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PROCEEDINGS.

GAINESVILLE, FRIDAY, NOV. 12, 10 1-2, A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by the President. Letters read and names of delegates enrolled as follows, viz :

ASSOCIATIONS.

Bethel.—L. B. Lane, W. J. Parker, J. Talbert.

Tuskegee.—S. Henderson, J. M. Newman, A. T. M. Handy:

Cuhawba.—W C Buck, R Holman, A G McCraw, J G Hudson, I B Vaiden, J C Wright S A Creath, W Wilkes, W T Hendon, J P Thompson.

Alabama.—C M Cochran, D R Lide, I T Tichenor, W Cleveland, J C McDaniel, W A Cochran.

Bethlehem.—Z G Henderson, A Hendrix.

Bigby.—D P Bestor, R H Whitfield, W W Coats, W Howard J H Gary, S T Williamson, A D Hale, A Brownlee, A Greer, W Huff, J M Elliott, R F Stuart, S Maxwell, J H Brown, J R Gibbs, S Hansell, J R Webster, W Ashcraft, W Haile, W W Paschal, W M Heigh, R F Matison, N Carpenter, A H Scarborough, H R Autery, S Coats.

Providence.—P E Collins.

Union.—A P Bush.

Eufaula.—A Van Hoose, W D Harrington.

CHURCHES.

Tuskegee.—W Johns.

Shiloh, Dallas Co.—W C Cleveland.

Pensacola.—Z G Henderson, A Hendrix.

Uniontown.—J G Hudson; I B Vaiden, B P Hill, J W Hudson.

Hopewell, Perry Co.—S R Freeman, C Billingsley, D S Hogue, W B Scott,

Selma.—A G McCraw, W C Buck, W Wilkes.

Mission Church, Mobile.—P E Collins.

St. Francis St., " P E Collins.

Spring Hill.—L B Lane.

Clinton.—S Maxwell.

Newbern.—J C Wright, W T Hendon.

Montgomery.—I T Tichenor, R Figh.

Siloam.—W H McIntosh, R Holman, A B Goodhue, J B Lovelace.

Providence.—W Hibbler, L Oliver.

OTHER BODIES.

Missionary Society, Judson Female Institute—S S Sherman.

Gainesville Ladies Sewing Society—R F Stuart, W Howard.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

North Carolina Baptist State Convention—T W Toby.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—W M Farrar, S Williams, E Dupree, W Manning, A W Chambliss, T P Barton, T H Straughn, W W Buck.

LIFE MEMBERS.

W N Wyatt, H Talbird, L W Lawler, J T Barron, S H Fowlkes.

Organized by the election of the following officers, viz :

A G McCraw, President, A B Goodhue, Secretary, J B Lovelace, Assistant Secretary.

Adjourned.

2 O'clock, P. M.

The President announced the following committees to report during the session, viz :

On Finance—I B Vaiden, J G Hudson, J T Barron.

Auditing Committee—W N Wyatt, W W Paschal, W Cleveland.

To nominate preachers for the next session—W T Hendon, S Maxwell, C M Cochran.

To nominate the remaining officers of the Convention—W Wilkes, S R Freeman, R F Mattison.

On Periodicals—D P Bestor, W H McIntosh, Z G Henderson.

Committee on Preaching during the Session—Pastor and Deacons, Gainesville church, W N Wyatt, W T Hendon.

On Letters and Documents—J R Webster, R H Whitfield, W Huff.

Resolved, To hear from Rev. P E Collins any remarks he may have to make in reference to the claims of the Mission Church, Mobile, to pecuniary assistance from the members of the Convention in building a house of worship.

Resolved, To allow Rev. Z G Henderson to lay before the Convention the claims of the church at Pensacola to the pecuniary aid of the members of the Convention in completing their house of worship.

Invited the following brethren to seats, and to participate in the deliberations of the Convention as officials of the bodies they represent, viz :

Rev R Holman, Cor Sec B D M S B C., Rev S A Creath, Agent B F M S B C.

Invited ministering brethren present to seats and to participate in the deliberations of the Convention.

Invitation accepted by A W Chambliss, W Mason, W G Russel.

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns it will adjourn to meet with the Siloam church at Marion, on Friday before the second sabbath in Nov., 1859.

Appointed a new committee of Foreign Missions to report the present session the committee appointed last year being absent and having sent up no report—S A Creath, A T M Handey, W J Parker.

Added P E Collins and J P Thompson to the committee appointed last year on Sabbath schools.

Rev. I T Tichenor made some remarks in relation to the propriety of

recommending to the churches to hold a day of fasting and prayer to supplicate Almighty God to put it into the hearts of his people to supply in a larger measure the means both in money and men to spread the Gospel in heathen lands, and upon his motion

Resolved, To refer the matter to the Committee on Foreign Missions.

Adjourned.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Introductory sermon preached by Rev. W. C. Buck.

SATURDAY, 9, A. M.

Minutes read and approved.

Accepted the resignation of J. F. Cocks as a member of the Board of Trustees of Howard College.

Suspended the order of business to take up a collection to increase the fund heretofore raised to erect a monument over the remains of the Rev. Hosea Holcombe. Amount raised \$36 55.

Resolved, That when the Convention adjourns this morning, it will adjourn to hear the Education Sermon to-night, to give place to the Alabama Baptist Bible and Colporteur Society, to transact their business this afternoon.

Treasurer's report referred to Auditing Committee.

Appointed committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and appointed the members of the committee, delegates—I. T. Tichenor, L. W. Lawler, J. M. Newman.

Report of Committee on Domestic Missions to mass meeting to be held to-morrow at 3, P. M.

Report of Board of Trustees of Howard College referred to Committee on Education.

On motion of L. W. Lowler,

Resolved, That the Board of Domestic Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention be requested to tender to the Rev. Dr. Manly, formerly of this State, the appointment of Domestic Missionary for Alabama; his salary to be paid out of such funds as may be placed in the hands of the Board for that specific purpose.

Report of Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute referred to Committee on Education.

Report of the committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention adopted. H. Talbird 1st Vice President, S. Henderson 2d Vice President, S. H. Fowlkes Treasurer, S. S. Sherman Corresponding Secretary.

Board of Directors—E. D. King, W. Hornbuckle, J. T. Barron, E. A. Blount, A. A. Connella, J. H. Lee, J. G. Huckabee, W. N. Wyatt, W. P. Holman.

Resolved, That the list of ministers names and their post offices obtained by the Secretary be published in the Minutes.

Adjourned.

SATURDAY, 7, P. M.

Education Sermon by Rev. P. E. Collins.

SUNDAY, 11, A. M.

Missionary Sermon by Rev. I. T. Tichenor.

2 1-2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Mass missionary meeting; addresses by Rev. R. Holman, Rev. D. P. Bestor and Rev. A. M. Poindexter.

Report of Committee on Domestic Missions adopted.—Appendix A.
Collections.

MONDAY, 9, A. M.

Minutes read and approved.

Invited Rev. A. M. Poindexter, Cor. Sec. B. F. M. S. B. C., to a seat and to participate in the deliberations of the Convention.

Resolved, To recognize the letter from the St. Francis St. church as a voucher for the amounts contributed by said church so that the funds may be passed through the Convention.

Resolved, That hereafter this body will receive only the funds sent up by the delegates, and those paid over to the proper authorities and for which there are the proper vouchers.

Report of committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention adopted.

H Talbird, E D King, W H McIntosh, R Holman, M T Sumner, W N Wyatt, J T Barron, R J Ware, W C Buck, W T Hatchett, A G McCraw, A Jay, W B Haralson, J A Collins, C H Cleveland J J D Renfroe, S R Freeman, J Falkner, W T Hendon, Wade Hill, S R Wright, R F Mattison, W Howard, D P Bestor, J H Brown, A J Battle, J C Foster, A P Bush, S A Creath, J L M Curry, J D Williams, A T M Handey, C A Battle, S Henderson, C Battle, W P Chilton, W W Mason, J W Echols, A Van Hoose, J G Shorter, T H Watts, B F Noble, W P Vandiver, P E Collins, T P Miller, W J Parker, D Lee, P H Lundy, C F Sturgis, W Barlow, D Gordon, T M Bragg, L B Lane, A A Connella, W Wilkes, W Reynolds, J S Abbott, L Parks, J G Hudson, J Haden, L L Fox, W Mallory, O Welch,

Resolved, That the delegates present at the Southern Baptist Convention be empowered to fill the places of absentees by appointing such members of Baptist churches within the bounds of this Convention as may be present.

Report of Committee on Temperance adopted. Appendix B.

On motion of D P Bestor

Resolved, That we see with great satisfaction and gratitude to God, the presence of our sister M F Crawford, missionary to China, and that we congratulate her on her restoration to health and to her country and friends.

Report of committee on Southern Baptist Publication Society read, and pending its discussion,

Adjourned.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Suspended the business before the Convention to hear the report of the committee on Education which was read and recommitted.

Resumed the discussion of the report of the committee on the Southern Baptist Publication Society, and in lieu thereof adopted the following resolutions, viz :

Resolved, That we believe the Southern Baptist Publication Society had its origin in a sincere desire to contribute to the spread of Baptist principles—principles sanctioned and taught in the Bible, and that therefore said Society is now, as it has been in the past, entitled to the confidence of the Baptists of Alabama.

Resolved, That the publications of said Society are orthodox and denominational in their character, and therefore worthy of a place in the library of every Baptist in the State.

Report of the committee to nominate preachers for the next session adopted.

Introductory sermon, A. Van Hoose. Alternate, W. Wilkes.

The committee also recommend that no other preachers be now appointed for the next session but that the appointment of them be referred to that body.

Report of Committee on Periodicals adopted. Appendix C.

Report of Committee on Education adopted. Appendix D.

Report of Board of Trustees of Howard College adopted. Appendix E.

Report of Board of Trustees of Judson Female Institute adopted. Appendix F.

TUESDAY, 9, A. M.

Report of Auditing Committee adopted.

Report of Finance Committee adopted. Appendix G.

Report of Treasurer adopted. Appendix H.

Appended R. Holman's certificate to report of Committee on Finance.

Appointed a committee to devise some plan by which the minutes shall be made to exhibit more fully the benevolent operations of the Convention, said plan to be published in the South Western Baptist previous to the next session.

J. G. Hudson, A. G. McCraw, W. H. McIntosh.

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions adopted. Appendix I.

Resolved, That we commend the Rev. S. A. Creath, agent of the B. F. M. S. B. C. for this State, to the confidence of the churches, and that we bespeak for him their cordial co-operation.

Report of committee to nominate the ten additional members of the Board of Trustees of Howard College authorized by its amended charter, and one to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Hon. J. F. Cocks adopted.

A. Van Hoose, J. H. Brown, L. W. Lawler, T. P. Miller, T. H. Watts, R. P. Lide, D. Gordon, J. G. Shorter, L. C. Tutt, J. G. Huckabee.

