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OF THE

SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST

STATE CONVENTION

OF ALABAMA,

1883,

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Selma, Ala.

BENJ. B. DAVIS, SECRETARY,

Eufaula, Ala.

The next session of the Convention will be held with the Baptist Church at Birmingham, Friday (16th), before the third Sabbath in July, 1886.

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For Alabama Baptist—To JOHN G. HARRIS, Selma, Alabama.

For Ministerial Education—To T. L. HUDGINS, Birmingham, Alabama.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA.

HON. JON. HARALSON, *President*, Selma, Alabama.

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Ministerial Education Board—W. C. Cleveland, *President*; D. I. Purser, A. J. Waldrop, E. B. Teague, W. C. Cleveland, J. M. Frost, J. S. Dill, R. H. Sterrett, Porter King, S. Henderson.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

On Sabbath Schools—Geo. W. Thomas, W. E. Hudmon, Porter King, W. C. Stewart, John T. Davis, H. S. D. Mallory, Joseph Grisham.

On Evangelization of Colored People—S. Henderson, J. O. Hixson, E. S. McWhorter, G. W. Ellis, W. H. DeWitt, J. K. Ryan, J. W. Rogers.

On Foreign Missions—A. C. Davidson, G. R. Farnham, Jackson Gunn, C. T. Vannerlyn, J. W. Orme, J. G. Thornton, A. N. Worthy.

On Home Missions—H. H. Caffey, W. B. Crumpton, L. W. Lawler, H. D. Boyd, J. D. Cook, P. M. Callaway, D. W. Ramsey.

On Temperance—M. B. Swanson, E. F. Baber, Jos. Shackelford, A. J. Waldrop, G. E. Brewer, W. G. Robertson, P. L. Moseley.

On Education—H. Austell, W. D. Fonville, J. F. Bledsoe, A. F. Dix, T. W. Palmer, Howard Griggs, L. L. Belsher.

On Programme—D. I. Purser, R. H. Sterrett, R. W. Beck, J. S. Dill, W. C. Cleveland, B. B. Davis, R. J. Waldrop.

On Woman's Work—Central Committee on Woman's Work.

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA.

1. The Sixty-Second Annual Session of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama was held with the Baptist Church at Tuskegee, Ala., commencing on Friday, 17th day of July, 1885, at 10 o'clock A. M.

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

3. Benj. B. Davis acted as Secretary.

4. After the opening exercises, which were conducted by A. S. Worrell, consisting of singing hymn No. 543,

"Amazing Grace, how Sweet the Sound,"

and the reading of the 14th Chapter of John, and prayer by M. B. Wharton,

5. The President stated the constitutional basis of representation.

6. The following brethren were then enrolled as delegates :

7. FROM ASSOCIATIONS :

Alabama—Wm. Caffey, Frank Caffey, Wm. Bullock, L. G. Skipper.

Antioch—Geo. M. Parker.

Arbacoochee—No representation.

Bethel—P. C. Drew, L. M. Bradley, Jno. W. Jones.

South Bethel—A. J. Hearn.

Bethlehem—B. H. Crumpton, I. Spence, I. A. White.

Big Bear Creek—J. S. Stockton.

Bigbee—Jno. G. Harris, J. D. Cook, L. L. Belcher, B. F. Riley.

Boiling Spring—No representation.

- Cahaba*—T. M. Bailey, A. C. Davidson, L. D. Inskip, J. P. Harris, G. S. Anderson, W. W. Overstreet.
- Cahaba Valley*—No representation.
- Canaan*—D. I. Purser, R. W. Beck, A. J. Waldrop.
- Carey*—No representation.
- Cedar Bluff*—No representation.
- Centennial*—J. F. Lassiter, A. F. Dix, B. M. Bean, J. O. Hixson.
- Central*—W. J. D. Upshaw, D. S. Martin, Cat Smith.
- Cherokee*—No representation.
- Clear Creek*—No representation.
- Cosa River*—W. Wilkes.
- Cullman*—No representation.
- Elm*—I. Spence.
- Enfauha*—G. A. Nunnally, W. H. Patterson, T. H. Stout, E. L. Graves, J. E. McCormick, A. B. Starke, W. S. Rogers, Z. T. Weaver, W. C. Jordan, Jno. A. Foster.
- Etowah*—W. C. Cleveland.
- East Harmony*—No representation.
- West Harmony*—No representation.
- Indian Creek*—No representation.
- Judson*—No representation.
- East Liberty*—J. P. Shaffer, J. F. Bledsoe, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Hunter, J. C. Boyd.
- North Liberty*—No representation.
- Macedonia*—No representation.
- Mobile Baptist Union*—Geo. B. Eager.
- Montgomery*—M. B. Wharton, J. C. Stratford, G. W. Thomas, G. F. Hagood, Wm. A. Davis, G. W. Ellis, J. W. Hale, H. Clay Taul, B. A. Jackson.
- Mud Creek*—No representation.
- Mulberry*—A. E. Burns.
- Muscle Shoals*—Jos. Shackelford.
- Neze River*—No representation.
- Newton*—No representation.
- North River*—J. W. Stewart, T. J. Lamokin.
- Pea River*—No representation.
- Pine Barren*—W. G. Umry.
- Salem*—No representation.
- Sandy Creek*—No representation.
- Selma*—Lewis Johnson, C. T. Munnerlyn, Miles Hardy, Jr., Law Lamar.
- Shelby*—Jas. M. Langston.
- South Eastern*—No representation.
- Sulphur Springs*—No representation.
- Tallahpoosa River*—M. C. Golden, M. E. Parker, R. B. Bryant.
- Tallahatchee and Ten Island*—No representation.
- Tennessee River*—No representation.
- Town Creek*—No representation.
- Troy*—No representation.
- Tuskaloosa*—J. H. Foster, J. S. Dill, J. H. Foster, Jr., S. B. Foster, T. W. Palmer, J. B. Little.
- Tuskegee*—G. D. Benton, A. N. Adams, W. E. Hudmon, Z. D. Roby, C. W. Buck, Jos. A. Howard, D. S. Duffee, Waddy Thompson, W. T. B. Lynch, T. W. Hart, J. F. Johns.
- Union*—J. G. Thornton, S. S. Thornton.
- Unity*—Jas. L. Sampney, W. N. Huckabee, G. W. Mills, A. Andrews, J. L. Thompson, W. L. Parnell.
- Warrior River*—No representation.

Weogufka—No representation.
Yellow Creek—No representation.
Zion—No representation.

