



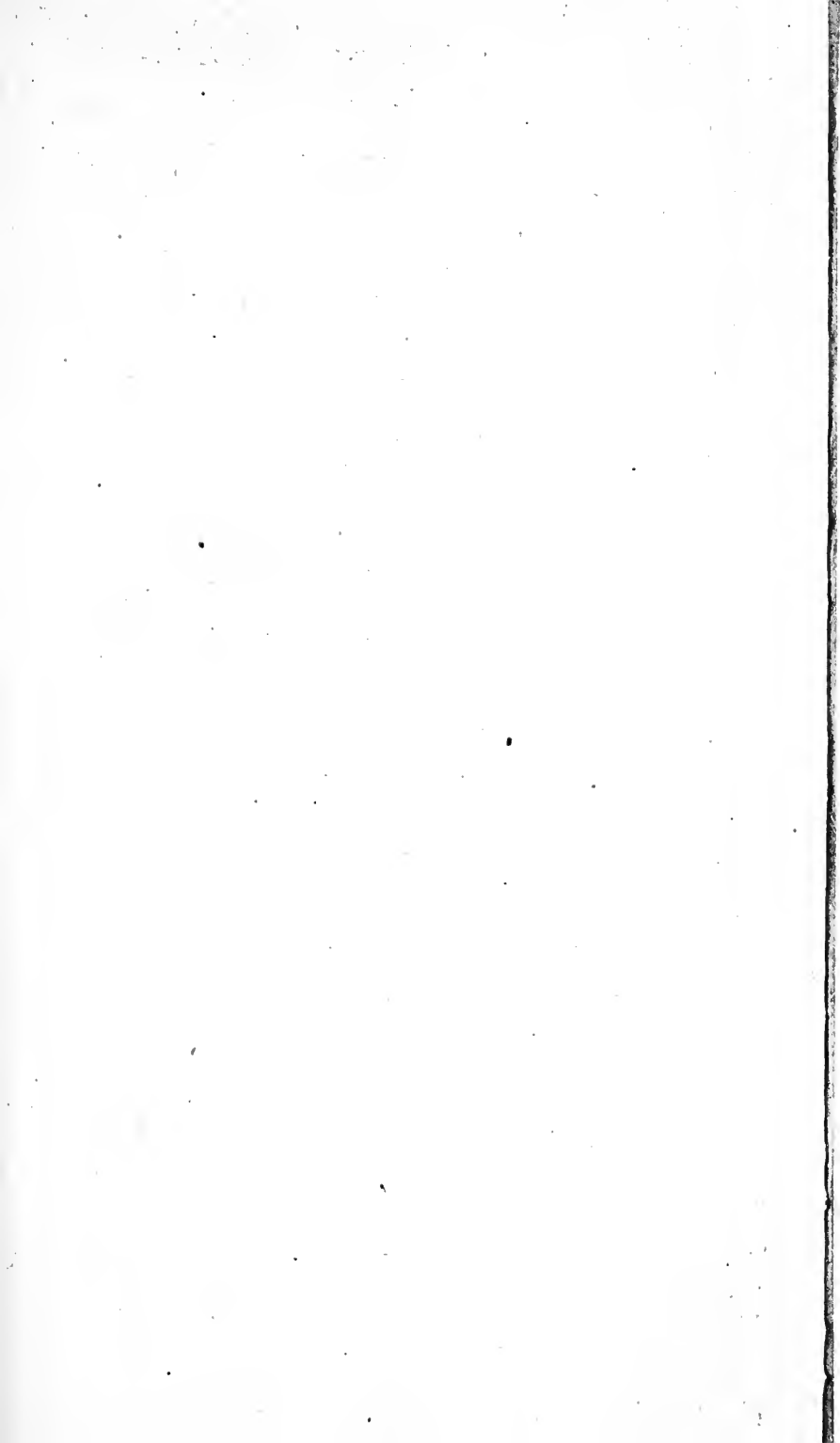


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# MINUTES

OF THE

## TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

# ALA. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

MARION, PERRY COUNTY,

NOVEMBER 14—17, 1846.

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The Convention assembled at the Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. of Saturday, November the 14th.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the Rev. ELIAS GEORGE, from Rom. 14; 8: "For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's."

The President, J. HARTWELL, taking the chair, an adjournment was voted to 2 o'clock, P. M.

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SATURDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention met. Prayer by Brother T. CHILTON.

The names of Delegates being called for, representatives from the following Associations, &c. presented their credentials and took their seats:

Bethel Association—J. TALBERT, E. BAPTIST, F. C. LOWRY, *J. Askew.*

Alabama Association—J. CRUMPTON, J. D. MOODIE, H. TALBIRD, C. M. BREAKER, A. W. CHAMBLISS, *I. Lyon*, W. B. HARALSON.

Catawba Association—A. G. McCRAW, T. CHILTON, J. S. FORD, J. H. DEVOTIE, N. HAGGARD, A. W. JACKSON, B. HODGES, E. GEORGE.

Salem Association—A. N. WORTHY, J. TALBOT.

Choctaw Association—Letter.

Coosa River Association—H. E. TALIAFERRO, J. E. COLLINS, S. HENDERSON.

Canaan Association—R. WOOD.



Union Association—J. C. FOSTER, M. B. CLEMENT, E. B. TEAGUE.

Tuskaloosa Association—J. P. THOMPSON, BENJ. OSWALD.

Bethlehem Association—Letter and funds.

Tuskegee Association—W. B. JONES.

Greensborough Church—T. CHILTON, C. C. HUCKABEE, W. WALKER, B. F. SEALS.

Spring Hill Church—A. A. CONNELLA, N. SMITH, L. B. LANE, S. NORWOOD, E. J. PALMER.

Bethel Church—A. PERRY, B. P. FERRELL, W. A. MELTON, W. J. HOGGE.

Siloam Church—J. HARTWELL, M. P. JEWETT, S. S. SHERMAN, W. N. WYATT, I. W. GARROTT.

Oakmulgee Church—C. C. SMITH, O. H. PERRY, W. G. HALE.

Concord Church—A. HOLMES, E. G. TALBERT, A. TALBERT.

Liberty Church—J. A. NORWOOD, W. NUNNELEE, J. M. LENOIR, J. ALLEN.

Benton Church—*I. Lyon*, J. C. HILL.

Centre Ridge Church—D. R. W. MELVER, C. B. WATTS, W. M. RUMPH.

Uniontown Church—Jas. Woodfin, Sen., Samuel Woodfin.

Selma Church—J. E. WHITTEN.

Pisgah Church—A. MELTON.

Tuscaloosa Church—J. B. EDDINS.

