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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Baptist State Convention of Alabama,
1881,

HELD WITH THE

Troy First Baptist Church, Troy, Pike Co., Ala.,

JULY 13-17TH, 1881.

JONATHAN HARALSON, PRESIDENT.

BENJ. B. DAVIS, SECRETARY.

The next Session of the Convention will be held with the Huntsville Church, on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in July, 1882.

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STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

On Sabbath Schools—M. G. Hudson, T. L. Jones, J. S. Paullin, G. D. Benton, S. B. Foster.

On Evangelization of the Colored Race—E. B. Teague, B. H. Crumpton, H. F. Oliver, H. C. Taul, S. O. Y. Ray.

On Foreign Missions—E. J. Forrester, Z. D. Roby, T. H. Stout, P. M. Callaway, J. A. Howard.

On Home Missions—J. O. Hixson, J. H. Hendon, F. D. Hale, B. F. Riley, G. M. Parker.

On Education—T. J. Dill, G. S. Anderson, J. M. Thigpen, J. P. Hubbard, Eli S. Shorter.

On Temperance—L. R. Gwaltney, T. W. Tobey, L. T. Gwathmey, W. S. Rogers, G. T. Gresham.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. M. Phillips, E. F. Baber, A. Jay, H. W. Caffey, R. T. Wear.

On Aged and Indigent Ministers' Fund—W. C. Ward, H. S. D. Mallory, H. A. Haralson, J. G. Harris.

To Prepare Programme—E. T. Winkler, J. B. Lovelace, T. J. Dill, J. T. Murfee, B. B. Davis.

To Preach Introductory Sermon—S. A. Goodwin; alternate, B. F. Riley.

To Preach Missionary Sermon, Sabbath, 11 A. M.—Geo. B. Eager; alternate, W. C. Cleveland.

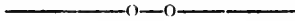
MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA.



1. The Baptist State Convention of Alabama met for its Fifty-eighth Anniversary with the First Baptist church at Troy, Ala. at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, July 13th, 1881.

2. The Convention was called to order by Jonathan Haralson, President.

3. After singing the hymn beginning,

"I love thy kingdom, Lord,"

and the reading of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, prayer was offered by E. J. Forrester.

4. In response to the invitation of the President, the following were enrolled as delegates

FROM ASSOCIATIONS:

Alabama Association.—J. H. Dickson, J. W. Orme, E. J. Harris, J. G. Burt, B. H. Crumpton, E. F. Baber, J. D. Dickson, F. E. May.

Arbacoochee Association.—No representation.

Bethel Association.—Geo. M. Parker.

Bethlehem Association.—A. Jay, L. G. Skipper, J. G. McCaskey, J. E. Deer, B. M. Loveless.

Big Bear Creek Association.—No representation.

Bigbee Association.—J. E. White, Jno G. Harris, W. F. Pond.

Bolling Spring Association.—No representation.

Cahaba Association.—E. T. Winkler, G. S. Anderson, W. H. McIntosh, J. T. Murfee, J. B. Lovelace, W. B. Crumpton, T. M. Bailey, W. C. Cleveland, Jon. Haralson, J. N. Prestridge.

- Cahaba Valley Association*.—No representation.
- Canaan Association*.—J. H. Hendon.
- Carey Association*.—No representation.
- Cedar Bluff Association*.—No representation.
- Central Association*.—H. C. Taul.
- Centennial Association*.—S. A. Goodwin, Wm. O'Neill, A. J. Slaughter, R. D. Thornton, W. A. Martin, M. Ivey, A. Hill, Wm. Pritchett.
- Cherokee Association*.—No representation.
- Coosa River Association*.—W. Wilkes.
- Elim Association*.—J. L. Bryars, L. M. Brooks.
- Eufaula Association*.—W. H. Patterson, J. S. Paullin, W. N. Reeves, D. M. Seals, J. D. Roquemore, Eli S. Shorter, F. B. Moodie, W. S. Rogers, A. H. Borders, A. A. Couric.
- East Harmony Association*.—No representation.
- West Harmony Association*.—No representation.
- Indian Creek Association*.—No representation.
- Judson Association*.—D. Rogers, A. P. Ashurst, B. G. Farmer.
- East Liberty Association*.—Z. D. Roby, J. P. Seroyer.
- North Liberty Association*.—No representation.
- Southwest Liberty Association*.—S. O. Y. Ray.
- Mount Carmel Association*.—No representation.
- Mud Creek Association*.—No representation.
- Mobile Baptist Union*.—M. G. Hudson.
- Mulberry Association*.—O. J. Cottingham.
- Muscle Shoals Association*.—Jos. Shackelford, R. T. Wear.
- New River Association*.—No representation.
- Newton Association*.—P. M. Callaway, N. C. Underwood, P. M. Callaway, Jr., R. L. Jones.
- North River Association*.—J. W. Stewart.
- Pea River Association*.—No representation.
- Pine Barren Association*.—T. A. Knight, W. A. Whittle.
- Rock Mills Association*.—No Representation.
- Salem Association*.—T. H. Stout, J. P. Hubbard, J. P. Nall, J. L. Youngblood, W. D. Wood, J. P. Wood, A. N. Worthy, W. A. Cumbie, W. J. McBryde, G. W. Carlisle.
- Sandy Creek Association*.—J. P. Martin.
- Shelby Association*.—E. B. Teague, C. W. O'Hara.
- Southeastern Association*.—No representation.
- Sulphur Springs Association*.—No representation.
- Tallapoosa River Association*.—No representation.
- Tallasahatchee and Ten Island Association*.—No representation.
- Tennessee River Association*.—No representation.
- Tuscaloosa Association*.—F. D. Hale.
- Tuskegee Association*.—J. S. Dill, B. F. Riley, P. H. Mell, Jr., W. J. Carlisle, W. D. Kyle, H. F. Oliver, E. Y. VanHoose, Robt. Varner, C. W. Buck, M. G. Campbell.

Union Association.—J. H. Curry, J. N. Prestridge.

Unity Association.—Jeff. Falkner.

Warrior River Association.—No Representation.

Yellow Creek Association.—No Representation.

Zion Association.—M. V. Hare, A. Jay.

FROM CHURCHES.

Antioch, Bibb County.—O. J. Cottingham.

Auburn.—J. S. Dill, P. H. Mell, Jr., E. Y. VanHoose.

Bethlehem, Bullock County.—J. E. McCormick.

Bethesda, Montgomery County.—J. C. McLendon, F. M. Vann, J. D.

Carney.

Bethesda, Wilcox County.—W. G. Curry.

Birmingham.—J. H. Hendon.

Bethany, Jefferson County.—B. F. Hendon.

Bethany, Lowndes County.—H. W. Caffey.

Cusseta.—Z. D. Roby.

Cahaba.—Joel M. Carlisle, B. F. Hendon, J. Fletcher.

Eufaula.—G. L. Comer, H. R. Schramm, Noah W. Roberts, M. M.

Wamboldt, Jere H. Reeves.

Glennville.—I. P. Chaney, W. S. Paullin.

Enon, Bullock County.—Thos D. Morton, John Milner.

Greenville.—B. H. Crumpton, J. M. Thigpen, G. W. Thigpen, R.

Boyett, Thos. Boyett.

Hopewell.—W. H. McIntosh.

Hayneville.—G. T. Gresham, John A. Robinson.

Liberty, Bullock County.—E. P. Salter, Henry Barnett, E. H. Salter, A.

W. Bean.

Liberty, Pike County.—B. C. Bennett, J. S. Yarbrough.

Livingston.—John G. Harris.

Montgomery, First.—John Bullock.

Montgomery, Adams Street.—J. A. Howard.

Mt. Zion.—R. J. Orr, A. W. Beverly, R. L. Baker, J. R. Vann, W. H.

Lanier.

Mt. Moriah.—I. H. McLane.

Macedonia.—J. C. Rotton.

Mt. Gilead.—E. F. Baber.

Mobile, Broad Street.—M. G. Hudson.

Mobile, Palmetto Street.—Z. A. Owens.

Milton, Fla.—I. L. Taylor.

Midway, Centennial Association.—Wm. O'Neill.

Midway, Eufaula Association.—W. J. Cowart, J. G. Hitchcock, F. C.

Hall, M. W. Hall, W. S. Rogers, J. M. White, W. C. Jordan, N. J. Lewis.

Mountain Creek.—J. Falkner.

Northport.—F. D. Hale.

Newton.—P. M. Callaway, R. L. Jones.

- Orion.—J. S. Yarbrough.
 Olustee.—W. H. Barnett, J. S. Carter, J. A. Dennis.
 Opelika.—B. F. Riley, W. D. Kyle, W. J. Carlisle.
 Pensacola, Fla.—I. L. Taylor.
 Pleasant Hill, Dallas County.—E. J. Forrester.
 Pilgrims' Rest.—J. E. Deer, B. M. Loveless.
 Providence, Dallas County.—W. B. Crumpton.
 Providence, Pike County.—John Freeman, G. W. L. Parkman, R. G. Parkman, W. W. Nugent, J. D. Smith.
 Perote.—M. Ivey, W. J. Lewis, Henry C. Lewis.
 Pine Level.—J. D. Dickson, J. H. Dickson.
 Pine Grove.—Geo. Boyer.
 Prattville.—Howard Smith.
 Rubama.—B. F. Hendon, W. H. Wood.
 Ramah.—J. R. Sampey, J. L. Sampey, J. R. McLendon.
 Siloam, Pike County.—J. T. Cumbie.
 Siloam, Perry County.—E. T. Winkler, J. T. Murfee, J. B. Lovelace, L. R. Gwaltney.
 Selma.—J. L. West, W. C. Cleveland, J. N. Prestridge.
 Steep Creek.—W. P. Bullock, T. L. Grace, A. E. Moseley.
 Shiloh, Pike County.—M. W. Gilmore, H. C. Cosby, M. A. Wood, B. W. Wood, E. H. Wood.
 Shiloh, Dallas County.—E. F. Baber.
 Sardis.—J. F. Martin.
 Spring Hill, Pike County.—J. T. Macon.
 Salem.—R. P. Copeland, G. W. Carlisle, J. H. Dewberry, G. Hendrick, J. M. Green, G. W. Smith.
 Tuscaloosa.—W. D. Fonville, A. K. Yancey, Sumner B. Foster.
 Troy, First.—R. J. Higgins, B. W. Starke, F. M. Fuller, L. H. Boles, Jas. Yates.
 Union, Pike County.—G. W. McLendon, J. D. McLendon.
 Union Springs.—J. O. Hixson, F. E. Boykin, W. M. Thornton, J. F. Lassiter.
 Ann Hasseltine Society, Judson Female Institute.—L. R. Gwaltney.

LIFE MEMBERS :

E. T. WINKLER,	JONATHAN HARALSON,	J. B. LOVELACE,
W. H. McINTOSH,		BENJ. B. DAVIS.

5. An election for officers, by ballot, was then had—J. T. Murfee, S. A. Goodwin, J. S. Dill, B. H. Crumpton, acting as tellers—it having been resolved that the brethren receiving the largest vote should be declared elected, which resulted in the election of Jonathan Haralson, President; J. P. Hubbard, J. G. Harris, Vice-Presidents; Benj. B. Davis, Secretary.

6. The President thanked the Convention for the honor of re-election and accepted the position.

7. T. H. Stout, the pastor of the entertaining church, in a few timely remarks, cordially welcomed the Convention, to which, on behalf of the Convention—

8. The President responded, accepting the hospitality of the church and community.

9. On motion of W. N. Reeves, the following message of sympathy was read, and adopted by a rising vote:

TO PRESIDENT AND MRS. GARFIELD, EXECUTIVE MANSION :

The expressions of sympathy you have received from the whole South, in this, the hour of your affliction, are abundant and gratifying; still, we wish to assure you that, pained and grieved at the attempted assassination of the President, we have anxiously and prayerfully awaited the issue, and now, rejoicing in the hope of his speedy and permanent restoration, we will continue to pray that he may be spared to administer this great government for the good of the whole people.

May the God of nations spare and bless our President.

10. The Convention received correspondents and visitors as follows :

From Georgia Baptist Convention.—A. B. Campbell, Robert Brown, W. D. Joiner, P. W. Johnson ; Florida Baptist Convention—J. C. Porter; Pennsylvania Baptist Convention.—J. Thompson Crane; R. H. Graves, Missionary to China.

