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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist State Convention,

HELD AT MARION, ALA.,

IN THE SILOAM HOUSE OF WORSHIP,

November 6th, 7th and 9th, 1868.

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PROCEEDINGS.

MARION, November 6th, 1868, 11, A. M.

The Convention, after attending to the reading of the Scriptures and engaging in singing and prayer, was called to order by Rev. J. L. M. Curry. R. F. Manly was requested to act as Secretary.

On the call for Delegates, the following were enrolled :

ASSOCIATIONS.

Alabama—S. W. Lide, J. E. Pouncey.

Bigbee—Rev. J. C. Wright, N. M. Carpenter.

Coosa River—Rev. S. Henderson, Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe.

Bethel—Rev. L. L. Fox.

Providence—Rev. G. F. Williams.

Tuskegee—W. A. Mason, Rev. E. B. Teague.

Union—Rev. W. Ashcraft, Rev. J. C. Foster, A. Horton, B. M. Wilkerson.

Central—Rev. G. E. Brewer.

Cahaba—Rev. J. S. Ford, A. Cureton.

Tuscaloosa—R. F. Manly.

CHURCHES.

St. Francis Street, Mobile—Rev. G. F. Williams.

2d Church, Montgomery—Rev. A. C. Barron.

Selma—W. Hudson, J. Haralson, W. C. Ward.

Siloam—P. King, O. L. Shivers, J. B. Lovelace, W. B. Lawson, A. B. Woodfin.

Marine Street, Mobile—Rev. G. F. Williams.

Tuskaloosa—R. F. Manly.

LIFE MEMBERS.

J. H. Lee, Rev. J. L. M. Curry, Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Rev. A. J. Battle, J. B. Lovelace, J. F. Bailey, C. C. Huckabee, Rev. H. Talbird, D. R. Lide, Rev. S. R. Freeman, A. B. Goodhue, Rev. L. L. Fox, J. Kynerd.

The Convention then proceeded to elect a President and a Secretary. As the result of the balloting, Rev. S. Henderson was elected President, and R. F. Manly Secretary.

The first business in order, was the hearing of reports from various brethren in reference to the State of Religion in their respective neighborhoods. After singing a hymn, very interesting statements were made by brethren Brewer, Teague and Wright; when, on motion of brother Battle, the hearing of further reports was deferred, on account of the lateness of the hour, till to-morrow at 11½ o'clock.

The hours for the session of the Convention were fixed at 9 and 3, for beginning, and 12½ and 5 for the close, each day.

The President appointed brethren Kynerd and Warren Hudson, with the Pastor and Deacons of Siloam church, a Committee on Religious Exercises; and announced that the Introductory Sermon would be preached this evening at 7½ o'clock, by brother Renfroe.

The Convention then adjourned.

3 O'CLOCK, P.M.

The following brethren were recognized as official representatives:

Rev. M. T. Sumner, Corresponding Secretary Domestic Board of Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. J. L. M. Curry, for Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

The President filled up the Standing Committees as follows:

Foreign Missions—S. R. Freeman, J. S. Ford, W. T. Hudson.

Domestic Missions—J. J. D. Renfroe, Geo. E. Brewer, Wm. Ashcraft.

Education—E. B. Teague, M. T. Sumner, L. L. Fox.

Sunday Schools—A. C. Barron, J. C. Foster, W. H. McIntosh.

State of Religion—G. F. Williams, J. W. Hudson, W. A. Mason.

To Nominate Preachers for next Session—D. R. Lide, C. C. Huckabee, J. Kynerd.

To Nominate Remaining Officers of Convention—A. J. Battle, J. J. D. Renfroe, B. F. Hendon.

Finance—J. W. Hudson, Porter King.

To Nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—M. T. Sumner, J. J. D. Renfroe, E. B. Teague, B. F. Hendon, J. C. Wright.

In view of his eminent services on behalf of some of the interests of this Convention, on motion of brother Renfroe, brother M. T. Sumner was unanimously voted a life member of the Convention.

Rev. S. Henderson, brother McIntosh being in the chair, made a verbal report and statement, on behalf of the Committee on Religious Instruction of Colored People, which he was requested to embody in writing, to be presented in the Minutes.

The Report of Trustees of Howard College was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

The annual Reports of the Board for the year furnished full statements of the financial condition of the College. A brief recapitulation, with such changes as have taken place since our last Report, (1867,) exhibits its present condition.

The continued depressed condition of the country has forbidden any attempt to collect notes due the College. The Trustees have been arranging to put a collector in the field shortly, with instructions to close up the affairs of the College as speedily as possible, and upon the best terms that he can make. For this purpose we hope to secure the services of Dr. Wm. T. Hendon, a gentleman, in our opinion, possessing peculiar qualifications for this delicate and responsible work. The effort to raise, by a voluntary contribution, a sum sufficient to pay the salary of the President, was but partially successful—amounting to \$——. Before the close of the session ending June, 1868, the President tendered his resignation, which was, after mature deliberation, reluctantly accepted by the Board. We cannot forbear expressing our sense of the loss which not only Howard College, but the cause of education and religion in the State, has sustained by his removal. In order to settle, in part, with the President, and other members of the Faculty, the sum of \$1,900 00 was borrowed from the Board of Directors, out of the fund arising from the sale of the Baptist house of worship, in Greensboro, securing the same by notes of persons known to be solvent.