S. FROM CHURCHES:

Auburn—W. E. Lloyd.
Alpine—S. Henderson.
Antioch (Chambers Co.)—J. C. Boyd.
Brooklyn—I. A. White.
Beulah (Bulloch)—J. F. Johns.
Bethel—L. M. Bradley.
Bethlehem—J. E. McCormick.
Birmingham (First)—T. J. Miles, C. E. Nash, D. I. Purser, A. B. Green.
Birmingham (Third)—D. I. Purser.
Bethel (Bibb Co.)—J. P. Harris.
Bethel (Marion Co.)—P. C. Drew.
Bethesda—W. G. Curry.
Clayton—W. S. Rogers, Abner F. Borders.
Clanton—Jas. L. Sampey.
Cudahatchee—E. S. McWhorter.
Calera—Jas. M. Langston.
Demopolis—G. S. Anderson.
Deep Creek—W. H. Dewitt.
Enfanta—G. A. Nunnally, W. H. Patterson, T. H. Stout, B. B. Davis.
Eclectic—W. J. D. Uplshaw.
Evergreen—B. H. Crompton.
Ebenezer—W. L. Parnell.
Gadsden—W. C. Cleveland.
Greenville—G. W. Thigpen, C. P. Fountain.
Hartsboro—Exton Tucker, T. R. Leslie, M. L. Long, A. H. Stevens.
Harmony (Perry)—H. C. Saunders.
Jemison—A. E. Burns.
Jasper—T. P. Lampkin.
Livingston—B. F. Riley, J. G. Harris.
LaFayette—W. C. Bledsoe.
Mobile (St. Francis St.)—G. B. Eager, A. P. Bush, H. Anstill, J. M. Cloud, T. G. Bush.
Montgomery (First)—M. B. Wharton, G. W. Thomas, J. C. Stratford, G. F. Hagood, Wm. A. Davis, G. V. Ellis, J. W. Hale.
Midway (Bulloch)—W. H. Patterson, W. C. Jordan.
Mount Pleasant (Dallas)—Jno. W. Jones.
Mount Pleasant (Chambers)—Jno. F. Bledsoe.
Newbern—G. S. Anderson, J. W. Edmonds.
Old Town—I. Spence.
Opelika—W. E. Hudmon, J. B. Collier, A. N. Adams, Z. D. Roby.
Oswatchee—J. A. Howard.
Providence, Dallas—C. T. Munnerlyn, Lewis Johnson, W. B. Crompton,
 Jas. B. Ellis, Willie Crompton.
Roaoko—Jno. P. Shaller.
Ramah, Montgomery—B. A. Jackson.
Ramah, Barbour—A. B. Starke, E. L. Graves, Z. T. Weaver.
Randolph—W. N. Huckabee.
Rahamah—A. J. Waldrop, J. L. Johnston.
Salon—C. W. Buck, D. S. Duffey.
Seale—W. A. Bellamy, T. J. Threadgill, W. J. Boykin, I. P. Cheney.
Selma—Jon. Haralson, W. C. Ward, J. M. Frost, Jno. L. West, Law
 Lamar.

Siloom—T. M. Bailey, J. T. Murfee, Porter King, J. B. Lovelace, J. L. Wyatt, A. C. Davidson.
Shiloh, Dallas—Milo Hardy, Jr.
Sheep Creek—Wm. Bullock
Town Creek—J. M. Fortune.
Tuskegee—W. C. Thompson, G. W. Campbell, M. L. Swanson, W. D. Foyville, M. B. Swanson,
Tullaloga—A. S. Worrell, J. J. D. Kenfroe.
Troy (First)—H. D. Boyd.
Union Spring—A. F. Dix, J. F. Lassiter, J. O. Hixson, W. E. Pearce,
Uniontown—G. S. Anderson.
Unionush—A. J. Hearn.
Verbena—J. L. Thompson.

9. FROM SOCIETIES.

Anniston Society, Juven Female Institute—Lorenzo D. Tuskeep.
Birmingham (First)—D. T. Purser.
Galshon—W. C. Cleveland.
Greenville—C. P. Fountain.
Bethany Church, Lowndes—F. F. Baber.
Mount Galad, Lowndes—F. F. Baber.
Providence, Dallas—W. B. Crompton.
Rossmore—Jno. P. Shaffer.
Scale—I. P. Ghoney.
Selma—J. M. Frost.
Town Creek—J. M. Fortune.
Verbena—J. L. Thompson.

10. THE MEMBERS.

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| T. M. Bailey, | L. W. Lawler, | W. C. Cleveland, |
| J. B. Lovelace, | B. B. Davis, | J. J. D. Kenfroe, • |
| I. H. DeVote, | I. T. Tichenor, | J. H. Foster, |
| Jno. L. West, | Jon. Haralson, | W. Wilkes, |
| S. Henderson, | A. J. Waldrop, | Porter King, |

11. An election by ballot was then held, W. C. Bledsoe and C. P. Fountain acting as tellers, who reported that Jonathan Haralson, of Selma, had been re-elected President and Benj. B. Davis re-elected Recording Secretary, and J. J. D. Kenfroe elected 1st Vice-President, and W. C. Cleveland, 2nd Vice-President.

12. While the ballot was being had, S. Henderson, by request, prayed that the blessing of God might, through the intercourse of the delegates with the families entertaining them, come upon the community.

13. The President returned thanks for his re-election for the twelfth time to preside over the Convention, and declared it organized for business.

14. T. W. Hart, the pastor of the church, welcomed the Convention.

15. The President returned the thanks of the Convention to the entertaining church and to the citizens.

16. The President appointed Wm. A. Day Assistant Secretary.

17. On motion, the programme as printed and circulated among the delegates, was adopted as the Order of Business to govern this session of the Convention.

18. In response to request the following were enrolled as correspondents from other bodies: J. H. Davidson, J. W. Bishop, E. R. Carswell, Jr., from the Georgia State Convention; H. H. Harris, Foreign Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention; J. T. Tichenor, Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention.

19. The following were appointed to return correspondence to the bodies now named:

To the Mississippi Convention—D. T. Patten, S. D. Frazier, G. B. Eager.
To the Georgia Convention—M. B. Wilson, J. H. Isaacs, G. A. Nunnally, S. Henderson, A. S. Woodell, E. J. D. Bland, J. O. Harris, B. B. Davis, J. J. Miles, J. P. Shaver, W. C. Caldwell, R. W. Beck, W. Wilkes.

To the Florida Convention—W. S. Frazier, J. T. Frazier, Z. D. Roby, G. B. Eager, B. B. Davis, W. C. Caldwell, J. H. Sewal, J. P. Shaffer, J. E. McCormick.