Shiloh Church—C. H. CLEVELAND.

Marion Missionary Society—B. HODGES, L. Y. TARRANT, E. BLUNT, S. H. FOWLKES, E. G. BYRNES.

Ladies Missionary Society at Collirene—A. T. M. HANDY, GREEN RIVES, W. B. HARALSON, G. W. RIVES.

Marion Female Benevolent Society—J. H. DEVOTIE, J. R. GOREE, W. B. LAWSON, S. H. FOWLKES, O. L. SHIVERS.

Missionary Society of the Judson Female Institute—J. LOCKHART, D. W. CHASE, W. HORNBUCKLE.

Grant's Creek Missionary Society—J. C. FOSTER, R. H. FOSTER.

Philadelphia Society of Howard College—R. HOLMAN, A. VANHOGSE, M. BISHOP.

#### FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. TAYLOR.

Georgia Baptist Convention—JONA. DAVIE.

General Association of Virginia—J. B. TAYLOR.

*Life Members*—B. MANLY, A. B. McWhorter, E. D. KING, R. LEACHMAN, L. GOREE.

☞ Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; Licentiates, in *italics*.

Organized by the election of Officers:

T. CHILTON, President,

J. HARTWELL, }  
E. D. KING, } Vice Presidents.

J. H. DEVOTIE, Cor. Sec.

M. P. JEWETT, Rec. Sec.

W. N. WYATT, Treasurer.

Accepted an invitation from the Siloam Church, Marion, to partake of the Lords' Supper with the members on Sabbath evening.

The chair announced the following committees:

*On Nominations*—Jones, Henderson, Haralson.

*On Preaching*—DeVotie, McCraw, King, Tarrant, Wyatt, Hornbuckle.

*On Temperance*—J. C. Foster, Hodges, Jackson, Crumpton.

*On Education*—Talbird, Clement, Connella, Lindsley, Leachman, Teagne.

*On Sabbath Schools*—Paliaferro, Lyon, Handy, G. W. Rives.

*On Domestic Missions*—Holman, George, McWhorter, G. Rives, Hale.

*On Foreign Missions*—Chambliss, Breaker, Wood, Henderson.

*On Finance*—Lane, Lockhart, Cleveland.

*On State of Religion*—McCraw, Melver, Jones, Huckabee.

*On Periodicals*—Sherman, Thompson, Lowery.

*On Letters and Documents*—Moodie, Talbert, J. A. Collins, J. G. Collins, Seals.

*On Claims*—Fowlkes, S. Woodfin, Wood.

*Names and Post Offices of Ministers*—Henderson, J. C. Foster, Moodie, DeVotic, Worthy, Haralson.

*On Arrangement of Business*—Jewett, Hartwell, Nummelee.

Voted, to amend the 13th article of the Constitution, so as for the words "General Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States," to substitute the words, *Southern Baptist Convention*.

The article as amended reads thus :

"The Convention shall have power to send delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and to any other assembly, with which, in its wisdom, it may wish to communicate."

The committee on Preaching reported.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Brother Manly.

In conformity with the report of the appropriate committee, the Rev. Jonathan Davis preached in the Baptist church on Saturday night.

#### THE LORD'S DAY.

On the Lord's Day morning, the Rev. A. G. McCraw preached the Missionary Sermon before the Convention, from Colossians, 3 ; 5: "Mortify therefore, \* \* \* \* covetousness, which is idolatry."

At the same hour, Brother Chambliss preached in the Presbyterian church, and Brother Chilton in the Methodist church—these churches having been kindly tendered to the convention for the Sabbath. The collections and pledges in the three congregations, amounted to about \$155.

In the evening, the spacious Baptist church was filled with communicants, engaged in celebrating the Supper of the Lord. The Preparatory Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Manly, from Isaiah, 6 ; 3: "And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

This discourse, occupying more than one hour and a half in the delivery, was listened to with intense interest to the close.

Brethren Davis and Taylor officiated at the table.

At the same hour, Brother Talbird preached at the Presbyterian church.

At night, Rev. J. B. Taylor delivered the Annual Sermon, before the

Alabama Baptist Bible Society. This was followed by a collection and pledges amounting to \$150.

At this time, Brother Teague preached at the Presbyterian church, and Brother Taliaferro at the Methodist.

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MONDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention was opened with prayer by Brother Chambliss.

Brother A. A. Connella was appointed assistant Secretary.

Appointed Brethren Holman and Lindsley Messengers to the Mississippi Convention.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign and Domestic Boards addressed the Convention, on invitation, in reference to the claims of said Boards.

The hour appointed for the Dedication services of the Howard College having arrived, the Convention adjourned according to a previous vote, in order to attend the exercises.

At the conclusion of the services, an invitation to hold meetings in the College Chapel was accepted.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Prayer by Brother Breaker.

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MONDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Convention met. Prayer by Brother Moodie.

Report on the arrangement of business adopted.

Returned correspondence to the Georgia Convention. Delegates—Jones, Breaker, J. C. Foster, Talbird, Worthy, Henderson.

The report of the trustees of the Howard College was presented—[Appendix A]—referred to the committee on education.

The report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute was read, and referred as above. [Appendix B.]

S. S. Sherman was excused from the committee on education, and I. Lyon was appointed in his place.

Adopted the report of the Board of Directors.

A letter was read from the Baptist Church at Antioch, Georgia, relative to the education of a young lady in the Judson Institute: referred to the committee on education.

The Committee on nominations reported in full; report adopted.

The Committee on Letters and Documents presented a report: adopted. [Appendix C.]

Adjourned. Prayer by brother Hartwell.

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TUESDAY, 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Convention met. Prayer by Brother Talbird.

Report on Domestic Missions received and adopted. [Appendix D.]

Received and adopted the Report on the State of Religion. [Appendix E.]

The committee appointed last year to prepare or adopt a Catechism to aid in the instruction of the colored population, presented a report recommending the Catechetical Instructor, prepared by the Rev. A. W. Chambliss, the manuscript of which accompanied the report of the committee.

Voted, that the Convention recommend to the churches to use the Catechetical Instructor, in communicating oral religious instruction to the colored members of their congregations.

Voted, that the Convention present to Brother Chambliss, one hundred dollars, as an expression of the high sense of the value of his labors in the preparation of the above work.

Committee on Sabbath Schools reported: report adopted. [Appendix F.]

The report on Foreign Missions was submitted and adopted. [Appendix G.]

Read and adopted the report on Temperance. [Appendix H.]

Voted to hold the next annual meeting of the Convention with the church in Greensborough, on the Saturday preceding the third Sabbath in November, 1847.