11. The Convention appointed correspondents as follows:

To Georgia Baptist Convention.—Jonathan Haralson, A. P. Ashurst, B. C. Bennett, David Rogers, Z. D. Roby, W. N. Reeves, M. M. Wamboldt, J. O. Hixson, B. F. Riley, W. S. Rogers, T. H. Stout, W. H. McIntosh, E. S. Shorter, John T. Davis, W. A. Davis.

To Mississippi Baptist Convention.—J. E. White, B. H. Crumpton, J. G. Harris, Z. A. Owens, F. D. Hale, Joe Eddins, W. H. Wilds, T. M. Barbour, H. T. Yerby, J. M. Phillips.

12. The President appointed J. Stratton Paullin, Assistant Secretary.

13. T. W. Tobey and J. G. Harris were added to the Committee on Home Missions.

14. W. S. Rogers and Z. A. Owens were appointed to speak on Home Missions.

15. The President announced the following committees :

ON RELIGIOUS EXERCISES.—The Pastors and Deacons of the Baptist churches of Troy, and W. S. Paullin and D. M. Seals.

ON FINANCE.—T. J. Dill, L. H. Boles, J. P. Chaney.

TO NOMINATE THE REMAINING OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION.—W. N. Reeves, H. F. Oliver, E. J. Forrester, W. G. Curry, J. A. Howard.

TO NOMINATE DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.—W. H. McIntosh, A. P. Ashurst, J. L. Sampey, G. W. Carlisle.

TO NOMINATE THE STATE MISSION BOARD.—W. B. Crumpton, G. S. Anderson, W. S. Rogers, M. M. Wamboldt, J. M. Thigpen.

ON THE REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.—J. T. Murfee, J. E. White, Z. A. Owens, Z. D. Roby, E. J. Forrester, J. O. Hixson, W. B. Crumpton, W. H. Wood, J. H. Curry, D. M. Seals.

16. The report of the State Mission Board was read, with the accompanying suggestion, and referred to the Committee on the Report of the State Mission Board.

SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD OF THE ALABAMA STATE CONVENTION.

In keeping with the spirit which pervaded the last meeting of this body, your Board has addressed itself with earnestness to the prosecution of the great work committed to it. Persistent endeavors have been made by means of circulars, extensive correspondence, and personal contact of the Corresponding Secretary with the people, to widen and deepen the interest of the churches in all our denominational enterprises.

At the first meeting of the Board after the adjournment of the Convention, it was resolved to endeavor to raise during the conventional year \$8,000 for State Missions, \$4,000 for Home Missions, \$2,000 for Foreign Missions and \$3,000 for Ministerial Education—\$17,000 in all. In an address issued by the Board to the Baptists of Alabama, giving an exposition of its understanding of the work committed to it, the above amount was apportioned among the thirty-five associations in sympathy with this body, and they were asked to endorse the suggestions of the Board, and to stimulate their churches to make prayerful efforts to raise the amounts asked for. A majority of them cordially accepted the suggestions, and through committees of their wisest and best brethren distributed the amounts amongst their churches.

In making the distribution reference was had not merely to the number of the reported membership of the churches of each association, but also to their financial ability, as well as to the degree or want of development in the grace of liberality, as manifested by previous contributions or failure to contribute. The advantages of such an apportionment, when wisely and equitably adjusted, are obvious. It equalizes the work of contributions among the churches and affords to each one both the knowledge of what it is expected to do, and the advantage of a definite object at which to aim in its contribution. The results have been most gratifying. Although, owing to short crops, there has been great financial depression, yet through the hearty co-operation of many of our pastors, with the efforts put forth by the Board, the plan has worked well. Contributions to State Missions have been increased nearly 50 per cent., whilst those to Foreign Missions have been doubled, and those to Home Missions largely increased. A considerable sum has also been realized for Ministerial Education. The financial report will not show the full amount contributed to this last object, on account of a large amount of the contributions not having passed through the Board, nor been reported to it.

After a year's trial, your Board is fully convinced of the practicability of the mission plan adopted by this Convention at its last session, and we recommend its continuance.

The missionary work proper of the Board has been prosecuted with evident tokens of Divine approval. From the statistics at the close of this report it will be seen that a good year's work has been done. In past years the work was mostly among the churches; this year our missionaries have labored mostly at destitute points, and with weak churches. The evangelistic feature of the work has been largely discontinued. Some Associations, however, demand its continuance in their bounds. Attention is being given to centres of influence. Missionaries of the Board are endeavoring to build up the cause in sixteen of our towns. In Cherokee, Decatur and Madison in North Alabama; in Memphis and Vienna in West Alabama; in Geneva in South East Alabama; in Hayneville, Lowndesboro, Autaugaville, Farmersville, Uniontown, Newberne and Greensboro, in Central Alabama; in Edwardsville and Anniston in North East Alabama;—in most of these towns the prospect is encouraging. As many more towns claim our attention and offer inviting fields for usefulness.

New fields are opening to us and calling loudly for help. From Washington county the Macedonian cry has repeatedly reached the Board during the past year. No favorable response could be given for lack of means. In Baldwin county there is a fearful destitution of the Gospel. We are assured that there are Baptist churches in that county that have not had any preaching in seven years. A missionary should be sent to them at once. With proper cultivation there are several points in the country that with God's blessing would soon become centres of influence for good. An additional laborer should be sent to South-east Alabama to aid Bro. Callaway in his extensive field. At Anniston Iron Works on the S. R. & D. R. R., one of our missionaries reports seventy Baptists without regular preaching, without church organization and without a house. The company offers to donate a lot if the denomination will erect a house thereon. At Calera regular preaching should be maintained. And what shall we say of the fifteen associations not in harmony with this Convention, who are not contributing a dollar to any of its enterprises? Must they be let alone? Nay! Earnest men of God should be sent among them to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance and to invite them to stand shoulder to shoulder with us in our labors for the Master. They can, they ought, they must be won over. Oh, for men and means to occupy these and other points and reap a rich harvest of souls for Christ!

COLPORTAGE WORK.

The Board, in its desire to carry out the wishes of the Convention in the inauguration of this work, was at the very outset confronted with the difficulty of not having a dollar in the treasury to operate with. Some few churches and Ladies Missionary Societies responded favorably to appeals for contributions. With the amounts thus obtained and an amount generously loaned by members of the Board in Selma a beginning was made. Five men have for some time been in the field as colporteurs, and two engaged in the work in connection with missionary labor. No salaries have been paid to those brethren—they have been dependent on the profits realized from sales of books for their support. Two formidable difficulties have been in their way. Almost impassable roads during the winter and spring months and a meagre supply of books, owing to our limited capital. Under the circumstances they have done well. There is a very general demand for sound religious literature in almost every part of the State. We suggest to the Convention to take steps to secure a permanent fund of at least \$1,200 for this work. With this amount secured, we believe the demand can be met. It affords us pleasure to state that the American Baptist Publication Society has recently made a generous contribution to the Board of two hundred Bibles for distribution among the destitute.

*1st - Report - on
Colportage*

WORK AMONG THE COLORED PEOPLE.

A Committee appointed by your Board attended the meeting of the colored Baptist State Convention last November, and expressed to them the desire of this Convention to aid in the evangelization of their people. A committee appointed by their Convention met the Board at its meeting in January. After conferring together it was agreed to appoint one of their ministers, Rev. C. O. Booth, to the work, on condition that the colored Convention furnish one-half of his support, and that his labors be directed by the Board of this Convention. Bro. Booth has been abundant in labors. He has been engaged in holding Institutes for the instruction of ministers, deacons and Sunday school teachers, and in doing good amongst his people wherever an opportunity presented itself. By his zeal and Christian demeanor he has commended himself wherever he has labored, alike to the favorable regard of both white and colored people. That the work thus begun should be continued and extended will not be doubted by any. For its continuance some provisions must be made by the Convention.

HINDRANCES TO THE WORK.

The general desire of associations whose churches contribute to State Missions to have labor expended in their bounds equal to the money given, is a great drawback to the work. It hinders the Board from sending men and means to the most needy fields which give promise of speedy returns for the investment made.

If contributions were sent to the Board untrammelled by any conditions, thus allowing the Board to exercise its judgment as to where they should be expended, the cry of gospel destitution would soon cease to be heard in our State. Under the present management, the Board, in deference to the wishes of contributing bodies, is sometimes compelled to act contrary to its judgment.

Another great hindrance to the work is the unsatisfactory way in which our missionaries receive their meagre support. Owing to the want of system in the benevolence of our churches, the missionary is sometimes forced to the necessity of visiting them in order to gather up contributions and oftentimes compelled to wait till the associations meet in the fall of the year, before they can meet the bills made for the sustenance of those dependent upon them. We suggest that this Convention emphasize in some way the importance of systematic contributions in our churches and we would respectfully ask that all contributions be forwarded to the Board so that the missionaries may be entirely relieved of the unpleasant task of getting up any portion of their support. With these suggestions carried out, then at the end of each quarter when a missionary's report is approved, his quarter's salary could be forwarded to him. This systematic way of doing would be beneficial alike to the churches and to the missionaries.

EXTENT OF OPERATIONS.

Thirty-five brethren have been in the employ of the Board for a part or all of the year—twenty-seven as missionaries, two as missionaries and colporteurs, five as colporteurs and one as an evangelist among the colored people. The aggregate of the work done is shown by the following summary:

Weeks service, 923, equal to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ years of one man; sermons, 2,592; addresses, 702; churches constituted, 8; S. schools organized, 71; P. M. org., 70; L. M. Soc. org., 2; baptized, 165; baptized by others, etc., 361; Reed. by letter, 110; restored, 15; Visits to churches, 819; Preach. Sta., 125; religious visits, 3,018; Dist. meetings attended, 28; subscribers to the ALABAMA BAPTIST secured, 370; deacons ordained, 33; ministers ordained, 6; young men in fields of labor preparing for ministry, 41; miles traveled, 41,363; volumes sold, 1,500, value, \$1,015.21; Bibles sold, 249; value, \$263.60; Bibles and Testaments donated, value \$9.45; pages tracts distributed, 1,642.

We feel profoundly grateful to God for his favoring smiles and for the measure of success that has attended the efforts put forth by your Board during the year. With the means we have been able to command we have done the

best we could. Much has been already accomplished, but much yet remains to be done. There must be no relaxation of prayerful and liberal zeal in the great work of State evangelization. Our efforts must not cease, till a Baptist church is placed within the reach of every citizen of Alabama, until all our pastors become missionary agents for their own fields, depending no longer on any agent to do the work that belongs to themselves, and until every church reflects the light of God's truth in the lives of its members and gives freely of its means to send the glad tidings of salvation to earth's remotest bounds. Praying God's blessing upon this meeting of the Convention, this report is respectfully submitted.

T. M. BAILEY,
Cor. Sec'y and Treas.

The work of Women's Missionary Societies having hitherto been largely neglected in Alabama, we suggest that the State Mission Board be instructed to appoint a female Central Committee, whose duty it shall be to organize female missionary societies in the churches, to collect funds for missions, the said funds to be transmitted through the treasury of their churches to the treasury of the State Board and thence to be distributed as the donors may desire.

17. The *Financial Report of the State Mission Board* was read and referred to the same committee.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR STATE MISSIONS, 1880-81.

To amount received from Associations, churches, &c.		\$7,718 69
To per cent. on funds collected for Home Missions.	\$ 141 12	
To per cent. on funds collected for Foreign Missions.	165 21	776 33
To amount received for Evangelization of Col. People.		152 10
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		\$8,147 12
By cash paid T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, amount of funds sent up for balance of salary of last year.		\$ 331 25
By cash paid missionaries, current year.		5,976 17
By cash paid for printing and distributing circulars.	59 81	
By cash paid for telegrams, express, and freight.	5 70	
By cash paid exchange, postage, stationery, &c.	51 72	
Traveling expenses of Rev. J. J. Stamps.	10 60	
Expenses of Rev. J. H. Hendon to Warrior River Association.	3 85	
Traveling expenses of T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary.	262 60	\$ 394 58
By cash paid Rev. C. O. Booth, colored evangelist.		152 10
By cash paid T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary, on salary of present year.		\$1,293 02
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STATE MISSION BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH HOME MISSION BOARD.