To fill the vacancy, W. Hornbuckle.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools adopted. Appendix J.

Report of Committee on Letters and Documents that they find nothing claiming particular attention adopted.

Appropriated ninety dollars for printing Minutes.

Appropriated forty dollars for distributing Minutes.

Appointed delegates to Mississippi Baptist State Convention. R. Holman, D. P. Bestor, M. T. Sumner, W. Howard, W. J. Parker, J. R. Webster, H. R. Autery.

Appointed delegates to the Georgia Baptist State Convention. R. Holman, S. Henderson, I. T. Tichenor, A. Van Hoose, M. T. Sumner, R. Figh, A. T. M. Handey, W. N. Wyatt, W. H. McIntosh, A. G. McCraw, W. W. Paschal, J. M. Newman.

Appointed delegates to the Florida Baptist State Convention. R. Holman, M. T. Sumner, A. Hendrix, Z. G. Henderson, P. E. Collins, R. Figh.

Resolved, That any brethren present at any of these] Conventions be regarded as delegates from this body.

Appointed the delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, Messengers to the General Association of Virginia.

Instructed the Treasurer to pay over the funds to the bodies for which they are designed.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention are due to the citizens of Gainesville in return for the bounteous hospitalities bestowed by them upon its members during its present session.

Appointed the following standing committees to report next session, viz :

On Education, I. T. Tichenor, H. Talbird, R. P. Latham.

On Foreign Missions, W. H. McIntosh, A. T. M. Handey, R. Figh.

On Sabbath Schools, J. T. S. Park, A. Van Hoose, D. Lee.

On Domestic Missions, W. Wilkes, R. Holman, S. R. Freeman.

On Temperance, W. J. Parker, W. Howard, H. E. Taliaferro.

On Southern Baptist Publication Society, D. P. Bestor, L. L. Fox, P. H. Lundy.

Referred all unfinished business to the Board of Directors.

Adjourned to meet with the Siloam church, in Marion, on Friday before the second Sabbath in Nov., 1859.

A. G. McCRAW, Pres't.

A. B. GOODHUR, Sec'y.

J. B. LOVELACE, Asst. Sec'y.

APPENDIX.

(APPENDIX A.)

Report on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Domestic Missions beg to submit the following as their Report:

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." Such was the *patriotic* and *pious* exclamation of the great Apostle of the Gentiles, in regard to his "kindred according to the flesh" but a short time before the utter overthrow of their commonwealth. Though he had just been discussing the mysterious doctrines of predestination and election, in which he had declared that "whom God did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son; Moreover, whom he did predestinate them He also called; and whom he called them He also justified; and whom he justified them He also glorified;"—and though he doubtless had a prophetic view of that hopeless ruin impending over that nation stained with Messiah's blood, and whose cup of iniquity was full;—yet obeying an irrepressible impulse of patriotic devotion to his countrymen surpassed only by the constraining love of Christ which filled his heart and soul, and which brought our Savior from heaven, he bewailed an infatuation which he could not dispell, and a terrible doom which he could not avert.

Our object in recurring to the foregoing passage is to show, that *patriotism* may be combined with *Christian philanthropy*, and recognized as a legitimate motive for HOME EVANGELIZATION. Indeed, the combination of these two principles as intended to operate upon the hearts of believers in spreading abroad the "glorious Gospel of the blessed God," is distinctly sanctioned by our Lord Himself. In commanding them to "go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature," he distinctly directed that they "should begin at Jerusalem," i. e. begin at home. We desire, therefore, in as short a compass as possible, to point out some of those more prominent considerations which must ever give to HOME MISSIONS a prominent, if not THE prominent, place, in every properly regulated system of Christian benevolence. And

FIRST. OUR LORD HIMSELF WAS FIRST A HOME MISSIONARY. "I am not sent," says He, "but to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." "And He said unto them. Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I for h." With us, as a demonstration, the word and example of Jesus Christ is an end of all strife. Whatever comes to us under such sacred directions and sanctions, we are wont to regard as possessing all the authority of a controlling principle. We delight to walk in the footsteps of Him who "went about doing good." It is this consideration which enables the young disciple to breast the tide of popular ridicule, and follow his Redeemer into the baptismal stream, and be "buried with Him in baptism." It is this which sustains him in the fierce temptations and contests of life, when contending with "principalities and powers, with spiritual wickedness in high places." He remembers how his Savior resisted the temptations of the devil in the wilderness, and it nerves his heart in the day of battle. And then in the sad hour of affliction, how the soul rises superior to all its pains as it contemplates the Man of Sorrows in the bowers of Gethsemane, "sweating great drops of blood falling to the ground!" In a word, the example of Jesus in any position, either of duty, of privilege, or of suffering, is sufficient to awaken in the hearts of all His followers a joyful emulation to follow in his footsteps. So long as we have the consciousness that we are doing what Jesus did, so long do we know that we are in the path of duty. Let

us remember, then, that in prosecuting the great work of *home evangelization*, we are following the example of Jesus just as much as when we were "buried with Him in baptism."

SECONDLY. THE NATURE OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION unites with the example of Christ in directing our efforts first to evangelize our own country. "Philip findeth Nathanael and saith unto him, we have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. . . . Come and see." "I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience also bearing me witness in the Holy Spirit, that I have great heaviness and continual sorrow in my heart: For I could wish myself accursed from Christ, *for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh.*"—Rom. 9:1—3. Perhaps no language ever embodied a deeper, nay, a more mysterious expression of human sympathy and concern for the spiritual welfare of others, than the last quoted passage; and yet it is the affectionate concern with which an eminent Christian minister contemplated the spiritual condition of his own nation, and that on-coming calamity which was ere long to overwhelm them in hopeless ruin. The last and deepest tide of sympathy which rests in the Christian heart, can only be reached by those whose interests and destiny are identified with those of our own. The first feeling of concern, of which the newly converted soul is conscious, is poured forth through these channels of natural affection. "*Go home to thy friends,*" says Jesus to the poor demoniac, out of whom he had just cast the Legion of devils, "and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee." Mark 5:19. And the reason of this is quite obvious: Those who are most endeared to our hearts, and to whom we have given the most unmistakable evidences of regard, are the very persons who will most likely be benefitted by our Christian labors. No created being in the universe can so readily reach the heart of a child as a Christian parent. No missionary from any nation on earth can so readily reach the population of our own country, as our own ministers. Christianity, so far from destroying the ordinary channels of natural affection, only consecrates them to higher purposes: so that instead of their being wholly directed to the supply of mere bodily and earthly comforts, they are set upon that infinitely more important supply of the soul with the "bread that cometh down from heaven," and the "garment of righteousness" wrought by the blessed Redeemer. The *nature*, then, of the Christian religion enforces the infinite importance of HOME MISSIONS.

THIRDLY. OUR COUNTRY HAS CLAIMS UPON OUR DENOMINATION, which are peculiarly binding. "And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the Lord for it; for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace," was the direction God gave to his ancient people. It is no less the duty of Christians to seek the peace and prosperity of the countries in which they sojourn, than it was the duty of the children of Israel to do so. The seed which has produced the "Tree of Liberty" was planted by Baptist hands; and it were not unreasonable to suppose that the Baptists would flourish under its bows. In saying this, we would not detract an iota from others who were instrumental, in the formative period of this Republic, in giving it that form and consistency which now make it the freest and happiest government on earth. "But religious liberty," says our national historian, Bancroft, "in its most unlimited sense, was from the first the trophy of the Baptists." At least we may venture thus much without the fear of contradiction, that this confederacy is the production of an unfettered Bible. Without doubt, the purest Christianity on earth is found in the United States. Here that unhallowed alliance between Church and State which has so long paralyzed what are denominated the Christian nations of Europe, and which, like the perverted Judaism in the days of Christ, has turned the houses of God into dens of thieves, has been dissolved. *A converted church membership* is the great distinctive feature of American, as contrasted with European Christianity.

Now it is an enquiry worthy our serious consideration, What do we, as Christians, owe a country whose free and happy institutions are but the legitimate products of the religion we profess? Political freedom never can be *perpetual*, except in vital connection with spiritual freedom.

“He is a freeman whom the truth makes free,
And all are slaves besides.”

It has almost grown into a proverb, “that bad men may rebel, but cannot be free.” Political parties may meet and resolve, that the stability of our institutions depends upon the predominacy of this, that, or the other party. The fact is, the pulpits of our country are the pillars which sustain that noble superstructure bequeathed to us by a godly ancestry. They are at once the great means of popular enlightenment, and the conservators of public morals. Our forefathers, with the Bible as their guide, struck for liberty and independence, and succeeded: France attempted the same without the Bible, trampling it under her feet, and failed. The one gave the world the *brightest*, the other the *darkest*, chapter, of its political history.—What then is our duty to our own land, under these circumstances, at a time like this, too, when dark clouds lower over its prospects? The churches of the saints are indeed the only hope of our country. And let us know that in multiplying them, and sending out godly men to preach among our people the unsearchable riches of Christ, that we are doing far more to perpetuate the priceless heritage bequeathed to us by our fathers, than if we were celebrating with bontres, illuminations, and jubilant shouts, the triumph of some political party. By how much, then, we would preserve our happy civil institutions unsullied, an unfettered Bible as the priceless boon of our children, and the purest form of Christianity for the world at large—by so much are we impelled to supply our own country with the Holy Oracles and the living ministry.

FINALLY. We desire to offer some ENCOURAGEMENTS to our brethren to increase their efforts in the blessed work of HOME MISSIONS. And we would begin by recurring to the PAST as affording abundant reason why we should adopt the language of the venerable prophet, and say, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.” The Financial Reports of the Domestic Board, from the 1st of April, 1846, to the 1st of April, 1858, (twelve years) show that \$181,279 26 have been paid into the treasury and expended within the territory occupied by the Southern Baptist Convention. The following table will exhibit the amount each State has contributed of this sum, within that period, twelve years :

Maryland,	\$4,181 31	Mississippi,	18,094 50
District of Columbia,	89 60	Louisiana,	1,063 92
Virginia,	35,857 73	Arkansas,	3,718 32
North Carolina,	1,995 09	Missouri,	2,774 24
South Carolina,	25,168 19	Texas,	1,283 50
Georgia,	38,442 41	Florida,	75 00
South Alabama,	37,639 78	Kentucky,	1,488 07
Tennessee and N. Alabama,	4,742 23	California,	3,365 15

It is proper that we add here, that the first years operations of the Board is not included in the foregoing, for the reason that the treasurer did not distinguish the amounts contributed by each State. This, added to the receipts of the Board this year, will swell the amount received and disbursed to at least two hundred thousand dollars from the time of its organization, something over thirteen years ago.

