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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

1879.

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STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

Sabbath Schools.—J. G. Harris, R. J. Waldrop, J. C. Maxwell,
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S. D. Mallory, H. H. Brown.

Evangelization of the Colored Race.—R. W. Cobb, John Hen-
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Foreign Missions.—W. C. Bledsoe, W. F. Bond, J. O. Hixson,
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Smoke, J. H. Williamson.

Education.—J. B. Hawthorne, J. Shackelford, J. C. Foster, I.
T. Tichenor, J. T. Murfee, A. R. Yancy, L. R. Gwaltney, J. T.
Evans, R. W. Beck.

To Preach Introductory Sermon at the next Convention.—Jos.
Shackelford; Alternate, B. F. Riley.

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OF THE

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ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

HELD WITH THE

BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST CHURCH,

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., JULY 17—19, 1879.



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FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 17th, 1879.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention, met by appointment, with the First Baptist Church of Birmingham, Ala., at 10 o'clock a. m. The sessions of the Convention were held in the Court-House, because of its more central location and greater comfort. The President, Johnathan Harralson, of Selma, called the Convention to order. On motion Beuj. B. Davis, of Eufaula, was elected temporary Secretary. The opening exercises were conducted by E. T. Smyth, of Oxford, by reading a portion of the fifteenth chapter John, and singing and prayer.

In response to the invitation of the President, the following delegates were enrolled:

FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Alabama—J. M. Smoke, B. H. Crumpton, E. F. Baber, D. B. Edwards, T. C. Watts, Whit Quarles, A. Edwards, D. Pearce, G. G. Miles.

Bethlehem—W. G. Curry.

Bigbee—W. F. Pond, J. G. Harris, W. H. Lewis, J. K. Ryan.

Boiling Spring—I. C. Brown, J. A. Howard, B. F. Hendon.

Coosa River—J. J. D. Renfroe, Jos. Barker, J. U. Wilkes, C. R. Cross, W. Wilkes.

Cedar Bluff—J. H. Kinnebrew, J. R. Nowlin.

Cahaba—R. H. Sterrett, J. S. Ford.

Canaan—E. B. Waldrop, J. H. Weatherly, R. J. Waldrop, J. Grimes, R. W. Beck, N. F. Miles.

Centennial—A. J. Slaughter, T. W. Tobey.

Central—H. Clay Taul, J. C. Maxwell, J. L. Thompson, Cat. Smith.

- Eufaula—B. B. Davis, J. S. Paullin, J. E. McCormick, A. B. Starke, B. R. Barksdale, W. S. Rogers, M. M. Wamboldt.
 Gulf Coast—Z. A. Owens.
 Liberty, East—W. C. Bledsoe.
 Liberty, West—A. Daughety, S. O. Y. Ray.
 Mulberry—J. M. Langston.
 Muscle Shoals—Jos. Shackelford, Jackson Gunn.
 Mt. Carmel—Jas. T. Evans.
 New River—J. B. Huckabee.
 North River—D. Manasco, Wm. Randolph, J. E. Cox, E. Steadman.
 Pine Barren—D. W. Ramsey, Jos. McWilliams.
 Shelby—I. G. Sayers, G. T. Lee.
 Tallasabatchee—J. A. Glenn.
 Tuskaloosa—T. M. Barbour, C. E. Rice, G. T. Green, J. B. Eddins, W. H. Wilds, H. H. Brown, R. S. Cox, J. T. Yerby.
 Tuskegee—G. D. Benton, I. T. Tichenor, J. J. Cloud.
 Unity—J. H. Burns, W. B. Strock, N. Thomasson.
 Union—J. G. Thornton, J. C. Foster, J. H. Curry, J. J. Taylor.
 Warrior River—H. W. Watson, G. B. Wade, M. F. Cornelius, W. T. Murphree.

NOT REPRESENTED.

Arbacoochee, Bethel, Beulah, Bear Creek, Colbert Shoals, Cherokee, Cahaba Valley, Carey, Harmony, Indian Creek, Judson, Liberty South, Mud Creek, Newton, Providence, Sulphur Springs, Salem, Tennessee River, Yellow Creek, Zion.

FROM CHURCHES.

- Alpine, Talladega county—W. Sawyer, Dr. Rhodos, S. Henderson, W. T. Webb.
 Ash Creek, Lowndes county—A. Edwards.
 Attention—J. B. McWilliams.
 Antioch, Bibb county—J. M. Langston, M. D. Langston.
 Birmingham—J. H. Hendon, T. Y. Cain, D. W. Austin, H. Todd, C. F. Enslin.
 Benton, Lowndes county—Dunklin Pierce.
 Bethany, Lowndes county—E. F. Baber.
 Bethlehem, Barbour county—J. S. Paullin, J. E. McCormick.

- Allenton—J. B. McWilliams.
 Ashville—J. W. Inzer.
 Canaan, Chilton county—N. Thomasson.
 Cahaba, Jefferson county—M. K. Vann, S. T. Vann, R. K.
 Vann, D. H. Vann.
 Cuba—W. H. Lewis.
 Childersburg—Dobbins D. Warlick.
 Clayton, Barbour county—J. S. Paullin.
 Central, Argo, Jefferson county—J. M. Frazier, W. H. Smith.
 Eufaula—W. N. Reeves, M. M. Wamboldt, B. B. Davis.
 Enon, Jefferson county—T. P. Early.
 Enon, Bullock county—J. S. Paullin, B. R. Barksdale.
 Elm, Autauga county—James M. Smoke.
 Fellowship, Wilcox county—C. J. Lide.
 Friendship, Wilcox county—Dr. D. W. Ramsey.
 Fort Deposit, Lowndes county—J. M. Fortunio.
 Gadsden—N. B. Williams.
 Greenville, Butler county—T. C. Watts, B. H. Crumpton.
 Gainsville—L. M. Stone.
 Hopewell, Perry county—John L. West, D. S. Hogue, Robert
 F. Walker.
 Hebron—S. H. Byron.
 Harpersville—T. J. Martin, Carroll Florey.
 Hephzibah, Talladega county—C. R. Cross.
 Livingston—I. C. Brown, J. G. Harris, J. A. Howard.
 La Place—J. J. Cloud.
 Montgomery, 1st—J. B. Hawthorne, J. A. Ledbetter, W. P.
 Van Derveer.
 Montevallo—I. U. Wilkes, M. P. Reynolds.
 Midway—Wm. O. Neill.
 Mt. Carmel, Marshall county—J. M. Stover.
 Mt. Gilead, Lowndes county—J. M. Smoke.
 Mt. Lebanon, New River Association—G. W. Hassell.
 Mt. Pleasant—B. B. Williams, J. W. Smith.
 Mt. Zion, Calhoun county—W. S. Griffitt, S. J. Whatley, J.
 M. Crook.
 Mobile, Palmetto street—Z. A. Owens.
 Mountain Creek—J. Falkner.
 Northport, Tuskaloosa county—F. D. Hale, J. F. Apphug.
 New Bethel—W. J. McCreary.

- Oxford—E. T. Smyth, B. D. Williams, Abner Williams.
 Opelika—B. F. Riley.
 Ocmulgee, Perry county—P. C. Drew.
 Pisgah—W. N. Huckabee.
 Prattville—H. C. Taul, Howard Smith.
 Providence, Dallas county—Edward Day.
 Pleasant Grove, Talladega county—J. T. Truss, F. M. Ward,
 E. S. Truss, T. E. Ogletree.
 Pleasant Ridge, Jefferson county—M. Robertson, B. B. Waldrop,
 R. E. Huey.
 Pineville, Monroe county—B. J. Skinner.
 Refuge, Talladega county—R. B. Burns.
 Ruhamah—W. W. Ellard, Jno. McDonald, R. D. Rockett,
 J. T. Hood, A. J. Waldrop.
 Rockwell, Camden, Wilcox county—J. E. Gulletto.
 Ramah, Barbour county—A. B. Starke.
 Snibb, Dallas county—D. B. Edwards.
 Springville, St. Clair county—A. Reavis, Jr., M. Pierce, T. V.
 B. Moor, A. J. Nullelly.
 Steep Creek—W. P. Bullock,
 Shelby—H. W. Bowers.
 Siloam—J. T. Murfee.
 Selma—W. C. Cleveland, J. H. Burns, H. S. D. Mallory, J.
 H. Williamson, W. P. Welch.
 Sumterville, Sumter county—B. F. Hendon,
 Tuscaloosa—O. F. Gregory, A. K. Yancey, R. Jenkins, S. B.
 Foster.
 Talladega—L. W. Lawler, J. W. Bishop, Jno. Henderson, J.
 E. Ware, Wm. Ivey.
 Tuskegee—R. R. Varner, Z. D. Roby, A. L. Brooks.
 Union Springs—F. E. Boykin, J. O. Hixson.
 Zion Church, Pushmataha P. O.—J. K. Ryan.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Johnathan Haralson, W. H. McIntosh, B. B. Davis, D. S. Hogue, L. W. Lawler, J. J. D. Renfro, S. Henderson, I. T. Tichenor, R. C. Keeble, W. Wilkes, A. J. Battle, H. W. Watson

FROM CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Georgia Baptist State Convention—A. J. Battle, T. H. Stout
 S. J. Whatley.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, Benton Church—J. M. Smoke.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, Town Creek Ch.—D. B. Edwards.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, Bethany Church, Lowndes county—Mrs. A. E. Rast.

Ladies' Aid Society, Clayton Church—J. S. Paullin.

Ladies' Aid Society, Bethlehem Church—J. S. Paullin.

Young Ladies Helping Hand, Eufaula Church—W. N. Reeves.

Ann Hazeltine Society, Judson Female Inst.—L. R. Gwaltney.

Martha Crawford Miss'y Society A. C. F. C.—A. K. Yancey.

Ladies' Miss'y Society, Mt. Gilead Church—J. M. Smoke.

On motion, Resolved, that the President, first and second Vice Presidents, and Recording Secretary be elected by ballot, whereupon a ballot was had, with the following result: Johnathan Haralson, of Selma, President, J. J. D. Rountree, of Talladega, and J. G. Harris, of Sumter, Vice Presidents, Benj. B. Davis of Eufaula, Secretary. Z. A. Owens and W. C. Cleveland acting as Tellers.

The President in a few appropriate remarks accepted the position to which he had been just elected.

On motion, J. S. Paullin of Clayton, was unanimously elected Assistant Recording Secretary of the Convention.

Words of welcome were spoken by the Rev. J. H. Hendon.

Explanatory remarks having been made by the Pastor showing the pressing necessities of the Church, it was Resolved, that Friday night be devoted to the interests of the Birmingham Church, in attendance upon a lecture to be given by Rev. J. B. Hawthorne, the entire proceeds of which are to be applied to the improvement of the church building.