To amount collected.	\$1,111 27	\$1,111 27
By cash paid to Treasurer of Home Board.	\$ 990 90	
By cash paid, pro rata, for printing Convention Minutes.	9 25	
By per cent. on amount collected.	111 12	
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		\$1,111 27

STATE MISSION BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

To amount collected.....	\$1,652 14	—	1,652 14
By cash paid to Dr. Tupper.....			\$1,480 45
By cash paid, pro rata, for printing Convention Minutes.....	\$	6 45	
By per cent. on amount collected.....	165 21	—	\$ 171 66
			<u>\$1,652 14</u>

STATE MISSION BOARD IN ACCT. WITH HOWARD COLLEGE AND OTHER SCHOOLS.

To amount collected for Ministerial Education.....	\$1,035 22	—	\$1,035 22
By amount paid to Treasurer of Howard College, Treasurer of Faculty and students.....			\$ 892 02
By amount paid to Dr. Shackelford for ministerial student.....	\$	50 40	
By amount paid to Col. Williamson for ministerial student.....	62 80	—	\$ 143 20
			<u>\$1,035 22</u>

STATE MISSION BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To amount collected.....	\$ 299 83	—	\$ 299 83
By amount paid to Dr. Boyce and others.....			\$ 299 83

STATE MISSION BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH COLPORTAGE FUND.

To amount of contributions.....	\$ 111 50		
To amount borrowed.....			83 50
To books from Dr. Chambliss.....	34 00	—	\$ 229 00
By books in hands of Colporteurs.....	\$ 186 57		
By books in hands of Corresponding Secretary.....			2 10
By loss on account of shipping by express.....			15 33
By cash in hand.....	25 00	—	\$ 229 00

STATE MISSION BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

To amount received.....	\$ 62 10	—	\$ 62 10
By cash paid Rev. J. L. Hagg.....	\$	49 10	
By cash paid W. C. Ward, Chairman.....	13 00	—	\$ 62 10

STATE MISSION BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH COLORED NORMAL SCHOOL, SELMA.

To amount received.....	\$ 16 00	—	\$ 16 00
By cash paid W. R. Pettiford.....			\$ 16 00

STATE MISSION BOARD IN ACCOUNT WITH "KIND WORDS" ORPHANS' HOME.

To amount received.....	\$ 3 05	—	\$ 3 05
By cash in hand.....			\$ 3 05

18. The *Associational Financial Report of the State Mission Board* was also read and referred to the same committee.

ASSOCIATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION
BOARD OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST CONVENTION FOR
CONVENTIONAL YEAR OF 1880-81.

Received from Alabama Association—

State Missions.....	\$ 847 87	Home Missions.....	180 00
Foreign Missions.....	421 62	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	15 05
Evangelization col. people..	110 00	Colportage work.....	10 00
Indigent ministers.....	1 00	Kind Words, Orph's Home.	3 05
		Total.....	\$1,597 59

Arbacoochee—No receipts.

Bethel—

State Missions.....	\$ 231 85	Home Missions.....	26 60
Foreign Missions.....	52 47	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	66 55
Colportage work.....	1 00	Indigent ministers.....	1 60
		Total.....	\$ 379 47

Bethlehem—

State Missions.....	\$ 349 60	Home Missions.....	15 25
Foreign Missions.....	32 45	Ministerial Ed. Theo. Sem.	5 00
Colportage work.....	4 00	Indigent ministers.....	21 00
		Total.....	\$ 430 30

Bigbee—

State Missions.....	\$ 295 40	Home Missions.....	20 00
Foreign Missions.....	42 80	Ministerial Ed. Theo. Sem.	29 21
Indigent ministers.....	10 00	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	52 85
		Total.....	\$ 450 26

Big Bear Creek—No receipts.

Boiling Springs—No receipts.

Carey—

State Missions.....	\$ 75 75	Total.....	\$ 75 75
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Cahaba—

State Missions.....	\$ 384 15	Home Missions.....	203 00
Foreign Missions.....	195 60	Ministerial Ed. Theo. Sem.	10 00
Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	82 62	Colportage work.....	136 01
		Total.....	\$1,012 28

Cahaba Valley—

State Missions.....	\$ 10 66	Home Missions.....	6 66
Foreign Missions.....	6 66	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	175 00
		Total.....	\$ 198 98

Canaan—

State Missions.....	\$ 97 15	Home Missions.....	30 80
Foreign Missions.....	16 00	Colportage work.....	5 90
		Total.....	\$ 149 85

Cedar Bluff—

State Missions.....	\$ 5 00	Foreign Missions.....	39 99
		Total.....	\$ 44 99

Centennial—

State Missions.....	\$ 161 60	Home Missions.....	27 40
Foreign Missions.....	42 25	Total.....	\$ 231 25

Central—

State Missions.....	\$ 130 20	Foreign Missions.....	5 30
		Total.....	\$ 135 50

Cherokee—No receipts

Coosa River—

State Missions.....	\$ 160 78	Home Missions.....	37 20
Foreign Missions.....	62 05	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	95 80
		Total.....	\$ 355 83

Elim—

State Missions.....	\$ 378 90	Total.....	\$ 378 90
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Eufaula—

State Missions.....	\$ 339 94	Home Missions.....	172 70
Foreign Missions.....	168 47	Ministerial Ed. Theo Sem.	157 62
Ministerial Ed Howard Col.	130 05	Indigent ministers.....	17 10
Colored School, Selma.....	16 00	Total.....	\$1,001 94

Harmony East—No receipts.

Harmony West—No receipts.

Indian Creek—No receipts.

Judson—

State Missions.....	\$ 338 55	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	2 00
		Total.....	\$ 340 55

Liberty East—

State Missions.....	\$ 458 30	Home Missions.....	78 15
Foreign Missions.....	83 70	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	42 10
		Total.....	\$ 662 25

Liberty North—

State Missions.....	\$ 242 45	Total.....	\$ 242 45
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Liberty West—

State Missions.....	\$ 37 55	Foreign Missions.....	5 00
		Total.....	\$ 42 55

Mulberry—

State Missions.....	\$ 6 50	Total.....	\$ 6 50
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Muscle Shoals—

State Missions.....	\$ 347 57	Foreign Missions.....	18 00
Ministerial Ed Howard Col.	80 40	Total.....	\$ 445 97

Mud Creek—No receipts.

Mt Carmel—No receipts.

New River—No receipts.

North River—			
State Missions.....	\$ 7 55	Home Missions.....	1 40
Foreign Missions.....	4 70	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	50
		Total.....	\$ 14 15
Newton—			
State Missions.....	\$ 44 32	Foreign Missions.....	11 32
		Total.....	\$ 55 64
Pine Barren—			
State Missions.....	\$ 180 40	Home Missions.....	38 35
Foreign Missions.....	53 40	Ministerial Ed Howard Col.	8 50
		Total.....	\$ 280 65
Pea River—No receipts.			
Rock Mills—			
State Missions.....	\$ 102 20	Foreign Missions.....	20 00
		Total.....	\$ 122 20
Sandy Creek—No receipts.			
Sulphur Springs—			
State Missions.....	\$ 88 50	Total.....	\$ 88 50
Salem—			
State Missions.....	\$ 206 15	Foreign Missions.....	38 55
		Total.....	\$ 244 70
Shelby—			
Foreign Missions.....	\$ 18 00	Total.....	\$ 18 00
South Eastern—No receipts.			
Tuskegee—			
State Missions.....	\$ 374 80	Home Missions.....	15 75
Foreign Missions.....	63 05	Colportage work.....	38 10
		Total.....	\$ 491 70
Tallasahatchee—			
State Missions.....	\$ 99 50	Home Missions.....	3 00
Foreign Missions.....	2 00	Total.....	\$ 104 50
Tuscaloosa—			
State Missions.....	\$ 201 31	Home Missions.....	49 40
Foreign Missions.....	77 50	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	15 00
Indigent Ministers.....	11 00	Total.....	\$ 354 21
Tennessee River—			
State Missions.....	\$ 4 00	Foreign Missions.....	10 15
		Total.....	\$ 14 15
Tallapoosa River—No receipts.			
Unity—			
State Missions.....	\$ 102 00	Home Missions.....	10 00
Foreign Missions.....	10 00	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	149 25
		Total.....	\$ 271 25

Union—

State Missions.....	\$ 221 34	Home Missions.....	67 50
Foreign Missions.....	76 20	Ministerial Ed. Theo. Sem. . .	25 00
Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	118 55	Total.....	\$ 508 50

Yellow Creek—No receipts.

Warrior River—

State Missions.....	\$ 1 00	Home Missions	1 00
Foreign Missions.....	1 00	Ministerial Ed. Howard Col.	1 00
Indigent Ministers.....	1 00	Total.....	\$ 5 00

Zion—

State Missions.....	\$ 179 65	Total.....	\$ 179 65
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Miscellaneous sources—

State Missions.....	\$ 787 95	Home Missions.....	117 15
Foreign Missions.....	74 00	Ministerial Ed. Theo. Sem. . .	70 00
Evangelization col people..	42 10	Total.....	\$1,091 20

Churches of Mobile Baptist Union—

State Missions.....	\$ 215 25	Total.....	\$ 215 25
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Sent to Dr. McIntosh—

Home Missions.....	\$ 428 74	Total.....	\$ 428 74
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Sent to Dr. Tupper—

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 580 42	Total.....	\$ 580 42
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Sent by Selma church to Theological Seminary—

Ministerial Ed Theo. Sem. . .	\$ 220 00	Total.....	\$ 220 00
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Sent by Coosa River Association to Howard College—

Ministerial Ed How'd Col. . .	\$ 160 00	Total.....	\$ 160 00
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Totals for—State Missions, \$7,718 69; Home Missions, \$1,540 01; Foreign Missions, \$2,232 56; Ministerial Education, Theological Seminary, \$519 83; Ministerial Education, Howard College, \$1,195 22; Evangelization of colored people, \$152 10; Colportage work \$195 01; Indigent Ministers, \$62 10; Colored School, Selma, \$16 00; Kind Words Orphans' Home \$3 05. Grand total, \$13,634 57

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing account of T. M. Bailey, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, from July 17th, 1880, to June 30th, 1881, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers. A. J. GOODWIN,

Selma, Alabama, July 4th, 1881

Auditor.

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

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

The financial depression, incident to the failure of crops in many sections of our state last year, created apprehension as to the opening of the past session of Howard College. This depression was felt, most sensibly, by our farming, mercantile and school interests. And yet while the number of pupils in other schools and colleges was diminished, your institution had a most prosperous session. This fact demonstrates, most potently, that the mental and moral training given by Howard College is being more appreciated as the distinctive features become known.

The Faculty have sustained their previous reputation for zeal and fidelity in the discharge of their duties. While we lose the efficient services of Col. W. R. Boggs, who has been Commandant of the Corps of Cadets, and Prof. of Chemistry, we congratulate ourselves on having been able to fill this position by Prof. A. F. Reid, a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute. After graduation, he served there as assistant instructor. He prepared himself for the Baptist ministry at our Baptist Theological Seminary. Afterwards he filled the chair of Chemistry in the University of North Carolina with distinction for five years. He has the highest testimonials from the best men of that and other States for scientific attainments, energy and enthusiasm in his work. Prof. H. D. McCormick of Virginia has been elected Principal of the Preparatory Department. He is also a minister of the Gospel in our denomination, and bears the highest testimonials for Christian character and scholarly attainments. He is an experienced teacher, and we think the position could not better be filled.

We enrolled one hundred and thirty pupils last session, almost all of whom were in the College Department. Their general health was good, and their moral deportment excellent. The Home Department, established some two years ago, has supplied a want long felt. In it we have all that is necessary for the comfort and care of the sick, and Mrs. Whittle, a lady of fine Christian character, resides in this department, and has the immediate care of the sick, and also the supervision of the Dining Hall. She has served the institution faithfully and efficiently for the past two years, and will still remain in this important position.

The action of the Convention last year in urging churches and associations to provide money to pay tuition for Theological Students has contributed \$290.65 to the Treasury. We are persuaded the plan, if urged, will be more generally adopted as it becomes better understood; and when adopted fully, this beneficent work of educating the young ministers of the State, will almost entirely be transferred from the Faculty, as it should be, to the Denomination at large. During this session we have had fifteen of these Theological Students, most of whom promise to be valuable acquisitions to our ministry. Dr. Winkler has given lessons to these Ministerial Students and Dr. Murfee has voluntarily and outside of usual College hours given such training to this class of students as prepares them most speedily and efficiently for their holy work. The fruits of this training have proven incalculably valuable to these young men, and to the denomination.