And what has been accomplished, by the blessing of God, by this expenditure? Let us see:—Our Domestic Mission Board have commissioned 885 missionaries and agents during the last thirteen years. The missionaries have baptized more than thirteen thousand persons, besides those converted through their labors amounting to at least one half this number, baptized by others; They have constituted 173 churches; ordained 148 ministers and 219 deacons; organized 689 Sabbath Schools, and been the means of erecting 122 meeting houses. Perhaps no mission Board in our country has enjoyed a higher degree of success. There is a gradual increase in its labors and success almost every year. “Brethren, whereunto ye have already attained let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.”

But the FUTURE is no less encouraging to us than the past. Every year brings to our shores teeming thousands from all the nations of the old world. Our Western territories are filling up from these sources, as well as from the

increasing population of our own country, with a rapidity unparalleled in the history of nations. Shall this country prove a blessing to these emigrants, or shall they prove a curse to us? This is a question the Christian portion of our people will have to decide. Politicians cannot do it. Let us meet them with the living ministry and the Bible, and with the blessing of God they will first be made free by the Son, then shall they be prepared to share the blessings of civil liberty. It is only by the means of the Gospel that this immense crude material can ever be assimilated by our glorious commonwealth. It is said that "when the Lion eats the Ox, the Lion does not become the Ox, but the Ox the Lion." So with a healthy Christianity pervading our entire country, we shall be able to incorporate these materials not only into the "body of Christ," but into our body politic.

Again: It is a matter of infinite importance that our means of evangelization should keep pace with that tide of emigration which is rolling Westward with a velocity almost incredible. We know from experience and observation, that those denominations which first occupy a new country are most apt to be the predominating denomination in its future history. If, therefore, we would scatter those principles which we believe are the purest form of Christianity, where they will command the most controlling and far-reaching influence, let us send our ministers with their Bibles to accompany those emigrants who fall the first trees of our vast Western wilds.

In conclusion, we offer the following resolutions for the adoption of this Convention:

1st. *Resolved*, That our Domestic Mission Board has an undiminished hold upon the prayers, the sympathies, and the benevolent consideration of this Convention.

2d. *Resolved*, That it is no less our duty as Christians than as patriots to aid in supplying the destitute regions of our own beloved country with that Gospel of which its happy institutions are the products, and to which it looks for their perpetuation.

3d. *Resolved*, That in giving the Gospel to the destitute of our country, we not only manifest the highest and best form of patriotism, but we furnish at the same time the most indubitable testimony that we are followers of Him "who went about doing good."

4th. *Resolved*, That we will redouble our efforts during the coming year to increase the means of the Board to supply the immense destitution which is constantly appealing to it for aid.

SAMUEL HENDERSON, Cha'n.

EXPLANATORY NOTE.—As an act of simple justice to the Domestic Board, we feel it our duty to make the following statement: Some months ago, an article appeared in the *N. Y. Examiner*, a Baptist journal, one of whose editors had been connected with one of the Northern Boards, stating that there was an average of *sixty per cent.* paid by our several Boards on all monies collected and disbursed to agents, secretaries, &c., &c., and that only about forty cents in each dollar contributed ever reached the object for which the contribution was made. *2d* We notice a publication in the last *Home & Foreign Journal* from our Secretary, Rev. R. Holman, from which we learn that for the last four years, the entire expenses of every description of raising and disbursing the money paid into their treasury is about 18 per cent. This statement will prove satisfactory to every one who is willing for secretaries and agents to live.

[APPENDIX B.]

Report on Temperance.

Our obligation to abstain from drunkenness is obvious.

The Scriptures urge to temperance, command us to shun intoxicating drink as we do the fangs of a serpent, and tell us that drunkards shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

The voice of nature is in unison with that of the Bible, and teaches us that intemperance wastes property, creates poverty, engenders disease, produces crime, destroys intellect, and like ancient Moloch or modern juggernaut commands its hecatombs of human victims. In view of evils so great and crimes so numerous, many people have banded themselves together under various forms and names, for the purpose of arresting the progress of this evil, and of reforming the minds and manners of men upon this subject.

The temperance movement has met, as was expected, with violent, strong and various opposition. All great and good improvements must encounter enemies. The Railroad was ridiculed in the British Parliament. Fulton was derided and opposed on the wharf, while he was building the first steamer. The electric telegraph, by persons wise enough to get hearers, has been pronounced a failure, and an impossibility. Christianity after a war of eighteen hundred years, finds formidable hosts arrayed against it. Yet opposition to progress, opposition to Christianity, opposition to temperance is doomed. We know in whose council it is determined that this sinful planet shall be the abode of righteousness. Nature, like revelation, rejoices in progress, knows no pause in development, and attaches her curse to all inaction.

We do not contend for every plan of temperance that has been adopted by simple and enthusiastic men, any more than we contend for every plan proposed for education. We contend for the great principles of the movement, and we have no sympathy for those who oppose us because our movement is not exactly in the line of their peculiar opinions. These men are as various as the diseases which intemperance produces. One finds all morality in sympathy, another in a moral sense; one in honor, another in self-love, one in the influence of the pulpit, another in the influence of the church. Now a prudent father discarding these theories, will teach his child by precept and example. He will mould him into temperance by a succession of teachers, he will remind him of his interest, of prospects, of honor; he will point to ancient sages and modern worthies as examples, he will teach him to listen to temperance lectures, he will read to him the commandments of God, bring him under the influence of the pulpit, and commit him in humble prayer to the care of Omnipotence, and then send him out into a dram-drinking and drunken world, with fear and trembling.

Ye men of one idea, who daily see the hopes of fathers, the prayers of mothers, the tears of sisters, fail to dash the cup of poison from a loved one; we advise you to avail yourselves of every appliance which God has placed in your reach, and assist all good men in driving this monstrous vice out of the land of civilization.

Most of the arguments against the temperance movement are directed against the mode of procedure or against imprudent and enthusiastic individuals. As every great cause has its foolish plans, and its unwise advocates, this objection needs not an answer. The arguments directly against the temperance movement, it is believed, have never assumed a logic or a dignity that has alarmed its friends. Still its opponents have an argument and a strong one but it remains in their throat. The assertion that this movement has done no good, has produced no reform, is made in ignorance of well authenticated facts. Many have banished alcohol from their social boards, many have refused it to enter their festivals. Many have refused to vend it. Hundreds of distilleries have been stopped; hundreds of liquor houses have been closed. Importations have declined. The legislation of many States has been controlled by this movement. These facts are as easily and as truly known as the facts upon which the commercial world bases its movements.

We ought, perhaps, to notice those who contend that the pulpit only should engage in this reformation. We should be glad to know how long these friends of the pulpit wish us to wait for their success. Eighteen hun-

dred years ago the ablest of preachers, reasoned upon temperance, and during the long succession of centuries which has elapsed, all good churches and preachers have sought to promote this virtue, and yet they have made no provision for those who will not come under the influence of the church, or who will not come within earshot of the pulpit. Even now the number of drunkards in the United States, equals the army which Bonaparte led to Russia.

To the abstemious preacher who opposes us, we can only say it was not an enemy that reproached us then could we have borne it. The dram-drinking preacher who tells us to depend upon the pulpit alone, must allow us to doubt his sincerity. The drunken preachers, who have been declaiming against the cause of temperance, would furnish us an argument, but we forbear—we have arguments sufficient without exposing their degradation.

Let us candidly consider our own responsibility upon this subject. When we oppose the temperance movement. When we aid in producing, vending, circulating alcoholic drinks, let us remember that tribunal "where action lies in its true nature and we ourselves compelled, even to the teeth and forehead of our faults, to give in evidence."

Wine in the Scriptures is spoken of as a blessing. It is also spoken of as a curse. These terms are not used in relation to the use of wine only, but are applied to the wine itself. Good and bad wine are contrasted. The good was bland, cheering and healthful, the bad was poisonous and intoxicating. The good was the pure juice of the grape, the bad was produced then as now, by fermentation or by drugging. Let us make this contrast plain by appealing to the record.

Bad wine dishonored Noah. It polluted Lot. Hear the words of Isaiah: "They have erred through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way: the Priest and the Prophet have erred through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean." Let those who pervert the Bible to justify dram-drinking come, and in this passage, see their own daguerreotype, drawn by the burning light from above. Let us now quote the words of that King who was endowed with unparalleled wisdom: "Who hath wo? Who hath sorrow? Who hath contentions? Who hath babbling? Who hath wounds without cause? Who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. At last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Moses calls this wine the poison of dragoons and the cruel venom of asps. Solomon calls it a mocker, and tells us we must not look upon it. Lemuel tells us that Kings must not drink it.

Now let us see what the same authority says of unintoxicating wine. Isaiah tells us there is a blessing in the cluster. Moses calls it the pure blood of the grape, and says the Lord gave it to Jacob. This last patriarch mentions among the blessings conferred upon Judah, the blood of grapes. It is continually mentioned in connection with corn and fruit. So Milton understood it when he said our first mother crushed the grape for drink. Our Lord at the close of the Sacramental Supper calls wine "the fruit of the vine" which shows that it was not the production of drugs or fermentation. This pure fruit of the vine should now fill the cup at the Lord's Table. This contrast is complete. No sophistry can bewilder these Scriptures. Denial can not change these facts. Because Christ changed water into a harmless, nutritious wine, suited to a Christian festival; therefore, we are told that his authority sanctions the use of that poison which flows from the distillery.— Explanations are thrown away in answer to such arguments.

When God gave us the green herb for food, he did not intend we should eat the poison ones; when he gave us flesh he did not offer us that of the horse, or that which had become putrescent. Herbs recently gathered, fruits recently plucked, wine recently from the cluster, suit the unadulterated taste, are cheering and healthful.

The voice of nature is hardly less distinct than that of revelation. She produces the nutritious grain. The still converts it into alcohol. This poison comes in contact with the delicate fibre of the system. It soon begins the work of ruin. The body bloats, the limbs shrink, the countenance loses its lustre, the cheeks hang down, the muscles lose their firmness, the motions

become limid, the eyes turn red, the countenance becomes ghastly, full of livid blotches and rum-blossoms, and the whole man becomes vinous and loathsome. How many such are linked in their vileness to noble mothers, delicate sisters, and warm-hearted companions? How many hearts they crush in silence? How often they take off the rose from the fair forehead of an innocent love and place a blister there?

The misfortunes attending drunkenness are many. One has fallen into the fire, another into the water. One has fallen from his horse, another over a precipice. One has lost his honesty and is in prison, another his mind and is in the mad-house. One has mistaken his friend for his enemy and has murdered him, another has the delirium tremens, thinks the devil is after him, and commits suicide. One is conducting a train of cars, forgets that it is the time for the train moving in the opposite direction to occupy the roads, and rushes upon the fearful collision. The gay and cheerful passengers have no time to pray, and hardly time to scream, before they are mutilated and crushed in a manner which imagination contemplates with horror. Another is the captain of a steamer, and while the healthy and happy are gone to rest, urges his boat beyond its capacity, the boiler gives way, the inmates, while dreaming of home, are instantly transferred from the repose of sleep to the repose of death.