Adjourned, with prayer by Brother Teague.

#### TUESDAY, 2 o'clock, P. M.

The Convention was opened with prayer by Brother McIver.

Adopted the report on Periodicals. [Appendix I.]

The report of the committee on claims was presented and adopted.

Ordered that the funds in the hands of the Treasurer be paid over to the several Societies to which they were respectively designated.

The committee on education reported: adopted. [Appendix J.]

Report on Finance submitted and adopted. [Appendix K.]

Ordered, that the sum of \$22 50 sent up to the Convention last year, for the religious instruction of the colored people, and remaining over in the treasury, be paid to Brother Chambliss towards the amount appropriated to him on account of the Catechetical Instructor.

Appropriated \$80, for printing and distributing the Minutes.

Brethren Hartwell, DeVotie and Jewett, were re-appointed to examine beneficiaries of the Howard.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, this body feels an interest, which is unabated, in the moral and religious instruction of the slave population, and believing that it is the duty of all Christians to aid in efforts to impart such instruction—therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Ministers and Members composing this Convention, will henceforth use all reasonable diligence in their power, to improve the moral and religious condition of the slaves within their congregations and families, and that the same subject be recommended to Ministers and Christians throughout the entire south.

After pertinent and forcible remarks by Brethren Moodie, DeVotie and King, the following was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Convention cordially approves of the course pursued by the Board of Trustees of Howard College in their laudable efforts to elevate the literary character of the institution—therefore,

*Resolved*, That this body make vigorous efforts to raise, during the next five years, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of more amply endowing the College, and placing it at once upon a permanent and honorable foundation.

On motion—

*Resolved*, That the Associations in the State be respectfully requested to cause the names and post offices of all Ministers within their respective limits, to be published in the Minutes.

*Resolved*, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to institute such inquiries of the Presiding Officers of the various Associations, as shall enable him to present to the next Convention an accurate estimate of the whole number of members of the Baptist denomination in Alabama.

The subjoined resolutions, introduced by Brother Henderson, were passed with cordial unanimity:

*Resolved*, That we cordially recommend to the benevolent regards of our brethren, the Indian Mission Association.

*Resolved*, That the plan of supplying the destitute, by pious Colporteurs, with the Word of God, and with religious books and tracts issued by the American Tract Society, is eminently calculated to promote the cause of Christ, and therefore meets our hearty concurrence.

Voted the customary expression of thanks for the use of the Presbyterian and Methodist houses of worship, and to the President and Secretary of the Convention.

The Preachers appointed before the Convention at its next meeting are: For the Introductory Sermon, D. R. W. Melver; Alternate, A. T. M. Handy; for the Missionary Sermon, B. Manly; Alternate, J. Hartwell.

Adjourned. Prayer by Bro. Lyon.

TUESDAY, 7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention assembled and joined in Prayer with Br. Handy.

The evening was occupied in an interesting interchange of sentiments respecting the religious instruction of the colored population. The following pastors, and perhaps others, favored the Convention with their views, viz: Brethren Jones, DeVotie, Henderson, Davis, George, Moodie, Chambliss, Hodges, Clement, and J. C. Foster.

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

THOS. CHILTON, President.

M. P. JEWETT, Recording Secretary.

1846

# OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

THOS. CHILTON, President,  
 J. HARTWELL, }  
 E. D. KING, } Vice-Presidents.

M. P. JEWETT, Recording Secretary.  
 J. H. DE VOTIE, Corresponding Secretary.  
 W. N. WYATT, Treasurer.

## OTHER DIRECTORS.

L. Y. TARRANT, A. G. McCRAW, B. HODGES, W. HORNBUCKLE, E. GEORGE, L. GOREE,  
 J. R. GOREE, L. C. TUTT, A. N. WORTHY.

## TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

E. D. KING,  
 J. H. DE VOTIE,  
 L. B. LANE,  
 J. F. COCKE,

W. W. MASON,  
 A. G. McCRAW,  
 W. N. WYATT,  
 D. P. BESTOR,

JNO. LOCKHART,  
 W. HORNBUCKLE,  
 E. FAGAN,  
 A. TRAVIS,

L. GOREE,  
 H. TALBIRD,  
 J. G. SHORTER.

## TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

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 J. L. GOREE,

L. Y. TARRANT,  
 JNO. LOCKHART,

W. N. WYATT,  
 W. HORNBUCKLE.

# 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 patronage 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 Southern Baptist Convention, 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 the 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.

## 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 appoint 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 mem-



ber 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 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 lay 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.

 **ERRATA.**—By an oversight of the compositor in correcting the proof sheet, errors occurred in the names of Messrs. DAVIS and VANHOOSE, which were not discovered until the whole form was printed.

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## APPENDIX.

[A.]

### Report of the Trustees of Howard College.

The Board of Trustees of Howard College respectfully submit the following as their fifth annual report :

The retrospect of another year furnishes much cause for thankfulness and gratitude to that kind Providence which has hitherto watched over our infant Seminary, and sustained it during a period peculiarly trying. For more than two years, it has been destitute of most of the conveniences which are essential to the successful operation of any institution, but it has in the mean time shared largely the confidence and patronage of the public. The inconveniences and discomforts necessarily arising from the want of suitable accommodations have been borne with cheerfulness and patience by both teachers and pupils, and the Board embrace with pleasure this opportunity of publicly testifying to the zeal and faithfulness

of the instructors, and the diligence and gentlemanly demeanor of the students.

The erection of the new building has occupied much longer time than was at first anticipated, but the delay has resulted from causes entirely beyond the power of the Board to control, such, however, as not unfrequently attend benevolent operations, when the funds for carrying them on, are derived entirely from public contributions. Many of the subscriptions are still unpaid, and much inconvenience has consequently been experienced in meeting engagements with contractors.

The necessity of finishing the house in order to render it at all serviceable, has compelled the board to exceed their available means. This has been done with reluctance, but there was no alternative. Either the house must be left untenable, and therefore useless, or it must be finished and means devised to pay for it. Efforts were made early in the year to guard against such an exigency, by appointing an agent, in whose ability, confidence was reposed, but he has spent only a small portion of his time in the service of the Board, and has consequently done little towards raising additional funds.

The entire cost of the new edifice is not far from \$11,500. The lot was purchased for \$1,500, making an aggregate of \$13,000. Of this amount, \$9,200 had been subscribed before any of the contracts were made, from which \$9,000 will probably be realized; leaving a balance of \$4,000, unprovided for. The Board expected to have kept an agent constantly employed during the past year, but this they have not been able to do, and the funds of the institution, both literary and theological, remain nearly the same as reported last year.