At the annual meeting of the Board it was found necessary to re-organize the Faculty. Without the means of paying the salaries of the officers, it was useless to elect them. The Board, therefore, determined to elect a President, and offer him the use of the buildings, apparatus, &c., free of rent; to be kept in like good order as he should find them, and permit him to select his own Faculty, subject to the approval of the Trustees. To this position, Prof. E. Quinn Thornton was unanimously elected. He accepted the appointment upon the condition that the Board of Trustees would become responsible for the tuition of forty pupils over the first sixty; that is to say, that he would take the risk of obtaining sixty, if the deficit should be made good by the Board between that number and one hundred—the number which would make the College self-sustaining. The importance of keeping up the Institution was so deeply impressed upon the Trustees, that they acceded to this proposition. The number of students enrolled to this time, is ——, a larger number than we have had at any time since 1860. By proper efforts on the part of the friends of the College, in every part of the State, we are confident that the patronage can be increased to one hundred students by the close of the present year; and to a much greater number during the session. We are endeavoring to make it self-sustaining; but to do so, two things are essential: First—the system of scholarships must be abolished. To almost every application for the surrender of this privilege, the response has been favorable. Still, there are a few who claim it, and, when claimed, it is not disputed; but it must be evident that, without an endowment, and dependent upon tuition for a support, many such demands would close its doors. Second—The friends of the College must increase its patronage. This can be done, both directly and indirectly, by sending their own sons and wards to it, and by using their influence to induce others to do so. We take great pleasure in acknowledging the interest manifested by the Alumni of the College, and their valuable aid and cooperation in our efforts to preserve it. Many of these gentlemen are not members of our churches, nor indeed connected with any denomination; yet, with a zeal that makes us their debtors, they have come to the rescue of their Alma Mater, and are earnestly working to secure its permanent prosperity. We earnestly appeal to the members of this Convention, and to the Baptists in the State, for their assistance and cooperation in our efforts to preserve this cherished institution of learning, and to perpetuate its blessings to our country. Secure for it the patronage of which it is worthy, and it will live and prosper. We do not now ask for an endowment, for your sons, whom you must educate some where. The Faculty consists, at present,

of E. Quinn Thornton, A.M., President, and Prof. of Chemistry and Modern Languages; A. B. Goodhue, A. M., Prof. of Mathematics and Physics; and I. B. Vaiden, A.M., in the Preparatory Department. Prof. D. G. Sherman was appointed to the chair of Ancient Languages. His death was a severe blow to the College. With high scholarship, he combined earnestness of purpose, and a conscientiousness in the discharge of his duties, which secured in him an efficient and faithful instructor. The duties of his chair are at present divided among the other members of the Faculty. As soon as the number of students shall justify it, the vacancy will be filled.

Since your last meeting, two of the most valued friends of the College have been removed by death—J. H. Brown, and Wm. N. Wyatt. The former was, at the time of his death, a Trustee; the latter had been, for many years, until the last. Both of them were devoted friends and liberal benefactors. Brother Brown contributed the largest amount ever made to the endowment of the College by one man, besides large amounts to the education of young men preparing for the ministry. Of princely wealth, he gave with princely generosity. In the affairs of the College, as in every department of Christian love in which we are engaged, the loss of our beloved brother Wyatt will long be felt. Few men were wiser in council, or more earnest in spirit, than he. May He who endowed the lamented dead with the graces that adorned their lives, and which have left behind them the fragrance of blessed memories, raise up successors who shall be worthy to wear their mantles.

Brother John Haralson was elected by the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of brother Brown. Brother Isaac Billingsley has resigned his place in the Board. This vacancy should be supplied.

INDEBTEDNESS OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

To A. B. Goodhue, balance to 1st July, 1868, account to be audited..	\$ 3,402 06
To A. B. Goodhue, 1st July, 1868.....	928 00
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	\$4,330 06
To E. Q. Thornton, balance without interest to 1st. July, 1867.....	1,206 43
To I. B. Vaiden, balance to 1st. July, 1867	1,762 50
To D. R. Lide, to 1st. July, 1867	389 57
To D. R. Lide, (Confederate balance).....	1,617 97
To Rev. J. L. M. Curry, balance on note.....	922 71
Borrowed from Alabama Baptist State Convention.....	1,990 00
To Phister Montgomery.....	382 05
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Total.....	\$10,983 32

On motion of brother McIntosh, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Convention make the consideration of the interests of Howard College the special order for 7 o'clock to-morrow evening, and that brethren Teague and Curry be requested to address the meeting.

Resolved, That the Alumni of Howard College, and other friends of the Institution, are respectfully invited to participate in the deliberations of the meeting.

The report of the Trustees of the Judson was then read, and, on motion, was referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF JUDSON INSTITUTE TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST CONVENTION, NOVEMBER 6TH, 1868.

In presenting our annual report to the Convention, we would first acknowledge our obligations to our Heavenly Father for his favoring providence over our beloved Institute during the past year, and the privilege afforded us of meeting the representatives of the churches in the Convention, under whose auspices the Judson has attained its high character.

Since your last meeting, we have been called to mourn the death of our late lamented President, Wm. N. Wyatt. During the greater part of its history, he was an active and influential member of the Board; and the Institute was to him dear as the apple of his eye. He watched over its interests with tender and zealous care, never permitting it to suffer when he could aid, nor countenancing recklessness nor imprudence in the administration of its affairs. No little of the eminent success of this noble Institution is due to the wisdom of his counsels, the fervor of his devotion, and the generosity of his beneficence in its behalf. But he is gone from this field of toil and responsibility to another sphere of ampler range, more exalted employments, and nobler rewards. May the example he has left us ever stimulate and encourage us to noble aims and unflinching constancy. We mourn his loss, but rejoice that he is in full fruition of his reward.

The scholastic year ending July 2d, 1868, was a period of unprecedented financial difficulty. Individual bankruptcy, and paralysis of every branch of business, rendered existence almost a problem, and placed our institutions of learning in extreme jeopardy. Nevertheless, by Divine favor our cherished Judson was enabled not only to hold its way, but to maintain throughout an efficient organization, and to exhibit a result which, in all important respects, has never been surpassed in its entire history. Its annual register of pupils contained 130 names—a number larger than any similar institution in the State had on its rolls. The usual high standard of scholarship and discipline was maintained, and the health of the pupils was unusually good.

The Commencement Exercises—the 30th in course—attracted much interest, and elicited from visitors, among whom were distinguished educators of other denominations, the most flattering eulogiums. Seventeen young ladies, members of the Senior Class, completed the regular course and received Diplomas of the First Degree. It was generally conceded that no similar occasion has surpassed it in interest and brilliancy.

A most important movement has been inaugurated during the past year, which promises the most beneficial results for our school. We refer to "The Society of Alumnae," organized among the graduates of the Institute, whose object is to promote permanent sisterly union and sympathy, and to foster perpetual devotion to Alma Mater. This Society has already made provision for the education in the Institute of several indigent children, who are known as the beneficiaries of the Alumnae.

The present session opened October 5th, with an encouraging patronage. Already 112 names have been entered on the register, of which 40 are those of pupils from a distance. The Senior Class numbers 16.

