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OF

THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

IN ALABAMA,

AT ITS NINETEENTH ANNIVERSARY,

At Marion, Perry County,

Commencing on Saturday, November 11, 1843.

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SATURDAY, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Convention met in the Baptist Church, and listened to the Introductory Sermon, by J. Hartwell.

The President being in the chair, prayer was offered by B. Manly.

Recorded the names of Delegates:

Liberty Association. (Russell county.)—F. CALLAWAY, W. B. JONES, G. W. GINN, D. B. CULBERSON,* J. FALKNER,* P. THORNTON.*

Liberty Association, (Washington county.)—J. RYAN,* L. CALLAWAY, F. LANDRE.*

Cosa River Association.—O. WELCH, S. HENDERSON, H. L. TALLAFERRO, T. S. WATSON, W. L. WILSON, F. G. JENKINS.*

Eufaula Church.—W. P. PATTISON, D. M. SEALS.

Centre Ridge Church.—J. HARTWELL, E. H. LIDE, R. P. LIDE, J. M. LIDE.

Collinsville Benevolent Society.—W. B. HARRISON, J. D. MOORE.

Grant's Creek Missionary Society.—J. C. FOSTER, T. F. CURTIS.

Seima Church.—SOLON LINDSELY, R. R. NANCE.*

Silvan Church.—E. D. KING, M. P. JACUTT, J. H. DE VOTIE, L. Y. TURTAN, J. KYWARD, V. HOODKICK, W. N. WYAR.

Uxoa Association.—J. C. FOSTER, A. M. HANKS, W. MALNING,* J. VANHOUSE, T. B. THOMAS,* W. R. STANSEL.*

Choctaw Association.—S. S. LATTIMORE, W. H. HILDE,* JAMES F. BROWN, B. L. BARNES, W. F. NELSON presented a package of Bibles.

Caherla Association.—J. DENNIS, D. P. BESTOR, E. GEORGE,* A. G. McCRAW,* G. EVERETT,* B. HODGES,* J. E. SUMMERS, J. S. FORD.*

Caunan Association.—Edmund KING, E. WOOD,* R. WOOD.*

Gainesville and Suckerville Churches.—J. F. BROWN.

Other Members.—B. MANLY, J. L. DADD, W. HOOD, S. S. Sherman, B. Manly, jr., A. W. CRAGBLOSS, J. TALBOT, A. A. CONNELLA, K. HATHORN, W. W. MASON, J. DAZIER, D. GORDON, C. T. McConico, L. BUTLER, C. BILLINGSLEA.

A letter was received from the Mercer Juvenile Missionary Society, Montgomery, inclosing Ten Dollars for Home Missions.

Adjourned.

NOTE.—Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS: Received, in *Italics*. A star (*) denotes absent.

SATURDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by O. Welch.

Organized by the election of officers.

J. HARTWELL, *President.*

E. D. KING, *1st Vice President.*

J. L. DAGG, *2d Vice President.*

J. H. DE VOTIE, *Cor. Secretary.*

M. F. JEWETT, *Rec. Secretary.*

D. P. BESTOR, *Treasurer.*

The following Committees were announced from the chair:

On Arrangements for Preaching.—De Votie, Harralson, E. D. King, J. C. Foster.

On Domestic Missions.—Moodie, Hathorne, Pattison.

On Nominations.—Gordon, Wyatt, Welch.

On Education.—Mauly, Dagg, Gunn, Pattison, De Votie, E. D. King.

On Sabbath Schools.—Dagg, Lattimore, Curtis.

On Finance.—Harralson, E. H. Lide, Tarrant.

On the State of Religion.—Lattimore, Jones, Moodie, Hathorne, De Votie.

On Foreign Missions.—Bestor, Dagg, Welch, Brown, Hartwell.

On Periodicals.—Lindley, R. P. Lide, Seeds.

On Temperance.—Chambliss, Billingslea, Dennis.

On Names and Post Offices of Ministers.—Henderson, Hood.

On the Order of Business.—De Votie, Sherman, F. Callway.

J. L. Dagg presented a communication from the Secretary of the Indian Mission Association. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Rev. Rufus Babcock, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and the Rev. W. F. Nelson, Agent of the Western Baptist Theological Institution, Covington, Ky., were invited to seats in the Convention.

The Report of the Trustees of the Howard Collegiate and Theological Institution, was read. Referred to the Committee on Education, and ordered to be printed—[Appendix, A.]

A statement was made by J. L. Dagg respecting certain books in his hands, the property of the Convention. Referred as above.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Georgia Baptist State Convention, were laid on the table by the Rev. Dr. Babcock.

The Recording Secretary read the following extract of a letter from the Rev. W. C. Crane, who was not able to be present at the meeting of the Convention:

"At a meeting of the Committee of the American Tract Society, New York, October 20, 1843, a letter was read from Rev. William Carey Crane, stating that he is about to leave the General Agency of the Virginia Tract Society, and that he expects to visit Alabama and Tennessee.

"*Resolved,* That Rev. Mr. Crane be commissioned as a Delegate to

the Baptist Convention of Alabama, and to visit such Baptist churches in that State and Tennessee as he shall have opportunity; and that the Secretary write him on the subject.

A true copy from the Minutes:

O. R. KINGSBURY, Ass't. Sec. Am. Tract Society."

MONDAY, 10 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by W. F. Curtis.

The Presbyterian Church having been kindly offered for business meetings, the Convention assembled there. On Sabbath morning, the Missionary Sermon was preached by A. W. Chambliss, at the Baptist Church. After the sermon, a collection was taken amounting to Sixty Dollars. At the same hour, T. F. Curtis preached at the Presbyterian Church.

At 3 o'clock, P. M., by invitation of the Siloam Church, the Convention celebrated the Lord's Supper with the members, bro. Manly preaching an appropriate sermon. On Sabbath night, by request of W. P. Pattison, appointed to preach the Annual Sermon before the Alabama State Bible Society, Rev. Dr. Babcock presented the claims of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and took up a collection of one hundred and fifteen dollars.

Appointed De Votie, Edmund King, E. D. King, Lattimore, Gunn, to audit the accounts of D. P. Bestor, former Treasurer, and C. Billingslea, present Treasurer.

The Corresponding Secretary presented a Report of his proceedings during the last year. Different portions referred to appropriate committees.

The Report on Sabbath Schools was read and accepted.

Appointed delegates to the Mississippi Convention: Brown, Lattimore, Barnes, Chambliss, and De Votie.

Delegates to the Georgia Convention: Gunn, Henderson, Mason, Jenkins, F. Calloway, Jones, Hood, and Welch.

Voted, That the Corresponding Secretary institute a correspondence with all the Baptist State Conventions of the Union.

Appointed Dagg, Lattimore, De Votie, Welch, Brown, and E. D. King delegates to the Baptist Triennial Convention, to meet in Philadelphia in April next; and that these brethren be authorized to fill vacancies.

Adopted the Report of the Committee on Nominations, and elected the following members of the Board of Directors: L. Y. Tarrant, L. Goree, A. G. McCraw, S. Lindsley, Green Rives, R. P. Lide, W. B. Harralson, C. H. Cleaveland and W. N. Wyatt.

The Committee on Education submitted their Report; which, together with the Resolutions appended, was adopted, and ordered to be printed—[Appendix, B.]

Pending the discussion on the last Report, Rev. Mr. Nelson was permitted to present the claims of the Institution for which he is Agent.

Took up the draft of a Constitution reported at the last meeting, and laid over for consideration to the present session, Being considered article by article, after sundry amendments, it was adopted as a whole, in the form in which it appears in the Appendix—[C.]

Prayer by D. P. Bestor.

TUESDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Prayer by K. Hathorne.

Appointed Henderson, Jewett and Chambliss a Committee to report on the Psalmist. One of the Committee, not having had time to make a thorough examination of the work, it was recommitted, with instructions to report next year. The report, as signed by two of the Committee, may be found in the Appendix—[D.]

The Committee on Finance submitted their Report—received, and ordered on the Minutes—[Appendix, E.]

Voted, That the Treasurer pay over to the Rev. R. Babcock the funds in hand for the American and Foreign Bible Society

The Report on Domestic Missions was adopted.

The Committee on Periodicals reported; report ordered to appear in the Minutes.—[Appendix, F.]

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented a report—adopted.

The Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools was adopted.

The Committee appointed to attend to the transfer of the Judson Female Institute, reported, that the transfer is so far completed, that the Institution is now in the hands of the Committee, *in trust for the Convention*. Report received.

The Committee on the State of Religion reported, that about ten thousand persons have put on Christ by baptism, within the bounds of Alabama, during the last two conventional years.—Adopted.

The Committee on Temperance spoke in their Report of the unparalleled success of the Temperance Reformation, and of its connection with religion as the harbinger of revivals. They recommended, that the Convention send Delegates to the State Temperance Convention, to be holden in Tuscaloosa, Dec. 27.—Adopted.

In conformity with the above recommendation, the following brethren were chosen Delegates, with power to fill vacancies: Manly, Dagg, Pattison, Welch, McConjico, Gordon, Foster, Sherman, Moodie and De Votie.

The Committee on the Names and Post Offices of Ministers, reported. Adopted, and ordered to be printed.—[Appendix, G.]