The President appointed as the *Committee on Religious Exercises*, the Pastor and Deacons of Birmingham Church, Joseph McWilliams, T. C. Watts, D. B. Edwards.

On motion the hours of the session were fixed as follows: Meet at 8:30 a. m. and adjourn at 12 m.; and a half hour of the morning exercises be set apart for devotional exercises, which time shall be selected by the President; meet at 3 p. m. and adjourn at 5:30 p. m.

The *Committee on Religious Exercises* reported that they had elected Rev. A. J. Battle, D. D., of Macon, to preach the Introductory Sermon, on account of the absence of the regular appointees.

Adjourned with prayer by B. F. Hendon, until 3 o'clock.

— AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 3 o'clock, and opened with prayer by W. C. Bledsoe.

T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary of *State Mission Board*, made his report, which was referred to a committee of nine, consisting of Z. D. Roby, L. W. Lawler, B. H. Crumpton, J. H. Williams, J. S. Paullin, A. J. Slaughter, B. J. Skinner, Joseph Shackelford, J. Gunn, to report to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

The President reported the following Committees :

On Finance.—T. C. Watts, D. S. Hogue, C. R. Cross, J. A. Ledbetter, M. P. Reynolds, J. C. Ware.

To Nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention.—A. J. Waldrop, N. Thomasson, J. M. Frazier, T. P. Early, D. W. Ramsey, N. M. Thornton.

To Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.—W. H. McIntosh, P. H. Duncan, J. O. Robertson, J. M. Langston, C. F. Enslin, J. E. McCormick.

The Report of the Treasurer was read and referred to the Finance Committee :

S. H. FOWLKES, TREASURER,

In Account with ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.
FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

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| July 30 | To Cash from Finance Committee Rome Chapel..... | \$160 55 | |
| " " | " " " Uchee Church for Sabbath School..... | 1 00 | |
| Sept. 18 | " " " Mountain Creek Church Rome Chapel.... | 2 50 | |
| " " | " " " Mr. Thomas, Linden, Ala..... | 1 00 | |
| | CR. | | |
| July 30 | By Cash retained for Minutes..... | | \$ 7 00 |
| " " | " H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary..... | | 153 07 |
| " " | " paid Exchange on Check | | 85 |
| Feb. 17 | " H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary Receipt. ... | | 2 50 |
| | | \$165 05 | \$165 05 |
| | HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT. | | |
| July 30 | To Cash from Finance Committee..... | \$ 55 75 | |
| | CR. | | |
| July 30 | By Cash paid W. H. McIntosh, Corresponding Sec'y ... | | \$ 55 75 |
| | STATE MISSION BOARD. | | |
| July 30 | To amount reported by Finance Committee..... | \$ 20 20 | |
| | CR. | | |
| July 30 | By no funds or vouchers furnished Treasurer. ... | | \$ 20 50 |
| | GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT | | |
| July 30 | To Cash from Finance Committee | \$ 5 75 | |
| " " | " " " Foreign Mission Account. | 7 00 | |
| | CR. | | |
| July 30 | By Cash paid Treasurer balance due him on this fund... | | \$ 7 00 |
| " " | " amount retained by A. B. Goodhue, Clerk of Convention to pay for Minutes, no voucher rendered.... | | 5 75 |
| | | \$ 12 35 | \$ 12 35 |

MARION, ALA., JULY 15, 1879.

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

BRETHREN:—Above you have my Annual Report, as Treasurer of your body ; showing receipts and disbursements of money which have come into my hands since your last meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. FOWLKES, Treasurer.

The report of the *Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute* was read and referred to the Committee on Education:

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF "THE JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE," FOR SESSION ENDING 1878—'79.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention :

The Forty-first Annual Session of this, your, Institution closed on the 19th of June last, with the usual commencement exercises. An unusually large number of visitors from different portions of the State, were in attendance indicating an increased interest on the part of its friends, in its prosperity and success.

The number of pupils in attendance, during the Session as shown by the Register, was One Hundred and Fourteen.

The number of Boarders in the Institute was much larger than has been for many years past.

The Standard of Scholarship having been raised, there were fewer graduates in the regular Collegiate department than usual. In addition to the graduates in the Collegiate department, three gold medals were awarded to three young Ladies for their proficiency in Art, and four gold medals were also awarded to four young Ladies for their proficiency and excellence in Music. This large number of Medalists is due to the fact that these young ladies have been striving for years to attain excellence in these departments.

The indebtedness of the Institution has not yet been paid. But the prospect for its liquidation is more encouraging. With a patronage commensurate with its merit (which is equal to, if not superior to, any Female College in the country) this embarrassment can in a short time be removed. We therefore appeal to the friends of this Institution to use their influence to increase its patronage, and especially do we appeal to the Baptists of this State, to send their daughters to this, their Institution, to be educated.

The buildings and other property have been well taken care of and improved during the administration of Dr. Gwaltney, and with the cordial cooperation of the ladies of the Alumne Society, the grounds have been laid off in beautiful walks and supplied with lovely flowers and evergreens, adding greatly to the comfort as well as to the beauty of the place.

The health of the young ladies during the session, has been excellent. There was not a case of serious illness in the Institute during the year, which we attribute in addition to the healthfulness of its location, to the

excellent system of hygiene established by the President, including the wholesome, nutritious and well prepared diet in the boarding department

We take pleasure in announcing that the next session will open on the last Monday in September, with L. R. Gwaltney, D. D. as President, who has for the three years last past, so faithfully and efficiently managed its affairs, assisted by a corps of able, faithful, and competent teachers in all the various departments.

As will be seen from the Catalogue and Circulars, the price of board and tuition have been reduced, and we assure the friends of the Judson that it offers as many advantages for as little money as any other Institution of equal standing in the South, and judging from the general interest in the last commencement, and the number of letters of enquiry received since, the prospect for a full opening next fall is unusually encouraging. Done by order of the Board of Trustees.

PORTER KING, President.

W. T. McALLISTER, Secretary.

After reading, the *Report of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Central Female College*, was referred to the Committee on Education :

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ALABAMA CENTRAL FEMALE COLLEGE.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., July 15th, 1879.

The Board of Trustees of this old and established Baptist College, are gratified to report that the twenty-first session has closed under circumstances which give us great encouragement for the future

The resignation of Prof. Jno. F. Lanneau, was received early in the present year. Keeping in view the object of the founders of this Institution, "to erect a College which should command the best advantages, and take the first rank among the Female Colleges of the land," we selected Prof. A. K. Yancey, Jr., of Virginia, who was confidently recommended to us for ability, scholarship, and success, by the Faculties of Richmond College and the University of Virginia—he being an Alumnus of both institutions.

He has been with us and at work since the last of March, and we take pleasure in testifying that our personal knowledge of him, formed from the most intimate association, fully confirms the strong testimonials we had received regarding him. A gentleman of birth and education, his refined and polished bearing and his unquestionable ability show him to be the right man for the Presidency of our College. The Trustees therefore with great confidence recommend Prof. Yancey to all who desire their daughters to become thoroughly cultivated women.

It is by no means unimportant to add that Mrs. Yancey possesses intelligence of the highest order, and thorough culture. She is an accom-

plished Vocalist, and has the refinement and gentle modesty of a true lady. She has won the love of all who have met her.

There have been 104 students on the roll during the past year; the Alumne have been organized and are at work in the interest of their Alma Mater; the Martha Crawford Missionary Society has been revived, and send a contribution to this Convention. The services of the efficient Faculty which has served with signal satisfaction, for three years or more, have been secured for the ensuing session, beginning October 1st, 1879. We are happy to say that the College is entirely free from debt; that many improvements have been made in the buildings, and that its prospects for usefulness were never more encouraging.

JOSHUA H. FOSTER, Pres't Board of Trustees.

It being shown that there were vacancies caused by the absence of brethren previously appointed on *Standing Committees*, the President supplimented said committees by the following :

To Committee on the Evangelization of the Colored Race.—J. J. D. Renfroe, R. W. Cobb, J. R. Nowlin, R. H. Sterrett, R. J. Waldrop.

To Committee on Foreign Missions.—J. S. Ford, J. H. Weatherly, B. R. Barksdale, A. Daughety.

To Committee on Education.—J. C. Roberts, J. G. Sayers.

To Committee on Sabbath Schools.—J. M. Smoke, N. B. Williams, W. G. Quarles.

To Committee on Home Missions.—J. T. Green, G. D. Benton, Wm. B. Strock.

Appointed to Return Correspondence to the Georgia Baptist State Convention.—W. H. McIntosh, J. B. Hawthorne, Z. A. Owens, T. W. Tobey, J. T. Murfee, B. B. Davis, B. F. Riley, J. Maralson.

On motion, W. C. Cleveland, J. B. Hawthorne, and J. S. Paullin, were appointed a committee to report on time and place for the next session of the Convention.

The *Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools*, was read by E. T. Smyth, and after discussion by I. T. Tichenor, E. T. Smyth, S. Henderson, T. H. Stout and J. G. Harris, was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools take great pleasure in reporting that there has been a very general revival of the Sabbath School interest throughout the State during the last few years. The advocates of this

great work have taken encouragement from past success, and are redoubling their exertions, determined to accomplish great things for the Master in this department of the Christian work—God has smiled upon their labors. It is exceedingly gratifying to the Committee to be able to report that the cause of Sabbath Schools is making rapid progress in every part of the State. The various Sabbath Schools are flourishing to an extent hitherto unexampled. Superintendents and teachers are doing noble work. Hundreds of children are being gathered together every Sabbath and taught lessons, which, if heeded, will make them useful, upright and honored citizens. Although great improvement has been made in collecting the statistics of Sabbath Schools throughout the State, yet the means of accurately ascertaining the number of Baptist Sabbath Schools, and their numerical strength, are not within the reach of the committee, though they are not inconsiderable. Many schools we know, have not reported at all, and from many, only partial returns have been received. But the statistics collected by the State Mission and Sabbath School Board, through its evangelists, are truly gratifying. The State Mission and Sabbath School Board has been working through many difficulties and over many obstacles in this department of their work, during all the years of its existence; sometimes oppressed with the magnitude of the work, sometimes in the midst of gloomy doubts and fears as to the final results, until now, under the blessings of God, it stands as one of his chosen instruments of good, consecrated and embalmed in the living affections of those who are familiar with its history. Perhaps a brief summary of the work and attainments of the Board in this department, may not be without interest to those who desire to know the truth. We therefore submit the following statement, which is substantially correct.—Brother T. C. Boykin, in his report to the Convention on the subject of Sabbath Schools in 1870, reported 106 Baptist Sabbath Schools in Alabama. The Sabbath School Board was appointed by the Convention in Montgomery in 1871. At the meeting of the Convention at Huntsville in 1875, by the request of the Board, the name of the Board was changed to The State Mission and Sabbath School Board. Since the appointment of the Board in 1871, the Secretaries and Evangelists have reported officially 610 Baptist Sabbath Schools organized. If the above is a correct showing, and if the Schools are still in existence, we now have 716 Baptist Sabbath Schools in Alabama. Giving only 20 scholars to each school, we now have 14,320 persons engaged in Sabbath School exercises, through the instrumentality of your Board, every Sabbath day. There is one feature of the work, of the Board, in this department, to which the Committee would call the special attention of the Convention; viz :—That the schools organized by the Board, have been organized on the broad basis of the Church in the school, meeting each Lord's day in their own house of worship for the study of God's word, and for public worship. This idea is taking hold upon the denomination throughout the State, and des-

tined to work a reformation in that respect, whenever it is adopted. Another encouragement of this work is found in the fact that fewer of our country schools are disposed to suspend operations during the winter season ; and our schools are almost everywhere becoming, as all Sabbath Schools should be "Evergreen" Schools.