To the Tennessee Convention—W. C. Caldwell, J. P. Shaffer, G. B. Eager.

20. The Tenth Annual *Report of the State Mission Board* as also their *Financial Report*, were read by T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and referred to a committee consisting of W. E. Lloyd, J. H. Foster, Jno. W. Jones, A. C. Davidson, L. J. Bekker.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

With gratitude to our Father in heaven for his care over us, and for the privilege of sharing with others, in the work of extending our Redeemer's Kingdom, we present to the Convention our Annual Report.

Meetings of the Board have been regularly held, and have been well attended, especially by the local members. Matters claiming attention have met with serious and earnest deliberation. The matter of employing Evangelists, referred by the Convention to the Board, received careful consideration at the first meeting of the Board. Under existing circumstances at present, it was not deemed practicable. We have endeavored, as best we could, to push forward all the enterprises of the denomination. Our debt, however, have been only partially reduced.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Board ought to do as much work in the field as he could, consistently with the manifold duties demanding his attention in the office.

Besides attending as many Associational and District meetings as he could,

he has held quite a number of missionary meetings at central points and mostly in regions where the true spirit of missions was at a low ebb, and where missionary intelligence was greatly needed. The good results flowing from these meetings are already apparent.

During the year the printed page has been very extensively used. We have distributed over the State 167,036 pages of tracts, circulars and pamphlets on missions, education, and temperance. Through the kindness of the Foreign Mission Board 3,000 copies of the *Foreign Journal* have been scattered among our people, and, as a consequence, its list of subscribers in our State has been largely increased.

HOME AND FOREIGN BOARDS.

The amounts asked from Alabama for these Boards were apportioned among the Associations, and by many of them among the churches. Brethren were appointed to represent these Boards at the meeting of every Association in the State. Information has been given about their work and appeals made for regular and increased contributions to their treasuries.

The results, however, have fallen greatly below our anticipations.

As some dissatisfaction is understood to exist, on the part of some brethren, at the position of this Board toward the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, we beg to call the matter to the attention of the Convention, in case there should be a desire on the part of the Convention to give the State Board additional instructions, begging to state in this connection, that at a conference of this Board with the Secretary of one of the Boards, and information received from an agent of the other, we are led to believe that all cause of friction between the representatives of these Boards and us has been removed.

STATE MISSIONS.

During the whole or a part of the year the Board has had in its employ 81 persons. Of these 27 were missionary pastors, 18 were missionaries, 1 an evangelist, 26 were missionaries and colporteurs, and 8 were colporteurs. The labors of these brethren have extended into 66 of our 66 counties. Their names, department of work and fields of labor are as follows:

- F. H. McGill--Missionary pastor, Linden.
- J. Falkner--Missionary pastor, Clanton.
- J. H. Creighton--Missionary pastor, Jackson.
- G. S. Anderson--Missionary pastor, Demopolis.
- J. T. Cumbie--Missionary pastor, Greenwood, Liberty and Midway churches.
- J. W. Dunaway--Missionary pastor, Flat Woods chapel.
- W. C. Cleveland--Missionary pastor, Calera.
- Chas. Tecklenburg--Missionary pastor, Cullman.
- W. E. Lloyd, D. D.--Missionary pastor, Auburn.
- A. I. Ashburn--Missionary pastor, Tusculum.
- E. T. Smyth--Missionary pastor, Anniston.
- B. A. Jackson--Missionary pastor, Rutledge.
- R. J. Barksdale--Missionary pastor, Albertville.
- G. D. Benton--Missionary pastor, Girard.
- W. L. Anthony--Missionary pastor, Pensacola.
- C. Smith--Missionary pastor, Goodwater.
- J. Shackelford, D. D.--Missionary pastor, Decatur.
- J. L. Thompson--Missionary pastor, Clanton.
- J. W. Orme--Missionary pastor, Salem church.
- A. H. Borders--Missionary pastor, Pleasant Grove and Union churches.
- J. E. Chambliss, D. D.--Missionary pastor, Oxmoor, Warrior and Pratt Mines.

- B. F. Riley, D. D.—Missionary pastor, Gainesville.
 J. Kelly—Missionary pastor, Rocky Mt. church.
 J. E. G. Hillman—Missionary pastor, Girard and Brownsville.
 P. C. Drew—Missionary pastor, Dayton.
 J. L. Talbert—Missionary pastor, Pensacola.
 J. E. White—Missionary pastor, Futaw.
 J. A. Thornton—Missionary and Colp., Union Association.
 C. A. Burns—Missionary and Colp., Sulphur Springs Association.
 I. Spence—Missionary and Colp., Elm Association.
 J. B. Appleton—Missionary and Colp., Cherokee Association.
 S. W. Jones—Missionary and Colp., Baldwin County.
 J. A. Mullins—Missionary and Colp., Unity Association.
 C. C. Vaughan—Missionary and Colp., Bigbee Association.
 J. D. Mills—Missionary and Colp., Shelby Association.
 A. A. Sims—Missionary and Colp., Pine Bluff Association.
 L. M. Bradley—Missionary and Colp., Bethel and Cahaba Associations.
 R. M. Hunter—Missionary and Colp., Antioch Association.
 D. Rogers—Missionary and Colp., Judson Association.
 J. W. Dunn—Missionary and Colp., Mt. Carmel Association.
 M. M. Driver—Missionary and Colp., Carey Association.
 J. M. Rowe—Missionary and Colp., Pea River and Sandy Creek Associations.
- J. A. Glenn—Missionary and Colp., Cahaba Valley Association.
 J. M. Simpson—Missionary and Colp., Mt. Carmel Association.
 S. C. Johnson—Missionary and Colp., Elm Association.
 J. N. Webb—Missionary and Colp., Cedar Bluff Association.
 C. J. Miles—Missionary and Colp., South Bethel Association.
 J. F. Bledsoe—Missionary and Colp., East Liberty Association.
 W. V. Adams—Missionary and Colp., Warrior River Association.
 L. R. Hastie—Missionary and Colp., Central Association.
 F. M. Yeager—Missionary and Colp., North Liberty Association.
 J. S. E. Robinson—Missionary and Colp., Cahaba Valley Association.
 M. Lyon—Missionary and Colp., Muscle Shoals Association.
 W. J. Hatcher—Missionary Newton and Sandy Creek Associations.
 T. J. McCandless—Missionary, North Liberty Association.
 L. Norris—Missionary, Mobile county.
 W. H. Smith—Missionary, Tallahassee and Ten Island Association.
 J. E. Herring—Missionary, Warrior River Association.
 J. M. Casey—Missionary, Warrior River Association.
 L. G. Skipper—Missionary, Tallahassee and Ten Island Association.
 J. I. Stockton—Missionary, Muscle Shoals Association.
 J. M. B. Gresham—Missionary, Cedar Bluff Association.
 J. W. Dickinson—Missionary, Suggsville.
 W. C. T. Moseley—Missionary, Southeast Alabama.
 J. M. Robinson—Missionary, Zion Association.
 J. Spear—Missionary, Muscle Shoals Association.
 S. R. C. Adams—Missionary, Muscle Shoals Association.
 J. W. Stewart—Missionary, North River Association.
 H. B. Ralls—Missionary, Etowah Association.
 P. M. Musgrove—Missionary, Cullman Association.
 V. A. Brewster—Missionary, East Harmony Association.
 B. H. Crumpton—Evangelist, Bethlehem Association.
 J. G. Mundin—Colporteur, Coosa River Association.
 J. G. Lowry—Colporteur, Tuscaloosa Association.
 W. A. Parker—Colporteur, Bethel Association.
 E. B. Waldrop—Colporteur, Canaan Association.
 Mrs. M. A. Stewart—Colporteur, Montgomery city.