The Report on Deceased Ministers was accepted, and ordered to be inserted in the Alabama Baptist.

Voted, That after paying for the printing of the Minutes, the Treasurer disburse the residue of the funds in his hands, to the several purposes for which they were appropriated.

The Report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.—[Appendix, H. and I.]

Appointed Jewett, De Votie and Wyatt a committee to examine the accounts of W. C. Crane, former Treasurer.--[Appendix, J.]

Resolved. That this Convention have heard with unfeigned pleasure, the statements of the Rev. W. Nelson, respecting the efforts of the Trustees of the Western Baptist Theological Institute, at Covington, Ky., to found there an institution of the most elevated and thorough character, for the education of the rising ministry throughout the great Western Valley. We extend to the promoters of that noble enterprise our most cordial good wishes, and do heartily rejoice in the success of all efforts to advance the interests of a cause so dear to us, as is that of Ministerial Education.

Voted, To take a recess of one hour.

TUESDAY, 3 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by O. Welch.

Voted, That the Committee of Examination prepare for publication the requisites for admission into the Theological Department of the Howard Institution.

Voted, That the next meeting of the Convention be held with the Baptist Church in Marion, on the *third* Saturday of November, 1844.

Appointed F. Callaway to preach the Introductory Sermon; alternate, J. F. Brown. To preach the Missionary Sermon, S. Henderson; alternate, H. Talbird.

Voted, That the Board of Directors take immediate measures to pay to the Rev. J. H. De Votie the sum of one thousand dollars for his services as Agent of the Convention for one year from December, 1842; also, to pay to the Rev. Lemuel Callaway the sum of seventy-five dollars for services as Agent engaged by said De Votie, under a former resolution of this body.

Voted. That the subject of agencies be referred to the Board of Directors.

Voted, That the expense of agencies may be met out of funds raised by the Agents, or in hand for general purposes.

Voted, To print the by-laws with the minutes.

Voted, That the thanks of this body are respectfully tendered to the Presbyterian Church, for the use of their house during the present session.

Voted, That the thanks of this Convention are due to the Baptist Church and the inhabitants of Marion and vicinity, for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body during the present meeting.

Voted, To print one thousand copies of the Minutes, and that eighty dollars be appropriated to pay for the same.

Voted, That all unfinished business be referred to the Board of Directors.

Adjourned *sine die.* Remarks, prayer and benediction by the President.

J. HARTWELL, Pres.

M. P. JEWETT, Rec. Sec.

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OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

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J. L. DAGG, }

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M. P. JEWETT, *Recording Secretary.*

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G. RIVES,

R. P. LIDE,
W. B. HARRALSON,
C. H. CLEVELAND,
W. N. WYATT.

APPENDIX.

[A.]

Report of the Board of Trustees of the Howard College and Theological Institution.

Your Board feel that they have much cause of grateful acknowledgment to the Father of Mercies, for the success which has attended the labors of another year. Their efforts to conduct the affairs of the Institution committed to their charge, have been prospered; and there has been extensively manifested a friendly interest and christian sympathy, which has cheered them amid many discouragements. Their proceedings are respectfully submitted in the following

REPORT:

It has been the prominent object of your Board, in their exertions to carry on the plans of the Convention, to lay the foundation of an institution which should be permanent. To attain this end, they have felt themselves under the necessity of proceeding slowly, and limiting their operations by their means. But they trust the measures already adopted, have given it a rank above the ordinary academies and among the permanently established institutions of the State. To maintain this, they have deemed it necessary to assume various responsibilities; and among others, the payment of fixed salaries to those employed in instruction. The following is their enactment on this subject:

"*Resolved*, That the two Professors, Theological and Literary, be paid each the sum of \$1500 per annum; and the Preparatory Teacher, \$750: said resolution to take effect from the 1st of October, or from the time of entering on the discharge of their respective duties."

Your Board would express their gratification at the successful progress of the Literary Department, which has been in operation less than two years. With a beginning exceedingly small, it has been steadily increasing in numbers; and its prospects for the future induce the hope, that it may not only prove useful in the promotion of literary and scientific knowledge, but by uniting its influence with the department about to be established, prove eminently instrumental in forwarding the great objects of the Convention—the improvement of the christian ministry.

The labors of instruction having become increased, the Rev. A. A. Connella has been temporarily employed. He is engaged but half the time in teaching, and receives a corresponding salary.

An arrangement has been made by which the Institution obtains the use of the excellent Apparatus which formerly belonged to the Murion.

College. It is expected that it will soon be offered for sale, when your Board hope to purchase it on reasonable terms.

The Library, which the Convention directed the Trustees to transfer from Greensborough to Marion, has been placed in the Institution. It contained 324 volumes of miscellaneous works—making the total number now belonging to the Howard Library, about one thousand. It is still receiving occasional additions through the liberality of friends; but contains very few works of a theological character. The importance of providing books of reference for the young men studying for the ministry, will be apparent. The subject is commended to the special consideration of the Convention.

It has been the earnest desire of the Board to be able to announce, at this time, the completion of the theological fund. The exertions of the agent have been unremitting; and it has pleased the great Head of the church to incline the hearts of many to give liberally towards this important object. It will be seen, however, by the following report of the agent, that there is still a small deficiency:

To the Board of Trustees:

BRETHREN—I accepted your appointment, and entered upon the duties of agency on the first day of December, 1842, since which time I have traveled, in the prosecution of your plans, 2700 miles; 222 days of actual labor have been performed; I have preached 70 sermons; and secured on the Theological Fund, \$16,767 50. All but \$150 of this amount bears interest from the first day of January, 1843: which will make \$1,229 40 interest due January 1st, 1844. I have also obtained in cash and notes due January, 1844, for building and other purposes, \$960. Making an aggregate of principal and interest of \$19,056 90. My expenses, when actually in the field, have been about \$80. Bro. David Gordon has taken an active interest in the Institution, and sent up \$700, besides much important assistance rendered your agent at the time of his visit. Bro. Lemmel Callaway has acted as agent for a short time, and has reported \$347. Your agent takes much pleasure in stating, that there is a general interest manifested where he has visited the brethren. The unprecedented embarrassment of the times is sufficient reason why more has not been accomplished. Your agent hopes to be able to complete the Permanent Fund before the expiration of his appointment. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES H. DEVOTIE, Agent.

The Treasurer also reports, that he has received of the Rev. D. P. Bestor cash and bonds to the amount of \$1,754 29; making the entire Permanent Theological Fund \$19,403 69.

The Agent has found it impossible to visit a large portion of the State, and there are consequently many to whom the claims of the object have not been presented. Your Board consider it important, that the whole State be visited by an efficient agent as soon as practicable; and would recommend the appointment of one to enter upon his duties when the

present agency shall expire. It will be impossible to conduct the affairs of the Institution without an active man constantly in the field. When the present fund shall have been completed, a solid foundation, it is hoped, will be laid. But the superstructure is yet to be reared. Other professorships must, in time, be endowed, and buildings be erected; the interest annually accruing on bonds must be collected—all which will require the services of one who shall devote his entire time to the subject.

Nor is this all that should be accomplished. The plans and objects of the Institution are but imperfectly understood by a large portion of the denomination; and there are probably many now withholding their co-operation through distrust or want of proper information, who may yet become its cheerful supporters. That the denomination is ripe for action, is abundantly evident from the kind and cordial reception which your agent has uniformly received. He has found many whose hearts are already warmly enlisted in the improvement of the rising ministry, and has seldom failed to meet a welcome reception from any whom he has visited. In some instances, members of other denominations have, unsolicited, enrolled their names among the subscribers to the Theological Fund. If the subject be kept constantly before the church and the public, this interest must increase.

Your Board are of opinion, that another professorship may be endowed soon, if not during the ensuing year. And as more will be accomplished by having some definite object in view, they would suggest, that the next agent direct his efforts chiefly to raising a fund for this purpose. A building is much needed, but it is easier to dispense with that for a while longer, than to rear an institution without the means of employing competent instructors.

In expectation that the proposed fund would soon be complete, your Board deemed it advisable to take such steps as would secure the services of a Professor with as little delay as necessary. After corresponding with several brethren, the Rev. J. L. Dagg, of Tusculoussa, was elected, but declined the appointment. The Rev. Jesse Hartwell was subsequently elected by a unanimous vote of the Board. He has accepted, and is expected to enter upon the duties of professorship at the commencement of the ensuing year. The number of theological students will probably be small at first. Several have applied for admission, and have been invited to enter with the promise of pecuniary assistance from friends in Marion.

Your Board would suggest the propriety of appointing a committee to examine applicants as to their religious experience and call to the ministry; also, to receive funds contributed for their support, and disburse the same agreeably to such regulations and provisions as the Convention, in their wisdom, may ordain.

The first object of your Board being to complete the permanent fund, but little effort has yet been made for a building. The present house has been so far repaired as to render it comfortable, though less spacious than is needed. A dwelling house, situated near the premises, has ac-

cordingly been rented for the current year. The Board have also under consideration, the purchase of a lot adjoining the one now occupied. The site is thought peculiarly favorable; and the house now on it, will be of service until such times as their means will justify them in attempting one on a larger plan. To preserve the Institution from embarrassment in its incipient state, the Trustees have had frequent recourse to their own purses, and the liberality of the citizens of this place. The treasury is, therefore, unembarrassed.