Your Committee are gratified to be able to bear testimony to the self-sacrificing labors of the Secretary and Evangelists of the State Mission and Sabbath School Board, in their work of organizing and encouraging Sabbath Schools wherever they go. The Convention can console itself in the assurance that the brethren are faithful, indefatigable workers in this department of our denominational enterprises.

It would seem that it could scarcely be necessary to say a word in relation to the importance of the Sabbath School work. But much as has been written, and said, and sung about this matter, it may well be doubted whether any of us have attained unto perfection in our estimate of the transcendent importance of this good cause. All our success in the Mission work at home and abroad, in the generations to come, must depend in no small degree, under God, upon the proper training of the children of the land. If due attention be given to this subject, we shall have in the generations which shall come after us, intelligent, benevolent and working Baptists, who will be fully equipped for their Holy Mission ; and who, while they maintain, in-tact, the ordinances of the Gospel as they were delivered to the primitive saints, will be prepared under their glorious Leader and Captain, to go up to the conquest of the world for Jesus. Of all the agencies employed for the diffusion of the light of divine truth, and the evangelization of the world, the work of the Sabbath School is subordinate only to that of preaching of the Gospel. The children and youth of the land are to be religiously educated, and they will doubtless be thus educated. It only remains to be determined what kind of religious culture these children shall have. Your Committee think it rests with us, as Baptists, to a very great extent, under God, to say, "what manner of children" these shall be.

Respectfully submitted,

E. T. SMYTH, Chairman.

The President announced as the *Committee to Nominate the State Mission Board and the Corresponding Secretary*, I. T. Tichenor, A. J. Waldrop, H. S. D. Mallory, Z. A. Owens, D. W. Ramsey, J. Gunn.

On motion the *Report of the Home Mission Board*, was made the special order for Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

After prayer by Brother Wilkes, adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING July 18th.

The Convention reassembled, and after a half hour's devotional exercises, business was resumed.

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

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

In 1879, the indebtedness of Howard College was something over \$12,000 00. This burden of liabilities had been incurred by an endeavor to carry on the Institution, and at the same time to recognize and accept scholarships for tuition. These scholarships, it will be remembered, were issued for interest bearing notes, which constituted by far the larger part of the endowment. The amounts collected in money and paid into the Treasury before the war, were subsequently invested in Confederate bonds. A large portion of the notes were redeemed in Confederate money, which is still on hand. At the close of the war a large number of notes remained uncollected, and the payment of these was almost universally resisted. Hence the amounts received were so limited, and the disaffection incurred was so great, that the further endeavor to collect them was abandoned. In this condition of things, it was evident that a continued effort to carry on the work while accepting scholarships for dues, would soon result in a loss of the property to the denomination. So the question was raised whether we should close the Institution, or elect a Faculty without requiring them to accept the scholarships in payment of tuition. Either procedure would result in a total loss of the scholarships to their owners.

As there has been some disaffection, and the matter not thoroughly understood in some localities, we deem this much of a statement of facts pardonable in this report.

Notwithstanding the disastrous results of our endowment, and the impoverished condition of our people, it was believed, that with the finest equipments in buildings and apparatus in the State in our possession, a College giving the highest order of education, and moral and christian culture would be sustained by our denomination on merit alone, to say nothing of the zeal which should possess every Baptist for the promotion of our own Denominational interest. With these views your Board addressed themselves to the work of sustaining and perfecting the Institution committed to their charge. And they feel that they have reason to congratulate the Denomination upon the success already achieved. For not only have the best and most appreciative men of our Church looked to Howard College for the education of their sons, but Episcopalians, Methodists and Presbyterians have been attracted by the character of instruction given, and are now availing themselves of its benefits.

The money received from patronage and other sources, in the use of the most rigid economy, has defrayed its current expenses, and added over \$6,000 00 to the property, in the building of a commodious dining Hall, buying furniture, and bedding for the dormitories, and paying a balance of \$1,000 due on the President's Mansion, and reduced the old debt to \$2,600. This is now about the indebtedness of the Institution.

The session just closed has been one of the most successful since the war. The examinations showed that the thorough and practical training of the mind which has characterized this Institution, has been maintained. It is through the merits of such mental discipline, that the high grade of scholarship, the pride of the Institution has been acquired—a scholarship which has enabled its students to take the honors in other Colleges and Universities, whither they have gone, and which has enabled its graduates to become distinguished in the various vocations of life. To say that the strictest economy of time has been observed, and that the Faculty have been laborious and self-sacrificing in the discharge of every duty, does not give an adequate conception of their zeal in the work, and their interest in the young men entrusted to their care. For while they labor in their recitation rooms six hours a day, their time for recitation is open for the giving of instruction. It is through these constant and unremitting labors on the part of the Faculty and students, that a thirst for knowledge is stimulated or acquired, a high moral character promoted, and the expenses of an education at Howard College rendered actually less than at any other institution of the like high grade.

To fail to get the young mind interested in its work, is to lay the foundation for idleness, dissipation, and extravagance while at College. If books fail to interest and employ, the vices which sap character and squander money will be espoused, and the young man who left home with bright hopes of parents and friends as one who was destined to wield a laudable influence in Church and State, is returned only to be a warning to parents in sending sons off to College. These evil results need not be feared by the patrons of Howard College.

The Cadets under the immediate management of Col. J. T. Marfee, have been thoroughly drilled and instructed. Their movements and soldierly bearing elicited high commendation from the numerous spectators at the Grand Annual Review on commencement occasion. To this department much is due for the easy and efficient management of the Institution.

We do not appear to-day asking of you a donation of money, but we do ask you for your influence and patronage. No special appeal should be needed to cause the Baptists of Alabama to rally around their Institution which, not only they, but the State at large should be proud of. If you would contribute to the strength and growth of your Denomination, to the present and future welfare of your own children, and to your financial interests, patronize Howard College.

The term of office of the following members of your Board expire at this session of the Convention.

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| L. W. LAWLER, | J. B. LOVEDACE, |
| W. B. MODAWELL, | W. T. HENDEN, |
| M. T. NUMNER, | W. N. REEVES, |
| J. W. CROKSHAW, | S. HENDERSON, |
| JOS. SHACKLEFORD. | |

WM. W. WILKERSON, President.

R. C. Keeble was substituted for H. W. Watson, on the Committee appointed at the last session on the resolution in reference to provision for aged and infirm ministers, because of his having been since ordained, it being the intention of the Convention that only lay members should constitute said Committee.

Moved that the Board of Trustees of the Howard College meet at 5:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The *Committee on time and place of meeting of next Convention*, reported the following Resolution:

Resolved, That when this Convention adjourns, it will adjourn to meet in Greenville, on Thursday before the third sabbath in July, 1880. (By subsequent action of the Convention, the day of meeting was changed to Wednesday. See Saturday afternoon's proceedings.)

The *Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board*, made the following report, viz:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

By a careful consideration of the Report submitted to us we find good reasons for congratulating the State Mission Board on the success of its work during the past year. The wisdom of the Board's policy is fully vindicated by the large amount of work performed. We have only to compare the efforts now being made for the evangelization of our State with what we did five years ago to see how rapidly this important enterprise has gained hold upon our people. The Board has cause to be much encouraged, and the Baptists throughout the State have every consideration to urge them to more earnest and liberal efforts in sustaining this Board. We recommend—

1. That the Board remain where it is.

2. That the President of this Convention, as Representative of our Denomination in this State, make application for half fare tickets on the several Railroads in Alabama, for the Secretary of the State Mission Board.

8. That the work of district Evangelists be confined as far as practicable to destitute fields.

4. That Pastors recognize the fact, that upon them devolves the responsibility of making this Board secure in the esteem, confidence and support of the people.

Respectfully submitted,

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| R. H. CRUMPTON, | J. GUNN, | Z. D. ROBY, |
| J. H. WILLIAMS, | L. W. LAWLER, | A. J. SLAUGHTER, |
| JOS. SHACKLEFORD, | J. S. PAULLIN, | B. J. SKINNER, |

Committee.

Which was discussed by J. W. Bishop and I. T. Tichenor, and an opportunity being given for the purpose, cash collections and pledges, as below, to meet the salary of the Corresponding Secretary, and the necessary expenses of the Board were made:

Bethany Church, including \$17.00 from Ladies' Missionary Society, \$27.00 paid; Liberty Church, Salem Association, 3.70 paid; Sardis Church, 5.25 paid; Union Springs Church, 25 25 paid; Pine Flat Church, Perry co. 1.00 paid; Ladies' Benevolent Socy Town Creek Church, 4.50 paid; Concord Church, Perry co. 25c paid; Forest Spring Church, Marengo co. 4.20 paid; Tuskegee Church, 10 00 paid; Pizzah Church, Perry co. 5.00—1.75 paid; W. H. Lewis 10 00 paid; Cash 2.00, 4.00, 2.00; Collection 7.50 paid; W. B. Sirock, paid 1.00; Missionary Society A. C. F. C. 2.70 paid; J. W. Quarles, 2.50 paid; A. Daughety, 1.00 paid; Jno. Crook, 10.00 paid; N. D. Cross, 5.00 paid; J. C. Maxwell, 5.00 paid; S. O. Y. Ray, 5.00 paid; C. J. Knight, 5.00 paid; — Thornton, 2.00 paid; — Randolph 1.00 paid; J. Henderson, 5.00 paid; Oak Grove, 10.75 paid; Macon Station, 20.00 paid; Providence Church, 25.00—20.00 paid; Fort Deposit Church 25.00—5.00 paid; Montgomery First Church, 150.00—50.00 paid by J. B. Gav; J. H. Williamson, 10.00 paid; Ebenezer Church, 5 20 paid; J. Shackelford, 10.00; W. N. Reeves, 10.00; J. H. Curry, 25.00; J. W. Bishop, 10.00; T. H. Stout, 10.00; Jno. Henderson, 10.00; Dr. Ramsey, 10.00; R. H. Sterrett, 10.00; R. C. Keeble, 10.00; Montgomery 1st Ladies Benevolent Society, 25.00; L. W. Lawler, 75.00; J. Gunn, 10.00; J. K. Ryan, 10 00; Ashville Church, 15.00; Central Church Argo, 5.00; Hebron church, Cedar Grove, Jefferson co. 5.00; Prairie, Pleasant Ridge, Green co. 5 00; Helena church, 20 00; J. H. Kinnebrew, 5.00; J. A. Glenn, 5.00; Win. Ivey 5 00; W T Webb, 10.00, J. H. Burns, 10.00; Shady Grove church, 10.00; Unity Association, 10.00; Greenville church, 50.00; Hopewell church, 25.00; Mountain Creek church, 10.00; J. W. Orme, 12.00; Opelika church, 50; I. T. Tichenor, 50; G. D. Benton, 7.25; Birmingham church 10; Gadsden church, 31.25; — Forrester, 60; Harpersville church, 25; Pineapple church, 10; Livingston church, 20; Bellville church, 5; W. S. Rodgers, 25; L. M. Stone, 10; Selma church, 150; Tuskuoosa church, 25; Springville church, 15; Ocmulgee church, Sumnerfield, 10; Canaan church, 5; Alpine church, 25; Shiloh church, Selma, 10; W. H. McIntosh, 10; Rahamah church, 30; A. J. Hearne, Picken's Landing, 10; Sardis church, 10; Benton church, 10; Talladega church, 25; Ash Creek, 25; Siloam church, 100; Steep Creek church, 10; Oxford church, 25; Northport church, 30; J. N. Montgomery, 5; W. C. Bledsoe, 25; Palmetto Street, Mobile, 25; St. Francis street, Mobile, 100; J. J. Taylor, 5; Martha Crawford Missionary Society, A. C. F. C. 15; Eufaula church, 100; H. W. Watson, 5; G. D. Benton's field, 25; J. L. Thompson, 5; Wetumpka church, 10; Prattville church 10; J. B. Huckabee, 5; Ladies' Aid Society, Greenville, 10; Mt. Zion church, 20; Allenton church, 5.

When the hour for adjournment having arrived, after a prayer of thankfulness by J. B. Hawthorne, adjourned until 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, 3 O'CLOCK.

After prayer by G. D. Benton, the Convention resumed the discussion of the *Report of the Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board, and of the State Mission Board, and of the Committee on the same*, which, after discussion by J. W. Bishop, I. T. Tichenor and others, were severally adopted:

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OF THE
STATE MISSION BOARD.

In coming together at the end of another year of labor, to report what has been accomplished, and to lay plans for the future, it is appropriate that we first of all express our gratitude to Almighty God for the preservation of the lives of the members of the Board and its missionaries and for the success that has attended our efforts to advance the cause of Christ. Your Board entered upon the year's work under very embarrassing circumstances. The last session of your Convention adjourned without making any provision for the general expense of the work. The present plan of operation forbids the Corresponding Secretary making any collections except for the missionaries in the field. He has been compelled in consequence, in order that his work be continued, to pay out of the portion of his salary received, the whole of the general expenses of the work for the year.

In addition to this oversight of the Convention, notwithstanding the fact that your Secretary is the representative of the largest religious denomination in the State, whose evangelical labors extend all over Alabama, yet he has utterly failed to get any favor shown by any line of railroad in the State. These embarrassing circumstances have prevented him from making tours in distant portions of the State, which ought to have been visited.

The work has been continued, however, with unabated vigor, and extended by putting three more men in the field. The General Association of Southeast Alabama having been dissolved, Rev. J. S. Yarbrough was reappointed to occupy its territory. The field occupied by Rev. P. E. Kirven, being large, has been divided, and Rev. B. F. Hendon appointed to labor in the northern portion of it. Rev. F. C. David was appointed to labor in the bounds of the Tuskegee, East Liberty and Tallapoosa River Associations. Rev. J. E. Cox, of Walker county, is at work in Canaan, New River, Clear Creek, and Sulphur Springs Associations. Eleven men with the Corresponding Secretary, have been engaged in the work of the Board during the year. Their labors have been expended in the bounds of 32 Associations.

It is gratifying to your Board to be able to report that notwithstanding the financial pressure upon the country, and the hampered condition of

your Corresponding Secretary, the receipts exceed those of last year by about one thousand dollars. The Gospel has been publicly proclaimed by your missionaries 2009 times, and oftentimes in communities where it is not often heard. Some of your missionaries preach it to people who walk 15 or 20 miles to hear it. Forty-eight persons have been baptized by them, and 267 have been baptized in connection with weak churches where your missionaries performed the labor, leaving the administration of the ordinance to the pastors. Ten churches have been organized at important points during the year, whilst several churches which were almost extinct, have been saved to the denomination. One hundred and seventy Sabbath Schools have been organized, 73 prayer-meetings, and 495 religious visits have been made to families and others. A candid consideration of these results should remove the objections of those who have failed to see the propriety of sending missionaries to the churches.

DEMANDS OF THE WORK.

First of all, an increased liberality is needed, that the work may be extended all over our State, and that the missionaries of the Board may be better supported. Five more men are needed to occupy the entire State, as the larger portion of it is now being occupied. If this were accomplished your Board could address itself to the reduction of the size of the different fields and might hope, with God's blessings, soon to double the number of laborers.

The voice of the denomination has been heeded, and none but efficient men have been employed. The character of the men at work demands that they should have a more liberal support. Their duties are onerous. Separated by long distances from their families, exposed to all kinds of weather, and preaching day and night for weeks at a time without any respite, these servants of our Master exhibit a truly apostolic spirit, and are doing much for the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, and for the development of our denomination. It is imperatively necessary that they be better supported, otherwise their valuable services may be sought for and secured by others.

The Board has not and does not yet feel that the churches are properly aroused, so that the work might be done on a cash basis. We have been compelled to have recourse to the securing of pledges for the support of the work. It is highly necessary that these pledges be redeemed more promptly. If the pastors would see to it, that the churches remit quarterly to the Treasurer of the Board, one fourth of the amount pledged, the missionaries would be relieved of a very unpleasant part of their work, and instead of paying occasional visits to the stronger churches, which do not so much need their services, in order to make collections for their support, they would have more time at their command to bestow at points where positive destitution exists.

Another year's experience convinces your Board more fully than ever of the

URGENT NECESSITY OF THE WORK.

If any are disposed to doubt this, the fact that the 96,893 Baptists of

our State gave last year to the two Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention and to our own State Board, only \$6,401.44, or about 64 cents per member, ought to scatter their doubts to the winds. Our denomination in Alabama has been fitly called a "sleeping giant." The giant must be aroused. To do this, we know of no better plan than the one now in operation—that of sending our earnest men of God to arouse our people to duty—to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance, and to strengthen the things that remain and that are ready to die.

What State Mission work has done for Virginia and for South Carolina it can with God's blessing do for Alabama, if our people will give it a generous support. As the professed followers of him who "laid down his life a ransom for us,"—as that people who hold the truth as it is in Jesus,—as the largest denomination in the State, it behooves us to see to it, that a pure Gospel is preached in every community, and that every Baptist church in Alabama be as "a city set on a hill, whose light shineth all around."

With the means we have been enabled to gather from the churches during the past year, "we have done what we could." We believe that an intelligent Christian view of the results of the year's labor, cannot but attach the Baptists of Alabama to State Mission work with strengthening bonds.

With heartfelt gratitude to Him who has given us the desire to do this work and such unmistakable evidences of his approval of our efforts, with faith strengthened by the successes of the year, and with the earnest hope that the work may receive a fresh impetus at this meeting of the Convention, this report is respectfully submitted.

REPORTS OF MISSIONARIES.

Rev. T. M. Barbour reports 52 weeks service, 110 sermons preached, 51 addresses delivered, 21 Sunday Schools organized, 1 Sunday School Convention, 13 prayer meetings, 7 baptisms, 50 persons baptised in connection with his labors, 6 received by letter into pastorless churches, 91 churches visited, 5 preaching stations, 28 churches in the field, meeting every sabbath, 3 district meetings attended, 3 associational meetings, 1,238 miles traveled in performance of duty, 97 religious visits to families and others, collected for Home Missions \$10, for Foreign Missions \$10, for Yellow Fever sufferers \$12, pledges in his field for State Missions unpaid \$70.

Rev. P. E. Kirven reports 52 weeks labor, 176 sermons preached, 77 addresses delivered, 3 churches constituted, 8 Sunday Schools organized, 14 prayer meetings, 9 baptisms, 23 baptised in connection with his labors, 84 churches visited, 14 preaching stations, 27 churches in his field meeting every Sabbath, 2 district meetings attended, 2,800 miles traveled in performance of duty, subscribers to "Alabama Baptist" 42, 1 minister assisted in ordaining, 4 deacons, 80 religious visits to families and others, pledges for State Missions in his field unpaid, \$507.65.

Rev. H. A. Williams reports 19 weeks service, 56 sermons preached,

23 addresses delivered, 1 church constituted, 10 Sabbath Schools organized, 8 baptisms, 21 baptized in connection with his labors, 8 received by letter into pastorless churches, 31 churches visited, 1 district meeting attended, 1 association, 1 subscriber to "Alabama Baptist," 630 miles traveled in performance of duty.

Rev. W. G. Curry reports 52 weeks service, 215 sermons preached, 49 addresses delivered, 1 church constituted, 18 Sabbath Schools organized 9 prayer meetings, 53 baptized in connection with his labors, 107 churches visited, 10 preaching stations, 43 churches in his field meeting every Sabbath, 42 subscribers to "Alabama Baptist," assisted in ordaining 5 deacons 42 religious visits to families and others, pledges for State Missions in his field unpaid, \$138.00.

Rev. W. Wilkes reports 52 weeks service, 210 sermons preached, 42 addresses delivered, 2 churches constituted, 35 Sabbath Schools organized 73 baptized in connection with his labors, 7 received by letter into pastorless churches, 164 churches visited, 6 preaching stations, 35 churches in his field meeting every Sabbath, 1 subscriber to "Alabama Baptist," 2 deacons ordained 1 Sabbath School convention organized. 7 religious visits to families and others, pledges for State Missions in his field unpaid, \$100.00.

