs. Jean Hogue.

Central—James A. Overton, Pastor, Mrs. W. G. Thompson. First Church—Thomas L. Harris, Pastor, Mrs. Thomas L. Harris, Mrs. J. N. Morris.

Levy-O. A. Greenleaf, Pastor.

RED RIVER:

Arkadelphia-

First Church—Robert E. Naylor, Pastor, Mrs. Robert E. Naylor, J. R. Grant, Mrs. J. R. Grant, C. L. Randall. Dist. Missionary, Mrs. C. L. Randall, D. Wayde Armstrong, O. W. Yates, Mrs. L. E. Smith, Dorothy Meador, Virginia Randall, Elmer Morgan, Ina Grace Partain, Mrs. Edith L. Perry, Samuel M. King.

Second Church—S. A. Wiles, Pastor, Mrs. S. A. Wiles, Williard Lloyd, James Medley, Carl M. Overton, Robert

Patterson, T. A. Horne.

Bierne-E. W. Lloyd, Pastor.

Curtis—Earl Harrington, Pastor, Mrs. L. Freeman, D. C. Thomas, Carl Tucker.

Gurdon, Beech Street—P. J. Crowder, Pastor, Nellie Lou Crowder, Mrs. P. J. Crowder.

Prescott—E. P. J. Garrott, Pastor, Mrs. E. P. J. Garrott, Mrs. C. L. Rodgers, Helen Marie Wuertz, Mrs. J. E. Wuertz. Oklona—Lonnie Lasater, Pastor, Mrs. Lonnie Lasater. Shiloh—Ed Harness, Pastor.

ROCKY BAYOU:

Floral—Delbert T. Garrett, Pastor.

STONE-VAN BUREN:

Leslie—Claud Jenkins, Pastor, Lodean Jenkins, Lillian Smith Ryna, Mrs. G. W. Hogg.

WASHINGTON:

Fayetteville—O. L. Gibson, Pastor.

Sonora—Curtis Puryear, Pastor.

Spring Valley-J. Scott Blystone, Pastor.

Springdale—Otto Whittingyon, Pastor.

WHITE COUNTY:

Harris Chapel-Elaine Thorp, Pastor.

Judsonia—Maurice M. Hall, Pastor, Mrs. Maurice H. Hall.

McRae-W. E. Carden, Associational Missionary.

West Point—James A. Holden, W. T. Ray.

Searcy—J. I. Cossey, Pastor, L. C. Langley, Mrs. Vance W. Edmondson.

WHITE RIVER:

Mt. Home-W. L. Leach, Pastor.

WOODRUFF COUNTY:

Augusta-J. F. Brewer, Jr., Pastor.

McCrory-A. J. Hyatt, Pastor.

Good Hope-Henry Wright, Pastor.

O'Possum Creek-Jack Collum.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS 1941

Abbott, C. O., Little Rock, P. Abington, E. Butler, Ft. Smith, S. E. Acuff, E. H., Marshall, P. Adams, M. T., Wister, Okla., P. Adams, O. M., Little Rock

Atkinson, Theo., Marshal.
Ayers, B. L., Eureka Springs
Adkins, H. J., Edgemont, P.
Agnew, Louis, Alpena Pass
Aiken, Paul, Seminary Hill,
Tex., P.

Allen, Harmen, Waldon. Allison, Alvin, Biggers, P. Allison, E. D., Florence Allison, J. A., Attica, P. Altom, J. E., Floral, P. Amos, J. A., Booneville, P. Anders, F. D., Burdett Anderson, C. S., Hatfield, P. Anderson, Charles W., Des Arc, Anderson, E., El Paso, P. Anderson, Grady, Pine Bluff, P. Anderson, Thomas, Little Rock, Appelgate, D. C., Jr., Nettleton, Applegate, D. C., Sr., Nettleton, Р. Appling, Carl, Etowah, P. Archer, G. W., Paragould, P. Armstrong, D. Wade, Arkadelphia, P. Arnold, J. R., Arlberg Ashcraft, Chas., Arkadelphia, P. Ashley, L. R., Morrilton, P. Atteberry, B., De Queen, P. & M. Babb, Keith, Strong, P. Bailey, J. Q., Van Buren, P. Bailey, Thurman, Miller Bailey, W. A., Oak Grove Baker, Boyd, Lake Village, P. Baker, Ernest, Hartford, P. Baker, J. D., Havana Baker, Milford, Siloam Springs Barber, I. N., Little Rock, P. Barker, R. O., Nashville, P.