Your Board would call the attention of the Convention to a feature in its charter which hitherto has passed unnoticed. It will be seen by reference to the act of incorporation, that the Board are authorized to fill their own vacancies; and provision is made for their periodical election, as prescribed by the 10th article of your constitution. The act of incorporation was written by one who had not the minutes of the Convention before him. He was not, therefore, apprised of the existence of this article, and it escaped the notice of the Board until sometime after the act had been passed. If the Convention deem it advisable, the Board will have their charter amended at the ensuing session of the Legislature.

In conclusion, your Board will gladly avail themselves of the suggestions of wisdom and experience, and earnestly solicit the co-operation, the counsel and prayers of the Convention, that by united effort and the blessing of Divine Providence, the enterprise thus commenced, may be carried forward with renewed energy and success.

By order of the Board,

E. D. KING, President.

HENRY C. LEA, Secretary.

[B.]

Report of the Committee on Education.

THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION beg leave to report: That from the shortness of time, the press of other interfering duties, and the limited means of information at command, their views are more restricted and unsatisfactory than the interesting crisis and the important interests involved seem to demand; and are therefore submitted with great deference.

The Committee would begin by expressing their satisfaction in the services and sacrifices of the Trustees, the Agent, and all persons who have acted under the arrangements of the Convention the past year. They would express their gratitude to God, that such a beginning has been made in the great cause of education as that which has been brought to the view of the Committee. It is the day of small things, indeed, but not to be despised; since, with prudence, energy and perseverance, it may lead on to more extended and happy results.

The Committee think that the great object proper to the Convention, at this time, is the completion of some sufficient arrangement to aid the rising ministry. The schools, male and female, which are now cherished under the wing of the Convention, are objects to which it does, and

ought to, extend its friendly countenance; and in the success of which, not only this body, but the body of our people ought to rejoice. These, however, are more local in their nature, and may confidently lean for support on the ordinary feelings and interests which suggest and sustain such institutions in general. The education and training of the rising ministry is peculiarly the business of the churches, and of their representatives in Convention.

The Committee learn with pleasure and gratitude, that an endowment of \$20,000 for a Theological Professorship has been nearly completed; and that a Professor has been appointed to begin his labors by the first of the ensuing year. Your Committee think that this ought by all means to be speedily completed, and even raised to a higher amount than that stated, in order to answer against any accidental losses from the failure of subscribers or debtors. They further think that this endowment ought to be kept entirely and forever distinct from the funds or assets of the Howard School, and to be under no form or degree of liability for any of its debts; and that, although the officers in the literary and theological departments may interchange such services as may be mutually agreeable, and economical to all parties, the two branches shall be held and regarded so distinct, as that the accidental wants and depressions of the literary, may not exert a disastrous effect on the Theological Department.

As the Trustees of the Howard School have suggested an inquiry, whether it may not be best to proceed soon to the endowment of another professorship, the Committee think it inexpedient to make any effort of this nature, at present, under the authority of this Convention.

A Committee, it has been suggested, will be desirable, whose duty it shall be to examine and decide on the fitness of applicants for aid in pursuing studies with a view to the ministry; and as such aid is proffered by benevolent persons in and around Marion, your Committee suggest, that said Committee consist of brethren who are, or will be on the spot.

The Trustees suggest, whether an alteration in the charter granted by the Legislature may not be desirable. The Committee think that, in the particular referred to, an alteration is highly desirable. Whether the charter is, in other respects, such as to answer its purpose completely, the Committee have no means of knowing, as their time has not allowed them to examine it. Perhaps, the Convention, in its wisdom, may think it best to appoint a committee to examine the charter specially. In any event, your Committee would recommend, that the Trustees be advised to procure such alterations in their charter as to confer on this Convention the power of electing Trustees, one third of whom (or as near that proportion as may be) to go out of office and be elected biennially, and the term of service to be six years.

Your Committee further think it highly decorous and expedient, that in all the arrangements and advertisements relating to the Howard Institution, care should be taken to avoid transcending the modest aim which this body at present really has in view; i. e. not to found or endow a

college in any proper or ordinary sense; but only to lend its countenance and encouragement to the Trustees and to the persons interested in forming and maintaining such a High School as they may find practicable, such as may meet the wants of the public; and furnish incidental aid to young men preparing for theological studies.

Your Committee find that the Judson Female Institute at this place, is held by certain brethren in trust for this Convention. As the question of its government will involve the inquiry whether this body ought to be incorporated; also, what system of agency or trusteeship is best adapted to take the proper care of its interests; and may require a careful conference with its late owners, your Committee find the matter too large and difficult to be wisely considered by them; and would, therefore, recommend, that a special committee be raised to consider deliberately all questions involved, and report at leisure. In the mean time, the Committee can see nothing better than to permit the property to be held as it now is, and managed as at present.

As there are several books in the hands of the Rev. L. J. Dagg, purchased by order of this Convention, your Committee would recommend, that they be transmitted to the Trustees of the Howard School, to be added to the Library of the Institution.

Should your body think fit to *adopt* this report, this will, of course, sanction the sentiments it contains; and your Committee will, therefore, content themselves with proposing for your adoption, such resolutions only as relate to immediate and necessary action, viz:

Resolved, by this Convention, That it is expedient to have an agent appointed, whose duty it shall be to complete the endowment of the Theological Professorship, raising the subscription, if possible, to such an amount as may guard against failure or deficiency, (say \$25,000,) and meanwhile to raise such other funds by subscription, donations, collections or otherwise, as may be applicable to the general purposes of education, and incidental expenses.

Resolved, That brethren Hartwell, Jewett and De Votie be a committee to examine applicants for pecuniary aid in pursuing theological studies.

Resolved, That brethren Gunn, Bestor, Billingslea, Hartwell and Jewett be a committee to confer with the late owners of the Judson Female Institute, and to consider all questions which may be involved in its permanent efficient management, and to report to this Convention, if practicable, at his session; if not, at the next.

Resolved, That the Rev. J. L. Dagg be requested to cause the books in his hands, purchased under the order of this body, to be transmitted to the Trustees of the Howard School.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. MANLY, Chairman.

[C.]

CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known by the name of "The Baptist State Convention of Alabama;" and shall be composed of delegates from Baptist Associations and Churches; and from Missionary or other Benevolent Societies, composed of members of Baptist Churches, in good standing.

ART. 2. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, first and second Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer; together with a Board of Directors, as hereinafter named, who shall be elected at each annual meeting from its own body, and who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

ART. 3. The President, or in case of his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, in their order, shall preside at all deliberations of the Convention, and discharge the duties usually imposed upon an executive officer of deliberative bodies.

ART. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention in a well-bound book; and soon after the rising of each regular meeting of this body, shall attend to the printing and distribution of the Minutes of the same, of which he shall preserve a file; and for his services he may receive reasonable compensation.

ART. 5. The Corresponding Secretary, under the direction of the Convention, shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon that officer.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Convention, and hold the same subject to the order of this body, or of the Board of Directors during the recess of the Convention, he having first given security for the faithful discharge of his duties, to be approved by the Board of Directors; and he shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the Minutes.

ART. 7. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and the Treasurer, with nine other brethren, to be elected as hereinafter prescribed, shall compose the Board of Directors, five of whom, including the President, or one of the Vice Presidents, shall form a quorum authorized to transact any business of the Convention during the recess thereof, and shall report their proceedings at each annual meeting of the Convention.

ART. 8. The President shall have power to call a meeting of the Board whenever the exigency of circumstances may, in his judgment, require the same.

ART. 9. The business of this Convention shall be to encourage and promote, by all lawful means, the following objects, viz: Foreign and Domestic Missions; the education of such Ministers as may have been licensed by the Churches to which they may respectively belong; Bible Translation and Distribution; Sunday Schools, Religious Periodicals, Tract and Temperance Societies, as well as all other objects warranted by Christ in the Gospel: *Provided*, That such persons only as are in indigent circumstances, shall be received as beneficiaries under the pat-

ronage of the Convention: *Provided, further,* That all applicants for aid shall undergo an examination as to their hope in Christ and call to the ministry, by the Committee of Examination, before they are named as beneficiaries

ART. 10. The Convention shall have the supreme control of any Literary or Theological Institution, which has been or may hereafter be originated in this body; and it shall choose for such Institution a Board of fifteen Trustees, to serve for six years; of whom one-third shall go out of office biennially, seven of whom shall form a quorum, authorized to transact business; and the said Trustees shall, on all occasions, be subject to the control of the Convention, and make an annual report to this body on the state of such Institution.

ART. 11. This Convention may receive funds from all such persons as may be disposed to aid in any of the benevolent purposes mentioned in the ninth Article; and it shall faithfully apply funds contributed, to the objects which may be designated by the donors.

ART. 12. The Convention may employ agents, whose duty it shall be to make collections, obtain subscriptions from societies, solicit churches and Associations to unite with the Convention, and to further all the objects of this body. All contingent expenses shall be proportionally taken from the several funds sent up annually to the Convention, when the general fund shall be insufficient for that purpose.