The buildings, apparatus, and other property are in good condition. The increased number of boarders of the past session, caused a corresponding increase of expenditure for furniture and necessitated important additions to the college property and accommodations.

For years past, we have been compelled to burden you with a report of the indebtedness of the college, created on the faith of the old endowment. But now, with thanks to an all-wise Providence, we are able to report that this indebtedness has been discharged. Not only are we able to report that the college is out of debt, but while this was being done, the current expenses were met, and some \$8,000 or \$10,000 in new property were added to the Institution.

This has been accomplished by observing the strictest economy, and by the fidelity of your Board and of the Faculty. Especially has this burden rested upon the Faculty who have faithfully and uncomplainingly worked on reduced salaries. This we should not expect or desire them to do longer.

It is within the ability of the Baptists of this State to extend the usefulness of their college and to pay a Faculty salaries commensurate with the dignity of the position they fill. This can be satisfactorily accomplished only through an endowment. That the denomination will sooner or later enter upon and complete this endowment we have no question. It is for you in your wisdom to determine when the auspicious time has come. If deemed expedient by you, we would suggest that an effort be made during the coming year to obtain \$25,000

for this purpose. We would also suggest that it be for no special or favored chair. But that the income arising may be at the disposal of the Board for the general interests of the Institution.

We cannot close this report without an appeal to the ministry, and to others of our denomination, who are acquainted with the merits of Howard College, to impress those interested in the cause of education with the fact, that we have an Institution not excelled by any for mental and moral training; and, all things considered, at a cost not greater than that of other Institutions of the same high grade. By so doing, not only will this vital interest of our Denomination be fostered, but we are persuaded that the cause of religion, education, and morality will be promoted. The term of office of one division of your Board expires at this session of the Convention.

Respectfully Submitted,
Wm. W. Wilkerson,
Pres. Board of Trustees.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

ESTIMATED VALUE OF ASSETS.

Ledger Balances, Value.....	\$ 183 33
Uncollected Bills on back Sessions, Value.....	500 00
Cash on hand.....	1387 13
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	\$2070 46

LIABILITIES TO BE MET.

E. C. Plumb.....	\$ 15	
Washing Acct., estimated.....	4 15	
Geo. C. Rogers.....	60	
Deposit Bal., estimate of what may be called for..	60 37	
Notes to Centennial Fund.....	450 00	
Endowment	12 00	
J. T. Murfee, Balance.....	892 12	
Catalogue and other outstanding Bills, estimated...	100 00	\$1519 39
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Assets over Liabilities.....		\$ 551 07
To which add Additions to Property, viz: Dining Hall Building.....	1000 00	
College Residence.....	3500 00	
Personal Property.....	4000 00	
Stock in Com's Department, Estimated.....	50 00	
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		\$9159 93

20. The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION :

The forty-third session of the Institution closed on the 16th of June last, and the high terms of commendation in which the commencement exercises were spoken of by the many visitors and friends who attended the same, from this and adjoining States, were exceedingly gratifying, and will tend, no doubt, to greater and renewed exertions on the part of all concerned to keep the Judson in the front rank as an educator of the daughters of the land.

The number of pupils in attendance during the session was one hundred

and twenty. In the Regular Collegiate department there were eleven graduates, and five young ladies received diplomas in the Partial or Eclectic course. Four gold medals were conferred; one in the Excelsior course; two in Music, and one in the Department of Art. These medals are awarded to pupils for proficiency and excellence in their respective departments.

The indebtedness of the Institution has been considerably reduced during the past year, and the Board entertain the hope that, with their present arrangements, the balance can be met at maturity.

The Board congratulate themselves and the Convention that the Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, D. D., will continue as President of the Institution, the duties of which office he has discharged so successfully and satisfactorily for the past five years. The kind, gentle, and persuasive manners of Dr. Gwaltney, coupled with his high Christian character, fit him in a pre-eminent degree to be at the head of a female college.

The continued attention to the Hygienic condition of the Institution and the watchfulness and care over the health of the pupils by the teachers, have been promotive of the best results, there having been only two cases of serious illness during the session. Not a single death has occurred in the Institute during the administration of the present President.

The Judson offers facilities for obtaining an education of a high order, and accomplishments in music and art, which are equalled by few and surpassed by no female college in the land. The next session will open on the first day of October next under the direction of our present able President, assisted by a corps of teachers, efficient and competent in the several departments over which they preside.

It having come to the knowledge of the Board of Trustees that enquiries have been made as to the relation existing between the Judson Female Institute and this Convention, we would state that the Institution is the property of the Convention by virtue of a deed of transfer from E. D. King and others bearing date November 6, 1843, and which is duly recorded in the office of the Probate Judge of this county, to be held for educational purposes by the Convention. Should the Convention dissolve or cease to hold the distinctive views of the Baptist Denomination then the title to the property is to rest in the Cahaba Baptist Association. For further information we refer you to the Act of Incorporation approved January, 1840, and to the report of the committee to whom this subject was referred made to the Convention in April, 1857.

We believe that the Judson Institute was never more worthy of your support and confidence than now; and that under the blessing of God it will continue to be an honor to the Denomination and an instrument in His hands for the advancement of truth. Respectfully submitted,

PORTER KING, President.

W. T. McALLISTER, Secretary.

21. The President of the Board of Directors reported that there had been no necessity for a meeting of the Board during the past year.

22. *Resolved*, That when we adjourn to-day it be until four o'clock.

23. The communication of the Troy Second Baptist Church pledging their cooperation and tendering their pulpit, was read and referred to the Committee on Religious Exercises.

24. A note from M. T. Sumner, explaining his absence from Providential hindrance, was read.

Adjourned with doxology, and prayer by A. Jay, until 4 P. M.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION, 4 P. M.

25. The business of the Convention was commenced after prayer by W. Wilkes.

26. The Report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by T. W. Tobey, and after discussion by W. S. Rogers, Z. A. Owens, S. A. Goodwin, W. H. McIntosh, J. C. Porter, E. T. Winkler, and J. Falkner, was adopted.

HOME MISSION REPORT.

During the past year God's blessing has rested upon the labors of the missionaries of the Board of Home Missions. Thirty-four of these have been successfully prosecuting their work in eleven States, and in the Indian Territory.

In San Francisco, California, a Chinese church has been established under the direction of Dr. J. B. Hartwell.

We are sorry to see in the public papers an uncalled for attack upon Bro. Hartwell, impugning his motives and maligning his character, called forth by his efforts to convert and civilize the heathen.

We are satisfied that Bro. Hartwell will go forward in his work and prosecute it successfully in spite of opposition. Let our prayers for him ascend continually that he may be strengthened from above and enabled to pass safely through the trials which encompass his pathway and impede his progress.

In the last report of the Home Mission Board, mention is made of an interesting incident in connection with his labors. Dr. Hartwell thus writes:

"Died. In San Francisco at the age of 23 years, Lee Wing Tai, a member of the Chinese Baptist church. A more beautiful Christian character it has rarely, if ever, been my privilege to know. It was my custom to visit him very often, to read and pray with him, and it gives me pleasure to testify that I always came away with my spirits cheered, my faith strengthened, and my courage renewed. I invariably saw there so beautiful and satisfactory an answer to the infidel question I have often had put to me by professing and I believe, too, genuine Christians, viz: 'Can the Chinese really be converted? Are there any real Christians among them?' Could such doubters have known Lee Wing Tai they would never have repeated these questions. The sweetness and glory of the gospel faith beamed from his eyes, shone in his face, warbled from his lips, and rang out in his life. * * * * Thank God for his life and example and for his testimony to the power and joyousness of the religion of Jesus."

Among the Creeks in the Indian Territory a mission school has been established. Buildings are in the process of erection, and a teacher has been appointed. The Missionaries of the Board are faithfully carrying on their work among the red men of the forest, and are blessed in their labors.

The action of the Georgia and Alabama Baptists in placing all mission work under the direction of the State Board Secretary meets the hearty approval of the Home Mission Board. Who can fail to be pleased to know that for the year ending July, 1881, more than \$13,000 have been contributed by Alabama Baptists to the various interests fostered by the Convention?

May we not hope that the day is not far distant when a much larger amount than this shall be disbursed by the benevolent agencies of the churches?

Let us then with cheerful hearts go onward in the path of duty, encouraged by the promise of him who said to his disciples, "Lo! I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Respectfully Submitted,

T. W. TOBEY, Chairman.

27. The following resolution was then read and, after discussion by W. H. McIntosh, Z. A. Owens, and W. C. Cleveland, adopted.

Resolved, That the State Mission Board of Alabama take charge of all the mission work in this State.

28. The Siloam Church at Marion asked for the next session of the Convention to be held with them, which request was referred to the Committee on time and place, when appointed.

Adjourned after prayer by J. A. Howard.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, 8:30 P. M.

29. The Convention Sermon was preached by B. H. Crumpton, from First Corinthians, tenth chapter, thirty-first verse: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

THURSDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

30. The devotional exercises were led by J. A. Howard.

31. A communication from Huntsville Church, inviting the Convention to hold its next session with them, was referred to the Committee on time and place, when appointed.

32. On motion, the order of business was so changed as to allow the Committee on Evangelization of the Colored Race to make their report on Friday at 10 o'clock.

33. The Report of the Central Female College, was read by Pres. A. K. Yancey, and referred to the Committee on Education.

THE 23RD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ALABAMA CENTRAL FEMALE COLLEGE AT TUSCALOOSA.

On the 24th day of June, 1881, this college closed one of the most prosperous years in its history. Emerging from difficulties that had threatened serious disaster if not the very life of the college, it has established itself upon a basis so firm as to inspire its friends with the highest confidence in its permanent success. This confidence is shown by the large increase of pupils during the past year, the number registered being 133, an increase of more than forty per cent over that of the preceding year. Of this number, ten were awarded diplomas as full graduates. Two gold medals were awarded, one to Miss Mary Palmer, of Northport, for the greatest improvement in Art; the other to Miss Josie Foster for excellence in home department. The measure of success which the college has reached is largely due to the exemplary deportment of the young ladies whose constant aim, together with the teachers, was to contribute to a pleasant social life of mutual confidence and cheerful acquiescence in the college rules.

The property has received much needed repairs. A new roof has been put on one of the buildings and also on the other so far as needed. Several new pianos and other furniture have been added. The college is absolutely free from debt and is self-sustaining. While all the departments of the college are in the hands of teachers whose fitness has been tested by years of successful experience, it is our aim to give more than ordinary prominence to the department of

English. This department is in charge of Mrs. Lucie Dayton Phillips, daughter of the late Dr. Dayton, the well known author of "Theodocia." Having this splendid property free of rent we are enabled to offer the best educational advantages at the lowest cost.

Now that the college has emerged from all her difficulties and shown that she has life and a power of good, she would most earnestly appeal to the great Baptist brotherhood of Alabama, not for pecuniary aid, but for an equitable share of patronage, that she may bring into requisition that capacity for usefulness which has been developed in the midst of the most adverse circumstances, and which, despite the difficulties in the way, has commanded the respect and admiration of all who have witnessed her struggle and her triumph.

A. K. YANCEY, Jr.,
President.

34. A statement regarding the transfer of ownership of the ALABAMA BAPTIST to J. L. West and W. C. Cleveland, was made, when the following was presented by H. W. Caffey and adopted:

Resolved, That the sale and transfer of an undivided half interest in the ALABAMA BAPTIST newspaper from J. L. West to W. C. Cleveland as evidenced by their contract of 15th of April, 1881, [be. and the same is hereby ratified and approved, reserving always the stipulations and conditions of original transfer to West & Winkler at the Session of 1878 at Talladega, 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.

35. On motion, the request of the Southern Baptist Convention on Reaching the Masses—Page 17, Paragraph 1 of their minutes,—that the Boards of the Convention be directed to form the closest possible connection with the State Boards, where such exist, in such way as shall be mutually agreeable, and in other cases to secure such agency as each of the Boards may deem best; in both cases providing for the necessary expenses incurred, was referred to a special committee consisting of W. C. Cleveland, H. W. Caffey and J. S. Dill.