The commencement of the present academic year, appeared to your Board, to offer a favorable occasion for elevating the literary character of the institution, and introducing a more extensive and complete system of instruction. It has hitherto been their aim to lay a substantial and permanent foundation, on which a superstructure might be raised in due time. They have not been ambitious to unfurl prematurely a college banner, nor to assay a task for which their strength and means are unequal. On the contrary, they have struggled on, patiently and laboriously, for nearly five years; each year gaining new ground, and adding something to former acquisitions. But, as they conceive, the period has now arrived, when the success and permanent usefulness of the institution require the Board to avail themselves of the privileges guaranteed in their charter, and to organize upon the basis of a regular College. They have been influenced to this course more especially by the following considerations:

1. In addition to the usual preparatory studies, classes have been regularly instructed in the first half of a college course, for more than two years, and have then gone to other institutions to complete their education, and receive their college honors. At the same time, to meet the wants of students in Theology, and of those pursuing a partial, or English course, it has been necessary to teach most of the studies of the remaining two years; so that the amount of labor required of the Faculty will not be greatly increased by the proposed organization.

2. By prescribing a definite and elevated standard, many young men,

especially those studying for the ministry, will be induced to aim at higher attainments, the efficacy and usefulness of the institution will be greatly increased, and the object for which it was established be most speedily secured. With these views, and in hopes of meeting the approbation and co-operation of the Convention, the following resolutions were adopted early in July last:

*Resolved*, That the Faculty be requested to prepare and present to the Board before the commencement of the ensuing term, the schedule of a complete course of Collegiate studies, embracing the usual period of four years, and classified accordingly.

*Resolved*, That, as there are now in the institution students of the requisite stages of advancement to constitute three regular classes, namely, Freshman, Sophomore and Junior, said classes be organized at the commencement of the next term.

*Resolved*, That immediate efforts be made to obtain means for the support of an additional instructor, and that agents now employed, and those hereafter appointed, be directed to use every exertion to secure the amount necessary for the above purpose.

*Resolved*, That the Faculty be requested to prepare and present to the Board, at their earliest convenience, a code of laws, embracing such general rules and regulations as will be necessary for the government of the institution, and the successful management of all its interests.

The Rev. E. Baptist, was also invited to deliver an address at the opening of the session, but this was subsequently postponed until the meeting of the Convention. The time appointed for the purpose, is Monday, at 11 o'clock. The Convention is respectfully invited to meet in the College Chapel at that hour, to listen to the address.

Agreeably to the above resolutions, a course of study as thorough and complete as that pursued in any college, has been prescribed, and a code of laws, for the government of the Trustees, Faculty and Students has been enacted, copies of which, together with last annual catalogue, will be found on your table.

The Board also take pleasure in stating, that through the liberality of a few individuals, they have been able to employ an additional teacher one half of the time. It will also be seen by reference to the ordinances of the Board, that an English or Scientific course of three years has been prescribed. This, it is believed, will not only prove advantageous to the institution in its present state, but will also meet the wants of a very large class of young men. Many, whose circumstances or plans for the future render a classical course inexpedient, are desirous of obtaining a good English education. This cannot often be done, as most colleges admit to the benefit of their instruction, none who do not pursue a regular and full course, and the common academies in our State do not possess the requisite facilities for imparting knowledge in the higher English branches, especially in the Natural Sciences. The studies of this department are so classified and arranged, that they are pursued mostly in connection with the regular class. These are made the basis to which all others must conform.

Such is a brief statement of the doings of your Board for the past year. Should they meet the sanction of the Convention, the Board will be gratified and encouraged to continue their efforts with increased energy, looking for wisdom and guidance to Him, without whose blessing they that build are in vain.

In behalf of the Board.

E. D. KING, President.

WM. HORNBUCKLE, Secretary.

## Report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute.

In presenting their annual Report, the Trustees of the Judson Institute are happy to state, that since the last meeting of the Convention the institution has enjoyed a high degree of prosperity. The Judson is still under the direction of Prof. M. P. JEWETT, aided by accomplished assistant teachers. The whole number of students in attendance last year, was one hundred and forty. The present year has opened with one hundred and twelve young ladies.

Near the close of the last session, the Institute was visited with an interesting revival of religion, resulting in the hopeful conversion of about fifteen of the pupils.

In the late vacation, one of the teachers became the wife of Rev. J. Lewis Shuck, of China, and has consecrated her life to the service of Christ in heathen lands. This event has awakened among teachers and pupils an evident increase of interest in the cause of missions, and we indulge the hope, that at no distant day, some of the daughters of the South, educated in the Institute, will follow the example of this beloved teacher.

In regard to the financial concerns of the institution, it was stated in the last Report, that at the close of the year ending August 1st, 1846, the debt of the Institute would be reduced to sixty 20-100 dollars, and in connexion with this statement, it was suggested that the Convention could make arrangements to send to the Institute five young ladies, free of charge. Since the date mentioned, it is ascertained that the accumulation of interest not included in the report, the making of repairs, &c., have increased the indebtedness of the Judson to the sum of four hundred and ten 68-100 dollars. An additional lot of ground has been purchased in the rear of the buildings, and further improvements are contemplated.

After deducting the amount necessary to meet the intended expenditures, it is thought there will be in the treasury funds sufficient to defray the expenses of two young ladies only during the present year. One young lady is now enjoying the benefits of this arrangement. At present there is an application before the Board for another, which has not been acted upon.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

E. D. KING, President of the Board of Trustees.

SAM. H. FOWLKES, Sec'y.

## Report on Letters and Documents.

The committee on Letters and Documents, report:—That after a careful examination of the Letters and Documents before them, they find but little that will claim the special action of the Convention.

They find in the letter from the Salem church at Greensborough, an application for the next annual meeting of the Convention to be held at that place, which we respectfully submit to the action of the Convention.

They also find on an examination of the papers before them, that the subject of the support of the Beneficiaries of the Howard College has been almost totally neglected. The amounts sent up are entirely inadequate for their maintenance: hence the question is presented, whether those students unprovided for, shall be driven to the necessity of abandoning their studies, or more vigorous efforts shall be made for their future support. And your committee would most earnestly recommend to the consideration of the Convention the propriety of a more hearty and energetic action on this subject, by the Churches and Associations. And in conclusion, they beg leave to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the ministers and delegates present, be requested to bring the subject before their Churches, and take up collections, and forward the amount to the Board of Trustees of Howard College.

J. D. MOODIE, Chairman.

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[D.]