The Board of Instruction and Government, under the direction of the able President, Rev. A. J. Battle, is composed of twelve accomplished teachers and officers. These are, without exception, highly capable, earnest and faithful in their several spheres of labor. Never, in its palmiest days, could the Judson have boasted a more perfect organization, or a finer array of talent. The boarding department is still under the direction of brother D. R. Lide. We but express the universal sentiment of all familiar with the operations of the department, when we say that no incumbent could be found better fitted for this responsible and difficult position. The excellence of his arrangements, and the superiority of his refectory, are acknowledged by all who become inmates of the department. Mrs. Daniel and Mrs. Harrell continue their valuable services. The pupils, thus far, are diligent, orderly and lady-like—the material being of an unusually superior stamp.

With the continued blessing of a favoring Providence, we anticipate a year of rich fruitage and abundant success.

In conclusion, we commend anew this long-established and fully-proved Institution, to the favor of our brethren, and would earnestly appeal to them for support. We have stood the ordeal of these troublous times with difficulty. It has been barely possible to keep it up to its former standard. The storm is still raging around us; the good ship barely buoys the billows. Lend a helping hand, give it your patronage, and recommend it to your neighbors and friends, and we shall yet outride the tempest and reënter the tranquil harbor of prosperity. All of which is respectfully submitted. PORTER KING,

President Board of Trustees.

A letter from brother Jas. B. Taylor, urging upon the Convention the claims of the Foreign Mission field, was read and laid on the table till the Committee on Foreign Missions should report.

A communication from Rev. S. P. Richardson, Agent of the American Bible Society, inviting the official and denominational coöperation of this body, was presented; when, on motion of brother Teague, the President appointed a Committee to draft a suitable reply. The Committee are brethren Teague, McIntosh, and Hendon.

On motion of brother Warren Hudson, one half hour of each day, beginning at 10 o'clock, was set apart for devotional exercises.

On motion, the Convention adjourned till the evening.

7½ O'CLOCK, P.M.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by J. J. D. Renfroe, from parts of the 23d and 35th verses of the 10th chapter of Hebrews.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7th.

MORNING SESSION.

After singing a hymn, and prayer by brother Ashcraft, the Convention was called to order, and the minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of brother Geo. E. Brewer, the President appointed a committee to draft a regular Order of Business, consisting of brethren Geo. E. Brewer, Jno. C. Foster, and A. J. Battle.

On motion of brother McIntosh, the following persons were recognized in their official capacity, and invited to participate in the business of the Convention, viz: Rev. B. Manly, jr., Agent Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Rev. Theodore Whitfield, Corresponding Secretary Mississippi Convention.

Rev. E. B. Teague, on behalf of Committee on Education, read a report, which, on motion of brother C. C. Huckabee, was laid on the table until this evening, when the report should again be read.

The hour appointed for devotional exercises having arrived, brother Wright led the devotions of the Convention.

Rev. Geo. E. Brewer read the report of the Committee on Order of Exercises, which was amended and adopted.

The President appointed I. B. Vaiden and John Haralson, Auditing Committee.

Rev. Samuel Freeman, on the part of the Committee on Foreign Missions, read the following report.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The command of our blessed Lord to preach the gospel to every creature, is not subject to modification by any or all the circumstances that may arise in the history of time. The command was given by the Son of God, in the full exercise of His unbounded authority as the minister of the new and everlasting covenant. He clearly foresaw all the contingencies that would arise in the progressive history of the gospel. He well knew that His people would pass through seasons of severest trial, darkest gloom and heaviest depression—that bloody persecution would drive the faithful to the dens and caves of the earth, and the red hand of war would desolate whole lands; and remove entirely from their possession the earth, wealth and pleasures of His people. But, foreseeing all this, he made no provision to modify the command under the pressure of any circumstances. It stands in full force in every age, and under the positive, immutable command of the highest authority in the universe, enjoining on every follower of Christ a duty, in language so plain that its import cannot be misunderstood. Alas! how prone is man to imagine that the positive command of our blessed Lord may be modified at the option of His subjects. But this command stands far above all such unholy conceits. He does not say, when your wealth is a burden to you, and you have more than heart could wish, and all the surroundings are favorable, then preach the gospel. But the injunction is to preach it, and there is no way to evade the responsibility but by disclaiming all relationship to Christ. No excuse will exonerate a professed follower of Christ from this, the greatest of all duties. Can a follower of Christ plead poverty? Let him stand before Jesus with this plea on his lips, and the Saviour's reply is, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head." Let him stand before Paul and say, I once was rich and could give for the spread of the gospel, but mi-fortune has made me so poor that I can do nothing now. Paul's reply is, "ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."

The absolute poverty of Christ was necessary that He might give us the gospel, with its full blessing of salvation; and poverty, therefore, cannot constitute a reason why we should not give the same blessed gospel to others. It is evident, furthermore, that the Saviour did not and does not depend upon those who have the largest amount of this world's goods to spread His gospel to the ends of the earth; for He gave it to the poor, and its history shows that through the instrumentality of the poor it has been preached down to the present time. But whether in poverty's vale or abounding in wealth, the broad command is in full force on every lover of Jesus.

Should it be said that the want of success, where the gospel has been preached among the heathen, justifies indifference on the part of Christians? This has nothing to do with our duty. If not a man in all China, or Africa, or the islands of the sea, should believe the gospel, our duty is still the same. Who dare question the divine authority, or sit in judgment on the wisdom of His command? But the blessing of the Lord has attended the preaching of the gospel. Our brethren to day, in foreign lands, give us cheering news of its success, and that God, who moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform, is opening

the way for its free access to the strongholds of Satan in pagan lands. Dear brethren, can we come to Jesus as His true disciples and say, Lord, we have done what thou hast commanded—we have preached the gospel to every creature? Could a Carey and a Judson confer with us to-day, would they say, brethren, you have done enough, cease from your labors, because the work is hard and success is gained at too great a sacrifice? Our duty is plain in the command of our blessed Lord, and as long as we are His people, and there remains a sinner unsaved, we must give him the gospel, at whatever cost or sacrifice.

Respectfully submitted.

S. R. FREEMAN.

After remarks from brethren J. L. M. Curry and Theodore Whitfield, the report was laid on the table for the present.

The hour having arrived, the Convention then proceeded to hear reports on the State of Religion—Rev. W. H. McIntosh being in the Chair.