H. C. Mason—Colporteur, Antioch Association.
 A. Billingsley (colored)—Colporteur, Perry and Hale counties.
 G. J. Brooks (colored)—Colporteur, Dallas county.

The result of their labors may be gathered from the following

SUMMARY OF WORK:

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| Number employed..... | 81 |
| Days of actual service..... | 7,119 |
| Number of miles traveled..... | 52,928 |
| Sermons and addresses delivered..... | 4,063 |
| Churches constituted..... | 13 |
| Baptisms..... | 919 |
| Received by letter..... | 377 |
| Restored..... | 106 |
| Total additions to churches..... | 1,492 |
| Sunday schools organized..... | 71 |
| Sunday schools addressed..... | 260 |
| Ladies' Missionary Societies organized..... | 11 |
| Number of preaching stations..... | 100 |
| Visits to preaching stations..... | 514 |
| Pages of tracts distributed..... | 167,930 |
| Religious visits..... | 6,935 |
| Subscribers to ALABAMA BAPTIST..... | 122 |
| Subscribers to Foreign Journal..... | 81 |
| Letters written by missionaries..... | 417 |
| Number of prayer meetings conducted..... | 927 |
| Meeting houses begun..... | 12 |
| Meeting houses finished..... | 6 |

The brethren in your employ have been doing good, solid work. They have shown the true spirit of sacrifice. We are persuaded that nothing but the constraining law of Christ could have induced some of them to continue on fields from which they receive such meagre financial support. If any class in the ministry deserves the sympathy and support of our churches it is those who labor on destitute fields.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Seven permanent funds of \$100 each were secured at the Associational meetings last fall for this work. We expect these funds to be paid up in full during the year.

Twenty-six of your missionaries carried supplies of books with them while eight others have worked exclusively as Colporteurs.

Of the above eighty-one, two are colored brethren who have just entered on the work and who are laboring among their people in Dallas, Hale and Perry counties. The great financial depression in the country, coupled with the unfavorable weather during the first three months of the present year, retarded greatly the labors of the Colporteurs. They sold 5,953 books and pamphlets valued at \$2,679.47, besides donating to destitute families 100 Bibles and 513 Testaments valued at \$98.87, making a total of sales and gifts amounting to 6,326 books and pamphlets valued at \$2,778.02.

The American Baptist Publication Society has generously responded to every application made for Bibles, Testaments and Tracts to distribute among the destitute. We are gratified that our churches and Sunday schools are showing some appreciation of the generosity of the society which has been extended towards us for years.

We are glad to report an increasing spirit of benevolence in our Sunday

schools. A larger number have contributed to benevolent work during the year than heretofore. The LaFayette Sunday school leads in contributions.

The contributions from Ladies' Missionary Societies are also larger than formerly, thirty-three societies having contributed \$601.78.

REVIEW.

Your State Mission Board has just closed its first decade. The Sunday School Board, which had been in existence a few years, was changed into a Mission Board at the meeting of the Convention in Huntsville in 1875.

Contrast the condition of the denomination ten years ago with what it is today. Then this Convention was not a whit larger than many a local Association, now it is the largest religious body that convenes in the State. Then there were only nineteen Associations in connection with it, now there are fifty-two. At the meeting in 1875, eleven Associations were reported by twenty-five delegates, and thirty-seven churches by seventy-five delegates. At the meeting of 1884, forty Associations were represented by 140 delegates, and sixty-seven churches by 133 delegates.

Ten years ago there were other general organizations, which, though not antagonistic to the Convention, were not in full harmony with it; now we know of but two Associations that vote against co-operation with the Convention. Ten years ago it may be safely asserted that not a man in the denomination knew our numerical strength, the number of our churches and Associations; now thanks to the Statistical Secretary of the Board, Brother B. B. Davis, we are posted on these matters. Ten years ago a fearful destitution existed in many sections of the State; now thank God this destitution is being quickly met; then many of our county towns were without Baptist churches, now there are only four in our State without one. During these years the benevolence of the denomination has been increased at least three fold. Churches, with good substantial church buildings, have been planted at Anniston, Calera, Elba, St. Stephens, Demopolis, Madison, Pensacola Junction, Goodwater, Linden, Turners and Albertville, and in other villages and in numerous places in the country.

Numbers of weak churches, through the aid extended by your Board, have been enabled to sustain pastors and have, thereby, been greatly strengthened. Of these we may mention Adams Street, Montgomery; Auburn, Decatur, Tusculumbia, Glennville, Pensacola, Uniontown, Newberne, Cullman, Clanton, Eutaw, Girard, Jackson and Wayton.

Many of these churches are regular contributors to our denominational work.

For many years previous to the organization of your Board, no general effort had been made to circulate religious literature. During the ten years your Board has existed, nearly \$13,000 worth of books have been sold, and we have permanent funds amounting to over \$2,000 for the continuation of the work.

The statistics of the work for ten years are as follows: Days of service, 50,318, equal to the labors of one man for 138 years. Sermons and addresses, 27,196. Baptisms, 4,387. Received by letter, 1,591. Restored, 600. Total additions to churches, 6,578. Churches constituted, 110. Sunday schools organized, 1,138. Ladies Missionary Societies organized, 46. Religious visits made, 30,737. Miles traveled, 357,642. Books sold, 29,134, valued at \$12,490.69. Tracts distributed, over 200,000 pages. Cost of the work for 10 years, \$82,462.87.