### Report on Domestic Missions.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of Domestic Missions, submit the following report:

Your committee are fully persuaded that the cause of Domestic Missions is intimately and fundamentally associated with the welfare of our Churches, our State, and the best interests of immortal souls. This cause has been allowed too long to slumber: its importance has been overlooked. Its connection with, and influence upon, all other departments of Gospel labor, have not been distinctly understood.

There are multitudes in our country, who cannot read the Word of Life, and are dependent for all their spiritual instruction on the public and private ministrations of the Gospel, from the living teacher. There are untold numbers of families destitute of the Holy Scriptures, which could be found, and supplied by our Missionaries: and there are many of mature age who have never heard the voice of the Minister of the Cross, and many communities entirely without the living messengers of life and peace.

To teach the one and to preach to the other, is the work of Domestic Mission organizations—to aid public churches that that they may become strong—to preach the Gospel in our own land, where Christ is not known—to establish churches where they are not—in a word, to make the wilderness and solitary places of our own State to bud and blossom as the rose. Who does not see that this will add to the “peace and good will to men on earth”—to the joy of saints and angels in light.

Your committee feel that it is cause of gratitude to God, that the churches in many parts of the State are beginning to manifest a deep and abiding interest in giving the Gospel to the destitute portions of Alabama, and several of our Associations have one or more Missionaries in the field to supply the destitution within their own bounds: others are making arrangements to do the same.

While we would thank God for what has been already done, and take courage to make greater and more strenuous efforts for the accomplishment of this good work, your committee feel and deplore the criminal indiffer-

ence to this subject, manifested by so many of our churches, and that they have turned their eyes away from the examples of toil and severe sacrifice which we find in primitive christians.

Your committee feel that they cannot close this report, without calling the attention of the Convention to another important field of Missionary labor, viz: *our colored population*. There is no class of our population who wait with more cheerfulness upon the ministrations of the sanctuary, when they have it in their power, or receive with more readiness the consolations which the Gospel of the Grace of God affords. The little that has been done, with special reference to them, has been, like the hand full of corn covered in the top of the mountain, and brought forth a harvest which waves like the cedars of Lebanon. Where is the Church, that has attended to the instruction of our colored people, that have not received large accessions of willing converts from their ranks? We rejoice at the efforts now making to Christianize the sable sons of Africa, and turn them away from their dance around the Devil Bush, to the service of the only true God and our Savior Jesus Christ, and hail with joyful anticipations the time when Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands to God. Let us not neglect longer her children that are at our doors, and in our houses, and who are sinking every year into the dark grave, without one ray of hope to dissipate its gloom. How heavy is the pressure of the weight of responsibility which rests upon us! Let us, as one man, come up to this work, and by united and persevering efforts wipe off at least from our denomination, the opprobrium of the South.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. B. McWHORTER, Chairman.

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[E.]

## Report on the State of Religion.

Your committee on the state of Religion, after having collected all the information on this subject, that they now have opportunity to do, beg leave to report:

They consider that the Christian Church has great cause of gratitude to God, on account of the pleasing intelligence that is given from many portions of our State. The rich refreshings of the Divine presence have been realized, through the instrumentality of a preached Gospel, during the last conventional year; the lukewarm, fired with holy zeal for the honor of their Heavenly Father's cause, while their numbers have been greatly multiplied by the addition of such, as we trust, God will have to be saved, in the day of Christ's second coming.

Many neighborhoods, which had been hitherto destitute of the regular ministration of the Word of Life, have been sought out by faithful missionaries and zealous pastors, and successfully cultivated, so that they now begin to blossom as the rose, and flourish as the tree planted by the rivers of water.

Another interesting fact, in reference to our colored population, is, that ministers and laymen are taking altogether an increased amount of interest in their moral and religious improvement. Considerable success has at-

tended this benevolent enterprize, during the past year, and we look forward with pleasing expectancy to the time when quite a moral revolution will take place among that class of our population. A most favorable omen which indicates this state of things, is the anxiety manifested by their owners, both religious and irreligious, to have them attend the preaching of the Gospel. From the best information we can obtain, we suppose that our numbers, in this State, have been increased during the past year, by baptism, about *five thousand*, which is quite an accession to the army of the Lord of Hosts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. G. McCRAW, Chairman.

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[F.]

### Report on Sabbath Schools.

The committee on Sabbath Schools report—That the letters, sent from the Churches and Associations to this Convention, contain no information on the subject of Sabbath Schools. From an examination of the minutes of some Associations, and from conversation with members of the Convention, the committee are inclined to think, that there are very few Sabbath Schools in the State. From their own personal knowledge of the religious advantages, derivable from well conducted Sabbath Schools, they strongly recommend each church in the State to establish a Sabbath School, where the young may be trained up in the way in which they should go. They further recommend that the Churches and Associations in their future letters to the Convention send whatever information they may have to communicate respecting Sabbath Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

H. E. TALLAFERRO, Chairman.

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[G.]

### Report on Foreign Missions.

The committee on Foreign Missions, in submitting their report, desire to record that Divine favor and goodness, which has attended this branch of christian benevolence. Wherever we turn our eyes upon the various sources of information within our reach, we behold much, in the past, to awaken a devout gratitude to God, and in the prospects of the future, there is more to confirm our faith and to enliven our zeal, till "the Heathen shall be given to His Son for an inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession." To say nothing of other Christian communities, the Baptists alone have 237 stations, 550 missionaries and assistants, 40,900 communicants in their churches; and have translated the Bible, in whole or in part, into 40 different languages of the heathen. In view of this signal success attending the efforts of our denomination within the brief space of fifty years, it is befitting to render to the Father of Mercies a tribute of unfeigned praise. Nor is it less matter of devout gratulation to the God of Missions, that the success which has attended the labors of the Southern Board of Foreign Missions, since its distinct organization, has been fully

equal to our most sanguine expectation. Already have we in the foreign field, on their way there, or soon expected to embark, eighteen missionaries and assistants. Of these, 1 is from Ohio, 1 from Pennsylvania, 1 from District of Columbia, 6 from Virginia, 1 from North-Carolina, 1 from S. Carolina, 1 from our own beloved State, 4 are native Chinese, and 2 Africans.

But we have only commenced—we have but just descended into the quarry, and blocked out a few rough stones; much remains to be done—the worst is before us. Vast are the efforts which must be made, and vast are the resources which must be commanded ere we have fully entered upon our work.

In view of the immense field which we propose to occupy—embracing as it does the whole of China and Africa, with their 409,000,000 of souls—the committee cannot recommend in terms too strongly, to the Convention, the prosecution of this grand and glorious enterprize with the utmost vigor and zeal.