The diseases that infest his body are legion. The dyspepsia sets him retching, and the dropsy swelling. The rheumatism gives him a pair of crutches, and the sore-eyes a pair of green spectacles. A sore throat gives him a cough, and diseased lungs the phthisic. The gout makes him unable to travel, and the palpitation of the heart urges him to go to the Springs. He becomes prematurely old; too vulgar for ladies' society, and too foolish for gentlemen's. He is finally wiped out by the hand of death, and his family is freed from a nuisance.

You need not go far to find drunkards. They sink down to paupers, and fill up the ranks of beggars. They sink into the poor-house and dwell in the habitation of broken hearts and blasted hopes. They people our houses of correction, our prisons, our hospitals, our mad-houses. They crowd the avenues of death, and hurry towards the graveyard. They also tread upon the high places of the earth. They are floated into the Legislature upon a tide of alcohol, when they license crime, and make the vending of poisons legal. They mount into the pulpit, where they insult virtue, and make war upon religion. They are clothed in ermine, and attempt, with an unsteady hand to dispense justice.

Let us give ourselves to firm resolves in the cause of Temperance. Let us do it in view of those children made wretched; those wives broken-hearted; those youths corrupted; those ministers and judges demented. In view of those great minds that have been wasted by alcohol—in view of those inebriates who have adorned our language with eloquence and poetry—in view of those prison walls which incarcerate miserable men,—those diseases with all their woes, produced by drinking—in view of the supplication of the orphan, the shriek of the maniac; the mourn of the dying—in view of murdered parents, murdered children, murdered wives, and that stream of blood which is ever following the knife and dagger in the hands of the infuriated drunkard. In view of that half a million, in this Union who are now staggering on towards an unhonored grave.

D. P. BESTOR, Cha'n.

(APPENDIX C.)

Report on Periodicals.

The periodical literature of the present age has assumed an importance which it is difficult to estimate. It embraces every department of science. It seeks to gratify the tastes of all classes, and ranges boundlessly in the regions of fiction. Its influence extends to all, furnishing them with ideas, controlling their opinions, forming their tastes, and directing their conduct.

This movement, like a torrent which is both beautiful and dangerous, cannot, and ought not, to be stopped, but it requires the wisest heads and soundest hearts to direct it into safe and useful channels.

That philosophy which directs the universe of a God, must be rebuked by that clearer light which shows the hand of a Creator in every movement, and traces his footsteps upon every tangible and visible object. That taste which is derived from the garniture of nature must receive additional refinement from the moral life and loveliness of the mind. Religion must be presented in its dignity, in its truthfulness, in its hopes, where the imagination may rove up and down without limit.

If we do not furnish a periodical literature suited to the science, the improvement, the taste, the liberality of the present age, and imbue it with morality and religion, then the children that are now approaching maturity will resort to other sources, and will, with their studies, imbibe the philosophy and infidelity which dethrone the ruler of the universe.

Let us then encourage those periodicals of taste and genius which cast down every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and which exalts literature by the presence of a pervading Deity.

Without specifying many excellent periodicals outside of our particular province, we recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we encourage the circulation of those denominational papers, the *Commission* and the *Home & Foreign Journal*.

Resolved, That we recommend the more extensive circulation and encouragement of our own State paper, the *South Western Baptist*, that its editors may be enabled to make those improvements, which the present state of learning and rapid advancement now demand.

But in the adoption of this resolution we express no opinion in reference to the late controversy to which said paper was a party, nor does this Convention hold itself responsible for said controversy.

D. P. BESTOR.
W. H. McINTOSH.

(APPENDIX D.)

Report on Education.

The Committee on Education respectfully offer the following report:

A comparison of the educational statistics of Alabama as presented in the valuable report of Mr. Perry, for 1857, with the statistics of previous years, evinces the rapid increase of public interest in regard to this subject. The magnificent school edifices that are being erected, the augmented number and scholarship of those engaged in teaching, the Academies and Colleges which within a few years have been called into existence, the large amounts expended for libraries and apparatus, all exhibit on the part of our citizens a disposition to afford every facility for the cultivation and mental training of the young.

Among the causes which have contributed to this widely-extended and daily increasing interest, none have been so efficient as the awakening of the various religious denominations to the importance of this subject. So soon as they were aroused, an impulse was given to education sufficient to overcome every resisting force, and from that time progress has been its marked characteristic. Under the auspices of these denominations, institutions of learning have sprung up as by magic, which for efficiency and prosperity stand in the front rank.

First among equals in these enterprises stands the Baptist denomination. It has been too common to speak in depreciating terms of our efforts in this direction, and our own agents, anniversary speakers, and newspaper writers have given currency to the sentiment that we are doing little or nothing for the education of the young. But let any one take a map of Alabama, and carefully mark the various points where Baptist institutions of a high grade are located, and very different conclusions will be irresistibly forced upon the mind. Although it is impossible to gather accurate statistics upon this point, yet after a careful investigation, your committee hazard nothing in saying that our denomination occupies the first position in the number and grade of its schools, the ability and scholarship of its teachers, and the facilities for imparting instruction.

The position of woman, so commanding and influential especially in the Southern States, led the Baptists of Alabama at a comparatively early day to consider her education as a subject of the very first importance. Hence the origin of the Athenæum at Tuscaloosa, and then the elder sister of all our Female Colleges, the Judson, whose reputation is now spread over our entire country. Under the efficient management of Prof. S. S. Sherman, assisted by an able corps of teachers, the prosperity of this institution is increasing from year to year. The East Alabama Female College at Tuskegee is meeting the most sanguine expectations of its friends. The Faculty with Prof. W. F. Perry, late Superintendent of Public Schools, at its head, exhibits a list of names which must command extensive patronage. On the 1st of October last, the Alabama Central Female College at Tuscaloosa, with Prof. R. P. Latham as Principal, opened with a number of pupils truly gratifying to its founders and patrons. Salubriously located, with a magnificent edifice, and every appliance necessary for imparting instruction, it cannot but prosper. These institutions—the three Baptist Sisters of Alabama—indicate in unmistakable language, the future of our denomination. Our females enlightened, Christianized, and thoroughly educated, *in our own schools*, our principles, under the blessing of God, must finally prevail.

The LaFayette Female Collegiate Institute, under the management of the Rev. J. F. Bledsoe, is enjoying a high degree of prosperity, and is eminently worthy of public patronage.

Of the Male Academies under Baptist patronage, we may mention the Talladega Male High School, and the Central Institute, which, with their superb and commodious buildings, their able Faculties and general facilities for training youth, reflect great credit upon our brethren of those sections of our State. Also the Collegiate Institute at Tuskegee, now under the care of brethren Dodson, Jones and Park, has recently opened with the most flattering prospects of success. These and our other schools will, we have no doubt, prove valuable sources of supply to Howard College.

The condition of Howard College, the child of this Convention, was never more prosperous than at the present time. Notwithstanding the difficulties with which it has to contend, difficulties of no ordinary magnitude, yet its friends are able to say "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." For full particulars as to its buildings, library, apparatus, number and department of pupils last session, we refer you to the able Report of its Board of Trustees. It is gratifying to state that while the interests of other institutions have suffered materially from the disorderly conduct of their pupils, the history of Howard College during a period of 16 years, is not stained by a single serious disturbance. This fact speaks volumes in its favor, and reflects credit alike on the students, its Faculty, and the citizens of Marion. Your Committee cannot but express the conviction that this uniform good conduct is attributable mainly to the prudence, wisdom, and decision with which the internal regulations of the College have been managed. While the discipline has been firm, and the bearing of the Faculty dignified, yet kindness has formed a component element of that discipline, and the dignity has not been too reserved or aristocratic to prevent familiar intercourse. Thus the students have respected and obeyed the laws of the institution. Influenced, in a great degree, by personal attachment and affection for their teachers. In Dr. Talbird they have found not only an efficient, erudite, and dignified

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President, but a kind-hearted, affable gentleman, a prudent and faithful counsellor, a warm, devoted, personal friend. Other members of the Faculty possess these qualities in a scarcely less degree, and to this, pre-eminently, is owing the absence of those turbulent and painful scenes which too frequently occur at other seats of learning. Other causes might be named, as the religious influence of the Theological students, and the healthy tone of morals which pervades the town of Marion. Taken together, they have surrounded Howard College with ramparts of more than adamant strength, so that he who enters in may peacefully pursue his studies, gathering moral with mental power, and leave his Alma Mater with a vigorous intellect, a sound mind, and a pure heart.

The standard of scholarship at this institution is as elevated as that of any College in the land—the ability of its Professors for their respective duties, unquestioned—its libraries and apparatus sufficient for every practical purpose, and already has it sent forth a host of young men, who are occupying enviable positions in the various departments of society. For what has already been accomplished, your Committee cannot but “thank God,” and judging of the future from the past, we are inspired to “take courage.” There are several things in connection with the literary department of Howard College which seem to indicate enlarged prosperity in the future. 1st. The increasing number of its students. At no period has this been so marked as during the present session. About 90 have registered their names as members of the different classes of the College proper. This in itself is strong evidence of the increasing interest of our brethren in regard to this institution, which interest we trust will continue to augment until even this number shall be doubled. But, 2dly, the success of bro. Barton, the indefatigable Financial Secretary of the College, evinces still more clearly the determination of the Baptists of Alabama to place this institution upon such a basis that there shall be no possibility of failure. The conviction seems to be general, that the Literary Endowment Fund must reach at least \$200,000. With this object in view, the appeals of the Secretary, wherever made, have met a cheerful and liberal response; and from his success during a period of financial embarrassment, there can be no doubt that this sum will be speedily raised.

It is thought by many of our brethren, that the number of members of the Board of Trustees of Howard College ought to be increased. This may appear a trifling matter in itself, but your Committee, after carefully examining the subject, would suggest the propriety of such action on the part of this Convention. We are satisfied that an augmented number of Trustees, located in different portions of the State, would add materially to the interests of the College. Let a quorum, for the transaction of ordinary business, still reside in or near Marion, but in all matters of importance, let the entire Board be consulted. This Board can hold its annual meetings. Thus, there would be brethren in every section of the State, personally identified with the institution, and at all times able to impart information as to its true condition. Such brethren would represent the interests of the College in their respective localities, and through their influence the number of students would be largely increased, and its financial affairs greatly promoted.