Rev. J. S. Yarbrough reports 52 weeks service, 193 sermons preached 4 addresses delivered, 1 church organized, 3 Sabbath Schools, 5 baptisms, 15 baptisms in connection with his labors, 2 received by letter into pastorless churches, 3 restored, 80 churches visited, 27 preaching stations, 6 churches in his field meeting every Sabbath, 1 district meeting attended, 3 associations, 38 subscribers to "Alabama Baptist," 175 religious visits to families, 3,227 miles traveled in performance of duty.

Rev. J. E. Cox reports 19 weeks service, 89 sermons preached, 10 addresses delivered, 16 Sabbath Schools organized, 4 prayer meetings, 76 churches visited, 8 preaching stations, 1 district meeting attended, 2 religious visits, 923 miles travelled, 8 subscribers to "Alabama Baptist," pledges to State Missions in his field unpaid, \$156.00.

Rev. B. F. Hendon reports 31 weeks service, 143 sermons preached, 10 addresses delivered, 2 churches constituted, 6 Sabbath Schools organized, 15 prayer meetings, 4 received by letter into pastorless churches, 51 churches visited, 9 preaching stations, 10 churches in his field meeting every Sabbath, 2 district meetings attended, 1,862 miles traveled in performance of duty, 2 deacons ordained, 7 religious visits, 5 subscribers to Alabama Baptist, pledges for State Missions in his field unpaid, \$280.00.

Rev. F. C. David reports 30 weeks service, 110 sermons preached, 86 addresses delivered, 21 Sabbath schools organized, 18 prayer meetings, 2 Ladies' Missionary Societies, 20 baptisms, 3 received by letter into pastorless churches, 35 churches visited, 10 preaching stations, 13 churches in his field meeting every Sabbath, 2 district meetings attended, 1,205 miles traveled in performance of duty, 31 subscribers to Alabama Baptist, 1 deacon ordained, 185 religious visits to families and others.

Rev. E. F. Baber reports 52 weeks service, 205 sermons preached, 17

addresses delivered, 14 Sabbath schools organized, 2 Ladies' Missionary Societies, 4 baptisms, 42 baptized in connection with his labors, 74 churches visited, 73 churches meeting every Sabbath, 1 district meeting attended, 18 subscribers to Alabama Baptist, 2 deacons ordained, 1,901 miles traveled, pledges for State Missions in his field unpaid, \$514 75.

Rev. T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, reports 53 weeks service, 117 sermons delivered, 60 addresses, 20 Sabbath schools organized, 10 associational meetings attended, 49 subscribers to Alabama Baptist, 4 deacons ordained, 5,845 miles traveled, collected for Foreign Missions \$91,10, for Home Missions \$165,05, for Theological Seminary \$8,25, raised for repairing church buildings \$346 00.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Four hundred and forty-six weeks service, 1,635 sermons preached, 434 addresses delivered, 10 churches constituted, 170 Sabbath schools organized, 2 Sabbath school Conventions, 73 prayer meetings, 4 Ladies' Missionary Societies, 48 baptisms, 267 baptized in connection with labors, 30 received by letter into pastorless churches, 3 restored, 882 churches visited, 95 preaching stations, 235 churches meeting every Sabbath 13 district meetings attended, 17 associations, 21,806 miles traveled 200 subscribers to Alabama Baptist, 1 minister ordained 22 deacons ordained, collected for Home Missions \$175,05, for Foreign Missions \$101 10, for Theological Seminary \$8,25, for yellow fever sufferers \$12.00, raised for repairing church buildings \$316,00, 495 religious visits to families.

T. M. BAILEY, Corresponding Secretary.

REPORT OF STATE MISSION BOARD.

TALLADEGA, ALA., July 15, 1870.

In addition to the Annual Report of the State Mission Board, submitted by our Corresponding Secretary, the Board finds it necessary to make some further statements. We are still possessed of an unwavering belief that the work contemplated by the existence of this Board, is the great work of the Alabama Baptist Convention; and therefore the efficiency of the Board is a matter of first importance. And we regret to have to state that during the past year the Board has found itself embarrassed to a degree which has greatly interfered with its efficiency.

Therefore, brethren of the Convention, we respectfully say that we wish you would perfectly unembarrassed to locate the Board at any point in the State where it can be most efficient.

The Board feels in duty bound to lay before the Convention a few plain statements of facts in relation to the current expenses of the year now closing and the one now opening, particularly as touching the support of the Corresponding Secretary. We have felt that this is the weak and most difficult part of our work. We submit what we have to say on this subject under two divisions.

1st. As regards the salary of the Secretary and his expenses for the current year now closing, we have to state that of the pledges made at Talladega for this object, only \$939 00 have been paid, fully three hun-

ded of which has been expended in expenses of the Board incident to his work in travel, stationery, &c. And here it must be remembered that these Talladega pledges were made without any reference to incidental expenses,—they were made for his salary alone, so that he has paid \$300 of his own money to carry on the work of his office. The Board feels that it has a right to expect that the Convention will at this meeting provide for the refunding of this \$300. And then this will leave fully one-fourth of his salary unpaid; but in the generosity of his heart this will be satisfactory.

2d. The second item to which we wish to invite your attention relates to the expenses of this department of the Boards' work for the incoming Conventional year. At the Board meeting three months ago two of our members were appointed to correspond with churches and brethren with the view of securing sufficient pledges by individual and church action before this present meeting of the Convention, to put the expenses of the Secretaryship on a more sure basis, and as far as possible relieve the Convention of this matter. This correspondence which, was only partially executed resulted in securing about \$649 00 in pledges. We now ask the Convention to finish this work, and we insist that \$1,700 00 is necessary to cover all the expenses of this office.

J. J. D. RENFROE, President of the Board.

Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements of the State Mission Board for the Conventional Year of 1878-79.

| RECEIPTS. | | DISBURSEMENTS. | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| From Alabama Association | \$ 584 25 | By Cash to Rev. E. F. Baber..... | \$ 647 15 |
| " Bethel | 300 00 | " " Rev. W. G. Curry..... | 587 00 |
| " Bethlehem | 292 60 | " " Rev. P. E. Kirven..... | 405 55 |
| " Higbee | 388 20 | " " Rev. M. Baybourn..... | 351 15 |
| " Catuba | 627 75 | " " Rev. W. Wilkes..... | 643 50 |
| " Catuba Val'y | 64 10 | " " Rev. H. A. Williams..... | 41 75 |
| " Canaan | 109 00 | " " Rev. J. S. Yarbrough..... | 458 75 |
| " Centennial | 100 80 | " " Rev. J. E. Cox..... | 85 00 |
| " Cedar Bluff | 25 10 | " " Rev. B. F. Hendon..... | 230 00 |
| " Coosa River | 378 80 | " " Rev. F. C. David | 248 30 |
| " Central | 74 55 | " " Rev. T. M. Bailey | 1337 78 |
| " Carey | 102 20 | Travelling Expenses of Corres- | |
| " Eufaula | 487 28 | Secretary, Stationery, Postage, | |
| " Elm | 11 85 | Expenses, &c..... | 290 45 |
| " General | 65 80 | | \$5243 23 |
| " Gulf Coast | 165 80 | | |
| " Harmony | 75 | | |
| " East Liberty | 125 00 | | |
| " Mulberry | 29 10 | | |
| " Miscellaneous | 74 00 | | |
| " New River | 42 65 | | |
| " Pine Barren | 282 25 | | |
| " Salem | 63 85 | | |
| " Shelby | 25 20 | | |
| " Tuskegee | 203 00 | | |
| " Tuskufoosa | 307 80 | | |
| " Tallasseehatchie | 27 10 | | |
| " Unity | 116 00 | | |
| " Union | 42 30 | | |
| " Warrior River | 5 00 | | |
| " Zion | 62 75 | | |
| " Muscle Shoal and N. Lib'ty | 10 00 | | |
| | \$5243 23 | | |

**HOWARD COLLEGE
LIBRARY**

We the auditors of the Board have examined the books, receipts, and Vouchers, and have found them correct.

I. B. MERRIAM.
J. H. JOINER.
JOHN HENDERSON.

The *Educational Board* then presented the following report, which was referred to the Committee to nominate the remaining Officers of the Convention :

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

This Board has done but little during the past year. One brother, Rev. Ezra Plumb, was sustained in Howard College, a part of the year. Since his death in January, nothing has been done. We are happy to state that many Associations are contributing to the cause of Theological Education. Some of the most gifted young men of the State have been thus aided in pursuing their studies in Howard College. But as these Associations have preferred to choose their own beneficiaries and to contribute, through their own local Boards, there has been but little left for the State Board to do. The Board would offer the following Resolution :

Resolved, That if the State Educational Board be continued, that it be made to consist of thirteen members, five of whom shall be located at Tuscaloosa, and the Associations engaged in this work be requested to report through this Board.

J. B. HAWTHORNE, Chairman.

The Report of the Committee on the Evangelization of the Colored People, was read, and after discussion was adopted :

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE COLORED PEOPLE.

The temporary alienation between the white and colored races in the South immediately after the war, estopped very nearly all the religious influence which our people had been so long exercising over the black population. This alienation was not so much the result of emancipation, as of a systematic effort on the part of an outside element that came to the South after the war had ceased, and sought to produce a permanent rupture between the races, by persuading an ignorant and credulous people that we were their enemies—we who had been raised with them—had sported with them in childhood—had shared the fruits of their labors—and had built their churches and preached among them the unsearchable riches of Christ. They succeeded but too well in a purpose any thing else but patriotic, producing most deplorable results, both material and religious. A wild fanaticism that bordered on idolatry, marked, in good part, their religious exercises. Such a thing as a healthy discipline in their churches was rare. To see a vision and hear a voice—to be transported to hell and then to heaven—to go into a "trance," as they call it, and come out shouting with the incoherent jargon of a maniac—constituted with them, in a majority of cases, as it does even yet in too many instances, an experience of grace, on which they have been baptized by thousands. All healthy restraints being removed, the great mass gave themselves up to the wildest vagaries that ever disgraced the worship o

God. All this we have been doomed to witness and deplore, while we were powerless to interpose any remedy. If we ventured to indicate to them a more excellent way, if we pointed them to the word of God, and besought them to conform their faith and practice to its instructions by some of their leaders we were told, with the utmost seriousness, that the Bible was the "white man's book," and that God was revealing directly to them all that they needed to know, because many of them could not read. To reason with them at that time on so bold an absurdity was time thrown away. This of course soon bore its noxious fruits. And thus the alienation to which we have referred, and which was intended to subserve an ulterior purpose, reacted most disastrously upon the moral and religious condition of our freedmen.