The committee beg leave to close their report with the following resolutions :

1st. That pastors and churches be earnestly recommended to adapt some systematic plan of Missionary operations, which will be most efficient in the collection of funds, so as to supply to the Board, regularly and certainly, the means of carrying out the work assigned to their hands.

2d. That the observance of the monthly concert of prayer, as a means eminently adapted to foster missionary spirit, and to collect funds, be most urgently recommended to the Churches; and,

3d. That the Southern Baptist Missionary Journal as the organ of the Foreign and Domestic Mission Boards, be recommended to the patronage of our brethren throughout the State, and that the Pastors of the Churches be respectfully urged to exercise all due influence in promoting its circulation.

C. M. BREAKER, for the Committee.

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## [II.]

### Report on Temperance.

Your committee, on the subject of Temperance, offer the following report:

From what we have been able to learn of the cause, it appears, that in a great many places throughout our State, it is on the decline, and the cause of intemperance is gaining ground. In those places, its friends have become lukewarm, while its enemies are triumphing in the advancement of the cause of Prince Alcohol. While, however, we have to deplore that there are members of our churches, who are opposed to temperance, and many others who are encouraged, by their example, to persevere in the use of intoxicating drinks; we are, nevertheless, cheered by the consideration that there are some bright spots in our State, where the friends of temperance are exerting a salutary influence, and using all laudable means in assisting to roll back the mighty curse which has so long infested our beloved country. We have to lament that the blighting, withering influence of intemperance is causing disturbances in our churches, distractions in the social circle, and disarming its victims of all moral, social, and virtuous feelings. There are those also, who, although they are not in the ranks of the inebriate, are, by their examples as moderate drinkers, doing more injury to the cause, and yearly making more drunkards than the inebriate himself. The Holy Word of God declares that "no drunkard shall inherit eternal life." Seeing that this is the case, O! how should our hearts bleed when we reflect that so many who we hope and believe are the sub-



jects of God's Kingdom, are casting their influence against temperance. These things call aloud for the sympathies and prayers of all the well-wishers of temperance, morality, and religion; they call also for renewed and redoubled efforts on the part of those who are the friends of temperance, and good order.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN C. FOSTER, Chairman.

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[I.]

### Report on Periodicals.

The committee on Periodicals respectfully report :

It will be admitted by all, that a sanctified literature is eminently calculated to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom. What then can better tend to promote this object than a weekly periodical, which shall contain an account of the revivals, which may take place in different parts of the country—shall give an explanation of difficult passages of Holy Writ, and shall at the same time afford a medium for any interesting information, which the friends of religion in general may have to communicate, but particularly the Baptists throughout the State. Such a periodical as this already exists in this State—*THE ALABAMA BAPTIST*, which the committee most heartily recommend to the patronage of the Baptist denomination at large. To those desirous of knowing the state of Missions, both foreign and domestic—and what Christian's heart is so cold as not to be anxious to hear the glad tidings of the spread of Immanuel's reign amongst the benighted Heathen—the committee strongly recommend *The Southern Baptist Missionary Journal*, which is published monthly, at the low price of One Dollar per annum.

Respectfully submitted,

I. LYON, Chairman.

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[J.]

### Report of the Committee on Education.

The committee to whom were referred the reports of the Trustees of Howard College, and of the Judson Female Institute, report :

They find upon examining the report of the Trustees of the Howard, that in completing the College building, they have become somewhat involved, but they highly approve the course pursued, and deem the expenditure highly important for the success of the institution.

They notice with great satisfaction, that an elevated course of studies has been marked out; and they cannot but commend the spirit manifested by those "few friends," alluded to in the report of the Trustees, who by offering timely aid have enabled them to procure an additional teacher.

From the facilities which are now afforded to students to acquire a complete and thorough education; from the known qualifications of the Faculty, and from the favorable location of the institution, we do most cordially recommend it to the friends of the denomination, as every way worthy of their patronage.

In order to place it upon a permanent foundation, and to render it what

its friends so ardently desire to see it, your committee recommend the appointment of an agent to collect the funds necessary to defray the expenses incurred in completing the edifice; and that the agent take up subscriptions, payable at some future day, to increase the permanent fund. And as every member of this Convention should feel a personal interest in the accomplishment of this object, we earnestly entreat them to use their individual influence in their own churches and neighborhoods, to further the objects originally contemplated in the establishment of the institution.

With respect to the Judson Female Institute, your committee would remark, that it is still sustaining the high character which it has heretofore acquired; and answering fully the expectations of its friends and patrons.

That many of the young ladies in the Institute have given themselves to God "in an everlasting covenant," furnishes cause for gratitude and joy; and we most sincerely pray, that God may continue to bless those means of religious instruction which they enjoy, to the conversion of many more souls; and also that the late Providence of God which connects the Judson with the destinies of thousands in China, may contribute to render it a richer fountain, from which shall flow rivers of salvation to thirsty souls.

While many seminaries for the education of Alabama's daughters have been lately reared in different parts of our State, a fact in which we rejoice, but the tendency of which would naturally be to diminish the number that would resort to the Judson, we are gratified to ascertain, that the number of its students has not diminished, but increased, and that among the number are some from all parts of our State; and from the remote parts of adjoining States.

The annual number of graduates, has not, thus far, been great, and probably will not be at present. For this there are several reasons. One is, the young ladies leave too early. Either the attractions of a father's house, or imperfect views in relation to what constitutes a complete education, draws them away before their attainments are such as to entitle them to the honors of graduation. Another reason is, the course of studies is extensive and elevated; and to be mastered, requires time, and more maturity of mind, than is usually possessed at the attractive age of fifteen. We are pleased, however, to see that it is not the intention of the Trustees, from any motives, to lower their standard of a complete female education, but to continue it thus elevated. From examination, we are also led to approve of their measures to increase the conveniences about the Judson, and of the expenditures requisite for those improvements.

With respect to the request to educate the daughter of a beloved brother in a sister State, the committee would say, that while it would be highly gratifying to their feelings to recommend it, and to do it, they are of opinion that it is not in accordance with the regulations established last year; and that as long as there are in Alabama so many uneducated daughters of beloved ministers who have spent their lives among us, they deem it their first duty to educate these, instead of extending assistance to any in other States. Besides, until the funds are larger, the Trustees will be unable to defray the expenses of others who may apply from our own State.