The number of young men now connected with the Theological Department of Howard College is larger than in any previous session. There are at this time, we understand, 21 pursuing a course of studies with special reference to the ministry. Others are anxiously waiting until the means shall be provided, that they also may unite with this interesting class. This certainly is encouraging, inasmuch as it evinces the prevailing sentiment of the Baptists of Alabama in regard to ministerial education. Not that this subject is a new idea with the Baptists either of this or any other country, for it is as old as the denomination itself. Our history abundantly proves that from time immemorial, amid all the persecutions to which we have been subject, this cause has been warmly espoused. True, the views which have been, and are still, entertained by Baptists upon this subject, differ essentially from the views of other denominations.

The great principle ever advocated by our denomination is simply this: That education does not create those peculiar gifts and qualifications which

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we are taught by the word of God, are essential to the ministerial office.— Upon this plain principle both our theory and our practice are founded. Evidences of a change of heart—ardent love to Christ and his cause—strong desires and unwearied efforts for the salvation of sinners—the possession of those peculiar talents which adapt a man to the sacred work—all these evidences have been uniformly required by our churches, previous to a brother's receiving what is termed a ministerial education. Such a thing as educating a man for the ministry who did not give all these evidences, was never dreamed of by Baptists, at least, in former times. But let a brother give satisfactory evidence that he is "called of God" to preach the Gospel, and our churches have always been ready to afford him every facility within their power, for the development, cultivation, and discipline of his mind.— Upon this same principle Baptists have ever repudiated the notion that a thorough classical education is a *sine qua non* to the ministerial office. They have never attempted "to limit the Holy One of Israel" in calling whom he will to preach the Gospel. The scriptural qualifications for the ministry alone have been sought, and the humble, zealous, pious brother, who speaks no language but his own, and even that in course and unpolished sentences, if, after trial, he has been found "apt to teach," has been gladly ordained to the ministry of the Word. Under the ministry of these self-denying, studious and godly men, amid the most violent and cruel persecutions, our denomination advanced with unparalleled rapidity, until in point of numbers and general prosperity we rank the second religious body in the United States.

Your Committee in making these remarks have a two-fold object in view. 1st. To remind the churches of their responsibilities in connection with the work of the Gospel ministry. Upon them devolves the duty of deciding as to the fitness of every candidate for this sacred office. This responsibility cannot be delegated to any other body, whether it be an educational society or the Trustees of a College. The churches must do their own work, or God will send them as the fearful consequence, a worldly-minded ministry. It is thought by some of our most judicious brethren, that there is a tendency on the part of some of our churches, to recommend young men as students for the ministry, of whose gifts and qualifications they have never made trial; leaving it with the officers of our institutions to decide these important questions for them. Such a course is a departure from our primitive simplicity, and at variance with the Word of God. It is the duty of churches to search out and encourage all those possessing ministerial gifts, but it was hazarding their own spirituality and safety to recommend as students for the ministry those of whose qualifications they are entirely ignorant. Our second object is to place ministerial education in its true position, as coming after, not preceding a call to preach the Gospel. That it is of importance, great importance, all will admit. But education in itself will never make a Gospel minister. This is done by the spirit of God in producing and making manifest those talents which are possessed by every man truly called to the work. After this divine work is manifest, then it is the province of education to discipline, and cultivate, and still farther develop the peculiar gifts which pertain to the ministry of the Word. Let ministerial education occupy its appropriate place, and it will prove a source of untold blessings to our churches, but reverse the divine order of things, and it will inevitably prove a curse.

In view of the constantly increasing number of Theological students pursuing their studies at Howard College, your Committee feel impelled, to bring before this Convention two facts in relation to their present wants.— First, as to their support. It is well known that bro. Jere. H. Brown, of Sumpter county, out of the abundance with which God has blessed him, has generously provided for the support of twelve of these young men. But there are others for whom no provision has been made. Several during the present session, have been compelled to remain at home because the Board had no means at their disposal wherewith to sustain them. Our churches must not suppose that the beneficence of bro. Brown can extend to every applicant—it would be unreasonable to expect it. The Beneficiary fund must still be remembered in our annual contributions, or the cause of ministerial education languish in our midst.

The second fact in this connection, to which we earnestly invite the attention of this body is, that the present arrangements for imparting theological instruction at Howard College, are totally inadequate to the wants of the students. It is true that the chair of theology is amply endowed, but it is well known that this chair is now, and has been for several years, but partially occupied. The arduous and distracting duties of the Presidency are combined with the labors of the Theological Professorship, and the result has been an almost entire subordination of the latter to the former. Dr. Talbird has done all that his divided labors would permit, but it is impossible for any man, situated as he has been, to do anything like justice to the Theological Department. It may be said, that the literary course forms as much a part of ministerial education as the theological, and that in the case of the young brethren in this institution, it is even more essential. Admit all this, but is it not true, that the Baptists of Alabama endowed the chair of theology for a specific purpose? and is that purpose being carried out under the present arrangement? We leave these important questions for this Convention to decide. It seems, however, to your Committee, that the wants of the theological students imperatively demand more attention in this department that can be possibly given so long as the two chairs are combined.—The large class now in attendance would require the undivided time and attention of at least one Professor, if anything like a systematic course of theology were pursued. We cannot but hope that some measures will be adopted at once, whereby the facilities for imparting theological instruction may be greatly increased.

Notwithstanding the disadvantages under which the Theological Department of Howard College has labored, still it has accomplished a great work for our denomination in Alabama. A large number of young men have gone forth, through whose instrumentality our churches have been strengthened, and scores of precious souls converted to God. Among the many who have enjoyed its advantages, not one, so far as your Committee is aware, has apostatized. All that live remain sound in faith, sound in doctrine, sound in practice. Shall not this institution then be cherished? Shall not every effort be put forth to augment its usefulness and increase its prosperity? There can be but one response. We would urge upon our brethren throughout the State the necessity of fervent prayer in behalf of the varied interests of Howard College. The blessing of Almighty God is essential to the permanent success of every undertaking. Prayer excites feeling, and feeling impels to action. Let our churches pray more for the institution, and especially the Theological Department, and every aid that is required will be speedily forthcoming, and its usefulness increased a hundred fold.

Not only in Alabama, but throughout our whole country, the Baptists are doing a noble work in the cause of education. During the past ten years, the number of institutions of learning under their control, have been more than doubled. We have now thirty-four Colleges, twelve Theological Seminaries, and upwards of one hundred and sixty other educational institutions in the United States. These are constantly increasing. Measures have been put in operation for the establishment of a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, to rank with Newton and Rochester at the North. Its endowment is to be \$200,000. South Carolina has already made up one-half this sum, in consideration of which it has been decided that the Seminary shall be located at Greenville in that State. Bro. Broadus, of Fredericksburg, Va., has accepted an agency to visit the other Southern States for the purpose of raising the other \$100,000. The Professors, four in number, have been appointed, and it is confidently expected that this institution will commence operations in the course of a few months. It is not designed by the establishment of this Seminary to interfere with any of the State institutions, but simply to furnish facilities which they do not possess. Many of our young brethren, who have enjoyed all the literary advantages of our Colleges, have been anxious to receive a thorough course of theological instruction. To accomplish this, they have been reduced to one of two alternatives, either to enter a Peco-Baptist Seminary where erroneous views of divine truth are inculcated, or else go North, where they are continually exposed to insult. This state of things has long been regretted by many of

our most judicious and influential brethren, and after much deliberation and many prayers, it was determined to remedy the evil by founding a Seminary, located in a central position, and adapted to meet the wants of the entire South in regard to ministerial education. This step, after several previous meetings, was taken by the Convention which met last May in Greenville, S. C. It is not proposed, however to restrict the advantages of this School of the Prophets to those only who have received a liberal education—provision, we understand, will be made for every class of students, whatever their mental culture. This grand and noble enterprise, cannot but commend itself to the denomination, since, if properly controlled, it must, under the Divine blessing, result in inconceivable good to our Southern Zion. We feel assured that the Baptists of Alabama, when called upon to do their part in endowing this institution, will not be behind their brethren of sister States.

Your Committee in concluding this report would respectfully suggest the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1st, That with a view to a more general representation of the interests of Howard College, this Convention do now proceed to elect ten additional Trustees of this institution, thus increasing the number from fifteen to twenty-five, and that twelve of this number shall be selected from the different bodies represented in this Convention, other than the Cahawba Association and the Churches in its limits.

Resolved, 2d, That, in the judgment of this Convention, the educational interests and permanent prosperity of our denomination in this State, demand that the Literary Endowment Fund of Howard College should reach at least \$250,000—that the Baptists of Alabama are able and willing to make up this amount—and that the Board of Trustees are hereby instructed not to relax their efforts, but to continue the services of a Financial Secretary until this amount shall be contributed.

Resolved, 3d, That the direct and important relation which the Theological Department of Howard College sustains to the best interests of the denomination in Alabama, together with the large number and pressing wants of the students now in attendance, demand the entire time and attention of a Theological Professor; and this Convention do hereby recommend to instruct the Board of Trustees to sever the connection that now exists between the Presidency and the Chair of Theology at as early a day as practicable, so that the latter may accomplish all the work for which it was originally endowed.

Resolved, 4th, That this Convention heartily approves of the objects sought to be accomplished by the establishment of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—that its location, Greenville, S. C., is satisfactory—that its basis of organization and doctrinal platform we fully endorse—that we regard this institution as one of the greatest and noblest enterprises in which the denomination South has ever engaged, and destined to accomplish more for our Southern, Zion than perhaps any other instrumentality—and hence we cordially commend it to the favorable regard and enlarged benevolence of our brethren in Alabama.

Resolved, 5th, In view of the vast and momentous interests connected with educational institutions, the influence for weal or woe which those who enjoy their advantages must necessarily exert, and sensible that these interests, in a spiritual point of view, are too frequently forgotten, believing that there is a real and intimate relation between prayer and the Divine blessing, and also between prayer and effort, this Convention earnestly recommend the churches of Alabama to observe the last Thursday in February, 1859, as a day of prayer for our institutions of learning; that Howard College, and especially its Theological Department, be particularly embraced, and that a general collection be taken up on that day for the support of our Beneficiaries.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HOWARD, Cha'n.

(APPENDIX E.)

Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College.

The Board of Trustees beg leave to present their annual report of the condition and prospects of Howard College.

First, as to the internal state of the College : The whole number of students in attendance during the year ending July, 1858, was 83. Up to this date in the present session 86 have registered their names, and there is every prospect that this number will be considerably increased. Your Board can truly assure you, that the internal condition of the College is all that can be reasonably asked or desired. The healthful state of moral and religious feeling generally prevailing among the students; the character of the instruction given, and the vigor with which the studies are prosecuted, should fill our hearts with gratitude to God, and encourage us to increased exertions for the prosperity of our College.