ART. 13. The Convention shall have power to send delegates to the General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States, and to any other Assembly with which, in its wisdom, it may wish to communicate.

ART. 14. The Convention shall hold its meetings at such time and place, as it shall from time to time appoint.

ART. 15. Any Church, Association, or Society, as prescribed in the first Article, contributing any sum, through the Convention, to one or more of the objects specified in the ninth Article, may be represented in this body as follows: Each Association may have ten delegates, and each Church or Benevolent Society, five.

ART. 16. The provisions of this Constitution shall not prevent the Convention from voting a liberal donor, being a member of a Baptist church in good standing, a Life Member of the Convention, whenever the same shall be deemed expedient.

ART. 17. The funds of this Convention shall be raised by voluntary contributions or donations, and not otherwise.

ART. 18. The Convention disclaims all right of exercising authority over any church or association, hereby acknowledging that every church is independent, and, within its own sphere, is accountable to no body of men on earth.

ART. 19. The above Constitution may be altered or amended, by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any annual meeting, so as to preserve inviolate the eighteenth Article.

[D.]

Report of the Committee on the Psalmist.

The Committee on the Psalmist beg leave to report: that they have carefully examined this work, and are happy to say, that they find it, in all respects, a manual admirably suited for public, and social, and private worship.

It is a work in some particulars decidedly superior, in the judgment of the Committee, to any thing of the kind before the christian public. The lyrical character of the Hymns is of the highest order of excellence; the topics treated of are very numerous, various, and adapted, in an uncommon degree, to the wants of the congregation. In point of doctrinal character, the pure word of God is the source whence are drawn all the teachings of the Psalmist. Prayer meetings, church and conference meetings, camp and protracted meetings, revivals, the family, the seasons of the year, the different periods of human life, occasions of joy and of sorrow, are all fully provided for.

In regard to *convenience* for pulpit and for private use, this work surpasses all former attempts of the kind. It has three most copious Indexes, by means of which the preacher may instantly find a hymn suited to any text of Scripture, or to any occasion, public or private.

This work is issued under the auspices of the American Baptist Publication and Sabbath School Society, and is intended for, and adapted to, the churches in all parts of the United States. Without wishing to detract from the merits of other valuable collections now in use, the Committee would suggest, that the universal introduction of the Psalmist into our churches would greatly tend to promote uniformity of doctrine and of church order among them. Other bodies of christians have found the use of a denominational Hymn Book productive of great and beneficial results, and why may not Baptists avail themselves of similar means of promoting their own interests? Far be it from the Convention to impose by its authority, any work, on any subject, upon the churches, but it may feel at liberty, it is in duty bound, to recommend uniformity in faith or practice, in cases where, in their judgment, this will contribute to the prosperity of the denomination, and the honor of the great Head of the Church.

S. HENDERSON, Jr.
M. P. JEWETT.

[E.]

Report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report, that they have received
From Liberty Association, Russell county, for foreign missions, \$35 40

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|-------|
| " Mercer Juvenile Missionary Society at Montgomery, for domestic missions, | : | : | : | : | 10 00 |
| " Selma Church, for general purposes, | : | : | : | : | 9 75 |
| " Union Association, for Burman missions, | : | : | : | : | 51 50 |

[Amount brought over,] \$106 65

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| " Grant's Creek Missionary Society— | | | |
| | For Foreign Missions, | \$5 00 | |
| | " Domestic do. | 4 50 | |
| | " Ministerial do. | 3 50 | |
| | | — | 13 00 |
| " | Canaan Association for Missionary purposes, | : | 29 70 |
| " | "Collireno Benevolent Sewing Society" for the "American and Foreign Bible Society, | : | 22 45 |
| " | Sumterville Church for Foreign Missions, | : | 53 00 |
| " | Gainesville Church " " : | : | 51 00 |
| " | Irwinton Church " " : | : | 45 00 |
| " | Sundry Young Ladies of Marion for general purposes, | | 27 13 |
| " | individual brethren for general purposes, | : | 24 00 |
| Collection on Sabbath, | : | : | 32 38 |
| | | | <hr/> |
| | | | \$404 31 |

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. HARALSON, Chairman.

[F.]

Report of the Committee on Periodicals.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to submit the following report. Your Committee deem it of vital importance to the spiritual interests of the denomination throughout the State, that greater exertions than have hitherto been made, should be put forth for the more general diffusion of correct religious intelligence, and for this purpose would respectfully recommend to the favorable notice of the Convention the following Periodicals and paper, viz: The Christian Review, the Baptist Memorial, the Baptist Missionary Magazine, the Macedonian, and the Alabama Baptist.

With reference to the Alabama Baptist, your Committee feel that it has *peculiar* claims on our regard. It is a channel through which the pastors and churches of our denomination communicate with each other; it is a welcome visitor to our families; and we are convinced, that, if *universally* introduced among us, it will be an instrument of great power in promoting the best interests of the denomination, and in advancing the cause of Christ at large.

The Committee regret to learn, that this valuable periodical has been suffered to languish for want of support. Several spirited brethren in Marion, agreed to meet any deficiency which might arise for want of a sufficient number of subscribers, during the first year of its publication. These brethren, will be obliged to advance each a considerable sum, at the close of the present volume. Notwithstanding this, they have made arrangements to continue the paper, on a plan which, they believe, will give it a *permanent* existenc. All these arrangements, it will be per-

ceived, are so made as not to involve the *Convention* in any expense whatever. A paper is secured to us, offering all the advantages which could accrue to this body from a paper belonging exclusively to itself, and entirely under its own control, while we incur no liabilities at all.

In view of these considerations, the Committee beg leave to present the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we warmly commend the energy and liberality of the brethren who have established and sustained the Alabama Baptist.

2. *Resolved*, That we urgently recommend to the brethren generally, to make strenuous efforts to place this paper *in every Baptist family in the State*.

3. *Resolved*, That the Alabama Baptist be employed by the officers of the Convention, as the organ through which they shall confer with the churches, connected with this body.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

In behalf of the Committee,

S. LINDSLEY, Chairman.

[G.]

Names, &c., of Baptist Ministers in the State of Alabama.

| | POST OFFICE. | COUNTY. | ASSOCIATION. |
|-------------------|------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Archer, P | Silver Run | Talladega | Coosa River |
| Armstrong, Thos D | Benton, | Lowndes | Alabama |
| *Archie, Simeon | Lewisville, | Barbour | Salem |
| *Adams, R S | North Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa |
| *Atkins, A H | do | do | do |
| *Acker, H D | Blue Eye | Talladega | Coosa River |
| Adair, Samuel | | | Muscle Shoal |
| *Andrews, A | | | |
| Bestor, D P | Greensborough | Greene | Cahawba |
| Boydston, L | Centreville | Bibb | Tuskaloosa |
| Byers, Joseph | Trussville | Jefferson | Canaan |
| *Burnes, W | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa |
| Barron, H | | Russell | Beulah |
| Blackston, J | Factory Shoals | Randolph | do |
| Borden, David | | Lawrence | Muscle Shoal |
| Buys, James | Eufaula | Barbour | Salem |
| Britton, John | Fort Decatur | Macon | Liberty Ch. |
| Baptist, Edward | Boston | Marengo | Bethel |
| Beck, J J | Crawford | Russell | Liberty Ch. |
| Brown, James F | Gainesville | Sumter | Choctaw |
| Boswell, James | Van Buren | De Kalb | Liberty D K |
| *Brown, J P W | Franklin | Macon, | Liberty Ch. |
| Brown, Elias | Monroeville | Monroe | Antioch |
| Bennett, M | Columbus | Mississippi | |
| *Boyd, A | Aberfoil | Macon | Salem |

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| Barnet, John | Missouri | Pike | Salem |
| *Basemore, B H | Wehadka | Randolph | Beulah |
| Barron, J | | Chambers | do |
| Burleson, R B | Athens | Limestone | Liberty Mad. |
| Chilton, Thomas | Marion | Perry | Cahawba |
| Connella, A A | do | do | Bethel |
| Crow, Charles | Selma | Dallas | Cahawba |
| Crayton, Hiram | Suggsville | Clarke | Bethel |
| Crumpton, J | Pleasant Hill | Dallas | Alabama |
| Chaubliss, A W | Wetumpka | Coosa | Alabama |
| Callaway, F | La Fayette | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |
| Culbertson, David B | Fort Henderson | Macon | do |
| Callaway, Wm J | Allamucha | Lauderdale | Liberty S |
| Callaway, Lemuel | Gaston | Sumter | do |
| Catenhead, James | Oak Bowery | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |
| Collins, Wm G | Aberfoil | Macon | Salem |
| Collins, Jesse A | Ashville | St Clair | Canaan |
| Crawford, Peter | Athens | Dallas | |
| Cummings, John M | | Morgan | Muscle Shoal |
| Carter, J W | Dadeville | Tallapoosa | Beulah |
| Clatt, T H | | | do |
| Curtis, T F | Tuskaloosa | | Tuskaloosa |
| Clement, M B | Clinton | Greene | Union |
| Cox, Henry | Branchville | St Clair | Canaan |
| Carson, Robert | Pleasant Hill | Dallas | Alabama |
| Cauley, Thomas | Talladega | | |
| Chandler, Eld. | Corn Grove | Benton | |
| Case, William | Blountsville | Blount | |
| *Clements, M | | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa |
| Crews, C J | Marion | Perry | Cahawba |
| Cone, Wm | Carter's Hill | Montgomery | Alabama |
| Courtney, Franklin | Jamestown | Sumter | Choctaw |
| Cochran, W L | Centreville | Bibb | Cahawba |
| Dagg, John L. | Tuskaloosa | | Tuskaloosa |
| Dodson, R | North Tuskaloosa | | do |
| Dickson, J J | Mount Jefferson | Russell | Beulah |
| Duke, J M | La Fayette | Chambers | do |
| De Witt, L T | Linden | Marengo | Bethel |
| Dennis, John | Centreville | Bibb | Cahawba |
| Dossey, Wm | Laurel Hill | Marengo | Bethel |
| De Votie, James H | Marion | Perry | Cahawba |
| Daniel, R L | Valverde | Macon | Alabama |
| *DeLoach, J | Carrollton | Pickens | Union |
| Dowdy, Elder | Abbacoocha | Randolph | Tallasselatchee |
| Daniel, James | Claiborne | Monroe | Antioch |