Full and explicit reports were received from brethren Renfroe and Fox, and some remarks from brother Curry.

Rev. E. B. Teague, on the part of the Committee appointed to reply to the communication of Rev. S. P. Richardson, read the following answer, which was adopted :

The Committee to whom was referred a suitable response to a communication from the Agent of the American Bible Society, offer the following :

WHEREAS, This Convention has received a respectful overture from Rev. S. P. Richardson, Agent of the American Bible Society, for official coöperation with that Society in the distribution of the Bible among the destitute in the State; and whereas, this Convention is clothed with no such power as that presumed in the overture; therefore,

Resolved, That we hail with gratitude every well-directed effort to place the Word of God in the hands of every family in the country, and appreciate the noble services rendered by the American Bible Society in this behalf; that we shall always be prepared, as individuals, to indicate our interest in the labors of this Society, on all suitable occasions, and in every appropriate way.

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Convention communicate this action of the body to the party from whom the overture comes, as an assurance of Christian consideration and cordial good feeling.

Respectfully,

E. B. TEAGUE, *Chairman*.

Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe read the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions, which, on motion of brother Freeman, was laid on the table until to-morrow night, when a mass meeting would be held to consider that subject.

Rev. A. J. Battle read the following report of the Committee to Nominate Remaining Officers of the Convention, which was adopted :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE REMAINING OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.

Rev. W. H. McIntosh, 1st Vice President; Rev. E. B. Teague, 2d Vice President; Prof. E. Q. Thornton, Corresponding Secretary; S. H. Fowlkes, Treasurer.

DIRECTORS.

A. J. Battle, M. T. Sumner, Jno. Moore, J. B. Lovelace, J. H. Lee, D. R. Lide, I. B. Valden, J. F. Bailey, E. A. Blunt.

A. J. BATTLE,
J. J. D. RENFROE, } *Committee.*
B. F. HENDON.

Rev. M. T. Sumner read the report of the Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held at Macon, Ga., on Thursday before the second Sunday in May, 1869, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rev. S. Henderson, Rev. E. B. Teague, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer, J. M. Hart, James Headen, Rev. E. T. Smith, Rev. J. J. D. Renfro, Rev. W. Wilkes, Rev. Rufus Figh, Rev. B. T. Smith, Rev. A. G. Rains, James Walker, Willis Maxwell, Rev. F. H. Moss, Rev. A. C. Hearn, Rev. C. A. Stanton, Rev. J. J. Clond, Jerre Clond, Rev. W. E. Lloyd, Rev. W. A. Mason, W. W. Mason, Rev. Wm. H. Carroll, C. A. Battle, Rev. J. S. Paullin, Rev. M. B. Wharton, John Gill Shorter, Rev. P. M. Calhaway, Rev. P. H. Landy, Rev. J. E. Bell, Rev. M. Bishop, Rev. D. Lee, Rev. A. C. Barron, Rev. I. T. Tichenor, Rev. T. C. Boykin, J. M. Brooks, Wm. Lawson, O. D. Cox, Rev. J. C. Wright, I. C. Brown, A. P. Bush, Rev. W. Ashcraft, Rev. L. L. Fox, Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Rev. A. J. Battle, Rev. S. R. Freeman, Rev. J. C. Foster, Rev. Chas. Manly, W. W. Walter, T. H. Watts, W. P. Chilton, B. B. Davis, I. F. Bledsoe, Rev. D. W. Gwin, J. W. Hindson, J. W. Suttle, L. W. Lawler, T. P. Miller, Rev. W. N. Reeves, J. A. Walker, Rev. J. R. Malone, Rev. C. W. Hare, Porter King, Rev. G. F. Williams, Rev. M. T. Sumner. M. T. SUMNER, *Chairman*.

The Committee to nominate the preacher of the Introductory Sermon for next Session, reported Rev. S. R. Freeman, with Rev. Geo. E. Brewer as alternate.

Rev. E. B. Teague being in the Chair, brother Henderson read the report of the Committee on Instruction of Colored People, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

A few facts and some suggestions are all that we can venture to embody in this report. It would be unandid in us to base a report upon partial observations of particular localities, to excite hopes on the one hand that would never be realized, or to awaken fears on the other that were groundless. And, without pausing to enquire into the causes which have contributed to produce those rapid changes developed in the moral and religious condition of our colored population within the last three or four years, candor compels us to say, that, in many places, the evidences of deterioration are painful and striking. Naturally superstitious and credulous, no delusions are too absurd to find entrance into their minds. Indeed, the more absurd and unreasonable the delusion, the more ready the passport to their credulity. In some places, the Bible is practically repudiated and denounced as the "white man's book," and they have surrendered themselves to the guidance of "prophets" and "prophetesses," who are leading them into every abominable and revolting excess of idolatry. These deluded "prophets" and "prophetesses" have been known to go through the mock process of death for particular "sinners," and then pronounce the sins of the party forgiven, on which they are taken and baptized, and persuaded that they surely will be saved. The most serious and persistent efforts of the white people avail nothing with these deluded creatures. Reason and remonstrance are alike set at defiance. And as to the Bible, it has no more authority with them than the Koran. Any person among them who professes to be inspired, male or female, administers the ordinance of baptism. No standard of Christian character seems to be recognized. A bare rehearsal of a

dream or some startling vision is all that is necessary to secure fellowship in their churches. And as to church discipline, they seem to know or care nothing for it. The marriage tie appears to be less binding among them than it ever was known to be in the days of slavery. Petty thefts have increased to an alarming extent.

Your Committee would not be understood as saying that the revolting picture is characteristic of the entire race. We are glad to report that, in some localities, there are evidences that they at least are not declining, if not advancing, in moral and religious culture. And this is a sufficient motive for us to put forth our best efforts in their behalf. We cannot too earnestly urge our brethren to embrace every occasion which may offer to arrest that tide of evil which threatens, at no distant day, to involve this entire race in this country in hopeless ruin. We should encourage schools among them—seek out the wisest and best men of their race, who possess the proper gifts, and consecrate them to the ministerial work—superintend the organization of colored churches wherever it is practicable, and, by every means in our power, promote the cultivation of their plety. As a denomination, we stand ready to coöperate with any and every agency, from whatever source it may come, that has any promise of ameliorating the condition of our colored people.

SAMUEL HENDERSON.