M. B. CLEMENT, for the Committee.

**Report on Finance.**

	General Purposes,.....	Home Mission	Foreign Miss.	China Mission	Domestic Bible Cause,...	Beneficiaries Howard Colffe	Female in Chi.	F Bible Cause	Misto col. peo	Indian Miss'n.	Total,.....
Collection on Sabbath	.....	47 92	48 92	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$97 84
Bethlehem Ass'n	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 50
Shiloh Ch. Dallas	.....	.....	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	26 00
Canaan Assoc'n,	15 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 25
2d B. Ch. Mobile	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Oakmulgee ch'h,	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 70	30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	33 70
Judson Mis. Soc.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00
Selma church,	11 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 00
Uniontown ch'h,	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Bethel Assoc'n,	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Concord Church,	.....	6 00	.....	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12 00
Colirene Society	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 00
Mrs. M. Rast,	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Benton Church,	.....	.....	11 00	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	15 00
Tuskaloosa As'n,	.....	1 00	42 62	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	45 62
Salem church,	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Spring Hill ch'h,	.....	25 00	20 00	.....	20 00	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	20 00	125 00
Philadelphia So.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13 00	13 00
Siloam church,	.....	.....	16 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 50
Marion F. B. So.	2 00	2 50	.....	.....	30 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34 75
Marion M. Soc.	.....	4 00	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Bethel church,	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
Grant's Creek c.	.....	3 00	3 50	.....	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 50
Union Assoc'n,	.....	.....	40 50	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 50
John G. Shorter,	.....	.....	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Tuskegee Ass'n,	16 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	17 00
Coosa River do	.....	16 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16 40
Salem do	.....	.....	.....	67 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	67 50
S. M. Scott,	.....	.....	6 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	17 00
G. Rieves,	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 00

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Liberty Church, \$70—in pledges, due 1st January next, for support of Blackwood and Abbot. All of which is respectfully submitted. L. B. LANE, Chairman.

WM. N. WYATT,		In acc't with the ALA. BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.	
DR.			
To bal. cash on hand, Nov. 26, 1845,	\$1351 20	Dec 4	J. H. DeVotic v 1, 142 25
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		May 27	M. Bishop, v 8, 20 00
		1846	Indian Mission.
		Jan 10	By am't J. McCoy, v 1, 49 72
	\$2984 25		Foreign Mission.
		Jan 31	By am't pd A. Thomas, v 2, 772 41
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from Gainesville church to F. Miss. Board,	21 50		General purposes, 20 86
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<b>General Purpose Fund.</b>			Domestic Mission.
Nov 27 By am't Jesse Hartwell,	v. 1, 67 79		By am't pd Wm Hornbuckle v 3, 409 72
1846 Jan 29 By am't M. D. J. Slade for printing minutes,	v. 2, 80 00		pd E. A. Blunt (A. M. & F. B. S.) 14 00
1845			cash on hand for Mission to colored people, 21 50
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Marion, Nov. 17, 1846			

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All of which is respectfully submitted, W. N. WYATT, Treasurer.

We have examined the within account current of the Treasurer, and find it to be correct. S. H. FOWLKES, Chairman of Com. on Claims.

# MINUTES

OF THE

## ALABAMA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY.

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SUNDAY EVENING, NOV. 15, 1846.

1. Society met pursuant to adjournment. The Anniversary Sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Taylor, Cor. Sec. of the B. F. M. S. B. C.
  2. A collection taken to aid in promoting the objects of the Society.
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MONDAY EVENING.

1. Prayer by Rev. E. George.
2. The President addressed the Society on the operations of the past year.
3. A. A. Connella appointed Secretary *pro tem*.
4. A letter from Grant's Creek Bible Society read, delegating J. C. Foster, E. B. Foster, and R. H. Foster, and enclosing a contribution of \$83 72.
5. A communication from the Lowndes County Bible Society was read, delegating Green Rives, J. Crumpton, J. C. Hill, David Lee, R. Carson, and W. B. Haralson. \$24 84, contributed.
6. The following took seats as delegates from the Cahawba Association: L. Butler, . . . . Nummilee, B. P. Hill, W. B. Lawson, J. Keinard, B. F. Seals, W. A. Wilton, W. McAdams, B. P. Ferrill. Contribution, \$32 50.
7. Additional members—C. H. Cleveland, W. B. Jones, J. Hartwell, R. Leechman, I. Lyon, R. Wood, B. F. Seals, J. A. Collins, A. N. Worthy, N. Haggard, J. T. Barron, H. E. Taliaferro, L. B. Lane, J. W. Smith, C. C. Huckabee, J. R. Haggard, A. B. McWhorter, S. H. Ayres, A. G. McCraw, John Norwood, A. A. Connella, W. N. Wyatt, J. D. Moodie, S. S. Sherman, Mrs. A. B. Jones, Mrs. Rosina Keinard, Mrs. Mary J. Milton, Mrs. Martha McIver, Mrs. Margaret C. De Votie, Mrs. Emily Moodie, Mrs. Sarah Hufford, Mrs. M. F. Hartwell, Miss E. C. Hartwell, Mrs. J. A. Barron, Miss L. M. Atkinson, Mrs. J. R. Jewett, Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. M. C. Talbird, Mrs. E. D. Sherman.
8. Report of the Board of Managers read.
9. *Resolved*, That this Society deem it inexpedient longer to continue its connection with the American and Foreign Bible Society.

10. *Resolved*, That this Society become auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and that the constitution be amended accordingly.

11. M. B. Clement, appointed to preach the next annual sermon; A. T. M. Handy, alternate.

12. After several spirited addresses, thirty members contributed five dollars each to aid in distributing the Bible among the destitute of our own State.

13. *Resolved*, That the delegates and members of this Society be requested to use their best efforts, when they return home, to form Bible Societies auxiliary to this, with the special view to supply the destitution in their respective counties.

Adjourned, with prayer by J. Hartwell.

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MONDAY, 1 o'clock, P. M.

1. Met at the call of the President.

2. Treasurer's report read and referred to the auditing committee.

3. Unfinished business referred to the Board of Managers.

Adjourned to meet in Greensborough, during the next session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

J. H. DE VOTIE, President.

S. S. SHERMAN, Secretary.

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OFFICERS:

J. H. DE VOTIE, President.

M. B. CLEMENT,	} Vice Presidents,	S. S. SHERMAN, Secretary.
A. B. McWHORTER,		E. A. BLUNT, Treasurer.

MANAGERS:

L. B. LANE,		H. TALBIRD,		T. CHILTON,
M. P. JEWETT,		J. HARTWELL,		A. G. McCRAW.

Report of the Board of Managers.

The operations of your Board during the past year, have been confined mostly to the distribution of the Scriptures within our own State. The very great destitution which has been found to exist, even in the most favored portions of Alabama, appeared to designate this as the appropriate field for present labor. In addition to supplying the Bibles specially appropriated at the last session of the Society, there have been distributed, through various agents, 296 Bibles, and 107 Testaments, making in all 403 volumes. Of these a few have been sold, but the greater part distributed gratuitously.