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| *Dupree, W | | Pickens | Columbus |
| Eden, J G | | Coosa | Wetumpka |
| Everett, George | Valley Creek | Perry | Cahawba |
| Edmonds, P G | Livingston | Sumter | Choctaw |
| Elledge, J | Bucksville | | Canaan |
| *Foster, John C | Foster's | Tuskaloosa | Union |
| Foster, Thomas | Turn Bull | Monroe | Antioch |
| Forester, A J | Tuskaloosa | | Tuskaloosa |
| Ford, John S | Marion | Perry | Cahawba |
| Falkner, Jefferson | Abbaocooha | Randolph | Liberty Ch. |
| *Franklin, Owen | Jonesborough | Jefferson | Canaan |
| Fletcher, H E | McDonald | Randolph | Liberty Ch. |
| Finley, A | Alexandria | Benton | Tallassehatchee |
| Fowler, J | Blountsville | Blount | |
| Fluker, Wm | Livingston | Sumter | Choctaw |
| Freeman, T | | Chambers | Beulah |
| Foscoe, B | | | Wetumpka |
| Fendley, W | | Montgomery | Ebenezer |
| Gilleland, John | Lebanon | De Kalb | Will's Creek |
| Gilbert, A B | Gravelly Spring | Lauderdale | Liberty Ma |
| Gage, Jesse G | | Lawrence | Muscle Shoal |
| Gibson, Sylvanus | | Morgan | do |
| Gunn, M | Cusseta | Chambers | Beulah |
| George, Elias | Hamburg | Perry | Cahawba |
| Goss, Benajah | La Fayette | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |
| Granbury, Thomas | Mount Jefferson | do | do |
| Goldsmith, J | Sharon P O | do | do |
| *Glover, H | | Cherokee | Tallassehatchee |
| Gore, Ellis | | Benton | do |
| Gee, Philip | | | |
| Gibson, S | Oakville | | |
| Grogan, Thomas | Jefferson | Cherokee | |
| Gillyard, J | Reeves' P O | | |
| *Gaden, J | | Georgia | |
| Hartwell, Jesse | Marion | Perry | Cahawba |
| *Handy, A T M | Montgomery | Montgomery | Alabama |
| *Hodges, S H | | | Tallassehatchee |
| Hill, Wm | Suggsville | | Bethel |
| Hawthorn, Kedar | Camden | Wilcox | Bethlehem |
| Henderson, Samuel | Talladega | Talladega | Coosa River |
| Hunter, W A | Dudleyville | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |
| Hayes, Enoch | Centreville | Bibb | Cahawba |
| Hodges, Benj. | Marion | Perry | do |
| Harlin, J | Dadeville | Tallapoosa | Beulah |
| Haynie, I. | Wetumpka | Coosa | Wetumpka |

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| *Haggard, J | Scottsville | Bibb | Tuskaloosa |
| Hood, Wm | North Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa | do |
| Howell, Tillmon | Lexington | do | do |
| Hughs, P | | | Choctaw |
| Hodges, John A | Foster's P O | do | Union |
| Bumphries, J R | Oak Bowery | Chambers | Liberty Church |
| Hanes, M | Roanoke | | |
| Harrington, Wm | West Point | | |
| Hood, John | Ashville | St Clair | |
| Hill, H | Sumterville | | |
| Howell, J H | Troy | | Union |
| Haggard, Martin | Perryville | Perry | Cahawba |
| *Hanks, A M | Benevola | Pickens | Union |
| Haggard, Noah | Perryville | Perry | Cahawba |
| Hill, A B | | Bibb | Mulberry |
| Holcombe T. P. | Columbiana | Shelby | do |
| Hill, J | | Coosa | Wetumpka |
| Jackson, A W | Selma | Dallas | Cahawba |
| *Jones, Redmon | Tuskaloosa | | Union |
| Jenkins, S G | Silver Run | Talladega | Coosa River |
| Jewett, Milo P | Marion | Perry | Cahawba |
| Jones, Willis B | Auburn | Macon | Liberty Ch. |
| Jackson, E | Fredonia | Chambers | |
| Jeter, M | Montgomery | | Ebenezer |
| Jeter, G W | Rocky Mount | Lowndes | do |
| Kervan, Wm | Richmond | Dallas | Alabama |
| *Kent, R | | Cherokee | |
| Lundy, Elder | Cusseta | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |
| Lindsey, L W | Allenton | Wilcox | Bethlehem |
| Lattimore, S S | Jamestown | Sumter | Choctaw |
| Lowry, F C | Marion | Perry | Cahawba |
| Lloid, B | Wetumpka | Coosa | Wetumpka |
| Lec, A | Jonesborough | Jefferson | Canaan |
| Lindsley, Solon | Marion | Perry | Cahawba |
| Lec, David | Mount Willing | Lowndes | Alabama |
| Lacy, Wm | La Fayette | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |
| Longmire, jr, G | Allenton | Wilcox | Bethlehem |
| Lucas, Wm | | Morgan | Muscle Shoal |
| Loftin, S | Linden | Marengo | Bethel |
| *Lee, Hanson | Burnt Corn | Conceh | Bethlehem |
| Lec, Jesse | | | do |
| Lloid, D M | | Bibb | Mulberry |
| Moodie, J D | Montgomery | Montgomery | Alabama |
| McWilliams, John | Monroeville | Monroe | Bethlehem |
| McWilliams, M L | Mount Moriah | Wilcox | do |

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| Morrow, Wm C | Turn Bull | Monroe | Bethlehem |
| McCain, Wm | Blue Eye | Talladega | Coosa River |
| *Morris, Samuel | West Point | Georgia | Liberty Church |
| Milburn, W | | Sumter | Liberty Sum |
| McCraw, A G | Valley Creek | Perry | Cuhawba |
| Monk, S | Dadeville | Tallapoosa | Beulah |
| Manly, Basil, | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa |
| Meek, Wm S | do | do | do |
| *Mitchell, E | do | do | do |
| *Matthews, H | do | do | do |
| Mynatt, Wm C | Lebanon | De Kalb | Liberty D K |
| Moss, Thomas | | Franklin | Muscle Shoal |
| McCain, Robert | | do | do |
| Manning, Wm | Pleasant Ridgo | Greene | Union |
| *Morgan, H R | do | do | do |
| Martin, R | Plantersville | | Ebenezer |
| Morgan, Thomas | Ashville | St Clair | |
| McWhorter, J C | Aberfoil | Macon | Salem |
| McLendon, G G | China Grove | Pike | do |
| Morgan, Wm | Double Spring | Cherokee | |
| Morrison, Samuel | West Point | | |
| McPherson, S | | | |
| McPherson, J | | | |
| More, J B | Branchville | Jefferson | |
| More, L | | | |
| Moore, David | Church Hill | Lowndes | Ebenezer |
| Malone, C C | Lebanon | Do Kalb | Liberty, D. K. |
| *McDaniel, A | Cedar Grove | Jefferson | Canaan |
| Morrison, Wm | Sawyer's Ferry | Randolph | |
| Moore, S | McDonald | | |
| McCuller, S | Fayetteville | Fayette | |
| McNorton, J | | | |
| Moore, Allen | Sumter | | Zion's Rest |
| Miller, Elder | Greenville | Butler | |
| *Mitchell, W M | | Macon | Beulah |
| Minton, S | | Benton | Tallasschatchee |
| Nichols, J | Wacoochee | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |
| Newman, J | Lowndesborough | Lowndes | Ebenezer |
| Nix, T N | Greenville | Butler | do |
| Norrin, J | North Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa |
| Noble, John | Mount Zion | De Kalb | |
| Nash, Wm W | Pickensville | Pickens | Union |
| Nelson, E | Dadeville | Tallapoosa | Wetumpka |
| Oswald, B | Scottsville | Bibb | |
| Owen, H G | Allenton | Wilcox | Bethlehem |
| Pace, Richard | Alexandria | Benton | Tallassohatchee |
| Pace, D E | Mountain Spring | Talladega | Coosa River |
| Pugh, W | North Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa |
| Pouncey, W J | China Grove | | |