After considerable discussion, participated in by brethren Freeman, Talbird, Battle, Foster and others, the report was laid on the table for the present.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported preaching on Sunday morning—Baptist church, Rev. J. L. M. Curry; M. E. church, Rev. Geo. E. Brewer; Presbyterian church, Rev. Theodore Whitfield; Disciples, Rev. J. C. Wright.

3 o'clock, P. M.

Sunday School mass meeting addresses by Rev. B. Manly, Jr., and Rev. J. L. M. Curry. Colored people by brother L. L. Fox.

7 o'clock.—Meeting in behalf of Domestic Missions. Addresses by brethren Teague, Renfroe and Sumner.

At 7½ o'clock the Convention assembled, and was led in prayer by Rev. B. Manly, Jr.

Rev. E. B. Teague then read the report of the Committee on Education, which, after short addresses from Rev. E. B. Teague, Capt. P. Lockett, Rev. Sam'l Freeman, and Rev. J. L. M. Curry, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that the alliance of religion and learning has been auspicious and happy. The relations of religion and education are still more intimate and important: it is the object of both to train responsible immortal beings for the great future. If the education of the people be turned over to the State, there is danger of its being atheistic, deistic, or forcedly sectarian.

The fathers of our denomination in the State recognized the interdependence of religion and education, and addressed themselves with much prayer and energy to the task before them. They achieved great things,—founding and putting into successful operation two institutions, that remain to us as a legacy, which we must husband and use. These institutions have made their mark on the

times, sending forth into the professions and higher walks of life, but especially into the ministry, many of the ablest and most useful men who serve their day and generation, and many of the most accomplished and lovely Christian women, who are the pride and the boast of our Southern society. Shall we prove recreant to the trust we have inherited, and become, in our lethargy and despondency, the degenerate sons of noble sires? or shall we not rather feel stimulated to higher efforts, as we stand on the vantage ground secured to us by our fathers?

One of these institutions, the Judson Female Institute, has been eminently successful through its whole history, and continues so, as its present patronage shows, through the depressing sequences of war. This has been due to able and efficient management, to the prestige of early success, and to the habit formed on the part of patrons of cheerfully paying a higher price for tuition to female schools, because they are unendowed. The Committee take pleasure in according their warmest appreciation of the judicious and comprehensive course of study prescribed in this institution, the perfection of its details, and the evidences of ability, tact and skill, in all its arrangements. The hand of its experienced and accomplished President, Rev. A. J. Battle, may be seen in all its appointments. They have also noticed with pleasure the action of the alumnae, proposing, as a society, to further its patronage, and succor it in every way possible. Under such auspices, the Judson may have its times of adversity, but its future is full of hope.

The Howard College, up to a recent date, was not less successful than the Judson. True, its patronage was not so great, but neither has the patronage of scarcely any male college in the country been large for the first twenty years of its history. It has not been the custom to send any large proportion of our young men to college, the grammar schools not supplying the material; the number of similar institutions was becoming large when the Howard commenced its career, and the fame of older establishments attracted the mass of students. Nevertheless, up to the latter years of the war, it was rapidly gaining reputation and increasing its patronage, and doing a character of work inferior, as the status of its alumnae demonstrates, to that of no institution in the country. Without endowment, to any considerable extent, its buildings, library, and apparatus still remain; and the coöperation of its friends with the alumni, whose pledges are worthy of all praise, must be perseveringly lent until its halls shall again be filled with ingenuous and studious youth. We are happy to be informed of a decided increase in the attendance of the current term. A faculty of great experience, whose past labors, attended with the highest success, have given them position, are ready, at any reasonable sacrifice, to coöperate with alumni, trustees, parents, and friends in training young men, who shall continue to give character to the institution over which they preside, and to whose interests some of them have manifested a devotion rarely indeed found among educators.

The great difficulty to be overcome is the prevalent notion that a university, where the principle of the division of labor may be introduced to the fullest extent, possesses such advantages that other institutions are not to be thought of as affording the necessary facilities for a high intellectual training. This is a great mistake, which sensible men must labor to correct. Universities furnish the best means of acquiring learning, in the highest import of that term, and are the proper places for those who, having fully laid the foundation elsewhere, wish to push inquiry for its own sake. But how few are prepared, in early life, to begin those investigations in literature or science for which the university proper offers any special advantages! Most young men who are to rank among the highly educated, even, are able to achieve nothing more than the ordinary college curriculum. They need nothing, therefore, but the grammar school and the college. These facts ought to be impressed upon our people. Neither are we proposing an imperfect training. Facts prove that colleges have not been less successful in educating men, in the just sense of that term, than universities. There is a difference between education and learning, the one by no means always implying the other. Such men as Dr. John Mason, of New York,

whose pulpit abilities discouraged the great Robert Hall, Timothy Dwight, Justices Marshall and O'Neal, John Harris, the author of *Mammoth*, John Pyc Smith, and a host of their peers, living and deceased, were trained in colleges. And, so far as true education is concerned, facts afford no proof that the training of the Continental universities, even, has any advantage over the higher order of colleges, either in Europe or America. He who has made himself a linguist, a mathematician, and an adept in the elements of the most important sciences, as the means of developing his mental powers for future investigations, in connection with his specialty, is well equipped, and unless learning, scholarship, in its highest sense, be the great object of his life, will not find himself a whit behind the scions of the university.

Such training as we have indicated, as the wants of the many who aspire to be educated men demand, the Howard is abundantly prepared to afford. This fact practically recognized, the liberality of its more fortunate friends evoked to supplement the income from tuition fees, until a more auspicious day dawn, and the faculty of instruction prepared to assume their share of the sacrifices demanded by every great enterprise, and there is every reason to feel assured of a future for the Howard.

There are excellent institutions for the education of females at Tuskegee, LaFayettee, Tuskaloosa, and Greenville, partially or wholly under the direction of the denomination, some of them doing well.

Though the subject be not strictly within the purview of the objects of the Convention, the Committee would regard it wise, whenever practicable, that the churches throughout the State make it an object to sustain good elementary schools in connection with every church.

Rev. Wm. H. McIntosh gave information as to the cost of attending Howard College.

On Motion, the Reports of Howard College and the Judson were ordered to be spread on the Minutes of the Convention.