Such facts as these show that, however defective our plan of operations has been, the Master has approved and blessed. For what has been accomplished we would "thank God and take courage."

At the last meeting of your Board the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That at this, the last annual meeting of the State Mission Board,

there being present only the members of the Board resident in Selma, that the Convention be requested to remove the place of the meeting of the Board to some other accessible centre in the State.

It was further resolved that the annual report be amended by adding the foregoing resolution :

Since our final meeting, and the closing of this report, R. C. Keeble, a member of the Board, died at his home in Selma, Friday, 14th inst. He was most faithful in his attendance upon our meetings, was deeply interested in all matters coming before the Board, and one of the most liberal contributors in the State to all our denominational interests. He will be greatly missed among us. We sorrowfully record his death as the death of one of God's noblemen, and humbly pray that our churches may be blessed by many such men to fill the place of Richard C. Keeble.

T. M. BAILEY,

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD FOR THE CONVENTIONAL YEAR 1884-85.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR STATE MISSIONS.

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$10,046 89 |
| By cash to missionaries..... | \$7,744 25 |
| cash to T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., balance of last year's salary..... | 195 55 |
| postage..... | 70 41 |
| express on cash received..... | 5 20 |
| pro rata for con. min and cir..... | 73 28 |
| 500 postal card circulars..... | 9 00 |
| exchange and discount..... | 16 82 |
| stationery..... | 27 62 |
| clerk hire..... | 2 00 |
| office rent and fuel..... | 56 75 |
| office expenses..... | 9 90 |
| tracts..... | 7 75 |
| travelling expenses of Cor. Sec..... | 335 35 |
| salary of Cor. Sec..... | 1,492 93—\$10,046 89 |

HOME MISSIONS.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ 1,706 79 |
| By amount paid..... | 1,706 79 |

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ 3,061 46 |
| By amount paid..... | 3,061 46 |

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION HOWARD COLLEGE.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ 755 85 |
| By amount paid..... | 755 85 |

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION THEO. SEM.

| | |
|---|---------|
| To amount of contributions to students' fund..... | \$25 80 |
| By amount paid..... | 25 80 |
| By amount paid on bonds..... | 322 58 |

\$348 38

THEO. PROFESSOR IN HOWARD COLLEGE.

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|
| To balance of 1884..... | \$ | 34 | 80 |
|-------------------------|----|----|----|

ENDOWMENT OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---|----|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ | 6 | 00 |
| By amount paid..... | | 6 | 00 |

CHURCH BUILDINGS.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|------------|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ | 840 | 20 |
| By amount paid for Anniston..... | \$226 | 00 | |
| amount paid for Demopolis..... | 431 | 40 | |
| amount paid for Rutledge..... | 49 | 45 | |
| amount paid for Auburn..... | 40 | 00 | |
| amount paid T. J. McCandless..... | 5 | 00 | |
| amount paid J. G. Lowry..... | 5 | 00 | |
| amount paid J. G. Thornton..... | 8 | 35 | |
| amount paid for Cane Creek..... | 75 | 60 | —\$ 840 20 |

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

| | | | |
|---|-----|-----|------------|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ | 869 | 91 |
| By cash to 21 indigent ministers and 9 widows of de- ceased ministers..... | 795 | 88 | |
| cash on hand..... | 74 | 03 | —\$ 869 91 |

EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|----|----|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ | 62 | 27 |
| By cash paid..... | | 62 | 27 |

BIBLE WORK OF AM. BAP. PUB. SOCIETY.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|----|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ | 252 | 81 |
| By amount paid..... | | 252 | 81 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK OF AM. BAP. PUB. SOCIETY.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---|----|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ | 6 | 40 |
| By amount paid..... | | 6 | 40 |

CHARITY ACCOUNT.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|----|---|----|
| To amount of contributions..... | \$ | 3 | 50 |
| By amount paid..... | | 3 | 50 |

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----|--------------------|
| To balance general fund, 1884..... | \$ | 237 | 41 |
| To contributions..... | 9 | 00 | —\$ 246 41 |
| To balance permanent fund, 1884..... | 1,547 | 00 | |
| To collections on permanent fund..... | 420 | 80 | —\$ 1,967 80 |
| | | | <u>\$ 2,214 21</u> |

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|----|--------------|
| By books in hands of Colporteurs..... | \$1,838 | 55 | |
| books in hands of Cor. Sec..... | 207 | 67 | |
| express..... | 32 | 35 | |
| express on books returned..... | 5 | 00 | |
| freight and drayage..... | 42 | 55 | |
| loss on books returned..... | 4 | 35 | |
| pro rata con. min. and cir..... | 3 | 85 | |
| Bibles and Test. donated..... | 68 | 85 | |
| cash on hand..... | 7 | 98 | —\$ 2,214 21 |
| To balance general fund..... | \$ | 86 | 43 |
| To balance per. fund..... | 1,967 | 80 | —\$ 2,054 25 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|---|-------------|
| State Missions..... | \$10,046 86 |
| Home Missions..... | 1,706 79 |
| Foreign Missions..... | 3,061 46 |
| Ministerial education..... | 1,288 72 |
| Ministerial education H. C..... | 755 85 |
| Ministerial education Theo. Sem..... | 348 38 |
| Theological professor H. C..... | 34 80 |
| Endowment of H. C..... | 6 00 |
| Church buildings..... | 820 20 |
| Indigent ministers..... | 869 91 |
| Evangelization of colored people..... | 62 27 |
| Bible work of Am. Bap. Pub. Society..... | 252 81 |
| Sunday School work Am. Bap. Pub. Society..... | 6 40 |
| Charity account..... | 3 50 |
| Bible and colportage work..... | 429 80 |

\$ 19,713 84

PERMANENT COLPORTAGE FUND.