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| Parker, Isam | North Tuskaloosa | | Tuskaloosa |
| Pitts, P H | Uniontown | Perry | Bethel |
| Perkins, Solomon | Dayton | Marengo | do |
| Pearson, John M | Dadeville | | |
| Patterson, W P | Eufaula | Barbour | Salem |
| Penn, Wm | Turkeytown | Cherokee | Liberty, D. K. |
| Perkins, H D | Dayton | Marengo | Bethel |
| Parker, Uriah H | Line Creek | Montgomery | Salem |
| *Pardin, Wm L | Linden | Marengo | Bethel |
| *Parker, Noah | Nathansville | Conceh | Bethlehem |
| Peebles, D | Benton | Lowndes | Alabama |
| Prim, Charles | Columbiana | Sheiby | Mulberry |
| Pritchard, A | | | |
| Parks, Levi | Athens | Dallas | Bethel |
| Robison, H | Fayetteville | Talladega | Coosa River |
| *Ronie, Morris | | Dalo | Salem |
| Reeves, Jesse | Allenton | Wilcox | Bethlehem |
| Russel, Wm | | Clarke | Bethel |
| Ryan, J | Gaston | Sumter | Liberty, Sum. |
| Robertson, J | Montgomery | Montgomery | Alabama |
| Radford, O | Fayetteville | Talladega | |
| Russel, James M | Dadeville | Tallapoosa | Liberty |
| *Randle, James M | Ashville | St Clair | Will's Creek |
| Rawden, J P | Fayetteville | Talladega | Coosa River |
| Ricc, S | Washington | | Salem |
| *Rouse, Lewis | | Barbour | |
| *Russel, J F | Camden | Wilcox | Bethlehem |
| Smith, H G | North Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa |
| Stewart, C | Carrollton | Pickens | Union |
| *Sanders, C B | do | do | do |
| Stansel, Wm R | Pickensville | do | do |
| Smith, W P | Morrow's Store | do | do |
| Smith, Thomns | | | Muscle Shoal |
| Swint, F | Fredonia | Chambers | Beulah |
| *Sikes, J | La Fayette | do | do |
| Summers, J E | Centreville | Bibb | Cahawba |
| Slay, N | | Sumter | Liberty, Sumter |
| Simms, Joel | Clayton | Barbour | Salem |
| Spurlin, James M | Liberty Hill | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |
| *Stapler, Wm N | Fredonia | do | do |
| Sorter, John R | Gold Hill | do | do |
| Scott, James M | Harpersville | Shelby | Coosa River |
| Sessions, J J | Mount Moriah | Wilcox | Bethlehem |
| Stout, Platt | Mobile | Mobile | do |
| Salter, Charles P | Fair Play | Conceh | do |
| Spear, P W | Montgomery | Montgomery | Alabama |
| Smith, W H | Jonesborough | Jefferson | Canaan |
| Sansing, J | Montovallo | Shelby | Mulberry |
| Skipper, Bright | La Fayette | Chambers | Liberty Ch. |

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| Seal, Jesso | Athens | Limestone | Liberty, Mad. |
| *Skelton, N | Jonesborough | Jefferson | Canaan |
| *Sanders, E | Carrollton | Pickens | Union |
| Talbird, Henry | Montgomery | | Alabama |
| Thomas, C | Monroeville | Monroe | Bethlehem |
| Travis, Alexander | Evergreen | Conceh | do |
| Talbert, John | White Hall | Perry | Bethel |
| Strickland, B | Shady Grove | Dallas | Mulberry |
| Taliaferro, H E | Talladega | Talladega | Coosa River |
| *Truss, J | Blue Eye | do | |
| Thornton, Reuben | Salem | Russell | Liberty |
| Thompson, J P | Tuskaloosa | | Tuskaloosa |
| Townes, John L. | | | Muscle Shoals |
| Thomas, T S | Carrollton, | Pickens | Union |
| Taylor, J H | Hepe P O | do | do |
| Todd, H M | Carter's Hill | Montgomery | Ebenezer |
| *Thornton, W | Oak Bowery | Chambers | Liberty, Ch. |
| Tate, Jacob | Elyton | Jefferson | Canaan |
| Thomas, Wm M | Garnet's Store | | |
| Tales, John | Chestnut Creek | | |
| Taylor, Wm | Jacksonville | Benton | Tallasschate |
| *Teague, Eldred B | Foster's P O | Tuskaloosa | Union |
| Toole, James | do | do | do |
| Willingham, T | Livingston | Sumter | Choctaw |
| Wilkin, R | Carrollton | Pickens | Union |
| Williams, John | Nanafalia | Marengo | Bethel |
| Wright, S | Camden | Wilcox | |
| Winds, E | | Morgan | Muscle Shoals |
| Whitley, Hampton | Jacksonville | Benton | Tallasschate |
| Wyte, Silas | White Plains | do | do |
| Walters, J | Lexington | Tuskaloosa | Tuskaloosa |
| Woodward, W | Greensborough | Greene | Liberty, S. |
| Wilson, Benj H | Dadeville | Tallapoosa | Liberty, Ch. |
| *Wyatt, W C | do | do | do |
| Watson, Jacob | Cusseta | Chambers | do |
| *Watt, James M | Crawford | Russell | do |
| Ware, Britton M | Girard | do | do |
| Weleh, Oliver | Weakaville | Talladega | Coosa River |
| Warren, Robert | Monticello | Pike | |
| Wade, D | | | |
| Waldrop, A J | Jonesborough | Jefferson | Canaan |
| Wood, John | Hillabee | Talladega | |
| Wood, Richard | Montevallo | Shelby | |
| Williams, J D | Wetumpka | Coosa | |
| Scroggin, B W | | Autauga | Mulberry |

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| Ward, Daniel | | Bibb | Mulberry |
| Walker, J G | | Autauga | Ebenczer |
| Vanhooe, A | Marion | Howard Col. | |
| Vanhooe, V | do | Howard Col. | |
| Yarborough, A | Allamucha | Lauderdale | Liberty, Sumt. |
| Yates, John | Chestnut Creek | Autauga | Mulberry |
| *Reeves, D | Shady Grove | Dallas | do |
| Tipton, J | | do | Ebenczer |
| Walker, W W | | do | do |
| Wood, S | Cobb's | Madison | Liberty, Mad. |
| *Wright, C | Athens | Limestone | do |
| Whitehead, J | | Marengo | Zion's Rest |
| Wilson, Wm W | | Cherokee | Tallassetatchee |

Licensed Ministers are marked thus *

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Ordained Ministers, | : | : | : | : | : | 271 |
| Licensed Ministers, | : | : | : | : | : | 46 |
| Total, | | | | | | 317 |

[I.]
TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

Alabama Baptist State Convention in account with Clement Billingslea, Treasurer.

| CASH RECEIVED. | CASH DISBURSED. |
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| 1842. | 1842. |
| Nov. 14.—Cash Collected at the Montgomery Church after delivery of the Missionary Sermon, \$101 00 | Nov. 15.—By amount paid M. P. Jewett, per voucher A.—printing Minutes, \$90 00 |
| Rec'd from the Baptist Church at Montgomery, 25 06 | By amount paid Samuel Henderson, per voucher B.—Missionary services, 250 00 |
| Received from Irwinton Church, per Bro. R. C. Shorter, 56 00 | |
| Rec'd from Goodhope Church, per Bro. Henderson, 20 00 | \$330 00 |
| Rec'd from Mercer Juvenile Society, per A. B. McWhorter, jr. 10 00 | Cash in hands of Treasurer, November 10, 1842, 5 00 |
| From late Treasurer, 66 94 | |
| From all other sources, (say from memberships and collection at the Presbyterian Church at Montgomery, 56 00 | |
| \$335 00 | \$335 00 |

CLEMENT BILLINGSLEA, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned, appointed to audit the above accounts, have performed that duty, and find the same correct, and accompanied with the necessary vouchers.

S. S. LATTIMORE, *Chairman.*

Report of the Auditing Committee.

The Committee to whom was intrusted the auditing of the accounts of brother Bestor, respectfully submit the following report:

Your Committee find, that all moneys, specialities, &c., committed to Rev. D. P. Bestor, for a number of years your Treasurer, have been turned over with scrupulous and exact fidelity, to his successor, Rev. W. C. Crane, and the Treasurer of the Board of Howard College, W. N. Wyatt. By his zeal and prudence in disposing of the effects, liquidating the debts, &c., of the Manual Labor School at Greensborough, your Committee doubt not some hundreds of dollars have been saved to the Convention.

S. S. LATTIMORE, *Chairman.*

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Report on the Accounts of W. C. Crane.