The Secretary was instructed to incorporate in the Minutes a few statements to be furnished by Rev. B. Manly, Jr., in regard to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

This Institution has heretofore received the cordial endorsement of the Alabama Baptist Convention, and its claims on the liberality of Alabama Baptists have been fully recognized. It needs funds for the support of its Professors, who are dependent for their support on voluntary current contributions, as free will offerings from year to year, as the endowment was almost wholly lost, and no agent is in the field to collect.

It is also important that funds be raised to aid students who are either partially or wholly unable to sustain themselves, while prosecuting their studies. The present session, over forty students have matriculated already, and the number will doubtless exceed fifty. Arrangements are made by which board is furnished at cost, and it does not exceed about \$100 for the session of eight months.

The Seminary appeals to the Baptists of the South for liberal voluntary contributions. Money intended for the support of the Seminary, may be sent to the Rev. James P. Boyce, Treasurer, Greenville, S. C. Several hundred dollars are needed besides, to aid students for the Ministry—several of whom are entirely dependent on such help, and others need assistance to supplement their own slender means, which they have consecrated, as well as their own selves, to the work of the Redeemer. Money for this purpose may be sent to Rev. B. Manly, Jr., Greenville, S. C.

On motion of brother Renfroe, it was decided that the next session of the Convention be held at Oxford, on Selma, Rome & Dalton Rail-

road, Calhoun county, on Friday before the 2d Sunday in November, 1869.

On motion of brother Curry, it was

Resolved, That, as a Convention, we approve the action of the Southern Baptist Convention, in placing the Sunday School Board at Memphis, Tennessee; that we have confidence in the brethren placed in charge of that interest, and we assure the Board of our sympathies, our coöperation and our prayers.

Resolved, That we recommend the little periodical under the auspices of that Board, known as "*Kind Words*," as a publication adapted to do much good among the children.

On motion, the President appointed brethren E. B. Teague, J. J. D. Renfro, and John C. Foster, a Committee to consult and act with the Trustees of Howard College, in reference to the adjustment of its finances.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday morning at nine o'clock.

LORD'S DAY, November 8th.

The brethren appointed to preach at various places went to their appointments in the morning.

In the afternoon, a large and interesting Sunday School meeting was held at the Baptist church.

At night, a mass meeting on Domestic Missions was held, and the Report of the Committee on that interest was read as follows, viz:

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions submit the following Report:

It is not necessary to attempt a description of the destitution in the State, or to compute our obligation to the cause of Missions in the field before us. The destitution is appalling, and our obligations are only limited by the measure of our abilities.

We would respectfully urge upon this body, and the churches and pastors in our State, the pressing claims of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This Board has been in successful operation since the year 1845. Its history covers a period of more than twenty-three years. Its work is well known to the denomination. The numerous churches organized and sustained, in part, by its benefactions, in our State, and throughout the South, testify to its value and importance.

Until the year 1867, the Board promptly met its obligations. At the meeting of the Convention in Baltimore, last May, the Board reported a deficit. They have endeavored to secure the necessary funds to meet this deficit, and yet there remains, including current obligations, to the first of October, a debt of \$16,161 95. The practical question is, what part can the Baptists of Alabama bear—what part are they willing to bear in the liquidation of this debt? By a united and determined effort on the part of all our people, much can be done.

The Board needs our unanimous coöperation. And a still higher motive impels us—the *love of Christ*. We never can forget His command to preach the gospel to every creature, "*beginning at Jerusalem*"—beginning at home.

Now, as we love the cause of our Master—as we love the souls of dying men—as we love our languishing churches, and our destitute home evangelists—let us, to the full measure of our abilities, renew our confidence, and come up to the help of this glorious cause.

Your Committee recommend to all our membership, the patronage of "*The Home & Foreign Journal*," the mission paper now published by the Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. J. J. D. RENFROE, *Chairman*.

After addresses by brethren Renfro, Teague and Sumner, the Report was adopted, and \$112 55 collected.

MONDAY MORNING, November 9th, 1868.

At 9 o'clock, the Convention was called to order. After singing and prayer, the minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

On motion of brother Sumner, the Secretary of the Convention was requested to have printed, in the Minutes, a list of the names of Baptist Minister in the State, with their post-offices, the Constitution of the Convention, and such statistical information of the Associations in the State, as he may be able to procure.

The following brethren were recognized in their official capacities: Brother J. J. Toon, representing the Georgia Baptist Convention and the INDEX & BAPTIST; S. S. Granberry, Agent Orphan's Home, Lauderdale Springs.

Rev. E. B. Teague read report B. After some discussion by brethren S. R. Freeman, Huckabee, and Basil Manly, the report was adopted.

The Report of Committee on Domestic Missions was read and adopted. [See report on page 15.]

On motion, a personal explanation was allowed brother Brewer.

Rev. W. H. McIntosh read the report of the Board of Directors of the State Convention.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

The Board of Directors beg leave to report, that since the last annual meeting of this Convention we have suffered a sad and severe affliction in the death of brother Wm. N. Wyatt, who was both wise in council and earnest in the cause of religion. His place in the Board has been filled by the election of Rev. M. T. Sumner, D. D.

A vacancy has also occurred in the Board of Trustees of Howard College, caused by the death of brother Jesse Brown. This has been supplied by the unanimous choice of brother John Haralson, of Selma.

With reference to the disposition of the Greensboro Baptist church property, we have to report, that after mature deliberation, it was thought best for the interest of the denomination, to sell said property, which was done, to the town authorities of Greensboro, for the sum of eight thousand dollars.

At a meeting of the Board, it was decided to appropriate \$1,500 for the purpose of building a house of worship for the colored Baptists in Greensboro, to

be expended under the direction of a committee of the Board, and vesting the title to the lot on which the house is built in the Convention.

At a meeting of this Board, held April 18th, 1868, it was resolved that the sum of \$1,000, proceeds of sale of Baptist church property at Greensboro, Ala., be loaned to the Board of Trustees of Howard College, upon the execution of a promissory note by said College, payable one day after date, for said sum, and turning over to the Treasurer of the Convention, to be held by him as collateral security for the re-payment of said note due the College by solvent persons, such as will be satisfactory to the President and Treasurer of the Convention.