JULY 14, 1885.

| | |
|---|-----------|
| Sunday School, 1st Church Montgomery, Fund..... | \$ 100 00 |
| S. Henderson..... | 80 00 |
| Bozeman Church..... | 100 00 |
| Bigbee Association..... | 102 25 |
| Joshua H. Foster..... | 72 00 |
| P. H. Landy..... | 100 70 |
| J. F. Blesoe..... | 85 00 |
| W. J. Parker..... | 62 10 |
| David Lee..... | 100 50 |
| Alexander Travis..... | 95 10 |
| W. S. Lloyd..... | 119 90 |
| J. Stratton Paulin..... | 100 10 |
| Matthew P. Smith..... | 100 00 |
| John Dennis..... | 100 00 |
| A. J. Waldrop..... | 84 75 |
| A. Daughety..... | 99 50 |
| B. Manly, Sr..... | 76 00 |
| Wood & Weaver..... | 93 00 |
| T. P. Holcomb..... | 60 00 |
| Kedar Hawthorn..... | 32 00 |
| Oliver Welch..... | 65 40 |
| John T. Davis..... | 5 00 |
| Robert Carson..... | 26 00 |
| J. J. D. Renfroe..... | 7 50 |
| W. C. Mynatt..... | 38 00 |
| I. W. Suttle..... | 65 00 |

Handwritten notes and calculations in the center of the table:

346.80
 62.27
 40.50
 35.00

 11 79

\$1,967 80

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing account of T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

A. J. GOODWIN, Auditor.

Selma, Ala., July 7, 1885.

21. W. C. Cleveland read the report of the Board of Ministerial Education to which, by privilege, J. M. Frost and J. S. Dill, members of the Board, were allowed to assert dissent to certain parts thereof; J. M. Frost not concurring in the suggestion as to change of place and the employment of a corresponding secretary, and both dissenting to suggestions as to the faculty of Howard College.

Which report was referred to a Special Committee consisting of J. J. D. Renfroe, J. P. Shaffer, T. G. Bush, Z. D. Roby and J. Shackelford.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Board of Ministerial Education respectfully offer the following report:

At its first meeting it was determined to establish a "Mess Hall," hoping thereby to reduce the expenses of the students within the limit prescribed by the Convention. A house was secured at a cost of \$100.00. The noble Christian women of the State deserve great credit for promptly furnishing the house comfortably.

Brothers and sisters merit the expressed thanks of the Board for their faithful and economical management of the "Mess Hall."

A circular letter, explaining the work of the Board, was published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and 2,000 copies of this letter were distributed among the churches.

Beneficiaries were required to board in the "Mess Hall" and to furnish clothes and bedding. Board in the hall was fixed at \$5.00 per month.

An appeal was made to the denomination asking for \$2,400.00—\$1,200.00 to be paid on or before the 1st of October, 1884, and \$1,200.00 on or before the 1st of February, 1885. Members of the Board visited churches and associations and secured cash and pledges for more than was asked for.

Twenty-seven ministerial students have pursued their studies at Howard College and Baptist high schools. Some of them have borne their expenses without assistance from the Board.

All beneficiaries have brought recommendations from churches and were examined. The Board, in these examinations has striven to protect the denomination, the college and the high schools from unworthy applicants for assistance.

The Board has received \$2,044.59 and disbursed \$1,512.93, leaving in the treasury \$531.67. The itemized statement of the treasurer will explain fully the collections and disbursements.

The furniture in the "Mess Hall," and the books lent to students, are the property of the Convention, and are preserved for the future prosecution of the work of the Board.

On the last day of December a series of monthly lectures was provided for. The following brethren consented, without cost to the Board, to deliver these lectures: J. J. D. Renfroe, W. C. Cleveland, Samuel Henderson, W. B. Crumpton, Z. D. Roby, Jno. P. Shaffer and T. M. Bailey. Dr. Roby was providentially prevented from rendering the service promised.

At the request of the Board Brother A. C. Davidson met the students as often as his engagements as pastor allowed.

We have reason to believe that the lectures delivered by brethren and the

work done by Brother Davidson is of great value and will be of permanent benefit to the ministerial students at Howard College.

The notes required by the Convention have been given by beneficiaries and are now in the hands of the President of the Board.

Brother T. L. Hudgins deserves and has the most grateful acknowledgments, for the faithful management of the treasury of the Board.

The Board has no doubt that the number of worthy young men deserving the assistance of the denomination can be greatly increased if the work of the Board of Ministerial Education is pressed prayerfully and energetically. In the face of many perplexing difficulties the Board has prayerfully and diligently attempted to perform the work assigned, and do now most respectfully surrender the trust confided to it at the last meeting of the Convention.

As information to the Convention we make mention that some individuals in the church at Birmingham contributed \$85.00 to the support of Brother Nash at the Seminary in Louisville.

With great respect the Board offers the following suggestions to the Convention:

1. We suggest that the Board of Ministerial Education be located at Marion, Alabama.
2. We suggest that provision be made for procuring the services of a competent corresponding secretary.
3. We suggest that all applications for assistance be sent to the President of the Board on or before the 15th of September.
4. We suggest that the Convention give the Board of Ministerial Education definite instructions and information that will secure a good understanding between the Board and the authorities in charge at Howard College.
5. We suggest that, as soon as it can be done, a competent Minister be made a member of the faculty, and that it shall be his duty to give students for the ministry instruction in theology as far as may be practicable, and that he shall canvass the churches, during vacation, in the interest of the College.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. H. STERRETT,
President of the Board.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

T. L. HUDGINS, Treasurer,

In Account with Board of Ministerial Education:

1884.

| | Dr. |
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| Received from Ruhamah church, Jefferson county..... | \$ 21 00 |
| from Montgomery Association..... | 25 00 |
| from Selma Association..... | 6 00 |
| from Birmingham church..... | 35 00 |
| from Oxford church..... | 30 00 |
| from Pine Barren Association..... | 42 75 |
| from Ruhamah church..... | 1 00 |
| from Smith & Marbury chh. Louisville B & Co. | 20 00 |
| from Mrs. J. M. Dedman, Treas. Ladies' M. S. | 20 00 |
| from Ladies' M. S., Verbena, Ala..... | 5 00 |
| from Verbena Baptist church..... | 15 00 |
| from Coosa River Ass., per J. K. Elliot..... | 36 10 |
| from Ladies of Friendship Baptist church, Pine Apple..... | 20 00 |
| from B. F. Ellis, Selma Association..... | 31 50 |
| from Ladies' Benevolent Society, Town Creek ch., Mrs. D. B. Edwards, Sec. ✓ | 14 00 |