36. The vacancies in the several Standing Committees were filled as follows: added to committee on

Sabbath Schools—W. B. Crumpton.

Education—W. H. Patterson, E. B. Teague, with E. S. Shorter as a speaker.

Evangelization of Colored Race—E. F. Baber, W. P. Bullock.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—H. W. Caffey.

Temperance—A. P. Ashurst.

Foreign Missions—G. L. Comer; speakers, J. S. Dill, E. J. Forrester.

37. The Report of the Treasurer was referred to the Committee on Finance.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. H. FOWLKES, TREASURER.

In Account with ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1880

SOUTHERN BAPT. THEO. SEMINARY.

July 20	To Cash and voucher from Finance Com.....	\$70 00	
	CR.		
July 20	By T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sect'y Recept.....		70 00

GENERAL PURPOSE ACCOUNT.

July 20	To Cash from Finance Com.....	\$17 05	
	CR.		
July 20	By T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sect'y Recept.....		17 05

FOREIGN MISSION ACCOUNT.

July 20	To Cash from Finance Com.....	\$69 00	
	CR.		
July 20	By T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sect'y Recept.....		69 00

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT.

July 20	To Cash and Vou. from Finance Com.....		
	For Indian, Miss. School.....	\$ 8 75	
	" " Missions.....	10 00	
	" Home "	93 40	112 15
	CR.		
July 20	By T. M. Bailey Cor. Sect'y. Recept.....		112 15

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS ACCOUNT.

July 20	To Bal. as per last Report.....	\$ 4 00	
	" Amt. from Finance Com.....	75 50	
	CR.		
	By W. O'Neill Recept.....		30 05
	" B. H. Crumpton Recept		45 45
	" Balance.....		4 00
		\$79 50	\$79 50

July 20	To Bal. brought down.....	\$ 4 00	
	STATE MISSION BOARD.		
July 20	To Amt from Finance Com.....	\$340 00	
	" " " " " T. M. Bailey, Salary...	331 25	
	" " " " " General Missions.....	20 00	691 25
	CR.		
July 20	By T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sect'y Recept.....		691 25

CONTRIBUTION TO BUY HORSE FOR J. E. COX.

July 20	To Amt from Finance Com.....	\$ 54 45	
	CR.		
July 20	By W. C. Cleveland Recept.....		\$54 45

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE ALA. BAPT. STATE CONVENTION—
BRETHREN:

Above I hand you my annual report as Treasurer of the Convention, showing the amounts received and paid out since the last meeting of your body. All of which is supported by proper vouchers.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. H. FOWLKES, Treasurer.

Marion, Ala., July 9th, 1881.

38. *The Report of the Committee to whom was referred the Reports of the State Mission Board*, was then read, and ably discussed by S. A. Goodwin, W. C. Cleveland, E. F. Baber, E. J. Forrester, J. E. White, E. T. Winkler, Jos. Shackelford, and J. O. Hixson, and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO WHOM THE REPORT
OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD WAS REFERRED.

We, your Committee, congratulate the Convention on the large amount of work accomplished through the agency of the State Mission Board during the last year. We thank God and take courage.

The increased contributions of our people to Foreign, Home and State Missions and to Ministerial Education during the past year, is *certainly* full vindication and demonstration of the wisdom of the plan by which we work.

We heartily recommend (1) the suggestion of the State Board as to the occupancy of such towns as promise permanent results; (2) that the Board provide for the continuance of the work among colored people by whatever means they think best; (3) that the work of Colportage be prosecuted and extended as rapidly as funds for the purpose can be procured. A permanent fund for Colportage, we think, may be raised by the Board through the efforts of its efficient Corresponding Secretary, and we hope that any effort made in this direction will be actively seconded by all our pastors and churches.

We suggest that some of the hindrances to the great work of the Board may be removed by pointing out some specific field for occupation by Associations, severally or jointly, as the case may require. In this way, we think, all the Associations may be induced to send their funds to the Board, to be appropriated as the Board may think most judicious.

We respectfully recommend the adoption of the Reports of the State Mission Board. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. H. WOOD,	J. T. MURFEE,
J. O. HIXSON,	E. J. FORRESTER,
J. H. CURRY,	J. E. WHITE,
Z. D. ROBY,	

39. A collection for the immediate wants of the Board amounting to \$51.20 was made.

40. Also a collection for the relief of Bethany church, Jefferson county, amounting to \$23.40 was taken up.

41. *Resolved*, That in view of the increasing demands upon the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, we earnestly recommend and will endeavor to secure increased contributions to their work, and that we will not require the expenditure in Alabama of any part of the funds thus contributed but "will allow them to go in their entirety for the relief of the wants of more destitute fields," as requested by the Southern Baptist Convention, leaving, however, to the discretion of the Board the appointment of missionaries, if in their judgment it shall seem best.

42. On motion, *Resolved*, That the recommendation to have a sermon on Missions preached at 11 o'clock on Sabbath of Convention week next year, be referred to the Committee to nominate remaining officers of the Convention.

43. E. F. Baber, J. B. Lovelace, and W. B. Crumpton were appointed a Committee on the time and place for the next session of the Convention.

Adjourned with singing and prayer by C. W. Buck.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

44. On re-assembling, prayer was made by C. W. Buck, when the Convention, sitting as a *Committee of the whole* on the state of religion in the State. H. W. Caffey, by request, presiding, listened to interesting addresses from A. Jay, P. M. Callaway, B. F. Hendon, J. N. Prestridge, J. L. Bryars and G. S. Anderson, when the time having expired, the Committee rose and the President resumed his seat.

45. The Committee to nominate the State Mission Board reported as follows:

W. C. Ward, President; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; Jon. Haralson, W. C. Cleveland, R. C. Keeble, T. S. Bowen, H. S. D. Mallory, H. A. Haralson, Abner Williams, J. J. D. Kenfroe, A. B. Woodfin, E. T. Winkler, L. W. Lawler.

Adjourned with prayer by G. D. Benton.

THURSDAY NIGHT, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

46. Re-assembled, and opened with singing and prayer by R. T. Wear.

47. The special order, *the Report on Sabbath-schools*, was read by W. B. Crumpton and discussed by Z. D. Roby, A. B. Campbell, M. G. Hudson, and adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is not necessary that we dwell upon the importance of these institutions. All recognize the powerful influence exercised by the Scriptures when the truths of the inspired volume are impressed upon the mind and heart, and especially is this the case when character is in its plastic and formative stage. Indeed we cannot but regard it as a special provision of divine goodness that so large a portion of revelation is fitted to the capacity of the young. The simplicity of its style, the tender grace of its narration, the brief sentences so pithy with practical and spiritual instruction, all seem framed to find lodgment in the memory and thus serve as a directory and safe guard for future life. The study of the Scripture is important also for adults whether of the family or the church, as the Apostle John teaches us. Every age of human life is addressed by the elevating and salutary teachings of the word of God, and the best interests of the church and society are promoted when old and young study it together.

We cannot commend too highly the plan adopted by our State Mission Board in which this idea finds a practical expression, the establishment of Bible schools in our churches: and we trust the number of these will be increased year by year.

W. B. CRUMPTON, Chairman.

Adjourned with prayer by E. Y. VanHoose.

FRIDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

48. After half an hour's devotional exercises conducted by F. D. Hale, the regular business was resumed.

49. The Committee to nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention made their report, which was adopted with the addition of the names of the Committee thereto.

DELEGATES TO THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION 1832.

E. F. Baber, W. C. Cleveland, T. M. Bailey, A. P. Bush, W. G. Curry, G. B. Eager, J. H. Foster, B. H. Crumpton, S. A. Goodwin, I. T. Tichenor, M. T. Sumner, Z. D. Roby, J. J. D. Kenfroe, N. B. Williams, L. W. Lawler, T. W. Tobey, Jon. Haralson, B. B. Davis, Porter King, E. T. Winkler, L. R. Gwaltney, D. M. Seals, Eli S. Shorter, B. F. Riley, J. T. Murfee, J. A. Howard, R. C. Keeble, W. W. Wilkerson, John L. West, J. K. Ryan, Col. L. M. Stone, Z. A. Owens, E. J. Forrester, J. M. Phillips, S. Henderson, J. H. Hendon, A. B. Woodin, W. B. Crumpton, M. G. Hudson, Joseph Shackelford, J. Gunn, E. T. Smyth, T. H. Stout, W. F. Kone, J. B. Lovelace, F. D. Hale, Jno. Gilbert, J. G. Huckabee, W. C. Ward, H. H. Brown, M. L. Stansel, J. B. Eddins, B. B. Williams, J. D. Roquemore, Jno. T. Davis, T. L. Jones, J. C. Stratford, P. L. Moseley, G. D. Benton, J. C. Wright, J. S. Paullin, W. N. Reeves, M. M. Wamboldt, W. S. Rogers, F. B. Moodie, P. M. Callaway, H. F. Oliver, J. P. Nall, H. C. Taul, J. Falkner, G. S. Anderson, J. G. Harris, C. W. Buck, A. K. Yancey, G. G. McLendon, J. C. White, J. M. Green, G. M. Parker, J. M. Thigpen, B. F. Hendon, J. P. Hubbard, E. Y. Van Hoose, J. S. Dill, E. B. Teague, H. W. Caffey, G. W. Thigpen, W. Wilkes, G. T. Gresham, B. J. Skinner.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McINTOSH,

J. L. SAMPÉY,

A. P. ASHURST,

G. W. CARLISLE.

50. The Report of the Committee on the Evangelization of the Colored Race, was then read by J. P. Hubbard, and most eloquently discussed by W. Wilkes,—and by invitation by C. O. Booth, Colored Evangelist of the State Mission Board, and W. R. Pettiford, pastor of the Colored church at Union Springs,—H. F. Oliver, S. A. Goodwin, T. H. Stout, B. H. Crumpton, J. O. Hixson, W. C. Cleveland, D. M. Seals, W. B. Crumpton, B. F. Hendon, T. M. Bailey, and adopted, after a cash collection of \$33.55 and the following pledges had been made: J. D. Roquemore \$10.00, W. N. Reeves 10.00, W. B. Crumpton, H. W. Caffey, D. M. Seals, W. C. Buck, A. Jay, T. W. Tobey, E. F. Baber, S. O. Y. Ray, Jesse Dickson, O. C. Thomas, J. G. Harris, L. R. Gwaltney, W. H. Wood, T. D. Morton, T. H. Stout, G. S. Anderson, Jno. A. Robinson, A. P. Ashurst, J. B. Lovelace, Isaiah Higgins, W. P. Bullock, J. H. Curry, R. T. Wear, J. A. Howard, W. G. Curry, W. F. Pond, H. F. Oliver, H. C. Taul, M. G. Hudson, L. H. Boles, P. H. Mell, M. V. Hare, Maj. Woods, J. P. Hubbard, each 5.00, B. M. Lovelless 2.50, J. S. Dill 2.50, J. G. McCaskey 2.50.

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

The evangelization of the colored race, demands most careful and serious consideration: careful, because of the great delicacy of the method by which its accomplishment must be approached; serious, because of the gigantic evil that may come either from an entire failure to undertake it or from a misstep in the undertaking.

Why is that Race here? who is responsible for it? Did human cupidity bring them to our shores, or did the mysterious working of an all-wise Providence bring them here for evangelization? These, and all such enquiries as these, so far as their Christian enlightenment is concerned, are of no avail and profit nothing. For, even if they should all give the same answer, the fact that they are here exists, and still comes the stupendous question, what is to be done, towards their evangelization?

No one likes to have his religion attacked or criticised when earnestly undertaking to teach Christianity. Hence it is deemed impolitic, under the surrounding circumstances, to make mention of any errors or imperfections, if such exist, into which the colored race has fallen or may fall, without the aid of more enlightenment, although we may readily see and comprehend them. But we do say that this race needs, greatly needs, aid. Do they see their need as we see it? Can we give them aid? If so to what extent and in what manner? Are they willing to receive it, and to receive it in such manner and to the extent we are able to give it? Such questions should be carefully considered. The movement should be gradual, each step carefully guarded.

We are gratified to report that the effort already made has been decidedly successful as a beginning. And we herewith submit the following resolution: *Resolved*, That the movement already made for the evangelization of the colored race, is a work to which the Baptists of Alabama should earnestly address themselves, and that the same should be pressed forward.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. HUBBARD, Chairman.