The Board further directed to appropriate the money due on the next note from the Intendant and Council of the town of Greensboro, when collected, as follows, viz: One thousand dollars to the Baptist church in Selma, Ala., and one thousand dollars to the Siloam Baptist church, in Marion, Ala., upon consideration that said amounts are to be expended by each of said churches in the purchase of lots and erection of houses of worship for the use of the colored Baptists in those places—the title to said property to be in the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

On motion of brother Freeman, it was

Resolved, That the Report of the Board be approved, so far as the loan to Howard College and the appropriation to the Greensboro church are concerned; but that the rest be held subject to the order of the Convention.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools take pleasure in reporting that there has been a very general revival of the Sabbath School interest throughout the State, during the past year. The advocates of this great work have taken heart and encouragement from past success, and are redoubling their exertions, determined to accomplish great things for the Master. God has smiled upon their labors, and many of those for whom they toiled and prayed have professed a saving faith, and been gathered into the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. Indeed, many of the churches report the greater number of their accessions during the past year to be from their Sabbath Schools.

In many localities, Sunday School Institutes and Conventions have been held, attended with considerable success, which have not only awakened a deeper interest in the cause, but have disseminated much valuable information, both as to the best modes of teaching, and the necessary qualifications for this important work. Very vague ideas have heretofore been entertained as to what was needed in the schools and by the teachers. The standard of qualification or fitness, at best but low, but now it is seen that the very best talent may be most profitably employed, and the utmost energies are required to keep up with the growing wants of our schools.

These Institutes and Conventions have brought the laborers together to study the urgent wants and necessities of the cause, as they have been experienced in dissimilar fields of labor, and have served the good purpose of enabling every member to profit by the experience of his co-workers. We wish their enlivening and instructive influences were more generally felt, and hope, in the coming year, to see them established in every District Association throughout the State. We are happy to that report several of these Sunday School Conventions have been held within the bounds of the Tuskegee, and perhaps other Associations, which were productive of the happiest results.

An effort has also been made to establish a permanent organization of the Sunday School workers of our State, which, we regret to say, has only proved partially successful.

Your Committee have no means of learning accurately the number of new Sabbath Schools which have been organized in the State during the past year, but, from what we have learned from some sections, are led to believe the number is considerable. We sincerely wish that some means of getting fuller statistics were adopted by this body, which would give us the number of new schools established every year.

Our greatest progress, however, has been in the increased efficiency and strength of those schools already established—in the “strengthening of the things which remain.” Evidently a very general desire obtains to bring the schools to the highest mark, both in numerical and spiritual strength—a disposition to make use of all the means which can be made available in the one great end of *bringing the children to Jesus*. To this end all means and appliances should bend—to this all energies and talents be consecrated. Failing in this, we have failed in the most important particular; but succeeding here, we have succeeded in the highest motive which can stimulate earthly ambition. Let, then, the motto of every Sunday School Superintendent and teacher be—*Every one of these little ones as lambs of Jesus!*

In this connection, we are made happy in being able to state that, in all our Sabbath Schools, there obtains this conviction—*The Bible—the blessed word of God—is the great book of Sunday school instruction!* That in its sacred pages is all that is needed to be taught in Schools. Almost all other books have been discarded, and the Bible exalted to the position of the great teacher for our children as well as ourselves. This we hail as an evidence of the evangelical character and spirituality of those to whom is entrusted the great and important work of training the young for usefulness here and happiness hereafter.

We desire to express our hearty approbation of the course of the Southern Baptist Convention, in removing the Sunday School Board to Memphis, as we believe it will enlist the sympathies of the great West in this cause. We desire to recommend, in terms of earnest approbation, the child's paper published by the Board, as a paper which should be in the hands of every child in Alabama. We also recommend the *Child's Delight*, published at Macon, as a very cheap and interesting publication for children.

But, brethren, our work is to send out the holy leaven of Sabbath school influence, until the whole land is permeated and affected, and every church and neighborhood boasts a school of earnest, devoted laborers for Jesus. So long as it is without a school, no church is fully equipped and furnished for usefulness—it can make but little progress in the great work of converting the unbelieving world. This is sleeping over—indifferent to—the most weighty, crushing responsibilities which ever devolved upon humanity. We should give ourselves no rest until we do have a Sabbath school in every church in this whole State of Alabama. We are far short of this great and desirable end now, but the rill of influence we have already set in motion, unimpeded and aided by accelerating streams of individual zeal and energy, will gather power as it rolls on, until at last it shall be irresistible, and roll its mighty volume against the strongest barriers of ignorance, and bear down all opposition, to the remotest boundaries of the State. Then shall be realized that noble conception which has fired so many hearts and animated souls—a *Sabbath school in every church!* Then, too, we hope that other and better determination shall be attained—*Every one of the scholars of these schools a disciple—a loving pupil of Jesus.*

On motion of brother Renfroe, it was

Resolved, That the brethren of this Convention have heard with deep sorrow of the death of that faithful man of God, the Rev. John Zolbert, of Marengo county. It affords us profound and grateful pleasure to bear testimony to his many virtues, as a devout Christian, and as a constant, laborious and earnest minister of the New Testament. We rejoice in the large success which attended the ministerial work of his long life, and the many assurances we have of his entire preparation for the end of his course, and for the final rest of God's people.

On motion of brother Renfroe, it was

Resolved, That this Convention renews most heartily its former recommendations of the CHRISTIAN INDEX AND SOUTH-WESTERN BAPTIST. Its conduct under the editorial supervision of Rev. D. Shaver, D.D., has been marked by eminent ability. Its editorials, while written in the best Christian spirit, have been masterly vindications of the truth as it is in Jesus. Its selections are wise and instructive—and we urge the support of this denominational organ, whose editor deserves the grateful and generous confidence of the denomination.

The Report of the Finance Committee was adopted, and they were directed to place the amounts collected in the hands of the Treasurer, with instructions that he pay over the appropriate sums to the objects specified.

FINANCIAL TABLE.

	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions.	S. School Board.	Convention Purposes, Minutes, &c.	Bible Cause.	Indian Missions.	Ministerial Education.
Union Association.....	\$34 90	\$54 80	.....	\$1 35	\$7 50	\$2 50	.....
Coosa River Association.	14 90	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Selma Church.	12 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuskaloosa Bap. Church.	8 75	6 75	9 00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuskaloosa B. S. School.	.....	.....	6 95	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuskaloosa Association..	53 50	6 00	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....
Collection in Convention	112 55	48 85	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Siloam Baptist Church..	90 13	61 30	55 41	.....	.....	.....	\$22 76
W. T. Hendon, Sr.....	20 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$347 38	\$194 70	\$72 56	\$1 35	\$7 50	\$2 50	\$22 76
Grand Total.....							\$648 75

Above is a statement of funds received by Finance Committee.