Theological Department.—During the year ending as above, twelve young men, studying with reference to the ministry, have been under the care of your Board. Of these, six were sustained by the Christian liberality of bro J. H. Brown, at an expense of \$1055 00; one by the liberality of a gentleman in Newbern, Greene county, who makes no pretension to religion, and four as beneficiaries of the Convention. Most of these young brethren have employed their vacation in preaching the Gospel, and hundreds, as we have reason to believe, have been brought to a knowledge of the truth through their instrumentality. There are now in all nineteen young men in the College preparing for the ministry. They are generally talented and seem to be deeply pious. If the Board of the Convention could hold out decided encouragement to all who desire to avail themselves of the advantages of the College, the number might be increased to twenty-five or thirty.

The Faculty.—At the annual meeting of the Board, the Faculty were unanimously re-appointed to fill their respective chairs; and all signified their intention to retain their places in the College. At a subsequent period Prof. N. K. Davis requested to be released from his engagement, as he desired to enter upon another field of labor which offered more ample salary. The Board were fully aware of the value of his services to the College, but felt compelled, though they did it with extreme reluctance, to accept his resignation. Thus the chair of Natural Sciences became vacant. As the indications were all in favor of a considerable increase in the number of the students, and as it was highly desirable to have the services of at least two tutors, the Board determined to increase the number of instructors in the Faculty from five to seven. They succeeded in securing the services of three gentlemen who are citizens of Alabama and graduates of our own State University. Dr. N. Friend was appointed to the chair of Natural Sciences, Mr. Ward to the tutorship of Mathematics, and Mr. W. A. Parker to the tutorship of Ancient and Modern Languages. These gentlemen have entered upon their appropriate duties and are giving ample satisfaction.

Endowment.—The financial condition of the College has greatly improved since your last annual meeting. At the opening of the year 1858, the Rev. W. S. Barton was appointed Financial Secretary of the Board, and has devoted himself to the interests of the College. He has up to this date secured in good notes ——. The present condition of the endowment fund is as follows:

Theological Fund,	\$20,400 00
Endowment Fund, (principal,)	89,000 00
" " (interest,)	14,865 68
Amount reported by Rev. W. S. Barton, agent, as raised in notes and pledges the present year,	47,000 00
Total.	\$171,265 68

The pledges reported by the agent are of course not legal instruments, but it is presumed the amounts will for the most part be realized.

Your Board regret to be compelled to state that but little progress has been made in collecting that portion of the fund which is now due. This.

however, is attributable to circumstances beyond their control. At the commencement of the year they elected bro. W. W. Paschal to the office of Treasurer, but severe personal illness and family bereavements constrained him to resign the office. The Hon. J. P. Cocks was appointed in his place, and he at once entered upon the duties of his office. Unfortunately he found these duties to be incompatible with his private business arrangements, and he too resigned his place. But so thoroughly convinced are your Board of the necessity of collecting the funds of the College, that they at once sought a suitable person to fill the place which bro. Cocks's resignation had vacated. They congratulate the Convention on being able to state that bro. David R. Lide, of Carlowville, has consented to enter upon this important but delicate work. We entreat for him the sympathy and encouragement of the constituency of this Convention.

College Buildings.—Three spacious and substantial College buildings are now so nearly completed as to be fit for occupancy. It was of vital importance to the interests of the College that the second dormitory building should be completed by the opening of the session. The funds in the hand of your Board specially donated for that purpose, were exhausted. They found on inquiry that thousands could be secured even in Marion and vicinity for the endowment where scarcely hundreds could be obtained for the building fund. If they attempted to secure funds for the building, they must in the effort incur a loss of thousands for the endowment. Under all the facts and circumstances of the case, they felt constrained, even in a financial point of view, to use whatever funds they could collect in paying for the erection of the second dormitory edifice. Without the additional means of accommodation, they would have been compelled to refuse the application for admission of fifteen or twenty students. In addition to this, they are persuaded it will be an ultimate saving to the College of even dollars and cents.

In their last annual report the Board announced to the Convention that the ladies of Marion had placed in their hands \$350 00, for the purchase of a cabinet of minerals. The purchase has been made, and a very choice suite of minerals have been added to the means of instruction placed at the disposal of the Faculty of the College.

The General Assembly of the State of Alabama, at its last session passed an act amending the act by which the College was incorporated. This amendment authorizes the Alabama Baptist State Convention to appoint ten additional Trustees of the College, if in their estimation it should be expedient to do so. The Board would therefore recommend that the Convention at its present session appoint ten additional Trustees, making in all twenty-five, and that seven of these be a quorum for the transaction of business.

In reviewing the results of their last year's labors, your Board are persuaded that they discern unmistakable evidences of the Divine favor. They feel warranted in respectfully urging upon the Associations, churches and individuals composing this body, the obligations which they still owe to this cherished institution. It must yet make additional claims upon your kindness and Christian liberality—claims which every Baptist should meet with unshaken purpose, and prayerful reliance on the Great Head of the church. In due time you shall reap if you faint not. Respectfully submitted.

(APPENDIX F.)

Report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute.

To the President and members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

The Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, in making their annual report to the Convention, beg leave to state that the Institution was never in a more flourishing condition than at this time. The present session opened with as large a number of pupils as usual, and constant accessions encourage us to believe that the Judson is annually growing in favor with its friends and patrons. Since our last report the new building has been completed and furnished throughout, and the capacity of the Institute is now ample and sufficient to accommodate all who may be disposed to favor it with their patronage. Mr. J. H. Lide and lady has been employed to take charge of the Steward's department, commencing with the present session, and we are happy to state that they are giving entire satisfaction. Prof. Sherman has spared no pains or expense to procure the best talent to assist him in his arduous duties, and in this he has fully realized his expectations. The last session closed July 1st. The number of pupils were about 240. The health of the young ladies during the session was remarkably good. No case of serious illness occurring during the year.

Respectfully submitted.

S. H. FOWLES, Sec'y.

E. D. KING, Pres.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

CONTRIBUTING BODIES.

Contributing Body	Foreign Missions	Support	Indian Missions	Buckner's Salary	Pompeii Missions	Illness Missions	General Fund	Society, Pub.	New Church	Coll. Church	Disc. House	Treasure	La. Bible Society	International	Howard Col.	Foreign Bible Cause	Total
Young Ladies' Miss. Soc. of the Judson Female Institute, Marion Union Association	90 65		113 35		100 00	10 00				50 00	5 00			1 00			100 00
Mobile Mission Baptist Church	3 50		10 00		50 00												254 00
Bethel Association	41 50		50 00		42 50						6 25			3 50			10 50
Spring Hill Church	2 62		17 00		10 00												191 50
Rehoboth Association					4 00						2 50						100 15
Pensacola Church	4 00				10 00												12 00
St. Pleasant Church	51 75		115 00		51 75					100 00							12 50
Linton Baptist Church	26 08				26 08												386 50
Slama Church	32 00				35 00												78 25
Hopewell Church	35 00		146 32		35 00						51 40			94 50		44 00	162 75
Chion Church	56 25		58 79		19 75			4 35			23 92			73 23		11 00	70 00
Liberty Association	1000 00		200 00		1000 00									200 00			236 25
Montgomery Church														40 00			220 00
J. H. Brown														100 00			40 00
Tuskegee Church	157 00		141 35		141 00		5 00				119 05			15 00			610 40
Tuskegee Association	194 80		118 60		8 50						2 00			11 50			853 50
Bigby Association														28 00			29 00
Sumterville Bible Society																	92 42
Alabama Baptist Association			46 00		525 62												46 00
Oakmeade Church	650 93				68 55												1176 55
St. Francis St. Church, Mobile	68 55		68 55		95 50									78 50			405 50
Public contribution	107 00		92 25		15 35									120 75			373 25
Public collection on Sabbath	50 00																50 00
Newbern Church																	120 75
Gainesville Ladies' Society			154 50											112 00			391 82
Public Bible collection																	
Eufaula Association																	
Total																	\$5859 22

NOTE.—\$26 55 Public contribution to Holcomb Monument.

We have examined the Report, and find it correct.

Respectfully submitted,

I. B. VAIDEN, Chairman.
W. N. WYATT, Chairman And'g Comm.

(APPENDIX II.)
Treasurer's Report.

S. H. Fowlkes, Treasurer, in apt with the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

1857.		DR.	
Nov. 10,	To bal. on hand reported to last Convention,		\$7 00
"	" cash from Finance Com. for Foreign Missions,		1533 31
"	" " " " " African " "		100 44
"	" " " " " C. " for Priest,		750 00
"	" " " " " China Missions,		29 44
20,	" " " Spring Hill church, Pickens county for Foreign Missions,		104 05
"	" " " same for African Missions,		7 43
"	" " " C.R. Cross for " "		25 50
"	" " " J. Henderson for Foreign Missions,		29 00
10,	" " " Finance for Priest's house,		250 00
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			\$2836 17
1857.		CR.	
Nov. 27,	By amt. retained for Minutes, &c.,		\$147 00
"	" A. M. Poindexter's receipt,		28 40
"	" I. T. Tichenor's voucher,		75 00
"	" Wm. Hornbucke's receipt,		2419 79
"	" " " " "		165 98
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			\$2836 17

DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT.

1857.		DR.	
Nov. 10,	To bal. on hand reported to last Convention,		\$1 50
"	" cash from Finance Com. for Domestic Missions,		1701 72
"	" " " " " Indian " "		393 86
"	" " " " " Bartholomew chch., La.,		40 00
"	" " " " " for P. Fulsome, Indian Missions,		330 00
20,	" " " Spring Hill church, Pickens county, for Domestic and Indian Missions,		46 90
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			\$2516 98
1857.		CR.	
Nov. 21,	By Wm. Hornbucke's receipt,		\$2470 08
27,	" " " " "		46 90
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			\$2516 98

BIBLE SOCIETY ACCOUNT.

1857.		DR.	
Nov. 10,	To cash from the Finance Com. for the Alabama Baptist Bible Society,		190 75
"	" cash from same for Bible cause,		8 00
"	" " " Spring Hill church, Pickens county,		50
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			\$199 25
1857.		CR.	
Nov. 19,	By F. M. Law's receipt,		\$198 75
"	" balance,		50
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			\$199 25

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT.

1857.		DR.	
Nov. 10,	To cash from Finance Committee,		\$4 60
" "	" " " Foreign Mission apc. for Minutes &c.,		147 00
" "	" " " Domestic " " " " "		160 00
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			\$311 60

1857.		CR.	
Nov. 1,	By bal. overpaid on this fund, (see last report,)		\$177 00
17,	" A. B. Goodhue's receipt,		130 00
"	" Balance,		4 60
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			\$311 60

SOUTHERN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY ACCOUNT.