Closed with singing, and prayer by Wm. Pritchett.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

51. The Committee to whom was referred the request of the Southern Baptist Convention in reference to reaching the masses reported as follows, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred so much of the proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1831, as instructs its Boards to form the closest possible connections with the State Boards where such exist, in such way as shall be mutually agreeable, beg leave to report that the suggestions have been anticipated by the action of this Convention at its last session, whereby the State Board became the general agent for collecting funds for the Home and Foreign Mission Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We recommend that further details in establishing closer relations be referred to the three Boards established. W. C. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

52. The following communication from the Ann Hasseltine Society of the Judson Female Institute was read:

The Ann Hasseltine Society of the Judson Institute

TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION—GREETING:

We send as our delegate to your body Rev. L. R. Gwaltney, D. D. During the past year our Society has contributed to the

State Mission Board.....	\$10 00
Home Mission Board.....	10 00
Foreign Mission Board.....	25 00

Total..... \$45 00

The febleness of our efforts is very apparent, yet we hope for some good results. We invoke God's blessings on the work of the Convention.

ANNIE E. RENFROE, President.

ADA E. NEILSON, Secretary.

53. The report of the Treasurer of the Alabama Central Centennial Committee, showing a balance of \$453.85; was on motion referred to the Finance Committee.

REPORT OF THE CENTRAL CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

W. W. WILKERSON, TREASURER Centennial Fund,

In account with ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

1875.

Nov. 20	To	Cash	from	Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe, pr E. T. Winkler,	\$ 75 00
Dec. 1	"	"	"	Siloam Baptist Church.....	291 00
" 7	"	"	"	Bethel Asso, pr T. M. Bailey.....	4 00
" 16	"	"	"	Macon Church, E. T. Winkler,....	5 00
" 25	"	"	"	Alabama Association, T. M. Bailey,...	3 00
Feb. 3	"	"	"	Elin Church, T. M. Bailey,.....	5 00
" 3	"	"	"	Town Creek Ladies Benevolent Soc'ty,	10 60
" "	"	"	"	Bethel Church, T. M. Bailey,.....	21 00
" 16	"	"	"	Macon Station Church, R. L. Maupin,	155 00
Mch. 31	"	"	"	Livingston, dr unknoun, E. T. Winkler	1 00
April 15	"	"	"	Mars Hill Church, J. G. Apsey,	10 00
" 15	"	"	"	Pine Flat, J. G. Apsey,.....	35 00
" 17	"	"	"	Hopewell, D. S. Hogue,.....	36 00
May 3	"	"	"	Liberty Church, D. S. Lyon,	2 00
Sept. 11	"	"	"	Montevallo Church, J. S. Dill,.....	12 00
Oct. 11	"	"	"	Tenn. River Asso., J. J. Beeson,....	5 00
Sept. 1	"	"	"	Rev. R. D. Faggard, E. T. Winkler.	1 00
" 1	"	"	"	Theo. Sem. Greenville, I. B. Vaiden.	2 00

CREDITS.

1875.

Oct.		By cash paid for 5,000 Certificates.....	\$70 50
Dec. 7	"	" " " " Book for Treasurer,.....	80
" 8	"	" " " " 3,000 copies Cen. Address,.....	4 00
" 14	"	" " " " L. B. Fish's bill and expenses,...	13 85
" 17	"	" " " " Ala. Baptist printing Cen. address,	5 55
" 17	"	" " " " E. T. Winkler exp. to Macon Sta.	10 00
" 17	"	" " " " Ex. chgs. on cash from do....	75

1876

Aug. 11	"	" " " " Expenses E. T. Winkler to Montg.	7 50
July 26	"	" " " " J. J. D. Renfroe dft. on salary...	100 00
Dec. 5	"	" " " " Ex. chgs. on Cen. Documents,....	1 80
Sept. 13	"	" " " " Horse and buggy for Murfee & Apsey	2 50
" "	"	" " " " " " " " for Apsey & Thornton	2 50
		By balance cash and vouchers on hand.....	453 85

\$673.60 \$673.60

1881.

July 11	To	balance brought down.....	\$453 85
		The above balance consists of cash on hand....	\$ 3 85
		And two notes of J. B. Lovelace, Trea. How. Col.,	450 00
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			\$453.85 \$453.85

[Let it be observed that this is not the report of J. J. D. Renfroe, Agent, but only of the Committee. SECRETARY.]

53. *Resolved*, That the balance in hand (\$453 85) reported by the Treasurer of the Alabama Central Centennial Committee be turned over to the Treasurer of Howard College for the permanent Endowment Fund.

54. The *Committee on Education* (see No. 70) made their report, which was discussed by E. S. Shorter, L. R. Gwaltney, W. N. Reeves, when the hour for adjournment having arrived, further action on report was postponed until some future hour.

55. A point of order was raised, that W. N. Reeves while discussing this report was not speaking to the point, which point of order was sustained.

Adjourned with singing, and prayer by G. D. Benton.

NIGHT SESSION, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

56. The session was opened with prayer by G. T. Gresham.

57. The assigned Topic, *Ministerial Education*, was most lucidly presented by E. T. Winkler, E. B. Teague, W. N. Reeves.

58. E. T. Winkler was requested to publish in the ALABAMA BAPTIST, or in pamphlet form, his address.

59. The report of the *Committee on Education* was taken up and re-committed with instructions.

60. *Resolved*, To appoint a committee of three, whose duty it shall be to collect and preserve historical data pertaining to the history of the Alabama Baptists. And B. F. Riley, B. B. Davis and H. S. D. Mallory were appointed said committee.

Closed with prayer by W. S. Rogers.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

61. The devotional exercises were conducted by Jeff. Falkner.

62. The Committee on time and place reported as follows:

Your Committee on time and place of meeting, recommend that next session of the Convention be held with the church at Huntsville, beginning on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in July, 1882.

63. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Convention that the repeated desecration of the Sabbath day by members' returning to their homes upon that day, is totally at variance with the Sacred Scriptures, and for the sake of consistency should be henceforth abandoned.

64. *Resolved*, That we heartily recommend the ALABAMA BAPTIST, the organ of this Convention, as eminently worthy of their patronage and one of the best means for the education of our people in Baptist principles and polity; and that we earnestly request our pastors throughout the State to labor individually to disseminate it more widely among their churches; and that the thanks of this Convention are tendered to E. T. Winkler, J. J. D. Renfroe and W. W. Wilkerson for the aid which they have rendered in the establishment of the paper and raising it to its present influence and power; and that we recommend to the churches and Sabbath Schools of Alabama, the Sabbath School papers of the Southern Baptist Convention, viz.: "Kind Words," "Baptist Gem" and the Quarterly soon to be published, edited by S. Boykin, Macon, Georgia, as admirably adapted to the purposes for which they have been established.

65. The Report on Foreign Missions was read by M. G. Hudson and, addresses made by R. H. Graves, Missionary to China, T. W. Tobey, Z. D. Roby, T. H. Stout, W. N. Reeves.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST CONVENTION.

With the partial return of prosperity to our Southland, it is gratifying to note that there has been increased interest—as manifested by the contributions to the cause of Foreign Missions. We learn from the report of our Foreign Board made at the late Convention at Columbus, Mississippi, that the contributions for the year just ended amounted to something over \$44,000, which is considerably above the average for the past thirty-five years.

There are also several other highly gratifying facts gathered from the same report to which your committee beg to call your attention.

1st. That the Board is free from debt,

2nd. That the Board was enabled to send out seven new missionaries,

3rd. That the Great Master has blessed his laborers in foreign fields with great showers of blessings. His eye and his smiles are upon them and his care has been about them. Whilst the missions of our own Board have not been so largely blessed as those of some others, yet we have much cause for gratitude, and encouragement for renewed effort in this great work. The statistics furnished by the Board are thirty-nine missionaries, twenty churches, one hundred and twenty baptisms and a present membership of eight hundred and fifty-four.

4th. That the cost of raising funds for this work is much less than in former years. In Alabama it is about 7 per cent; in South Carolina about 1½ per cent, whilst in some other of our sister States it is about 30 per cent.

It is also very gratifying to learn from the energetic Secretary of our State Board that under the plan adopted at your last Convention for raising funds for this work the contributions of our State for last year have nearly doubled those of the year previous. Yet it is sad to know that Alabama—formerly one of the foremost contributors to the Foreign Mission Board—comes so far short of her high duty in this respect. Her contributions for the year just closed aggregate only about \$2,000, or about 2½ cents per member for the white Baptists of Alabama! This record is humiliating and it becomes us to strive to learn and to remove the cause. It cannot be that we do not theorize correctly! No, at our Convention and Associations we adopt with great unanimity appropriate resolutions. We devise apparently good plans but these seem well nigh to exhaust our missionary spirit. It is well to theorize correctly, but more important that we put our theories into practical execution. We should not cease our efforts in devising plans till we have reached successfully the great mass of our brethren; for surely it is because our contributions are made by the few that they are so meagre. When the cause of missions is discussed in the family circle and prayed over around the hearthstone then will our contributions be largely increased.

By reference to the report made at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention it will be seen that South Carolina gave to this work three times as much as Alabama; two reasons have been suggested as the cause: 1st. They have a large number of Ladies Missionary Societies at work in that State; 2nd. they have a devoted missionary from that state in whom the churches feel a personal interest. Whilst we are not prepared to recommend to the Baptists of Alabama the formation of societies to do the work of the churches we do urge that persistent efforts be made to interest our sisters more in the work. To accomplish this, and to bring the matter home to the consciences of our members we recommend:

1st. That the churches appoint from their lady members active and energetic committees on mission work. This will do away with the objection made to separate societies, and properly organized will secure the active interest of our sisters.

2d. That the first prayer-meeting of each month be devoted to Missions and thus revive the old "concert of prayer."

3rd. That the churches pray the "Lord of the harvest" for some Alabamian who shall desire to preach the Cross to the heathen.

4th. That special effort be made in each church to circulate the *Foreign Mission Journal*, and thus inform our members of the work and of the necessities of our Foreign Mission Board. Respectfully submitted,

M. G. HUDSON, Chairman.

66. *Resolved*, That the State Mission Board be instructed to take into consideration the feasibility of Alabama Baptists' supporting a specific Mission in a foreign field, and that they correspond with brethren in the States so that suitable names may be suggested at the next session of the Convention for appointment to this work, and that the Board proceed also at once to select two young men, if such can be found, to be sent to the Foreign Board for appointment.

67. *Resolved*, That hereafter the Corresponding Sec. of the Home Mission Board be requested to present in his annual report such details as shall represent the benevolence of the denomination in the State.

68. *Resolved*, That it is with peculiar pleasure we give public expression of our appreciation of the cordial hospitality of the citizens of Troy. We shall leave with a most pleasant recollection of their thriving city, their beautiful residences and their unstinted hospitality in entertaining the members and visitors of this Convention;—and to the different Churches and Railroads for courtesies extended.

69. A collection to reimburse Wm. Pritchett for books donated as Colporter was taken up; amounting to \$21 40.

70. The report on Education was presented and the Secretary authorized, on motion, to strike out such part as may be redundant.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

TO THE ALABAMA BAPTIST CONVENTION:

The chief object of this Convention is to devise and develop Educational schemes and enterprises, to the end that the Gospel of the grace of God may be carried to all the destitute places in our State and the world. All the operatives in every department of Christian work need to be properly educated and qualified, that they may be "thoroughly furnished" for their work. Whether pastor or publisher, missionary or manager, evangelist or educator, the man of God should be thoroughly furnished; for without proper education all our work will be improperly directed and in vain. We should discriminate between true and false education. Your committee therefore deem it important to make some suggestions relative to this the great work of the Convention, underlying as it does, a necessary prerequisite to every other branch of missionary work coming under its purview.

Education from its very nature must be of a religious or irreligious tendency. It cannot be neutral nor both with the individual. Unless the right foundation is laid by educating first the heart, the moral faculty of the child, which must be done in the first eight or ten years, the tendency of the education is apt to be inimical to the development of the spiritual or religious nature. The education of the heart and feelings and the formation of correct principles, should always precede the development of the brain and intellect. The misery or the happiness of men and their usefulness or mischief to society depends more upon earliest impressions on the heart made by the mother and the infant class teacher than on all they learn in college halls in maturer years. Men act from impulse and feeling more than by reflection and judgment, and if the heart has been neglected when it was young and tender, judgment will be rendered by such persons without regard to justice and mercy.