But we are glad to note, within the last two or three years, a reaction in the sentiments of the colored race, in many localities, which is quite encouraging. We, their white brethren, have ever stood ready to meet more than half way, this reflux tide of returning sensibility, and we hail it as one of the most favorable auguries of the times. We see it in their growing appreciation of our ministerial labor among them, in the confiding spirit that seeks and accepts our advices in their perplexities, both in respect of faith and practice, and in the abatement of no little of that fanaticism that marked their worship a few years ago. All this we hail with the most lively joy, as it presents to us a field of usefulness, than which, a more promising and important, cannot be found on earth. No foreign or domestic field can surpass it in these respects, whether we view the subject in the light of patriotism, or Christianity; for observe, brethren, these colored people are to live among us, they are in a good degree to be our laborers, and certainly it needs no argument to prove that by how much, intelligence and moral worth increase the value and capacities of labor, and enhance the real worth of permanent citizenship in our commonwealth, by so much is it imperative on us, as patriots, to elevate this race by all the forms of mental and religious culture in our power. But then it is their spiritual concerns, their souls' undying interests, that mostly appeal to us. These sacred interests tower as far above all material questions, as the heavens are above the earth. Let this end be achieved, and all subsidiary interests will be promoted far more effectively than by all other expedients. Whatever may be said of African slavery by its friends or enemies in the old or new world, one thing we do say, and true Christian philanthropy, will, in the end, so accept it, and history will so record it, that as it existed among Protestant Christians in these Southern States, God so overruled it, as that it became the means of elevating that race in their physical, intellectual and moral characteristics, so far above what they were in their native wilds in Africa, as if they were to-day a distinct race; That while in this state of servitude to their Southern masters, and therefore shut out from all other means of religious instruction, more than a half million out of four millions, made credible professions of Christianity, and become

connected with the several religious denominations in the South, besides more than an equal number who died in the Christian faith, as the sole result of the labors of Southern white ministers, directly or indirectly—thus presenting before the Christian world higher results than had been accomplished by the combined agencies of Protestant Missions among the heathen for a hundred years. That it was sadly abused by bad men, is frankly admitted. This long acquaintance with the negro, as to his character, his habits, his susceptibilities, his virtues and vices—all his idiosyncrasies, opens to the philanthropy of Southern Christians this field of religious activity unsurpassed in its present demands and prospective promise. Let us address ourselves to the task with a zeal worthy of the cause.

Thus we see that an institution that originated in cruelty and avarice, and entailed upon the Southern States under the sanctions of law, constitutional and statutory, both by our General and State governments, was so overruled of God as to give to the savage tribes of Africa, the only bright page in their history since the days of Abraham. By perpetual and familiar contact with a superior race, it has elevated four millions of them incomparably above their native countrymen in a few generations, and has been the occasion as we have seen, of converting, it is supposed, of not less than five hundred thousand of them while in slavery, to say nothing of those who died in the triumph of faith, thus putting them upon the high road to indefinite advancement in everything that can ennoble and dignify human nature. Such an institution, we submit, as managed by the Southern people, deserves something other than pure, unmitigated hatred and vituperation. We are not apologizing for it, as it has passed away. We simply affirm that under our enlightened government and Protestant auspices, it presented the mild, est and most humane form in which slavery has ever existed in any country, and that the time is not distant when good men will accord to Southern slave-holders a measure of that justice which their Christian philanthropy to their servants demands.

We only add, that such had been the improvement in the race while in a state of slavery, that on their emancipation, more than three-fourths of the States of this Union conferred on them the rights of full citizenship, a thing no enlightened government would have thought of conferring upon an equal number of that race fresh from their native land.

The appointment of Dr. S. W. Marston, of Missouri, by the American Baptist Home Mission Society, to superintend the mission of that Society to the colored people in the Southern States, we hail with delight. He comes amongst us with every testimonial as to his qualifications for his work that can inspire confidence. These testimonials come from the highest and best sources North and South. Our own Domestic Mission Board are about to appoint our brother, Rev. W. H. Robert, of Georgia, to be associated with Dr. Marston in this work. One great object they have in view is to organize "Minister's Institutes," at proper centres in

the different States, for the purpose of calling together our colored ministers, who cannot avail themselves of any other means of preparation for their work, and instructing them by a course of lectures on church government, discipline, and doctrinal and practical Christianity. We only wish we could bespeak in adequate terms the active, earnest co-operation of our pastors and churches throughout our country with these brethren in their noble work. We appeal to our brethren by those pleasant recollections of the past, when these colored people nursed us in our infancy and gambled with us in our childhood, when their labor supplied us with every comfort; we appeal to all the solemn behests of patriotism, we appeal to their love of Christ and their love of souls, to "come up to the help of the Lord, the help of the Lord against the mighty." Other agencies are being marshaled, and are about ready to to precipitate a multitude of educated colored Catholic Priests upon our colored population, which if not successfully resisted by preoccupying the ground, will superinduce a far more rigid and stern alienation of races than anything of the kind we have deplored in the past. This is our grand opportunity to save millions of the race from the superstition and corruptions of Romanism, as well as from their own native tendency to religious fanaticism. May we have wisdom and grace to improve it.

SAMUEL HENDERSON, Chairman.

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| J. J. D. RENFROE, | R. W. COBB, |
| J. R. NOWLIN, | R. H. STURRETT, |
| R. J. WALDRUP, | I. T. TICHENOR. |

On motion the *Report of the Committee on Education* was made the special order for Saturday, 3:30 P. M.

The Committee to nominate the *Board of State Missions*, made the following Report, which was adopted:—J. J. D. Renfro, *President*, S. Henderson, W. C. Cleveland, E. T. Smyth, W. R. Stone, Jno. Henderson, J. H. Joiner, L. W. Lawler, J. W. Bishop, Wm. Ivey, J. E. Ware, T. M. Bailey, *Cor. Secretary*.

The *Committee to nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention*, to meet in Lexington, Ky., May 6th, 1880, made their Report, which was adopted, after adding the names of the Committee:

W. C. Cleveland, W. G. Curry, G. R. Farham, J. O'B. Lowry, O. F. Gregory, M. T. Sumner, Z. D. Roby, E. J. Smyth, J. B. Hawthorne, J. J. D. Renfro, S. Henderson, J. Haralson, T. M. Bailey, J. C. Stratford, I. T. Tichenor, N. B. Williams, L. W. Lawler, T. W. Tobey, B. B. Davis, T. L. Jones, A. P. Norris, Porter King, P. M. Callaway, E. F. Baber, L. R. Gwaltney, E. T. Winkler, L. L. Fox, D. M. Seals, B. H. Crumpton, J. D. Roquemore, W. C. Bledsoe, W. P. Bullock, B. F. Riley,

J. L. Sampey, J. T. Murfee, J. H. Foster, J. C. Foster, A. J. Waldrop, J. Crook, P. M. Musgrove, E. B. Teague, J. A. Howard, C. R. Cross, H. C. Taul, R. C. Keeble, J. B. Lovelace, W. A. Davis, J. L. Williams, J. Headen, J. W. Bishop, J. L. West, J. P. Shaffer, W. S. Rogers, C. D. Woodruff, W. N. Reeves, J. Shackelford, M. M. Wamboldt, E. J. Forrester, Z. A. Owens, J. S. Dill, J. S. Paullin.

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| W. H. McINTOSH, | J. O. ROBERTSON, |
| P. H. DUNCAN, | J. M. LANGSTON, |
| C. F. ENSLIN, | J. E. McCORMICK, |

Committee.

On motion, W. H. McIntosh, O. F. Gregory, J. C. Foster, T. H. Stout, were appointed a *Committee on Obituaries*, with leave to prepare their report after the close of the Convention.

The President read the invitation, when it was *Resolved*, that we return our thanks to Maj. B. Dunham, Superintendent of the S. & N. Railroad, and to the Pratt Coal and Coko Company, for their polite invitation to visit the Coal Mines of the Company, and regret that the pressing duties of the Convention, in the time to which our session is limited, forbid the acceptance on the day designated, and that the Secretary furnish a copy of this resolution to these gentlemen.

A telegram from J. A. Wiley, announcing his serious illness, and asking the prayers of the Convention, was read, when prayer was offered in his behalf by O. F. Gregory.

The *Committee on Religious Exercises*, offered the following appointments for Sabbath, which was adopted :

Baptist Church—J. B. Hawthorne, 11 a. m. ; I. T. Tichenor, 8:30 p. m.

Methodist Church—J. Shackelford, 11 a. m. ; B. H. Crumpton, 8:30 p. m.

Central Presbyterian Church—H. C. Taul, 11 a. m. ; T. H. Stout, 8:30 p. m.

Presbyterian Church—L. R. Gwaltney, 11 a. m. ; M. M. Wamboldt, 8:30 p. m.

Rubamah Church—W. C. Cleveland, 11 a. m.

Colored Baptist Church—I. U. Wilkes, 3 p. m. ; J. M. Fortune, 8 p. m.

Zion Methodist Church—P. C. Drew, 3 p. m.; F. D. Hale, 8:30 p. m.

A. M. E. Church—J. H. Curry, 3 p. m.

Sabbath School Mass Meeting, 3:30 p. m., T. M. Bailey and others. After which the Convention adjourned until 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, July 19th.

The Convention reassembled at 8:30. After half hour's devotional exercises conducted by J. R. Huckabee, the *Report on Foreign Missions* was read which, after discussion, was adopted:

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The meetings of what may be called representative bodies of Baptists, held in May last, in Atlanta, Ga., in Saratoga, N. Y. and in London, England, have shown to the world the deep interest which these Christians feel in the salvation of men, and their efforts to obey the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

In Atlanta, the fact was stated that between fifty and sixty thousand dollars had been collected and disbursed for Foreign Missions, and that continued prosperity had followed the efforts of the missionaries, attended by God's blessing, and that the outlook for the future was hopeful.

The Home Mission Board announced the intention of sending Dr. J. B. Hartwell to the Chinese in California, as soon as the necessary funds can be collected.

In Saratoga, N. Y., an expenditure of more than two hundred and thirty thousand dollars was announced, and the baptism of 18,000 converts from heathenism during the year, the prospect of a large increase during the present year, and an urgent call made to the churches to renewed zeal and energy.

The English Baptists report, at the London meeting, the disbursement of two hundred and thirty thousand dollars. With a much smaller membership than that of the Northern Baptists, they report nearly an equal amount of expenditure. They report a progress in Foreign lands which is gratifying, and an increased interest among the churches at home.

These statements from England and America show that Baptists are by no means idle in their Master's vineyard.

With a membership of between two and three millions, baptized upon a profession of their faith in Christ, what could not these Christians do if each one were inspired with the true spirit of Missions, laboring personally for the salvation of those around him, each giving according to his ability and attending his offering with earnest prayer.

Have we fully proved the power of individual effort? Do we not seem to think that the few ought to do all the work and bear all the expense? Has Christ exempted any one? Is it not true that each follower of his has a special work to accomplish, which no other person can do for him, and which if neglected by him must remain undone forever?