1857.		DR.	
Nov. 10,	To cash from Finance Committee,		\$53 15
20	" " " Spring Hill church, Pickens county,		50
"	" Balance,		35
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			\$54 00

1858.		CR.	
Jany.	By J. J. Toon's receipt,		\$54 00

BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

1857.		DR.	
Nov. 10,	To balance due this fund, (see last report,)		\$718 52
"	" cash from Finance Committee,		150 52
"	" " " " " for Kendrick,		150 00
Dec. 17,	" " " W. D. Northup, Miss., of Liberty Asso.,		5 00
1858.			
Mar. 1,	" " " I. T. Tichenor, on apc. of a young lady of Montgomery,		5 00
Oct. 2,	" " " the Eufaula Association of R. Holman,		112 00
July 1,	" " " J. H. Brown, Sumter Co., of H. Talbird,		1055 20
Sept. 10,	" " " " " " " " " " "		1000 00
Oct. 13,	" " " " " " " " " " "		250 00
Nov. 11,	" " " Unity Association,		15 00
"	" " " Bethel " "		1 00
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			\$3462 24

1857.		CR.	
Nov. 10,	By J. D. Kendrick's receipt,		150 00
Jany. 12,	" Dr. O. Shivers, "		26 80
27,	" Woolley & Mosley's receipt,		49 12
Feb. 6,	" Dr. H. Talbird's draft,		22 56
April. 6,	" O. L. Shivers' receipt,		36 00
June 7,	" E. A. Blunt's two accounts,		216 00
14,	" Dr. O. S. Shivers' receipt,		24 00
26,	" W. H. McIntosh's "		50 00
Oct. 8,	" Dr. H. Talbird's draft,		11 25
12,	" E. A. Blunt's receipt,		117 77
Nov. 1,	" Mrs. M. E. Fluker's receipt,		37 50
9,	" Dr. O. L. Shivers' "		37 50
July 1,	" " H. Talbird's "		1055 20
Oct. 9,	" " " " draft to Chambliss,		100 00
"	" " " " " " Mynatt		100 00
"	" " " " " " Wetherby,		100 00

By Dr. H. Talbird's draft to Jones,	50 00
" " " " " " Walton,	100 00
" " " " " " Beck,	75 00
" " " " " " Lattimer,	75 00
" " " " " " Jordan,	75 00
" balance,	953 60
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	\$3462 24

To the President and members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention :

I submit this, my annual report, as treasurer of your body, showing a ballance due the Beneficiary Fund of Howard College of nine hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixty cents, five hundred and seventy five dollars of which is a balance unappropriated of the fund contributed by Jerry H. Brown, of Sumter county, for the support of certain beneficiaries now enjoying the benefit of the institution at his expense ; also fifty cents to the credit of the Bible Society account, and four dollars and sixty cents due the General Purpose Fund, which, after deducting thirty-five cents overpaid on the Southern Baptist Publication Society account, leaves a balance in my hands of nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty-five cents, which is subject to your order.

Respectfully submitted

S. H. FOWLKES,

Treas. Ala. Bap. Con.

Nov. 10, 1858.

The above account has been examined and found to be correct.

W. N. WYATT, Cha'n. Auditing Com.

(APPENDIX I.)

Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

It is true much has been done for the conversion of the world already, yet the commission given by the Savior to his disciples to preach the Gospel to every creature, is not complied with. There are millions of the human family now in heathen darkness. Our duty to give them the Gospel is seen and felt to some extent. But we do not feel it as sensibly as did the Apostle Paul when he said I have a heaviness and continued sorrow in my heart for my brethren, the Jews. The Gospel is God's method of saving men, and if the heathen are enlightened and saved, we must send it to them. If, then, it is our duty to give it to them, here is a work in which every pious individual may engage. A great and good work. A work in which angels would delight to engage. It is no less our duty now than formerly to devote ourselves to it. We have no excuse for withholding our service. When God shall call on us for our talents, there will be no use for us to say, I knew that thou wert a hard man reaping where thou hast not sown. It will not be a sufficient excuse at the bar of God to say we did not think he needed our aid. Devoted and self denying men are needed to preach to the destitute. Asia and Africa are ready to receive the Gospel. We have in these lands about fifty missionaries and teachers. The labors of these devoted men have not been in vain. They have under God been instrumental in the conversion of scores of souls during the past year. We believe before the world is converted to God. Christians must be more prayerful and self-denying and liberal. We, in compliance with a resolution passed by this body, recommend Saturday before the fifth Sunday in May next as a day of fasting and prayer for the blessing of God on the labors of our missionaries, Home as well as Foreign.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. A. CREATH, cha'n.

The above report was amended by appending the following resolution, viz :

Whereas, the number of missionaries in the foreign field ought to be ~~increased~~ increased, and recognising our duty to aid in such increase, therefore

Resolved, That a committee consisting of I. T. Tichenor, A. Van Hoose and C. F. Sturgis be appointed to endeavor to secure at least ten additional missionaries for the State of Alabama, and as they shall find suitable men to arrange with associations, churches or individuals for their support in connection with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

(APENDIX J.)

Report on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools report, that an increasing interest is felt in the subject of the religious instruction of the children connected with our congregations, and efforts are made to embrace even the children of parents who never attend the sanctuary. We have seen at least one noble-hearted man engaged in efforts to promote the religious instruction of the children of our land, traveling from place to place, visiting churches of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian denominations alike. Upon this mission we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st, *Resolved*, That in the view of this Convention, sufficient attention has not yet been given to this subject by our denomination either in regard to the establishment of Sabbath Schools in connection with our churches, or in the preparation and selection of suitable Sabbath school books.

2d, *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Convention encouragement should be given to the preparation and use of Baptist Sabbath school books in all schools connected with our churches.

3, *Resolved*, That this Convention do recommend to the churches of this State the establishment of a Sabbath school in connection with each church.

MINUTES

OF THE

Ala. Baptist Bible & Colporteur Society, SESSION AT GAINESVILLE, 1858.

DELEGATES—ASSOCIATIONS.

Eufaula.—A. VanHoose,
Bethlehem.—Z. G. Henderson, A. Hendrix.
Bigby.—R. F. Mattison.

CHURCHES.

Oakmulgee.—A. G. McCraw.
Uniontown.—J. G. Hudson, I. B. Vaiden.
Siloam.—W. H. McIntosh, R. Holman, J. B. Lovelace, A. B. Goodhue.

OTHER BODIES:

Shiloh Baptist Bible and Colporteur Society.—W. C. Cleveland.
Bethel " " " " " W. J. Parker, L. B.
Lane, J. Talbert.
Liberty Bible Society:—W. D. Harrington.

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

W. C. Buck, W. A. Cochran, A. T. M. Hundey, W. H. McIntosh, L.
W. Lawler, R. Holman, S. A. Creath.

LIFE MEMBERS.

W. Wilkes, J. M. Newnan.

LIFE DIRECTOR.

J. H. Brown.

Organized by the election of the following officers, viz :

I. T. Tichenor, President, A. B. Goodhue, Secretary.

Report of the Board of Directors adopted, Appendix A.

Adopted the act of Incorporation.

Resolved, To hold a mass meeting to-morrow night in place of the Bible sermon.

Appointed a committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Society.
J. M. Newman, W. N. Wyatt, W. T. Hendon.

Resolved, To dispense with the appointment of a preacher for the next session.

Requested the committee of the Convention on preaching to appoint speakers for mass meeting to-morrow night.

Appointed committee on Finance, L. W. Lawler, A. P. Bush, J. G. Hudson.

Appointed Auditing Committee. L. B. Lane, J. B. Lovlace, W. A. Cochran.

Treasurer's report referred to Auditing Committee.

Resolved, To hold the mass meeting in the Presbyterian house of worship.

Report of the committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Society adopted. A. G. McCraw, 1st Vice President, E. D. King, 2d Vice President.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

A. G. McCraw, President, J. Haralson, J. H. Burns, A. Andrews, J. E. Prestridge, C. E. Thames, G. C. Johnson, W. M. Ford, J. Johnson, C. H. Cleveland,

The committee also recommend that the Board appoint a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary and Treasurer.

Requested Rev. Mr. McIntosh to take up a collection for Bible purpose after the sermon in this house to-night.

Requested auxiliary Societies to make their reports to committee on Finance.

Instructed the Secretary to draw on the Treasurer for its pro rata share of expenses for publishing Minutes in connection with those of the Convention.

Appointed W. Wilkes, Treasurer, *protem*.

Resolved, That when this Society adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at the time and place of the meeting of the next Convention.

Adjourned to meet at the mass meeting to-morrow night.

SUNDAY, 7, P. M.

Mass meeting. Address by Rev. W. C. Buck.

Collections, \$120 75.

Adjourned to meet at 8 1-2, A. M., to-morrow.

MONDAY, 8 1-2, A. M.

Report of committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Biennial Convention, adopted. A. G. McCraw, I. T. Tichenor, P. E. Collins, A. Van Hoose, W. Howard, S. Henderson, W. H. McIntosh, D. P. Bestor, R. Holman, M. T. Sumner, H. Talbird, A. B. McWhorter, S. A. Creath, R. P. Lide, C. F. Sturgis, L. B. Lane, J. M. Newman, K. Hawthorn, J. T. Barron, W. B. Haralson, W. C. Buck, T. H. Watts, B. A. Blakey, J. J. Cloud, C. Battle, W. P. Chilton, D. Lee, W. Wilkes, W. W. Mason, T. J. Moulton, J. R. Hand, S. R. Freeman, W. N. Wyatt, S. H. Fowlkes.

Report of Auditing Committee adopted.

Treasurer's report adopted. Appendix B.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the chair.

TUESDAY, 8 1-2, A. M.

Report of Committee on Finance referred to the Board of Directors.

Instructed the Committee on Finance to pay over the funds to the Treasurer *protem*.

Appointed a committee to devise some plan by which the Minutes may be made to exhibit more fully the amounts contributed to the Society. J. G. Hudson, A. G. McCraw, W. H. McIntosh.

Referred all unfinished business to the Board.

Adjourned.

I. T. TICHENOR, *Pres't.*

A. B. GOODRUE, *Sec'y.*

[APPENDIX A.]

Report of the Executive Board of the Alabama Baptist Bible and Colporteur Society.

The Board herewith submit their fourth annual report. Soon after your last annual meeting, held in Talladega, Rev. T. G. Freeman resigned his agency, since which time no agent has been employed. Our Corresponding Secretary, Rev. F. M. Law, continued the labors of his office till the 30th August last, when from the precarious health of his family, he felt it his duty to resign, and has since accepted a mission to seamen in Mobile Bay. It will be seen, however, from the Treasurer's report that the receipts from contributions, and from the Depository sales are more than they were for last year. The distribution of Bibles, religious and denominational books and tracts by our Depository and the auxiliary societies, has been greater than that of any previous year. The colporteurs have been employed mainly by the Associational Societies, and their labors confined principally to the following Associations, to wit: Tuscaloosa, Caman, Central, Liberty, Tuskegee, Eufaula, Judson, Salem, Pine Barren, Bethlehem and Bethel. And besides, what has been done by colporteurs, a number of pastors of churches have rendered efficient service to the Board in the circulation of an evangelical literature. Of these we would mention the names of Elders J. S. Abbott, J. D. Kendrick, A. J. Waldrop, A. G. Thomason and Jesse A. Collins.