The London Quarterly Review said on this subject, more than a fourth of

a century ago, that it is the vice of the age to substitute learning for wisdom; "to educate the head and forget there is a more important education necessary for the heart." And President Everett, of Cambridge University, in his inaugural address more than twenty-five years ago, said that the "educated world, under a false system of education, were passing into a refined Heathenism; that in the forum and senate gods were worshipped no better than the gods of the Pantheon. America's most distinguished statesman once said, that "education and religion would progress co-extensively." He ought to have said, that a religion of the head would progress with the education of the head. But true religion may progress with the cultivation of the heart, but not with the cultivation of the head, the intellect without cultivation of the heart. And the teachings of Christ corroborate our own experience that the time to educate the heart, the moral faculty, is in early youth. The Kingdom of Heaven is composed of little children and such as become like them and humble themselves, "beginning to be wise by fearing the Lord."

Your committee deem it important that this truth be clearly set forth, that while it is the chief purpose and mission of the Convention to establish and sustain educational enterprises, it all looks to the end of carrying forward the Gospel of Christ, and not simply to educate the heads and develop the intellects of our youth. All our institutions of learning would be of little or no value if the development only of the mind and intellect is contemplated, and not the heart and conscience. Modern materialists and skeptics were no doubt made by this very process.

But if the proper development of the heart and feelings, the moral faculty, the spiritual and religious nature, must needs begin and for the most part be done in the first eight or ten years of childhood, how can it be contemplated in the college course? If it be true that the development of the intellectual powers before and without the education of the heart be indeed a dangerous process, tending rather to "war against" than to save the soul, the serious question comes up, What blunders have we made, and how shall we begin to lay a right the sure foundation? When the sagacious Emperor Julian would suppress Christianity he prevented the children's being taught Christianity within his domains. The Jesuits and the Jews, and all the sects who have succeeded in establishing so thoroughly and universally their peculiar views, have done so by impressing their young children, especially the little girls, as they were to be the mothers of the next generation. And if we Baptists would learn at once the great secret of success and improve it, let us prosecute with more earnestness and zeal the work of establishing and sustaining denominational institutions for true female education. If all the mothers in the land were truly educated, all our Theological Seminaries and missionary work would go forward as a legitimate result. If all the Heathen nations are to be distinguished by the fact that their women are kept in ignorance, and made as beasts of burden, then Christian nations and communities should be characterized by institutions to educate and elevate woman, to qualify her for that indispensable work which neither men nor angels can do, viz: to lay the only true foundation for true education in the hearts and consciences of the children. Just as the twig is bent the tree is inclined. It is as easy to straighten the crooked tree as it is the crooked mind.

Baptists have never, as a people, been remarkable for teaching their children their own views of God's will and word not even in their Sunday schools. Too often in our weakness to appear "liberal" we show them how to apologize for being Baptists instead of arming and equipping them to defend the truths we hold.

Let us learn from the Jesuit and learn from the Jew;
From the Moslem, the Heathen, and sects not a few;
From the "children of this world," and be wiser than they
In teaching our children the "truth and the way."

There can be no doubt that the establishment of the Judson Female In-

stitute is the grandest work of this Convention. It is recognized every where as a denominational, a Baptist, school, and as such it is the proper place to begin to lay the true foundation for the training of our theological teachers; for "they that rock the cradle rule the world," and if they are not trained to rock and rule for Christ then the kingdoms of this world will not be brought to him. Your committee also recommend the Alabama Central Female College at Tuscaloosa, which is also in a prosperous condition, to the fostering care of the Baptists of Alabama, believing that all institutions of learning should be under the care and responsible to some Christian community.

In reviewing the history of Alabama Baptists we find that this Convention has ever been awake to the cause of education, the great object for which it was organized. We find that a half century ago this Convention established a "Literary and manual labor school," at Greensboro, which was in successful operation only a few years when the immortal Howard and Judson were established, which have stood the shock of revolution, and stand like proud monuments, towering over its wrecks and ravages. Though not endowed as they should be, they are yet prosperous and flourishing.

Your committee are glad to learn that through efficient and economical management the Howard has at last discharged all its indebtedness, and also that the Judson is making progress in the same direction. But as it appears that this institution is also the property of this Convention and that it is still incumbered with debt, we think it proper that the Convention be informed as to the nature and extent of its indebtedness and the time of maturity.

We would further recommend, since referring to the report made to this Convention in April, 1857, as suggested in the report of the Trustees, that this Convention elect or appoint the Board of Trustees for the Judson, for the same reasons and in the same manner that it does for the Howard, and that this present Convention formally sanction and ratify the present Board of Trustees in office, and their official acts in their labor of love to relieve the Judson of debt.

Respectfully submitted,

F. B. MOODIE, Chairman.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 3 O'CLOCK.

71. Opened with prayer by R. D. Thornton.

72. The report of the Committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read and, after discussion, adopted.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS

We have no data to bring before the Convention as to the results of the plans hitherto inaugurated, to place the "Support of Aged and Infirm Ministers" upon "the list of benevolent objects" to be fostered by the Denomination.

The report of last year presented urgent and conclusive reasons why this should be done, and your committee can only emphasize the opinions then uttered.

We still believe and affirm that these aged servants of Christ have a claim upon the sympathies and material help of the Baptists of this State, that they can not without a violation of the noblest impulses of a Christian manhood ignore.

Of many of these old brethren it may be said in the language of the Apostle Paul, they have approved themselves "ministers of God in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, by pureness of knowledge, by long-suffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned—as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, yet possessing all things."

In a village not far distant lives one of these dear old brethren, like a sheaf of grain fully ripened, waiting only to be garnered in the skies. Bed-ridden, partially blind, palsied with infirmities and age of 87 winters upon him, he yet maintains a sweetness of patience, a cheerful submissiveness to the will of his

Heavenly Father that preaches more eloquently than the most powerful sermons that ever fell from his lips in the prime of his intellectual vigor and strength. To many of those present this brother is known. To some in days past he has spoken in words of wisdom and instruction in the halls of learning; to others he may be a father in the gospel.

Brethren of the Convention! it is for him and such as he that this enterprise is attempted, and this appeal made. Superannuated, incapable by the providence of God of making farther effort, poor and needy, shall they be permitted to languish and suffer for the common necessities of life when a slight effort on our part might avert it? Forbid it every sentiment and tie of love that binds us to a common Master.

Brethren, "Whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

We recommend that the Central Committee located at Selma, Ala., consisting of W. C. Ward, H. S. D. Mallory and H. A. Haralson, be continued, and that Bro. J. G. Harris be added to it.

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. CAFFEY, Chm'n,

73. The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported as follows, and the report was adopted:

SABBATH SERVICES.

First Baptist Church—Sabbath School, at 9:30 a. m. Addresses by R. H. Graves and M. G. Hudson. 11 a. m., E. T. Winkler to preach; 8:30 p. m., L. R. Gwaltney to preach.

Second Baptist Church—Sabbath School, 9:30 a. m., Z. D. Roby and B. F. Riley. 11 a. m., W. C. Cleveland; 8:30 p. m., Jos. Shackelford.

M. E. Church—Sabbath School, 9:30 a. m., H. F. Oliver and J. S. Paullin. 11 a. m., M. M. Wamboldt; 8:30 p. m., S. A. Goodwin.

74. The Committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention reported as follows:

The committee on nominating the remaining officers of the Convention respectfully submit the following:

To preach the *Introductory Sermon*, S. A. Goodwin, of Union Springs; alternate, B. F. Riley.

To preach the *Missionary Sermon*, Geo. B. Eeager, of Mobile; alternate, W. C. Cleveland.

Trustees of Howard College, 1881-87—J. G. Apsey, P. King, Jonathan Haralson, J. J. D. Renfro, J. H. Lee, E. T. Winkler, Col. L. M. Stone, W. T. Hendon, W. C. Cleveland. 1877-83—D. M. Seals, in place of J. B. Lovelace.

Trustees of Judson Institute, 1881-83—Porter King, J. H. Lee, W. T. McAllister, L. A. Wyatt; 1881-85—J. B. Lovelace, W. W. Wilkerson, John Moore, W. H. McIntosh; 1881-87—S. H. Fowlkes, J. Curtis Bush, R. C. Keeble, H. A. Haralson.

Board of Directors—President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer *ex-officio* members; E. T. Winkler, J. H. Lee, W. W. Wilkerson, Porter King, W. H. Fiquet, J. T. Murfee, L. R. Gwaltney, J. B. Lovelace, J. G. Apsey.

75. On motion, elected the following committee to prepare and publish a Programme, or Order of Business, for the next session of the Convention: E. T. Winkler, J. B. Lovelace, T. J. Dill, J. T. Murfee, B. B. Davis.

76. The President announced the following Standing Committees to report next year, viz :

STANDING COMMITTEES

SABBATH SCHOOLS.—M. G. Hudson, T. L. Jones, J. S. Paullin, G. D. Benton, S. B. Foster.

EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED RACE.—E. B. Teague, B. H. Crumpton, H. F. Oliver, H. C. Taul, S. O. V. Ray.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.—E. J. Forrester, Z. D. Roby, T. H. Stout, P. M. Callaway, J. A. Howard.

HOME MISSIONS.—J. O. Hixson, J. H. Hendon, F. D. Hale, B. F. Riley, G. M. Parker.

EDUCATION.—T. J. Dill, G. S. Anderson, J. M. Thigpen, J. P. Hubbard, Eli S. Shorter.

TEMPERANCE.—L. R. Gwaltney, T. W. Toley, L. T. Gwaltney, W. S. Rogers, G. T. Gresham.

AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.—J. M. Phillips, E. F. Baber, A. Jay, H. W. Caffey, R. T. Wear.

ON AGED AND INDIGENT MINISTERS FUND.—W. C. Ward, H. S. D. Malloy, H. A. Haralson, J. G. Harris.

77. The Finance Committee Reported as follows, which was adopted.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee submit the following as their report :

First, we have received and audited the report of the Treasurer of the Convention, and find the same to be correct and accompanied by the proper vouchers, showing that the several amounts were given their proper direction, a balance of four dollars remaining in the hands of the treasurer on account of Superannuated Ministers Fund.

Secondly, we have also received and audited the report of the Treasurer of the Central Centennial Committee, in reference to amounts which came into the hands of said committee, and we find the same to be correct and accompanied with the proper vouchers, showing the amount of \$453.85 in hands of the Treasurer of Howard College as a permanent endowment.

Your committee have also prepared a tabulated statement of amounts contributed during its present session to the several objects fostered by the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. J. DILL, Chairman.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF COLLECTIONS.

	State Mission Board.....	Home Mission Board.....	Foreign Miss. Board.....	General Mis- sions.....	Minutes.....	Ministerial Education..	Total.
Ft. Williams, Talladega co.		\$3 70					\$ 3 70
Ladies' Soc., "	\$ 1 30						1 30
S. S. Montevallo church..				\$ 5 00			5 00
J. H. Reeves, Eufaula ch.				4 00			4 00
Mt. Creek ch., Chilton co.	26 00						26 00
Antioch church		1 75					1 75
Greenville church.....					\$3 00		3 00
S. S. of 1st Bap. ch., Troy.	4 60						4 60
Bethesda ch., Shelby Ass'n.			2 25				2 25
*First Baptist ch., Troy. }			2 40				2 40
*Orion Baptist church... }			1 00				1 00
*Orion Sabbath School. }			1 00				1 00
Auburn church.....			10 00				10 00
Collections for Bethany } church building..... }	23 40						23 40
Bethsaida church.....	50 00						50 00
Providence church.....	10 00						10 00
Shiloh church.....	2 55						2 55
Providence (for colportage).	3 50						3 50
Shorterville.....					\$ 3 50		3 50
Bethel.....			2 00				2 00
Hurtville.....				2 50		2 50	5 00
Providence.....	5 00						5 00
Farmville.....	5 00						5 00
Mt. Zion.....	8 20						8 20
Pensacola (Theolog. Sem.).						4 00	4 00
W. H. Wood.....	5 00						5 00
Opelika church.....	100 00						100 00
Rehoboth ch. (colportage).	1 60						1 60
Collections.....	51 20						51 20
Sandy Creek Association..	12 75						12 75
Bethany church.....	6 75						6 75
Cuba church.....	3 25		8 65				11 90
Sardis church.....	6 00						6 00
Greenville church.....	18 10						18 10
Collections for Evangeli- } zation of Colored Race. }	33 55						33 55
Tuskegee church.....	10 00						10 00
Tuskaloosa church.....	37 35						37 35
Total.....	\$425 40	\$5 45	\$27 30	\$11 50	\$3 00	\$10 00	\$482 65

* For J. B. Hartwell.