Alabama Baptists with a reported membership of 96,000, gave in 1878 for Foreign Missions \$1,381.

The little Chinese Church in Shanghai, of 91 members, gave during the same period for Missions, \$333 00.

Are our pastors, as they ought, doing what they can to awaken in our membership a missionary spirit?

Are our brethren in their prosperity, remembering as they ought, the condition of those who are without hope, and striving to give them the blessings of the Gospel of peace?

Can we not give more, labor more, and pay more for the advancement of our Master's cause?

T. W. TOHEY,

I. C. BROWN.

N. F. MILES,

J. W. BISHOP,

J. S. FORD,

J. W. WEATHERLY,

B. R. BARKSDALE.

A. DAUGHETY.

The special order having been suspended to allow it, a communication in reference to the *Alabama Baptist* was read and referred to a special committee of three—A. J. Waldrop, R. C. Keeble, B. B. Davis.

The special order being the consideration of the *Report on Home Missions*, it was read and after discussion was adopted, after the following pledges of money and services were made:

MONEY.—Alpine Church, \$25,00; B. H. Crumpton, 10,00; Gadsden Church, 15,00; T. M. Bailey, 5,00 paid; R. N. Thomasson, Mountain Creek, 5,00; J. E. McCormick, 5,00 paid; J.

G. Harris, 5,00 paid; Woman's Missionary Society, Tuscaloosa, 3,00 paid.

SERVICES.—J. Falkner, W. S. Rogers, H. R. Gwaltney, W. C. Cleveland, A. J. Waldrop, J. S. Paullin, W. C. Bladsoe, O. F. Gregory, B. F. Riley, Jos. Shackelford, W. N. Reeves, J. Gunn, Z. D. Roby, I. T. Tichenor, J. B. Hawthorne, H. W. Watson, J. M. Fortune, Ladies' Aid Society of Union Springs.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Among the various objects which demand our support as Baptists is the work committed to the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. While the claims of State and Foreign Missions must be heeded, the duty of aiding this Board must not be left undone. The Home Board is not only helping struggling fields to support their pastors; taking hold of important centres, and aiding in building churches at points where the interests of the denomination may be effectually and materially subserved, a most important work, and one which comes within the province of no other Board, but is stretching out to the regions beyond, is carrying the glad tidings of the Gospel to the "Red men of the Forest."

Brother John McIntosh, a native preacher, has been sent out to the "wild tribes," to whom he has proven acceptable, and among whom he is accomplishing a good work. One church has been already established, and fourteen baptisms have been recently reported.

Brethren Perryman, Kennard and Buckner, are laboring among the Creeks; Ross and Lewis Cass among the Choctaws, and Burns is with the Chickasaws.

In the States, the Board is at work in Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee, Florida, Arkansas and Texas.

An important field has been providentially opened to the Board by the emigration of the Chinese to California; and in the return of Bro. J. B. Hartwell, from the Foreign Field, where for twenty years he has been laboring among these people, we recognize the divine hand, indicating the man to occupy this field. Bro. Hartwell has been appointed by the Board to this work, and will enter thereon as soon as his support can be secured. We would urge upon pastors the formation of societies among the female membership of their churches—that their sympathies, prayers and contributions may be enlisted in behalf of Christian benevolence.

We commend to the Sabbath Schools of our State, our paper "Kind Words," published by this Board, and edited by Bro. Samuel Boykin, of Macon. It is eminently worthy of our patronage and support. The pressing necessities of the Home Board appeal eloquently to us for immediate supply. Let us remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive," and let us give lib-

erally to sustain the Home Board, engaged, as it is in a work which is peculiarly its own, and thus shall we glorify our blessed Saviour, and extend his kingdom in the world.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. STRATTON PAULIN, Chairman.

H. CLAY TAUL, W. B. STROCK.

W. N. Reeves submitted an Order of Business, which was read and referred to a special committee of five:—J. U. Wilkes, W. N. Reeves, I. T. Tichenor; H. H. Brown, W. C. Cleveland.

After reading Report of the *Committee on Provision for Aged and Infirm Ministers*, it was made the special order for 4:30 p. m.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PROVISION FOR AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS,

During the Convention of 1878; held at Talladega, a Resolution was offered, setting forth the principle that it is the duty of the Baptists to make provision for the necessities of aged and infirm ministers, who have given their time and talent to the spread of the gospel, and also to take care of the widows and children of deceased ministers who may die in the service of the churches. This resolution was unanimously adopted and a committee of five laymen was appointed to draft some plan by which this object might be effected. That committee made their report and it was discussed late in the session without deciding upon any plan. The report was then recommitted to the undersigned to be again reported to this body.

The report of the first committee was lost by the fire that consumed the other papers, just before the printing of the proceedings of the last Convention; consequently we are at some loss to know what was the original plan presented by them.

This committee, however, are fully of the opinion that it is an imperative duty resting upon the Baptists of Alabama, to make such provision as in their power lies, for the maintenance of aged and infirm ministers, who have worn out their physical manhood in the discharge of their ministerial duties, and also to make similar provision for the widows and children of our ministers who die while engaged in the active service of our churches. This rule may be made to apply to such as have not a competency, or kindred who are willing and able to provide for them.

In our judgment, no argument is necessary to convince the Christians of this demand upon our denomination. We believe this is a duty we owe to ourselves, a duty we owe to our faithful ambassadors, a duty we owe to the church of Christ. The only question with us is, how can it be accomplished. As a system or plan by which this object may be carried into effect, we offer the following Resolutions.

RESOLVED 1st. It is the sense of this Convention, that it is the duty of Baptists to make provision, so far as in their power lies, for disabled

ministers, and the widows and children of deceased ministers, who have spent and been spent in the service of the Master.

RESOLVED 2d. We recommend to all churches composing this Convention, that they declare the above object to be one of the Benevolent enterprises of the Baptist denomination to be fostered by them.

RESOLVED 3d. That we recommend and urge each Association to appoint a Committee for the purpose of superintending, raising and disbursing such means as may be raised for this purpose, and that such committees be requested to report the result of their labor each year to this Convention.

J. G. HARRIS,
L. W. LAWLER,
R. C. KEEBLE.

The President reported the following Standing Committees to report next year.

Foreign Missions.—W. C. Bledsoe, W. F. Bond, J. O. Hixson, B. J. Skinner, T. W. Tobey, O. F. Gregory, I. U. Wilkes, W. P. Bullock, T. V. B. Moor.

Home Missions.—Z. A. Owens, J. M. Fortune, J. H. Curry, Jno. Crook, Wm. Ivey, R. H. Sterrett, R. F. Walker, James M. Smoke, J. H. Williamson.

Sabbath Schools.—J. G. Harris, R. J. Waldrop, J. C. Maxwell, B. R. Barksdale, D. W. Ramsey, D. G. Benton, H. C. Taul, H. S. D. Mallory, H. H. Brown.

Education.—J. B. Hawthorne, J. Shackleford, J. C. Foster, I. T. Tichenor, J. T. Murfee, A. R. Yancey, L. B. Gwaltney, J. T. Evans, R. W. Beck.

Evangelization of the Colored Race.—R. W. Cobb, John Henderson, J. C. Brown, W. P. Welch, L. M. Stone, J. K. Ryan, A. Edwards, A. Daughety, W. Wilkes.

On motion, adjourned with prayer by A. B. Starke.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, 3 O'CLOCK.

The Convention resumed the session, which was opened with prayer by A. Daughety.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it is hereby declared to be the sense of this Convention, that the previous question is not applicable to the proceedings of this body.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the Resolutions in regard to Order of Business, reported as follows :

The Committee to whom were referred the resolutions offered

by W. N. Reeves, providing an Order of Business for the Convention in its future sessions, recommend the unanimous adoption of said Resolutions as amended and now offered by the Committee. Respectfully submitted.

I. U. WILKES, Chairman.

After said Order of Business had been read, Article by Article, and amended, it was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That a committee of five of whom the President shall be Chairman, and the Secretary a member, be appointed to arrange an Order of Business for the next and subsequent meetings of this body whose duty it shall be—

1st. To provide for an opening address by the President, or by some member to be appointed by him.

2d. To assign the time for the reading of each important report, and select some one to make the opening speech thereon.

3d. To make liberal arrangements for devotional exercises from time to time during all the meetings of the Convention.

4th. To have their report printed and distributed all over the State, and especially in the hands of each speaker appointed at least three months before the next meeting of this Convention.

5th. To put such limit to the opening speeches as they deem proper,

On motion agreed that the remaining members of the Committee be appointed by President from the brethren at Selma.

W. C. CLEVELAND,

W. C. WARD,

H. S. D. MALLARY,

Committee.

The *Committee on Education* made the following Report, which after discussion was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee are gratified to be able to report that during the past year the cause of Education has prospered throughout the State of Alabama, and especially in the institutions under the immediate control of this Convention. With the gradual, but sure return of prosperity among the people at large, has also come an awakened interest in the cause of Education. It is a fact too well known to require more than its statement, that before our people had time, after the close of the late war, to establish their broken down institutions, there came on us as a series of disasters, so crushing, that despair took the place of hope. Our institutions of learning—Colleges and common schools, rapidly declined, until it seemed that with all our other ills, our young people were to grow up in ignorance.

But Providence did not desert us. Our people with a patience, industry, and patriotism, well nigh unparalleled, gathered up the threads and remnants of their broken fortunes, and steadily set themselves to the task of repairing the waste places. An overruling Providence has blessed their effort. With a brighter future ahead, an ever increasing interest in education, and patronage of schools on the part of the people, our duties as citizens and Baptists are evident. The people intend to educate their children and are now rapidly reaching a position which will enable them to do this. Must not we, as Baptists, respond to this, by a renewed devotion to our denominational institutions, or shall we allow them to decline, and with them decline, necessarily, the interests of our denomination? But one answer can be given: we must come up with an united, earnest, christian support in their aid. An educated ministry is now recognized as indispensable in this age of science and learning and universal access to information. The Soldier of the Cross should be as well armed and equipped for the warfare as the hirelings of the Prince of Darkness. Not less essential is our Christian laity—Christian men and women trained in schools representing the truths, we as Baptists, hold so essential and dear. Thus our people recognize this necessity is evident from the reports of the Boards of Trustees of the Howard College and Judson Female Institute. These Institutions have been endeared to the Baptists of Alabama by the peculiar and high advantages they possess for the thorough Christian Education and training of our children, and by the great good they have done. Against adverse fortune both have reached an eminence of success and stability insuring permanency and increasing usefulness.