The auxiliary societies have failed to send in their annual reports, hence we are unable to embody them in our report. This is owing, doubtless, very much to the short time intervening between the end of the Associational year, and the time of making out our report.

The committee appointed at your last meeting to apply to the Legislature for an act of incorporation for the Society, performed that duty, and obtained a charter, a copy of which is herewith submitted. We also append the following statement of the condition of the Society:

Stock of books on hand, (at publisher's catalogue prices,)	\$3610 00
Accounts and bills receivable,	4547 93
Cash in hand of Treasurer,	109 62
Subscriptions now due,	2214 81
" not "	3611 22
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Amount of liabilities due and not due,	\$14093 58
	3526 27
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Present value,	\$10567 31
Amount of assets doubtful,	
Books in hands of colporteurs, &c.,	1608 73
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Total,	\$12176 04

Treasurer's Report.

DENT LAMAR, Treasurer in account with the Alabama Baptist Bible and Colporteur Society.

1857-8.		DR.	
To am't on hand.....	\$915 95	Leroy Doss.....	1 66
" " F. Com. Con....	611 47	Mary A Hibbler.....	10 00
" " " " B. Soc....	228 15	S Maxwell.....	5 00
Jas M Zimmerman.....	5 00	J R Webster.....	5 00
Bro Fiquett.....	5 00	W W Paschall.....	10 00
Dent Lamar.....	50 00	Thomas T Chilea.....	6 66
W A Melton.....	5 00	John Sears.....	8 30
A G McCraw.....	5 00	W M High.....	5 00
C R Avery.....	2 50	M Fleming.....	5 00
Reuben Jounson.....	1 00	T Thorpe.....	5 00
C W Lay.....	32 77	Jacob Griffith.....	10 00
James A Works.....	2 50	T R Ward.....	5 00
A T M Handey.....	10 00	J Adkins.....	5 00
Southern Bap Pub Soc....	45 76	Ulcansh church.....	20 00
W C Harris, Bibles.....	6 00	J B Williams.....	12 50
J M Russell.....	5 00	L Simmons.....	10 00
T J Russell.....	5 00	J Noble.....	2 00
Elkahatchie ch F B cause,..	17 50	J H Armstrong.....	2 00
J Lyon, Treas.....	91 70	A Foscue.....	3 00
J G Robertson, Treas.....	64 40	Mt Pleasant ch pub col....	4 10
Bethel Bible and Col Soc,..	25 00	David Compton.....	2 50
George H Kearse.....	5 00	W L Kelly.....	5 00
G C Johnson.....	5 00	J Daughdrill.....	2 00
Public collection, Talladega,	54 70	Dr L B Lane.....	4 10
W P Holman, Treasurer,..	8 00	H Holmes.....	55 50
S H Fowlkes.....	190 75	K Hawthorn.....	10 00
" " " Treas F B C..	8 00	Z G Henderson.....	25 00
B Stamps.....	78 45	J L Lockwood.....	5 00
Cash contributions collected		M C Nunn.....	5 00
by T G Freeman.....	354 80	W Hornbuckle.....	6 25
Rev W Wilkes.....	43 05	D G Sherman.....	5 00
D T Vincent.....	10 00	J B Fiquett.....	5 00
Samuel S Johnson.....	5 00	W D Lee.....	5 00
Mrs S Nunn.....	2 50	Julia A Barron.....	30 00
T R Honeycut.....	5 00	J L Lockwood.....	5 00
I W Suttle.....	10 00	W M Pleasant.....	10 00
C J Crews.....	5 00	S R Freeman.....	10 00
E B Woodfin.....	30 00	W Cole.....	5 00
J K Hawthorn.....	5 00	J Evans.....	10 00
Mary E Bethea.....	1 00	E Tabb.....	10 00
W F Perry.....	16 66	Dr. Ball.....	3 00
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J M Newman.....	12 50	G A B Underwood.....	1 00
Dr W C Stewart, Sr.....	5 00	L Johnson.....	10 00
Elizabeth Clay.....	10 00	C L Warford.....	12 50

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A P Bush,.....	10 00	C C Pegues,	5 00
W Hudson,.....	5 00	T H Lewis,	2 50
W A Buck,.....	10 00	T W Walker,	5 00
T P Miller,.....	25 00	T G Rainer,	5 00
E A Shaffer,.....	5 00	A Andrews,	25 00
J H Gary,.....	5 00	J Borders,	20 00
J B Witter,.....	2 50	B M Fluker,	4 00
J H Bostwick,.....	5 00	J J Bullington,	3 00
A W Daniel,.....	5 00	George Hill,	10 00
C D McCrimmon,.....	5 00	J P Oden,	3 30
D R Lide,.....	5 00	W Harris,	2 00
J H Lide,.....	3 00	C R Avery,	7 50
L W Lide,.....	10 00	J J Freeman,	20 00
J M Lide,.....	5 00	L W Lawler,	10 00
R P Lido,.....	10 00	J M Lanuing,	4 00
M E Lide,.....	5 00	S B Glazener,	1 00
W M Rumph,.....	10 00	Martha Wilson,	5 00
D Lamar,.....	50 00	W Jenkins,	5 00
James Nunn,.....	50 00	W W Pope,	5 00
G P Drysdale,.....	20 00	F M Law,	50 00
H A Haralson,.....	13 30	I U Wilkes,	5 00
W M Ford,.....	25 00	A G Hudson,	20 00
A Burr,.....	6 25	J S Dickenson,	5 00
L A Daniel,.....	5 00	W Cleveland, Treasurer,	21 50
T C Daniel,.....	6 25	A F Hall,	1 00
A Muckle,.....	12 50	N Bozeman,	5 00
C Woodfin,.....	5 00	Cash,	15 00
Dr J I Lamar,.....	10 00	Miss A J Pratt,	24 00
R A Clay,.....	12 50	Mulberry Association,	4 00
Miss Sallie A Lamar,.....	10 00	J M Clay,	5 00
L C Tutt,.....	5 00	John S Ford,	5 00
Ruth Wiley,.....	5 00	Lilburn Smith Fox,	1 00
John Moore,.....	2 50	Cahaba Association,	10 30
H Talbird,.....	5 00	" " Asso B and C Soc	104 00
W G England,.....	2 50	D T Vincent,	5 00
J B Lovelace,.....	5 00	Oakmulgie, church,	20 00
E A Blunt,.....	5 00	Payne & Mark,	5 00
Mary A Tarrant,.....	2 50	K Wells,	2 50
N K Davls,.....	5 00	J M Wells,	2 50
J F Burns,.....	2 50	G W Mills,	5 00
J H Burns,.....	12 50	Eufaula Association,	20 00
M Burns,.....	5 00	Garland Goodo	179 71
W B Milton,.....	12 50		
J L Oden,.....	3 50	Total contributions,	\$4793 24
R L Tinker,.....	10 00	Cash on sales,	4980 36
W H Burr,.....	6 25	" of R Hagood,	100 00
William Edwards,.....	11 25	" " Sundries,	63 21
L L Fox,.....	10 00	" " C W Hare,	76 00
J L Brown,.....	10 00	" " D Dykous,	7 00
W H Hibbler,.....	15 00		
Gainesville Ladies B. Soc..	33 70	Total receipts,	\$10019 70
John Denton,.....	1 75	Rec'd from some source un-	
Peter Wler,.....	19 75	accounted for,	195 57
E L Adams,.....	10 00		
L Oliver,.....	15 00		
D Jean,.....	2 00		<u>10215 28</u>

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The list is presumed to be very imperfect, and the Secretary would be glad to have sent to him at Marion any names not herein found, that a more complete list may hereafter be made.

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P Archer, Cove Creek,	E Cody, Franklin,
J E Albritton, Geneva,	D Cumbie, Skipperville,
I R Arnold, Scottsville,	J J Cooper, Geneva,
W Ashcraft, Pleasant Ridge,	J G Collins, Allenton,
J N Acker, Carrollton,	I Clayton, Louisville,
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W C Buck, Selma,	P M Callaway, Hardaway,
J M Bayliss, Tensaw,	P Callaway, LaFayette,
A W Bullard, Tchopka,	A A Connolla, Spring Hill,
J E Bell, Greenville,	H Creighton, Grove Hill,
B H Banks, Pea River,	W L Cochran, Perryville,
J C Bass, Buckhorn,	C J Crews, Morgan Springs,
J J Bullington, Syllacogga,	W H Carroll, Columbiana,
A J Battle, Tuscaloosa,	R Christian, Opelika,
C L Burks, Notasulga,	L Culbreth, Pea River,
M Bennett, Dover,	W Campbell, Bladon Springs,
J P W Brown, Uchee,	W N Chandler, Hokes Bluff,
J Bankston, Nixburg,	G W Carmichael, New Market,
M Bishop, Greenville,	J S Cooper, Starlington,
J T Bayliss, Bell's Landing,	C W Craw, White Plains,
J Britton, De Soto,	J H Colley, Central Institute,
J F Bidloe, LaFayette,	R Carson, Pleasant Hill,
W Baptist, Dayton,	J J Cloud, Lockland,
T H Ball, Jackson,	John Dennis, Orrville,
J F Beaul, Centreville,	F S Dew, Newton,
W S Barton, Montgomery,	L L D Witt, Choctaw Corner,
A Bacill, Six Mile,	R Dodson, Northport,
W S Barksade, Brighton,	J Deloach, Reform,
J C Beverly, Oaklucky,	B Duncan, Yorkville,
P Belcher, Eufaula,	W C Davidson, Wind Creek,
C Bain, Knoxville,	M N Ely, Union Springs,
A G Beckham, Bluff Springs,	D Elkin, Dover,
W P Bryan, Daleville,	O Echols, Tuskegee,
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 O Franklin,
 J C Foster, Foster's,
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 W J Kierec, Elba
 Robert Keita, Burnsville
 P H Lundey, Pleasant Hill
 I Lyon, Benton
 D Lee, Mt Willing
 W B Lacy, Greenwood
 William Lee, Louisville
 G Longmire, Turnbull
 G Leverett, Milltown
 F C Lowery, McKinley
 F M Law, Mobile
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 O Lawrence, Blount Springs
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 D S Moore, Milltown
 H Moore, Cedar Grove,
 P S Montgomery, Reckville,
 E Mitchell, Addison,
 W C Morrow, Bellville,
 J A Mullins, Mullins,
 J C McDaniel, Ramer,
 M G Matthews, Woodshop,
 S Minton, Spring Garden,
 S McWhorter, Rabbit Town,
 William McCarra, Troy,
 G Mynatt, Easta Boga,
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 J H Norton, Chanabatchee,
 J Nicholls, Wetumpka,
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 A M Norris Winterboro,

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 William Richards, Bowdon,
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