TROY, ALA., July 13-16, 1891.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 8:30 O'CLOCK.

78. The Convention was opened with prayer by D. Rogers

79 The report of the Committee on Temperance was read by W. B. Crumpton, and discussed by A. P. Ashurst, L. R. Gwaltney, and amended by appended resolution, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Within the last few years, drunkenness has assumed such magnitude that many citizens have been demanding of our law-making power legal remedies to mitigate, if not exterminate, the evil and thus conserve the moral, social and religious interests of the State.

It is the fatal heritage of iniquity at times to outrage public sentiment so completely as to provoke a crushing recoil. Such is the case in the present instance. It is a recognized fact, and one which awakens deep indignation, that a large proportion of the crimes, suffering and pauperism now prevalent are due to excess in the use of a-d-e-n-t spirits. There is no calling in life which intemperance does not blight as with mildew. It is the curse of Church and State.

The farmer, the merchant, the mechanic, the doctor, the lawyer, all alike feel its withering blast. And, as humiliating as is the confession, the pulpit, God's divinely constituted agency for the suppression of vice, is not free from its foul infection.

A million of drunkards that supply annually a hundred thousand victims to the drunkard's grave and the drunkard's hell attest the fatal efficiency of the vicious indulgence.

In the light of these facts, and at a crisis when public sentiment is so earnestly seeking to remedy these evils, it is a matter of surpassing importance that our churches should exert their influence in every legitimate way, by doctrine, by example and by discipline, for their suppression.

What our brethren should do as citizens, it is not our province, to prescribe but it is suitable that we urge our churches not to tolerate this iniquity in their fellowship and our ministry to preach upon the subject with a zeal and courage which its transcendent importance demands.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. CRUMPTON, for Committee.

Resolved. That this Convention is in profound sympathy with all movements which look to the suppression of the sale and drinking of intoxicating liquors.

So The regular business of the Convention having been finished, the closing exercises were conducted by J. S. Paullin and participated in by T. H. Stout, Z. D. Roby, J. E. White, D. Rogers, R. H. Graves, G. D. Benton, H. R. Schramm, J. Falkner, F. D. Hale, and a closing prayer offered by L. R. Gwaltney, when the Convention adjourned to meet with Huntsville church on Wednesday before the third Sabbath in July, 1882.

JONATHAN HARALSON, President.

BENJ. B. DAVIS, Secretary.

Baptist Convention and Temperance

In 54 Report from Tichenor, 57 Report by Holman, regretting apathy, 69 Report Brewer, 70 Report "dispensed with, 80, Page 37, motion to restore met with opposition. 81, Page 35, Chairman, because of sharp difference with prominent brother year before and again before Com' requested W B Crumpton to read report. Strong amendment offered and from that day the fight was on.

*ten years later**12 years later**How the Legislature of Tennessee*

Statistical Table Compiled from the Minutes for 1880 to accompany the Minutes of the Convention for 1881.

ASSOCIATIONS.	Churches.	Additions by										Totals for 1880		Sub. Schools.		
		Ordnained Ministers.	Baptism	Letter	Restoration A Experience	Death	Exclusion	Dis. Omit. Stat's	Totals for 1881	Totals for 1880	Report S. S.	Teachers & Scholars.	Collected in S. S. and Expended.			
Alabama	37	17	144	107	38	179	39	43	2368	2198	20	950	8			
*Arbacoochee	28	14	116	105	25	20	115	40	2625	2310	24	600				
Bethel	44	18	182	100	22	22	81	34	2260		15					
Bethlehem	40	8	158	100	22	22	81	34	1221	2101		373				
*Beulah	33	15	130	51	18	27	20	20	1428	1428						
*Big Bear Creek	20	9	31	54	2	15	70	5	1104	1020		522	30 00			
Bigbee	25	10	91	97	21	9	90	15	1030	992						
Boiling Spring	21	17	107	82	12	10	151	27	2109	1650	21	1007	217 50			
Cahaba	34	15	134	102	18	20	90	22	1918	1718						
*Cahaba Valley	31	17	107	82	12	10	151	27	2109	1650	21	1007	217 50			
Canaan	34	15	134	102	18	20	90	22	1918	1718						
*Carey	17	11	22	26	3	13	53	9	1108	994	7		104 00			
Cedar Bluff	28	19	116	83	21	24	97	45	1710	1710						
Cedar Bluff	13	9	33	50	3	7	09	11	1013	1097	3	201				
Centennial	11	8	13	24	1	4	28	35	558	509	6					
Central	30	20	101	109	40	15	104	41	2119	2119						
Cherokee	28	21	86	68	4	14	77	19	1638	1441						
*Clear Creek	23	8	5						520	520						
*Colbert Shoal	17	11							650							
Coosa River	33	15	212	157	17	25	174	44	2823	2852	16					
Elin	18	7	124	40	11	7	41	20	725	620						
Enfants	20	9	61	53	0	14	82	24	1350	1314	8	524	100 00			
Gulf Coast	14	7	41	44	8	17	40	10	1335	1335	2	958				
Harmony East	7	5	20	11	1	3	0	7	449	531						
Harmony West	33	21	151	87	20	20	168	42	1319	1319						
Indian Creek	31	14	108	58	10	8	70	60	1008	2092						
Judson	24	19	65	91	7	18	116	42	2462	2570						
Liberty East	28	13	142	109	31	20	68	41	1409	1301		490				
Liberty North	28	10	60	85	18	20	80	7	1028	1077						
Liberty Southwest	17	11	51	28	13	7	34	10	631	608						
Mount Carmel	10	4							275							
*Mount Pleasant	13	8	28	12	5	3	16	17	632							
Mud Creek	21	11	82	74	12	11	91	20	1472	1100						
Mulberry	37	18	155	157	17	30	141	20	2785	2748	12	380				
Muscle Shoals	21	21	60	65	6	12	52	20	1158	1095						
New River	23	13	81	53	13	13	55	21	1215	1418						
Newton	28	12	56	42	0	14	61	17	681	1120						
Nor h River	7	4	22	14	3	2	8	1	103							
Pea River	26	6	82	40	18	14	47	86	1409	1443	10	280				
*Rock Mills	17	6	54	52	9	15	67	13	991	991						
Salem	26	24	80	111	10	14	78	20	1648	1503			1 40			
Sandy Creek	10	4	42	25	3	1	17	6	340							
Shelby	14	9	12	30	3	2	45	4	650	689						
South Eastern	20	11	40	52	10	5	48	10	660							
Sulphur Springs	25	12	87	48	14	5	95	10	538	961						
Tallapoosa River	11	6	40	40	3	0	45	11	532	480						
Tallahatchee & Tals.	31	19	103	173	0	15	110	26	2032	1532						
Tennessee River.	28	12	114	29	0	18	70	44	1207	1308						
Tuscaloosa	27	14	91	80	4	13	53	31	1527	1807		827				
Tuskegee	20	11	148	133	10	30	133	44	1840	1840						
Union	33	16	123	67	15	23	101	16	1822	1843						
Unity	28	12	128	81	10	17	93	26	1476	1476						
Warrior River	25	12	73	111	8	14	53	16	1151	906						
Yellow Creek	22	20	27	23	13	10	25	17	610	602						
Zion	20	5	55	28	7	10	40	19	1064	878						
Estimate for 71 churches that omit statistics									4124							
Totals for 1880	1361	685	4550	3361	623	871	3408	1222	74	70000	63884	144	7187	2552 20		
Totals for 1879	1079	605	4780	3342	598	757	3207	1201								
Gain	282	80	loss	10	25	114	231	21	1000							

*These Statistics are taken from Baptist Year Book for 1881, as I have been unable to get of Missionary Baptists is 166,000

of the Baptist Associations of Alabama
by Benj. B. Davis, Secretary.

Contributions Reported for Various Objects, viz:

Minutes and Associational purposes.	Home and Indian Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Associa-tional Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Evangeliza-tion, free North, obs. pres. at Ass.	Ministerial Education.	Total raised for all purposes as per Minutes.	Average Contribution per Mem. 1879.	Average Contribution per Mem. 1878.
\$ 64 40	\$ 270 65	\$ 407 17	\$ 755 62	\$ 34 05	\$ 147 90	\$ 224 00	\$ 1066 70	\$1	1 20	
63 20	17 75	30 15	253 55	2 50	...	115 60	521 75	20	20	
61 40	9 95	8 35	187 15	4 25	21 60	25 00	315 90	14	17	
49 75	19 70	65 05	330 00	10 00	...	21 00	525 50	45	45	
32 25	...	...	5 25	1 30	...	...	42 40	95	9
93 03	85 30	145 10	521 75	50 60	...	211 30	1397 45	61	1 08	
34 20	29 95	22 40	174 70	...	42 30	...	407 55	37	30	
24 25	25 25	25 25	110 70	16 50	...	...	291 95	20	3
31 25	27 60	40 45	215 00	...	36 10	...	393 60	60	32	
56 25	11 00	50	37 00	1 50	...	...	100 70	5	19
30 75	...	...	51 00	...	...	...	111 75	7	7
79 15	73 60	165 75	95 40	32 50	...	35 75	501 75	18	30	
40 05	23 15	...	...	543 50	...	...	666 70	81	18
24 95	130 20	141 40	320 00	52 00	60 00	201 05	1305 60	99	74	
44 00	58 05	264 35	...	...	...	391 50	750 20	57	57
15 75	...	...	...	...	...	...	15 75	4	1
52 15	1 00	1 00	266 05	1 00	120 60	...	111 80	21	6	
62 45	...	03 60	461 70	...	...	...	955 85	28	19
30 10	48 10	...	...	...	...	...	171 10	12	12
17 50	144 00	...	...	...	6 30	...	49 40	4	5
19 35	25 60	...	...	...	94 55	...	113 60	19	3
16 05	...	...	...	...	...	...	16 05	3	1
34 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	34 50	3	4
51 35	...	15 00	10 10	141 40	...	43 35	294 20	10	9	
27 30	...	...	...	16 05	19 35	...	62 70	6	9
39 30	1 75	...	25 50	95 25	...	...	191 50	13	10
32 75	...	...	...	22 05	...	...	55 70	6	15
18 15	...	...	...	21 50	...	5 85	48 50	26	10
46 15	10 35	25 90	127 00	60 25	...	24 50	204 15	20	32	
49 55	30 00	33 80	266 55	...	...	24 40	315 70	21	24
13 60	...	...	12 25	...	...	...	25 55	8	...
23 50	...	...	15 05	...	...	...	41 55	7	1
48 50	...	...	...	...	...	...	48 50	8	...
27 25	...	...	34 35	...	...	...	62 20	8	8
24 75	...	2 15	99 60	...	...	5 00	130 00	25	...
51 00	...	...	...	155 30	...	...	209 30	11	8
...	...	...	...	139 70	...	...	139 70	11	4
58 15	28 90	83 85	185 85	...	617 44	...	977 19	64	9	
51 10	60 45	99 05	420 75	...	128 55	14 00	774 80	42	30	
71 35	5 60	16 20	86 05	27 45	43 68	...	253 30	14	16	
73 35	10 00	10 00	54 45	...	61 60	65 25	397 05	21	...	
28 05	...	...	...	...	17 60	...	45 95	4	3
26 25	...	...	...	35 75	...	...	65 00	11	8
40 75	...	...	204 00	...	...	...	244 75	25	20
\$1812 73	\$1167 00	\$1722 27	\$5347 47	\$1235 65	\$261 00	\$1481 70	\$1175 85	Average 21c.		
2605 80	849 56	1241 61	4105 71	...	...	...	2095 80	Average 22c.	
loss	\$ 317 44	\$ 450 66	\$1241 76	...	...	...	loss	loss	

procure Minutes. Estimating the colored membership as last year, 90,000, the total num-

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FROM 1823 TO 1881 INCLUSIVE.

Year	Place of Meeting.	President.	Clerk.
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