Rev. W. CABEY CRANE. *In account with the Alabama Baptist Convention.* DR

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| 1841.—November 15.—To cash from all sources at Talladega, for | | |
| Foreign Missions, | \$110 00 | |
| Domestic Missions, | 40 00 | |
| General Purposes, | 35 15 | |
| 1842.—February 22.—To cash from D. P. Bestor, Late Treasurer, for | | |
| Foreign Missions, | 574 50 | |
| Domestic Missions, | 510 00 | |
| A. & F. B. Society, | 513 15 | |
| General Purposes, | 36 15 | |
| Balance not acc'ted for, | 66 20 | |
| | | \$1835 15 |

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| 1841.—Nov. 15.—By Cash p'd Clerk as per order of Convention, v. 1, | \$50 00 | |
| " " " for Printing Minutes, | 50 00 | |
| " " " " Mrs. C. Holcombe, | 25 00 | |
| 23.—By cash p'd Nelson & Sons for painting 500 cir's, v. 2, | 16 00 | |
| 1842.—Feb. 24.—By cash p'd S. Lindsley's 1st quarter salary, Miss, v. 3, | 100 00 | |
| 25.—By cash p'd J. D. Williams' 1st " | " | vo. 4 & 5 100 00 |
| 28.—By cash p'd W. C. Crane for Books, as per order of | | |
| Convention at Talladega, for five brethren, v. 6, | 85 15 | |
| By cash p'd freight and charges on books, v. 7, | 2 45 | |
| Mar. 1.—By cash p'd W. C. Crane, Gen. Agent, per order of Con. v. 8, | 83 30 | |
| 2.—By cash forw'd to A. B. B. F. Missions, } vice publish. } 66 30 | | |
| By cash forw'e to A. & F. B. Society, } ed Reports. } 513 15 | | |
| | | \$1,691 05 |
| 4.—Balance placed in Dr. R. C. Armstrong's hands, | | 192 24 |
| | | \$1,885 12 |

The undersigned, appointed to examine the accounts of the late Treasurer of the Convention, Rev. Mr. Crane, testify that the above statement is strictly in accordance with his account book, which is properly kept, showing a general Cash Receipt and Disbursement, a Foreign Missionary Receipt and Disbursement, a Bible Receipt and Disbursement, and a General Purpose Receipt and Disbursement. They testify, that the accounts have good and proper vouchers, showing that the late Treasurer paid out, to orders, and over to his successor all moneys in his hands, in April 1842; and that he incurred an expense of \$7 79 in discount on his funds paid out for books obtained from the North.

M. P. JEWETT,
J. H. DE VOTIE,
W. N. WYATT.

Marion, Dec. 1st, 1843.

BY-LAWS OF THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION IN ALABAMA.

1. At each meeting of the Convention, the President, or in his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, shall take the chair, and shall call the members to order; shall preserve order and decorum, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Convention by any two members. He shall open and close the Convention by prayer to God, or call on some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint all committees, with the sanction of the Convention. He may speak in debate on any question, but not until he has given other members a fair opportunity to give their views, and appointed some other member to fill the chair.

2. The names of the members shall be called each day previous to proceeding to business.

3. Invitations shall be extended to Ministering brethren present, to a seat in the Convention.

4. The members shall observe that respect to the officers, and to each other, which becometh those who reverence the God whose they are, and whom they serve. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Convention, he shall rise from his seat, and respectfully address the President, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities. No member shall speak more than twice to the same question, without leave; nor more than once, until every member choosing to speak, shall have spoken.

5. Whilst the President is putting any question, or addressing the Convention, none shall walk out of, nor across the house; nor when a member is speaking, shall entertain private discourse, nor pass erect between him and the Chair.

6. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the President, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the chair, and be read aloud by the Secretary before debated.

7. After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it shall be deemed in the possession of the Convention, but may be withdrawn at any time, by the mover, before a decision or amendment.

8. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lie on the table, to amend, or to postpone indefinitely; which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged. But no motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration, shall be admitted under color of amendment.

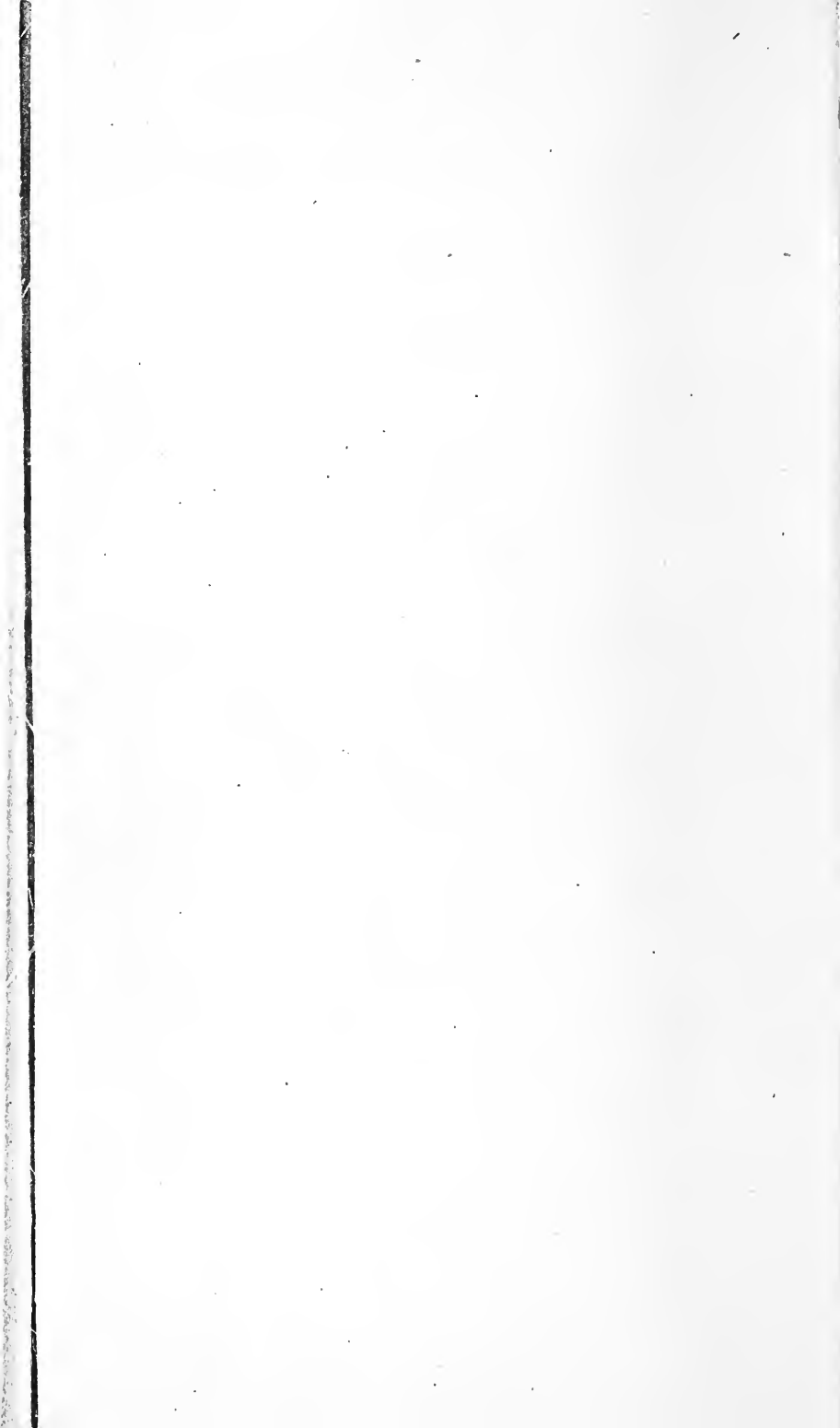
9. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the majority to move for a reconsideration thereof on the same day.

10. When the reading of a paper is called for, and is objected to by any member, it shall be determined by a vote of the Convention.

11. No member shall absent himself from the service of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be sick and unable to attend.

12. All questions, except such as relate to the constitution, shall be decided by a majority of votes.

13. Should the presiding officer fail to enforce the foregoing rules, he shall be deemed wanting in duty, and shall be liable to be reminded of the same, by any member present.