| | | |
|--------------|--|-------|
| | from Selma Baptist church..... | 70 00 |
| | from Sunbeam Society, S. B. C..... | 20 00 |
| January 23— | from T. M. Bailey Cor. Sec., draft on } Hubbard & Bros. } | 68 40 |
| | from T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., money order. | 58 30 |
| January 26— | from Fanny Thompson, Sec. and Treas. } W. M. S., Baptist ch., Verbena, Ala. } | 5 00 |
| January 30— | from J. L. Thompson for Verbena Bap. ch. } | 5 50 |
| February 4— | from A. J. Brooks for Bap. ch. at Verbena.. | 5 00 |
| February 7— | from C. H. for Horeh church..... | 4 65 |
| | from " " Rockville church, South } Bethel Association. } | 3 35 |
| February 10— | from B. F. Ellis, Providence church..... | 15 00 |
| February 11— | from E. F. Baber, Collirene, Lowndes county. | 7 50 |
| February 12— | from D. W. Ramsey for Friendship church, } Pine Apple. } | 7 00 |
| | from D. W. Ramsey, Bear Creek church, } Wilcox county. } | 5 00 |
| | from D. W. Ramsey, Concord church, } Monroe county. } | 5 00 |
| February 14— | from P. C. Drew for Chapman..... | 26 40 |
| February 18— | from J. C. Foster, New Hope church, Union Association. | 4 00 |
| | from J. C. Foster, Grant's Creek church.... | 1 00 |
| February 26— | from B. F. Riley, Livingston, Sumterville church..... | 4 70 |
| February 27— | from B. F. Ellis, Providence church..... | 10 00 |
| March 5— | from J. T. Mufree, Pine Barren Association. | 5 00 |
| March 6— | from A. M. Perry, Pinctucky, Perry county, Alabama | 10 00 |
| March 23— | from J. W. McCollum, Marion, Ala..... | 5 00 |
| April 7— | from W. J. Ruddick, Ebenezer church, Stan- ton, Ala. | 3 45 |
| April 14— | from H. J. Caffee, of Haynessville church, for J. H. Pope | 21 00 |
| | from Hoboken church, Bethel Association.. | 3 10 |
| April 14— | from A. J. Waldrop, Warrior Association... | 5 00 |
| April 22— | from B. A. Jackson, Mt. Zion church, Mont- gomery Association | 5 00 |
| April 25— | from Pine Creek church, Montgomery Ass- ociation, per T. M. Bailey | 20 00 |
| | from New Hope, East Liberty Association, per T. M. Bailey..... | 5 00 |
| | from Pisgah church, Cahaba Association, per T. M. Bailey..... | 5 00 |
| | from Fort Pisgah, SouthBethel Association, per T. M. Bailey..... | 3 45 |
| | from Fort Pisgah, South Bethel Association, per T. M. Bailey | 3 87 |
| | from Harpersville, Coosa River Association, per T. M. Bailey | 1 42 |
| April 27— | from P. C. Drew, of McKinley for Brother J. W. Dunaway..... | 8 85 |
| April 30— | from Jerome Martin, Franklin county, Ala... | 1 00 |
| " | from W. J. Mullins, post office stamps. | 60 |
| " | from Rev. P. C. Drew, Bethel Ass'n., Ala... | 4 00 |
| " | from G. S. Anderson, Cahaba Association,... | 4 45 |

| | | |
|------------|--|------------|
| | from Ladies' Aid Society, Bethel church.... | 5 00 |
| | from A. Edwards, Lowndes county, Ala... | 1 00 |
| | from H. W. Hunter, from Lambertton, Ala... | 1 00 |
| May 1— | from Mrs. M. F. Nettles, Monroe county... | 1 00 |
| May 2— | from H. F. McGill, Bethel Association.... | 2 00 |
| May 4— | from F. M. B. Pensacola church, Bethlehem Association..... | 10 00 |
| " | from F. M. B. Newberne, Cahaba Ass'n.. | 5 00 |
| May 5— | from J. O. Hixson, Mt. Grove Baptist church, Bullock county..... | 5 00 |
| May 6— | from Selma Baptist church .. | 5 50 |
| May 7— | from R. C. Keeble & Co. to balance their donation..... | 11 62 |
| " | from Rev. I. A. White, Brooklyn, Conecuh county..... | 5 00 |
| " | from Union Association, from Carrollton, Ala | 14 95 |
| May 8— | from Baptist church at Stanton, Ala..... | 4 70 |
| " | from Tuscaloosa Baptist church..... | 20 00 |
| " | from Big Creek Baptist church..... | 1 00 |
| May 9— | from Deep Creek church, South Bethel Ass'n. | 7 50 |
| May 11— | from Harpersville Bap. ch., Shelby county.. | 3 55 |
| May 25— | from Ebenezer church, Unity Association... | 7 10 |
| May 27— | from Mt. Pleasant Baptist church at Jefferson, Marengo county..... | 10 60 |
| June 2— | from Grove Hill church, South Bethel Ass'n. | 6 00 |
| | from Peach Tree church, South Bethel Ass'n. | 4 00 |
| June 5— | from Mt. Gilead church, Selma Association | 2 50 |
| June 8— | from Selma church, special theological books. | 11 80 |
| | from Pleasant Hill church..... | 8 50 |
| | " | 11 00 |
| | from J. F. Pouncey, Clayhatchee..... | 50 |
| June 15— | from T. M. Bailey, money order from Montgomery..... | 67 00 |
| | from T. M. Bailey, A. K. Yancey, Tuscaloosa. | 20 00 |
| | from T. M. Bailey, S. W. Vance, Bibbsville. | 3 60 |
| | from T. M. Bailey, M. B. Wharton, Montg'ry. | 5 00 |
| | from T. M. Bailey, Phillips & Reaves, Gadsden..... | 5 00 |
| June 22— | from West Bend Baptist church, South Bethel Association..... | 7 65 |
| July 2— | from T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary. | 36 25 |
| Total..... | | \$2,044 59 |

1884.

CONTRA.

C'R.

| | Amount paid | | \$ | |
|---------------|---|--|-----|----|
| September 25— | paid H. C. Sanders..... | | 52 | 45 |
| October 13— | paid Herzfeld for furniture..... | | 100 | 00 |
| October 18— | paid H. C. Sanders..... | | 45 | 25 |
| October 18— | paid J. P. Mudd, crockery ware..... | | 16 | 54 |
| November 1— | paid H. Herzfeld, balance furniture..... | | 17 | 80 |
| November 4— | paid E. T. Wildsmith for stove..... | | 35 | 00 |
| November 20— | paid L. G. Skipper, by order Dr. Cleveland. | | 45 | 00 |
| November 6— | paid H. C. Sanders..... | | 100 | 00 |
| November 22— | paid Mrs. S. L. Evans, house rent..... | | 16 | 66 |
| December 1— | paid H. C. Sanders..... | | 50 | 00 |
| December 6— | paid H. C. Sanders..... | | 94 | 13 |
| December 8— | paid J. T. Murfee, chairs or stools..... | | 6 | 63 |
| December 20— | paid J. E. Herring..... | | 30 | 00 |