Your committee would call particular attention to the Theological department of the Howard College. During the session of 1878-79, thirteen theological students entered, and but four remained to the close of the session. The tuition of these students is given by the College, and their board, room rent, &c., are furnished at actual cost. We specially commend the course of study and training in this department, preparing the students physically, mentally and morally to discharge the duties of the ministry and the practical business demands of life. Not only are these students thoroughly educated and trained theologically, but they are subjected to a physical training well adapted to develop their physical powers, and to enable them more easily to meet the demands upon their bodily vitality and endurance which the exercise of their profession require. They are also thoroughly trained in parliamentary law, a training so essential and useful to them as ministers. So perfect is the system and its practical workings, the student is prepared not only for his profession proper, but also to meet the practical requirements of life.

Your committee would call attention to the small number of these students remaining the entire season. This large falling off is attributable mainly to the failure of the Associations to provide in time the support promised to these young brethren. In this connection we would recommend that Associations and the Convention be urged to provide means to pay the board of these beneficiaries, and that the funds for the same be collected before they are sent to College. If this be done it will secure their attendance the entire session, and large return will be had in the thorough training and education of the beneficiaries. Your committee believe that the entire cost of the tuition of these young brethren should not be borne by the Professors of Howard College, as is now done. These Professors derive their salaries alone from the tuition of the students at the College, and the exemption of any student from tuition necessarily throws the cost of the same on the Professors. We believe they are more than willing to bear a due and just proportion of these charges. More than that should not be required, and we recommend

that some action be taken by this Convention looking to their relief in this respect.

It is believed that the Judson is entering on a new era of prosperity and usefulness. The past session was unusually successful, and the commencement exercises were largely attended. The past history of the Judson and the present unequaled advantage it offers for a thorough and finished female education make it an institution demanding the earnest support and love of our people.

Dr. Murfee, President of the Howard College, and Dr. Gwaltney, President of the Judson, have demonstrated their high ability as educators, by their successful management and development of their respective institutes. We bespeak for them the hearty and christian support and encouragement of this Convention. We have good accounts from the Alabama Central Female College, at Tuskalooosa. Under the efficient management of its present head, Bro. A. K. Yancey, it offers great facilities for thorough Christian and Literary Education. Since the meeting of your last Convention the former President of that Institute has removed to the State of Missouri. The good wishes and prayers of our people follow him to his new home. All of which is respectfully submitted,

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| H. S. D. MALLORY, | J. H. KINNEBREW, |
| W. C. CLEVELAND, | J. C. ROBERTS, |
| J. G. SAYER, | W. S. ROGERS, |
| J. A. HOWARD, | Committee. |

The Committee to Nominate the Remaining Officers of the Convention reported as follows, which was adopted:

For Treasurer.—S. H. Fowlkes,

Board of Directors.—E. T. Winkler, J. H. Lee, W. W. Wilkerson, C. C. Huckabee, Porter King, John Moor, W. H. Fiquet, J. G. Apsey, J. B. Lovelace, I. B. Vaiden, J. T. Murfee, L. R. Gwaltney.

To Preach Introductory Sermon at the next Convention.—Jos. Shackelford; Alternate, B. F. Riley.

Trustees of Howard College.—L. W. Lawler, W. C. Ward, T. M. Bailey, Jos. Shackelford, J. B. Lovelace, W. T. Hendon, W. N. Reeves, S. Henderson, J. L. Wyatt.

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Your Committee are aware that E. T. Winkler has tendered his resignation as Trustee, but in consideration of his valuable services in the past hope he will reconsider his action and withdraw it.

A. J. WALDROP, Chairman.

On motion that portion of the Report fixing the time of meeting of the next Convention was reconsidered, when was unanimously agreed to WEDNESDAY, before the third Sabbath (14th) July 1880, at Greenville, Alabama. On motion adjourned until 8:30 P. M.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 8:30.

After the Convention had been opened with prayer by B. B. Williams the discussion of the Report of the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers was resumed and the Report adopted, when the Convention united in prayer with I. T. Tichenor, for God's blessing upon the work.

The following communication from the Ann Hazeltine Society was read and ordered recorded.

MARION, ALA., June 18, 1879.

The Ann Hazeltine Society of the Judson Female Institute, to the Alabama Baptist State Convention. We have closed another year of our Mission work as Pupils in the Judson. During this time, the Society has contributed:—To State Missions \$7.35; To Dr. Buckner, Indian Mission, \$41.38; To Rome Chapel, \$15.00; To Foreign Missions, \$16.58. Total \$80.31.

Our monthly meetings have been very pleasant, and we trust not without some good result. We send as a Delegate to your body Rev. L. R. Gwaltney. However feeble our efforts may appear, we pray, and we ask you to pray, that when the grain in the Master's field is white for the sickle, there may be laid at His feet, at least one sheaf in the name of the Ann Hazeltine Society.

LULU RAINER, Pres't.

LAURA SYLVESTER, Sec'y.

The Committee on the following communication of John L. West in regard to the "Alabama Baptist," viz:

To the Alabama Baptist Convention: Whereas, the conditions on which the "Alabama Baptist" was transferred to Rev. E. T. Winkler and myself, at the meeting of your body in Talladega last year, are indefinite; and whereas, in the event of the death or withdrawal of either of the parties to whom the paper was transferred, complications and misunderstandings hurtful to the paper and consequently to all our denominational interests in the State might and most probably would arise; and whereas, the prosperity of the paper is seriously retarded by these uncertainties; and whereas Rev. E. T. Winkler prefers not to become the proprietor or publisher of the paper—I therefore respectfully ask that the Convention authorize the transfer of the "Alabama Baptist" to me, as sole proprietor, on the condition on which it was transferred, to Rev. E. T. Winkler and myself at your last session viz:

1. That the paper shall be faithfully employed as an agency for the dissemination of Baptist principles and the support of Baptist influences and interests in every part of Alabama. 2. That in case of a proposed sale in future this Convention shall have the refusal of the purchase at the rates of any bona fide offer made by another party. J. L. WEST.

Made their Report, which was adopted, viz: The committee to whom was referred the communication of J. L. West, in relation to the "Alabama Baptist," would respectfully suggest that the Convention consent that either of the present proprietors shall have the privilege of transferring his interest to the other on the conditions imposed by the Convention last year.

A. J. WALDROP R. C. KEEDLE
B. B. DAVIS, Committee.

A collection, amounting in pledges, advertisements and cash to \$45.65, was then taken up to pay for printing and distributing the minutes. See printer's receipt on last page.

A communication was then read from Mrs. P. L. Brooks in relation to the necessities of Verbena Church.

On motion, **RESOLVED**, that the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered to the Birmingham Baptist Church, and citizens of the city for their bounteous hospitality, to the county authorities for the use of the Court-House in which we have held our sessions, and also to the various Railroads and hotels which have granted reduced rates and to the several denominations for the use of their houses of worship.

The Finance Committee reported that the Report of the Treasurer was correct, and submitted their report which was adopted.

The Finance Committee beg leave to make the following Report :

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 10, 1870.

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All of which is mos. respectfully submitted,

T. C. WATTS, Chair'n Finance Com

The following amendments to the Constitution were proposed :

To Article I.—That the first Article of the Constitution of this Convention be amended by adding this clause after "Benevolent Societies," and such brethren as may be appointed to do official service at any session at which they may be present.

To Article IV.—Add "The printing of the minutes of the Convention

and the compensation of the Secretary shall be paid for by a pro rata taken from funds sent for the various objects fostered by this body each year.

A communication from A. C. Jackson, the colored pastor of Birmingham church, was read and J. H. Hendon, requested to reply thereto.

After suitable closing remarks by the President, and singing, and prayer by J. Gunn, the Convention adjourned to meet in Greenville, Ala., on Wednesday, before the third Sabbath in July, 1880.

JOHNATHAN HARALSON, Selma, President.

BENJ. B. DAVIS, Eufaula, Secretary.

J. S. PAULLIN, Assistant Secretary.

Received of B. B. Davis, Secretary, Fifty Dollars for printing these Minutes. EUFULA PUBLISHING COMPANY.

CONSTITUTION.

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

ART. II.—The officers of the Convention shall be a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, together with a Board of Directors, as hereinafter named, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

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

ART. IV.—The Secretary shall make a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention, and soon after the rising of each regular meeting of the body, shall attend to the printing and distribution of the Minutes of the same of which he shall preserve a file—which file shall constitute the authentic record of the Convention. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the body. For his services he may receive a reasonable compensation.

ART. V.—The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Convention, and hold the same subject to the order of this body, or of the Board of Directors during the recess of the Convention; and he shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the Minutes.

ART. VI.—The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with nine other brethren, shall compose the Board of Directors, five of whom shall form a quorum authorized to transact any business of the Convention during the recess thereof, and shall report their proceedings at each annual meeting of the Convention.

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

ART. VIII.—The business of this Convention shall be, to encourage and promote, by all proper means, the following objects, viz:—State, Foreign, Domestic and Indian Missions; Bible Translation and Distri-

but ion ; The Publication and Distribution of Religious Books, Tracts and Periodicals ; Sabbath Schools ; The Education of the Youth of the Country, and especially that of Ministers of the Gospel ; and all other objects sanctioned in the Gospel ; Provided, that such persons only as are in indigent circumstances, shall be received as beneficiaries of the institutions of learning under the patronage of the Convention ; Provided further, that all applicants for aid shall undergo an examination as to their hope in Christ and call to the Ministry, by the Board of Directors, or a Committee, appointed by the same, before they are accepted as beneficiaries.

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

ART. X.—The Convention may receive funds from all such persons as may be disposed to aid in any of the benevolent purposes mentioned in the 8th Article, and it shall faithfully apply funds contributed, to the objects which may be designated by the donors—a portion, however, being taken pro rata from the same for contingent expenses, in the event of the insufficiency of the general fund for that purpose.

ART. XI.—The Convention may employ agents, whose duty it shall be to make collections, obtain subscriptions from societies, solicit Churches and Associations to unite with the Convention, and to further all the objects of this body.

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

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

ART. XIV.—Any Church Association or Society, as prescribed in the 1st Article, contributing any sum, through the Convention, to one or more of the objects specified in the 8th Article, may be represented in this body, as follows :—Each Association may have ten delegates, and each Baptist Church or Benevolent Society, five.

ART. XV.—Any individual member, of a Baptist Church in good standing, may be voted a life member, by the contribution of \$100, at one time, to any of the objects of this Convention. The Convention may, as at pleasure, vote any brother a life member, in consideration of long and eminent services.

ART. XVI.—The funds of this Convention shall consist of voluntary contributions or donations, and not otherwise.

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

ART. XVIII.—This Convention may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any annual meeting, but not so as to infringe the 17th Article.

ART. XIX.—All amendments or alterations of this Constitution shall be proposed at one session, and acted upon at the next.

Instead of prescribing distinct Rules of Order, Mell's Parliamentary Practice, so far as applicable, was adopted by the Convention for governing its deliberations



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