Barner, W. M., Bono.

Barnes, C. L., Wister, Okla., P.

Barnes, H. C., Monticello, P.

Barnes, H. L., Hartford, P.

Barnes, Seth, Vandervoort

Barnett, J. R., Jonesboro

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Yarborough, Vernon, Hartford, P.
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Yates, O. W., Arkadelphia, P.
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Yeldell, W. L., Black Rock, P.
Young, C. C., Hamburg, P.
Young, J. O., Hazen, P.
Young, W. Q., Ouachita, P.
Yount, O. D., Floral
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CONSTITUTION

Article I.-Name and Object

- Sec. 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 evangelism, 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 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 recog-

nize 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 paper 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 shall be composed of 15 members chosen from the State at large and one additional members from the bounds of each co-operating Association, 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 Southwide. The

office of the Executive Board is the clearing house for the business side of the Corvention'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 hold property, to manage and to operate its colleges, hospitals and orphanage as follows:

- Sec. 1. Ouachita College, 24; Central College, 24; Mountain Home College, 12; Baptist State Hospital, 18; Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, 12; Davis Hospital, 6.
- Sec. 2. One-third of each Board of Trustees shall be elected annually for a term of three years and not more than six (6) members of any Board shall reside in any one city, town or community.
- Sec. 3. All trusteeships of the Convention shall be amenable to the Convention on all matters, through its Executive Board and no trusteeship shall be permitted to conduct extra movements to raise money outside of its regular producing sources of revenue and no trusteeship shall incur a deficit on running expenses or create debt, without the approval of the Executive Board, or the Convention in session.
- Sec. 4. All trusteeships shall render to the Convention at each annual session complete and detailed statements of all their business and other 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.

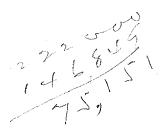
Article IX

- Sec. 1. Each Board, agency, and institution of this Convention shall submit to the Convention a detailed statement of its sources of income and a budget of proposed expenditures for the ensuing year. When received and adopted by the Convention, these budgets shall become the basis of operations for the ensuing year. Should any deficit occur in the operation of any board, institution, or agency, the same shall be included in the budget of the following year.
- Sec. 2. Any proposal for indebtedness to be placed on this Convention, or any board, institution, or agency of the Convention shall be submitted to the Convention in annual session and approved by two successive annual sessions of the Convention before such indebtedness shall be incurred, except when three-fourths of the members of the Convention present and voting shall decide that an emergency exists which makes immediate authorization necessary.

Article X.—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.

Any proposed amendment shall be presented in writing to the Convention and shall lie on the table until the next annual session of the Convention.