Mr. J. F. Herrick, colporteur of the American Tract Society, has been furnished with Bibles by your Board, and has done much towards supply-

ing the destitute, in counties where he has travelled. In one communication he says, "In company with a Baptist Minister, I started after dinner, with saddle-bags filled with books and tracts, and by one o'clock the next day, we found fifteen families destitute of the Bible. Nine of them we supplied without money and without price. We promised to send the other six one each in a few days. \* \* \* Could the friends of Bible Societies hear these people express their gratitude; could they see their tears of joy on receiving this rich treasure, they would, I doubt not, redouble their efforts to supply every family in the United States, and in the world." In a subsequent communication, dated Jefferson co. Oct. 22d, he asks for 140 more Bibles, and adds, "the destitution in this county is so great, that I think another hundred still will be necessary, in order to supply every family, and I am anxious to leave one in every cabin. Please write as soon as you receive this, and let me know how to proceed in promising more Bibles."

The Rev. Noah Haggard, who has acted as colporteur for the Board two and a half months, reports the destitution in the field assigned him as great almost beyond description. "I have visited old people, he says, who have raised up families, and who have grand children on the stage of action, and yet have never possessed a Bible. Numbers of the professed followers of the Redeemer, even Deacons in the Church, have been found without a Bible." One hundred and forty families, entirely destitute of the Scriptures have been supplied by this agent; the greater part gratuitously. Other agents tell the same story.

These facts are mentioned, to show that we have a great and urgent work to perform at home, and to call the attention of the Society to this important object.

The subscriptions made, in this State, to the American and Foreign Bible Society, have been put into the hands of this society for collection with permission to dispose of them as the donors may direct. But it is not probable that much more will be realized from this source. It is so long since many of the subscriptions were made, that some of the subscribers are dead, others have left the State; some are unable and many unwilling to pay. Hence we shall be obliged to look to other sources for means with which to prosecute the great work in which the Society is engaged.

For information respecting the amount of money received, and the disposition made of it, you are referred to the report of the Treasurer. It will also be recollected, that our Society is still auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society, and that the Southern Convention has referred the Bible operations to its Mission Board. It may not be improper for the Society to take some action on the subject at its present session, and the matter is therefore referred to your body.

Very respectfully,

J. H. DE VOTIE, President.

S. S. SHERMAN, Secretary.

## ALABAMA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY, in acc't with EDWARD A. BLUNT, Treas.

1845. <i>Cash Received.</i>		Nov 16 F. C. Lowry			
Nov 25	Am't cash on hand,	\$361	28	J. C. Foster	5 00
1846	Ap 10 S. Southerland,	10	00	Sam'l H. Ayres	5 00
April 10	Llewellen Oliver,	80	00	M. Wiley	5 00
"	" Mrs. Eliza Oliver	20	00	E. Fagan	5 00
"	" Thomas Toalsin	17	00	W. N. Wyatt	5 00
"	" S. R. Pate	10	00	I. W. Garrott	5 00
"	" B. J. Mitchell	20	00	J. Talbert	5 00
"	" John McInnis	10	00	For amt rec. from Grant's Creek	
"	" B. Cutliff	5	00	Bible Society	83 72
"	20 J. A. Parker for his subscription	30	00	For amt rec. from Lowndes Co. B. S.	24 84
May 25	W. W. Nash	1	00	15 & 16 For amt rec'd of sundry persons	
"	R. P. Cox	1	00	at Baptist Church in Marion	76 27
"	Eli W. Kirkland	5	00	Nov 17 For amt rec'd of W. N. Wyatt,	
"	Am't of col. at Pleasant Ridge Ch.	6	40	Treasurer of Ala. Bap. Stato Con.	14 00
Sept 15	Uriah Barlow, by Rev. S. Lindsley				
"	for collection at Stockton church	12	65	Total amount,	\$1270 71
"	30 Rec. of J H DeVotie for books sold	153	75	Disbursed,	809 41
Oct 7	do do do	13	90		
"	21 do do do	4	25	Am't on hand in cash and pledges,	\$461 30
"	Am't rec. of Cahawba As. for books	32	50		
Nov 3	Am't rec. for sale of books	7	00		
"	13 do do do	28	82		
"	14 do do do	4	00	1845 <i>Cash Disbursed.</i>	
"	Cullen Battle	50	00	Dec 10 For expenses on books	\$4 60
"	Dr. Thornton	3	33	15 Transmitted to the A. & F. B. S.	
"	9 John G. Shorter	25	00	for the purchase of Bibles	109 35
"	15 C. H. Cleveland	10	00	For Foreign distribution	100 00
"	16 Thomas Chilton	5	00	1846 Jan 24 Transmitted to the A. & F. B.	
"	A. G. McCraw	5	00	S. for Foreign distribution	98 50
"	E. George	5	00	Exchange on the above	1 50
"	L. Butler	5	00	26 For printing minutes	20 00
"	J. H. DeVotie	5	00	Feb 16 expenses on books	9 66
"	L. Y. Tarrant	5	00	April 5 postage	5
"	F. N. Tarrant	5	00	May 6 Services of N. Haggard	25 00
"	J. Hartwell	5	00	June 16 am't pd J. M. Allen, Treasu-	
"	J. R. Haggard	5	00	rer of A. & F. B. S.	180 00
"	J. C. Hill	5	00	July 27 am't pd N. Haggard for serv.	25 00
"	H. Talbird	5	00	Aug 23 expenses on books	1 50
"	Mrs. M. C. Talbird	5	00	Sept 16 do do	7 00
"	Mrs. M. DeVotie	5	00	30 one Blank Book	1 00
"	C. H. Cleveland	5	00	Ap'l 20 am't pd J. A. Parker	50 00
"	N. Haggard	5	00	am't pd expenses of agent	6 95
"	R. W. Melver	5	00	May 25 do do do	2 18
"	Jno. Norwood	5	00	Bal. reported in the hands of	
"	William Rumph	5	00	J. A. Parker, agent	1 27
"	J. Kynard	5	00	Nov 9 For amt pd N. Haggard for servi-	
"	L. B. Lane	5	00	ces rendered as agent	12 50
"	Mrs. J. A. Barron	5	00	14 For amt pd A. & F. B. S. for books	153 35
"	Mrs. J. R. Jowett	5	00		
					\$809 41

EDW'D A. BLUNT, Treasurer.

Your committee have audited the above account, and found it correct.

J. C. FOSTER, Chairman.













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