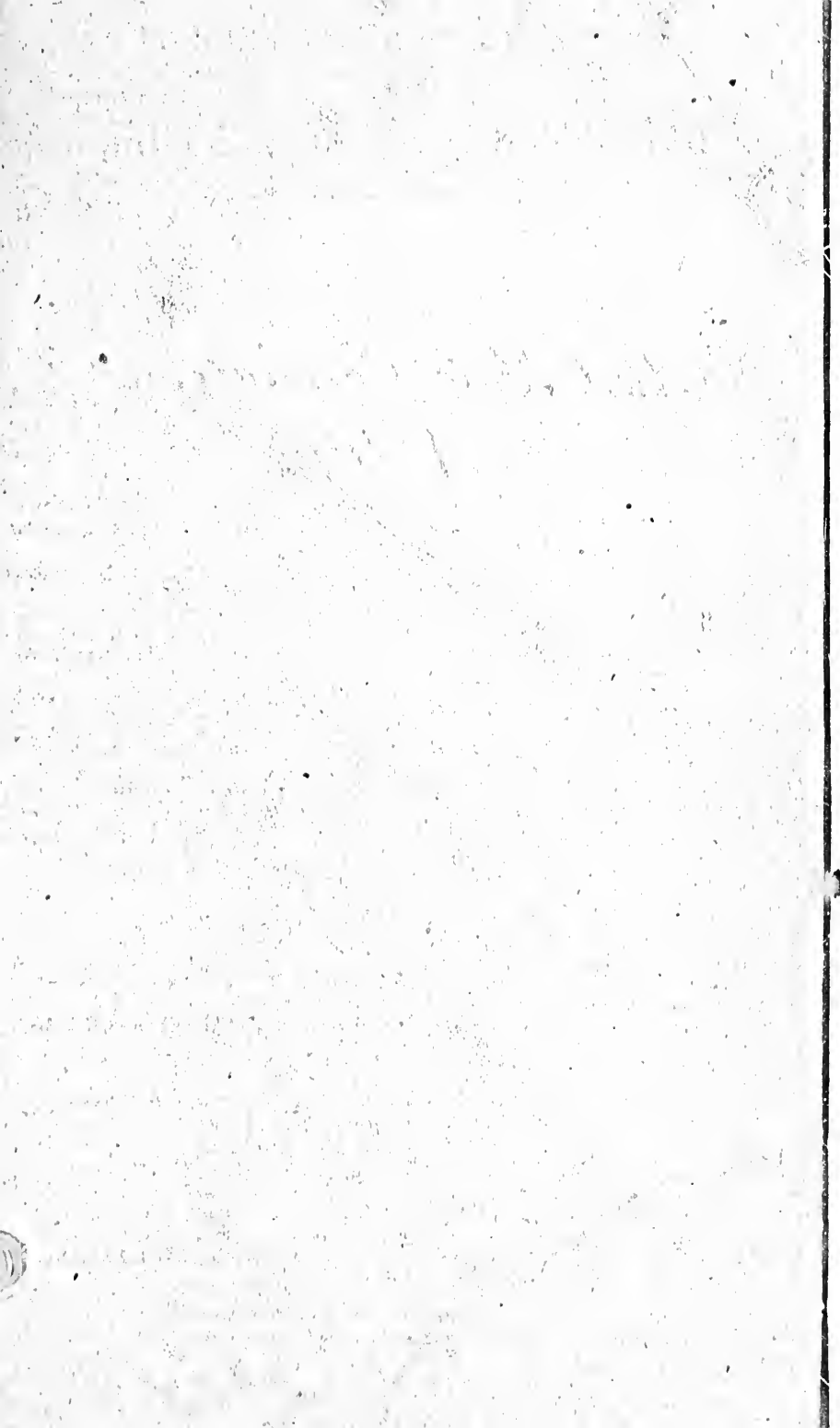


A STATISTICAL VIEW OF THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN ALABAMA, A. D. 1843.

| Associations. | Constituted | No. Churches | Ordained Ministers | | Licenses Ministers | No. Baptized | Total | Moderators. | Post Office. | Clerks, 1843. | Place of Meeting, 1844. | Day of the Meeting. |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|--------------|-------|------------------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | 1843 | 1843 | | | | | | | | |
| Unassociated Churches | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flint River | 1814 | 21 | | | | 200 | 80 | | | | | |
| Bethlehem | 1816 | 37 | 13 | 2 | 457 | 324 | 324 | Alexander Travis | Sparta, Conecuh | Plat Stout | Philadelphia Ch. Monro | Sat. before 4th Sab. in Sept |
| Cahawba | 1817 | 24 | 14 | 4 | 879 | 2743 | 2743 | John Dennis | Centreville, Bibb | J. E. Sumners | Oakmulga, Perry | Sat. before 3d Sab. in Oct. |
| Alabama | 1819 | 25 | 1 | 4 | 394 | 2411 | 2411 | Jesse Hartwell | Mr. Willing, Lowndes | D. Lee | Sister Springs, Dallas | Frid. before 2d Sab. in Oct. |
| Muscle Shoal | 1819 | 27 | 16 | | 437 | 2507 | 2507 | Sylvanus Gibson | Hopewell, Morgan | A. L. Stoval | Town Creek, Lawrence | Frid. before 1st Sab. in Oct |
| Bethel | 1820 | 23 | 9 | | 247 | 1658 | 1658 | Hiram Crayton | Union Town, Perry | P. H. Pitts | Mt. Pleasant, Marengo | Sat. before 1st Sab. in Oct. |
| Mount Zion | 1823 | 14 | 1 | | 7 | 250 | 250 | | | | | |
| Mad Creek | 1824 | 12 | | | | 800 | 800 | | | | | |
| Shoal Creek | 1825 | 7 | | | | 280 | 280 | | | | | |
| Chattahoochee United | 1825 | 6 | 2 | | | 257 | 257 | | | | | |
| Birmingham | 1825 | 14 | | | | 317 | 317 | | | | | |
| Conecuh River | 1827 | 20 | | | | 553 | 553 | | | | | |
| Leaf River | 1829 | 3 | 2 | | | 100 | 100 | | | | | |
| Mulberry | 1828 | 23 | 11 | | 129 | 1375 | 1375 | A. Watson | Fayetteville, Talladega | John Sansing | Kingston, Autauga | Sat. before 4th Sab. in Sep |
| Tuscaloosa | 1833 | 32 | 14 | | 166 | 2118 | 2118 | Wm. Hood | North Tuscaloosa | John Thomas | Spring Hill, Tuscaloosa | Sat. before 3d Sab. in Sept. |
| Canaan | 1833 | 16 | 7 | | 77 | 741 | 741 | Joseph Byers | Truss' | John Truss | Liberty Ch., Jefferson | Sat. before 1st Sab. in Oct. |
| Tallahatchee | 1834 | 18 | 5 | | 85 | 765 | 765 | Richard Pace | Mountain Spring, Tal | John M. Crook | Jacksonville Benton, | Sat. before 1st Sab. in Oct. |
| Coosa River | 1834 | 24 | 11 | | 153 | 1171 | 1171 | L. M. Scott | Harpersville | Thomas Cally | Talladega C. H. | Sat. before 2d Sab. in Sept |
| Choctaw | 1834 | 11 | | | 247 | 1300 | 1300 | S. S. Latimore | Warsaw, Sumter | M. Ross | Mt. Moriah, Kemper Mi | Sat. before 1st Sab. in Nov |
| Union | 1831 | 21 | 10 | | 4 | 185 | 143 | William Stansel | Pickensville, Pickens | I. H. Taylor | Pleasant Ridge, Greene | Sat. before 4th Sab. in Sep |
| Will's Creek | 1836 | 1 | | | | 56 | 56 | | | | | |
| Liberty, Chambers | 1836 | 4 | 24 | | 8 | 302 | 2618 | F. Callaway | La Fayette, Chambers | Britton Stamps | Central Stand, Chambers | Sat. before 4th Sab. in Sept |
| Pilgrim's Rest | 1837 | 1 | | | | 257 | 257 | | | | | |
| Zion's Rest | 1838 | 2 | 2 | | | 278 | 278 | | | | | |
| Columbus | 1838 | 7 | 1 | | 32 | 338 | 338 | John Armstrong | Columbus, Mississippi | S. C. Harrington | Union Ch. 2, m. E. Aberdeen | Sat. before 2d Sab. in Sept. |
| Bonlah | 1838 | 2 | 15 | | 3 | 59 | 800 | John Blackstone | Factory Shoals, Rand. | I. W. Richards | Providence, Russell | Sat. before 3d Sab. in Sept. |
| Ebenezer | 1838 | 26 | 12 | | 118 | 1358 | 1358 | David More | Benton, Lowndes | A. Huly | Cedar Creek, Wilcox | Frid. before 1st Sab. in Oct |
| Liberty, Madison | 1838 | 7 | 5 | | 2 | 142 | 652 | B. Kimbrough | Meridianville, Tenn. | G. L. Sandige | Poplar Creek, Limestone | Frid. before 3d Sab. in Sep |
| Liberty, De K. & Ben. | 1841 | 7 | | | | 500 | 500 | | | | | |
| Salem | 1839 | 22 | 8 | | 4 | 294 | 1772 | John Barnet | Line Creek, Montgom. | Isel Sims | Cowhee Ch., Barbour | Sat. before 1st Sab. in Oct. |
| Liberty, Sumter | 1841 | 9 | 7 | | | 57 | 450 | N. Slay | Williams' X Ro. Sum. | B. P. Willis | Harmony Ch., Sumter | Sat. before 4 h Sab. in Sep |
| Macedonia | 1839 | 7 | | | | 200 | 200 | | | | | |
| Antioch | 1839 | 7 | | | | 100 | 100 | | | | | |
| Wetumpka | 1843 | 10 | 5 | | | 10 | 213 | L. Haynie | Wetumpka | Benjamin Lloyd | Antioch Ch., Conecuh | Frid. before 4th Sab. in Oct. |
| Alabama River | | 8 | | | | | 248 | | | | | |
| Bethel, Ga. | | 3 | | | | | 143 | | | | | |
| Tallahoes, Ga. | | 1 | | | | | 31 | | | | | |
| Upatoi, Ga. | | 1 | | | | | 29 | | | | | |
| Bethel, In. Coosa | 1833 | | | | | | | | | | Dissolved 1842. | |
| | | 616 | | | | 4777 | 36290 | | | | | |

*Number of the latest Minutes consulted.

A full return of all the Associations would undoubtedly produce an aggregate of over 5,000 baptized in 1843, and of at least 40,000 communicants.



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