STATISTICAL REPORT BY ASSOCIATIONS FOR 1940

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ASSOCIATIONS	ani	No. Ordained M	No. Pastors	No. Members Reported Last Year	Baptisms	Total Present Membership	No. Sunday Schools	S. S. Enrollment	No. Unions	No. of Members	No. Organizațions	No. Members	Pastors' Salaries	To Cooperative Program	Raised for	Missions and Benevolences	Raised for All Local Expenses	Total Raised For All Purposes	Value of all Church Property	
1. Arkansas Valley 2. Bartholomew 3. Benton County 4. Big Creek 5. Black River 6. Boone - Carroll 7. Buckner 8. Buckville 9. Caddo River 10. Carey 11. Caroline 12. Central 13. Clear Creek 14. Concord 15. Current River 16. Dardanelle-Russellville 17. Delta 18. Faulkner County 19. Fourche Valley 20. Gainesville 21. Greene County 22. Harmony 23. Hope 24. Independence 25. Liberty 26. Little Red River 27. Little River 28. Mississippi County 29. Mt. Zion 30. Ouachita 31. Pulaski County 32. Red River 33. Rocky Bayou 34. Stone-Van Buren 35. Tri-County	1920 1850 1855 1874 1914 1938 1878 1878 1875 1915 1870 1880 1874 1925 1915 1872 1915 1872 1915 1872 1915 1872 1915 1872 1915 1872 1915 1852 1870 1916 1848 1842 1919 1925	14	2 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12 12	3,686 6,669 2,895 760 2,332 2,372 2,728 1,427 1,411 8 2,193 4,462 4,864 2,906 12,042 1,839 2,906 3,317 2,917 698 1,936 4,486 8,015 5,655 1,834 10,069 1,446 3,023 5,245 4,798 909 17,498 4,501 1,423 3,300	332 529 257 101 271 136 413 163 101 93 382 353 167 534 143 203 502 210 86 101 308 523 374 129 648 273 87 1,387 258 65 104 277	3,954 * 6,669 2,763 841 2,487 2,105 3,037 1,316 1,477 2,255 4,517 5,541 2,973 12,391 * 1,839 3,118 * 698 1,755 4,748 8,604 6,872 1,940 10,695 1,609 3,280 5,721 5,164 961 17,965 4,861 * 1,423 * 3,531	13 44 23 17 28 19 31 15 15 12 25 23 26 35 16 22 27 24 10 15 31 25 28 15 31 21 28 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31 31	2,894 4,753 2,665 809 2,278 3,739 2,611 960 1,150 3,278 5,413 2,613 2,281 3,219 2,280 762 3,820 6,695 4,769 1,567 7,261 1,567	43 98 48 40 40 51 34 18 33 84 95 59 189 32 46 136 70 28 125 41 52 106 72 8 230 95 95 97 6	677 1,848 836 413 823 1,123 824 784 299 485 1,236 1,950 900 3,240 466 335 1,120 672 156 335 1,088 2,309 1,194 52,73 260 3,632 1,574 953 260 3,632 1,588 491 895 1,271	42 51 34 12 36 35 13 18 10 21 54 41 33 30 35 25 5 13 20 92 49 41 101 23 37 37 48 18 18 19 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	868 \$ 1,100 * 639 121 642 361 * 244 243 145 370 1,007 916 557 1,655 449 * 554 779 387 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	6,267.51 1,705.52 3,140.65 7,366.26 13,834.15 20,131.14 7,175.40 23,201.50 4,931.11 9,074.83 13,965.53 5,827.00 1,405.00 4,081.28 7,627.03 26,155.88 16,946.42 4,610.00 29,486.16 2,967.55 10,049.45 29,486.16 15,694.65 1,851.99 41,858.22 13,226.13 1,607.75 3,114.70 14,205.88	\$ 3,211.00 1,380.74 1,040.27 90.00 692.88 637.21 616.58 63.25 273.38 1,285.70 2,576.33 2,966.82 1,072.57 7,170.81 354.40 820.05 1,031.00 1,365.00 1,365.00 184.11 434.63 1,664.76 6,981.65 4,574.75 324.66 8,095.82 374.83 722.75 2,151.62 3,221.10 82.00 18,840.85 3,304.51 126.10 167.01 2,788.14	\$ \$ *	5,932.00 5,932.00 5,520.45 2,939.77 443.00 2,416.00 2,274.23 2,146.63 188.26 912.83 1,900.46 6,038.58 7,273.82 2,606.11 12,599.43 1,263.03 2,118.38 3,666.05 3,002.68 667.76 1,709.48 3,216.20 13,027.20 13,501.91 559.42 21,729.57 656.92 2,445.94 4,394.65 7,077.77 297.71 40,201.33 7,235.78 147.10 341.84 6,125.66	* 28,102.79 15,181.76 2,093.00 14,632.47 14,058.31 11,969.47 2,953.39 3,105.49 18,077.76 22,305.00 66,613.69 15,107.79 90,308.78 * 18,643.25 17,206.57 29,556.00 14,002.00 * 1,132.82 8,616.35 22,595.55 75,000.11 41,228.09 11,078.28 68,522.08 62,2595.55 75,000.11 41,228.09 11,078.28 68,522.08 62,595.56 22,603.47 34,255.40 39,837.93 4,433.58 164,224.99 28,725.64 2,578.58 * 5,232.75 44,829.68	* 31,323.21 18,121.53 2,526.00 17,048.47 17,332.54 14,116.10 3,141.65 6,466.92 19,978.22 28,348.58 73,887.51 17,713.90 102,908.21 * 19,906.28 19,324.95 33,222.05 17,004.68 * 3,281.58 10,325.83 25,811.75 88,027.31 54,730.01 11,637.70 90,251.65 6,887.14 25,048.81 40,152.45 46,915.70 7,731.29 204,775.91 35,961.42 2,725.68 * 5,574.59 50,955.34	**************************************	168,500.00 155,255.00 85,050.00 6,555.00 87,800.00 6,950.00 64,950.00 60,800.00 74,250.00 60,800.00 75,450.00 600,995.00 44,600.00 121,300.00 151,500.00 78,000.00 151,700.00 151,122.00 423,200.00 282,650.00 91,950.00 438,100.00 19,450.00 19,450.00 19,450.00 125,000.00 177,950.00 177,950.00 8,750.00 20,415.00 167,015.00
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