PORTER KING,
J. WARREN HUDSON.

We have examined the foregoing account of the Finance Committee and find it correct.

Nov. 9th, 1868.

I. B. VAIDEN,
J. M. HARALSON. } *Aud. Com.*

On motion of brother McIntosh it was

Resolved, That the Treasurer be instructed to pay Rev. B. Manly, Jr., the amount in the Treasury for Ministerial Education.

All unfinished business was referred to the Executive Board of the Convention.

The Convention then adjourned.

SAMUEL HENDERSON, *President.*

R. F. MANLY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

		CR.	DR.
S. H. FOWLKES, Treasurer, in account with Alabama Baptist State Convention.			
1867. FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.			
Dec. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee.....		\$121 50
<i>Credit.</i>			
Dec. 10.	By J. J. Cloud's receipt.....	\$ 23 65	
	By J. J. Cloud's receipt.....	25 00	
	By J. J. Cloud's receipt.....	14 25	
	By amount retained for Minutes, &c.....	25 00	
	By check remitted J. B. Taylor, Cor. Secretary....	33 60-	\$121 50
1867. DOMESTIC MISSION ACCOUNT.			
Dec. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee.....		\$1,004 55
1868. <i>Credit.</i>			
Jan. 9.	By M. T. Sumner's (Cor. Secretary) receipt.....	\$1,004 55-	\$1,004 55
1867. SABBATH SCHOOL BOARD.			
Dec. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee.....		\$ 90 00
<i>Credit.</i>			
Dec. 10.	By C. C. Bitting's (Cor. Secretary) receipt.....	\$ 73 44	
1868.	By amount retained for Minutes, &c.....	7 55	
Feb. 23.	By check remitted C. C. Bitting, Cor. Secretary..	10 00-	\$ 90 00
1867. BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT, HOWARD COLLEGE.			
Dec. 10.	To balance reported to last Convention....		\$ 51 00
	To cash from Finance Committee.....		15 65
	To balance.....		54 10
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\$ 120 75			
<i>Credit.</i>			
Mar. 2.	By Charles Manly's receipt.....	\$ 8 75	
	By H. Talbird's receipt.....	112 00-	\$ 120 75
1868. BIBLE SOCIETY ACCOUNT.			
Dec. 10.	To balance reported to last Convention.....		\$ 25 25
1868. <i>Credit.</i>			
March.	By M. T. Sumner's receipt.....	\$ 25 25-	\$ 25 25
1867. GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT.			
Dec. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee.....		\$ 20 00
	To amount from Domestic Mission Fund.....		84 50
	To amount from Foreign Mission Fund.....		25 00
	To amount from Sunday School Fund.....		7 55
	To premium on check to J. J. Toon.....		50
	To premium on check to J. B. Taylor.....		50
	To premium on check to C. C. Bitting.....		50
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\$ 138 55			
<i>Credit.</i>			
Dec. 0.	By balance reported to last Convention.....	\$ 5 00	
	By W. N. Wyatt's receipt.....	20 50	
	By check remitted to J. J. Toon, for printing, &c.	68 60	
	By balance.....	44 45-	\$ 138 55
1867. SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.			
Dec. 10.	To cash from Finance Committee.....		\$ 295 00
<i>Credit.</i>			
Dec. 10.	By B. Manly's, jr., receipt.....	\$ 295 00-	\$ 295 00

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

Above I submit you my annual report as Treasurer of your body, showing that the funds for the different objects, have been duly paid over. There is a

balance in my hands, to the credit of the General Purpose Fund, of \$44 45. The Beneficiary Account of Howard College will show a balance due me, of \$54 10, overpaid on that fund. After deducting the amount due on General Purpose Account from the amount overpaid on the Beneficiary Account, there will be due me by the Convention; the sum of \$9 65.

Respectfully submitted, S. H. FOWLKES, *Tr. Ala. Bap. State Con.*
Marion, Ala., November 5, 1868.

We have examined the above account and vouchers, and find the same correct.

L. B. VAIDEN, }
 JNO. HARALSON, } *Auditing Committee.*

November 9, 1868.

ABSTRACT OF STATISTICS AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

ASSOCIATIONS.	ADDITIONS.			LOSSES.		Present Number.	For Minutes.	For Association.	Domestic Mis'ns.	Foreign Mis'ns.	Other Purposes.	
	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Died.	By Letter.							Excluded.
Higbee.....	221	22	11	7	41	6	942	\$31 05		\$30 50	\$.....	
Calaba, (1866)...	223	149	9	80	29	65	6,088	56 25	\$37 00			
Central.....	176	152	18	16	244	47	2,488	72 30		58 43		
Cherokee.....	152	78	6	11	103	35	1,115	41 80				
Cook's Springs..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	389	15 29			
Coosa River.....	180	91	3	2	243	79	2,567	167 00		100 00		
Liberty.....	228	58	34	15	71	5	1,170	39 00		43 00		
North River.....	133	104	9	8	117	12	1,432	34 85	23 65			
Canaan.....	111	49	7	13	106	29	1,209	41 80	44 10	123 00		
Tallahatchie..	48	54	4	5	160	12	992	34 65				
Ten Islands.....	165	87	7	12	99	25	1,177	40 40				
Tuscaloosa.....	125	114	15	28	155	145	1,769	49 95	19 50	53 50	6 00	
Tuskegee.....	127	152	7	19	216	39	2,467	84 30		140 35	26 00	
Union.....	140	101	13	35	265	225	1,954	66 25	39 80	34 90	54 80	
Warrior River..	164	106	8	10	75	31	1,208	41 35				
Total.....	2,193	1,319	151	288	1,992	776	26,849	\$756 15	\$163 95	\$583 68	\$46 80	\$12 85

These Statistics are made from such Minutes as could be procured. There are at least as many more Associations in the State, of whose meetings no Minutes have been received. Will not the brethren send to the Clerk, each year, at least one copy of their Minutes, as soon as they are printed?

NAMES OF MINISTERS, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

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