| 1885. | | |
|-----------------|--|------------|
| January 1— | paid John Moore, board and tuition McKerlin | 30 00 |
| January 12— | paid H. C. Sanders, Mess Hall for Dec., '84 . | 86 78 |
| February 9— | paid H. C. Sanders, Mess Hall for Jan., '85.. | 102 76 |
| February 9— | paid L. G. Skipper. | 45 60 |
| February 13— | paid R. C. Keeble & Co., goods for Mess Hall | 70 00 |
| February 14— | paid John G. Murray for coal | 48 60 |
| March 5— | paid H. C. Sanders, expenses Mess Hall, February | 104 19 |
| March 6— | paid R. C. Keeble & Co., to pay bill Feb., '85. | 67 25 |
| April 6— | paid H. C. Sanders, expenses Mess Hall, March, 1885. | 76 87 |
| April 6— | paid R. C. Keeble & Co. for 100 lbs. rice at 5 ³ / ₄ c. per lb. | 5 75 |
| April 23— | paid A. J. Preston, by order of President . | 12 00 |
| April 23— | paid Mrs. S. L. Evans for rent. | 26 00 |
| April 30— | paid John Moore, board and tuition for Mc- Kerlin | 30 00 |
| May 4— | paid H. C. Sanders, Mess Hall for April. . . | 78 07 |
| May 4— | paid R. C. Keeble & Co., Mess Hall, April. | 17 20 |
| June 16— | paid S. L. Evans for rent. | 16 65 |
| June 8— | paid Selma church, special theological books. | 11 80 |
| July 15— | paid S. L. Evans, rent for July and August. | 16 70 |
| July 15— | paid A. J. Waldrop, M. T. Brenham. | 63 85 |
| Total | | \$1,512 93 |

RECAPITULATION.

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|--|------------|
| Amount collections. | \$2,044 59 |
| disbursements. | 1,512 93 |
| July 15—Balance in hands of Treasurer. | \$531 66 |

22. A *Communication* from *Dr. B. Manly* in reference to the education of Ministerial Students at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was read and referred to the Special Committee on the Report of the Board of Ministerial Education.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., July 10, 1885.

Rev. J. M. Frost, Tuskegee, Ala.:

I write now simply to ask you, and the other brethren specially charged with Ministerial Education in Alabama, to be mindful of our young brethren from Alabama who are studying and will study at the Seminary. All but one of the seven who were there the past year needed and received aid from our Students' Fund. They are good men, and they have been studying as truly for the work of the Master, as if they had been studying on Alabama soil, or at our valued Howard.

I wish I could be there to present the case; not to ask for money of the brethren gathered at the Convention, but to ask that the arrangements and instructions be such as to recognize their claim for assistance, and to place them on an equal footing with other beneficiaries.

Please see that this is brought to the attention of the proper Committee and write me word about the result. I hope to be at home in about ten or twelve days.

Ever affectionately,

B. MANLY.

23. The following Communication from the *Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Alabama* was read and referred to the Committee on Temperance:

TUSKALOOSA, July 8th, 1885.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Alabama to the Ministers and Laymen of the Baptist State Convention, greeting:

Dear Brethren in Christ:

In view of the growing evil of intemperance, and of the wide-spread influence of this august body of clergy and laity, and in consideration of the pronounced utterances heretofore emanating from your Conventions upon this subject, we earnestly ask you to consider the following suggestions, namely:

1st. That this Convention recommend to its ministry to preach the Word of God with close and special reference to this growing evil of intemperance.

2nd. That you cause the temperance work to be emphasized in the Sunday Schools of your denomination by endorsing the movement of the W. C. T. U. for quarterly temperance lessons in the International Lesson Series.

3rd. That you endorse the efforts of the W. C. T. U. by every laudable means to check intemperance and put down the liquor traffic; and that you favor setting apart a day of prayer in the week of prayer to the temperance cause.

Such action, on your part, will be seed sown in good ground and must yield a rich fruitage of good works. Respectfully,

LUCY P. MARTIN,

Supt. State Dept. for presenting our cause to Influential Associations.

24. *Resolved*, That the State Mission Board be authorized to appoint the delegates for Alabama to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention, giving certificates of appointment to such as may apply for them, provided the applicants shall be entitled to seats in the Convention under the rules of representation established by the Southern Baptist Convention; and provided further, that the representation shall be as equally distributed as practicable throughout the State.

25. The President appointed the Pastor and Deacons of the Tuskegee church the *Committee on Religious Exercises*.

26. Also the following *Committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention*: A. J. Waldrop, Jos. W. Hale, J. L. West, A. Andrews, B. H. Crumpton, with instructions to apportion the delegation generally throughout the State.

27. The *Committee on Religious Exercises* submitted a report, which was recommitted, with instructions to report on Saturday morning.

28. Adjourned with prayer by W. C. Bledsoe.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

3 P. M.—The Convention opened with prayer by J. L. West.

29. J. L. West stated that in accordance with the conditions on which the ALABAMA BAPTIST was transferred to him by this Convention, he had sold that paper to Jno. G. Harris, subject

to the rights of the Convention in the premises, as recorded in the proceedings of the Convention of 1878, page 15.

30. On motion, the sale was ratified.

31. Further resolved, That all restrictions heretofore imposed by action of the Convention as to the management of the ALABAMA BAPTIST be removed, and that this action hereby conveys the good will of the Convention in the paper to J. G. Harris.

32. J. B. Lovelace read the *Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College*, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention :

Since your last meeting Dr. W. W. Wilkerson, who has been President of this Board for thirteen years, contemplating a change of residence, resigned his office as President. He continues his membership on the Board. The remarkable success of the College during his administration is very much due to his self-sacrificing spirit, his financial skill, his prudence, his courage, his superior judgment and his consecrated spirit. The greater were the difficulties to be overcome the greater was the fertility of his inventive resources and with more consecration did he give his time, his thoughts, his means, and his financial credit.

The session of your College which closed on the 10th of June last was prosperous. The number of students in attendance was one hundred and eleven. Of this number eighteen were theological students and fourteen of these were provided for by the Board of Ministerial Education. Two paid their own board and other expenses. The remaining two were aided partially by the Board of Trustees, through employment, and they paid the balance of their dues with their own funds. No tuition was paid for any ministerial student. In the graduating class were two promising young ministers. The character of all the students compares favorably with former sessions, and probably above the average. The moral conduct was good. A high tone of honor and manliness characterized the young men. A good, religious influence has pervaded the College. Several students made profession of religion, and it is hoped that indelible impressions were made upon all.

The cadet corps constitutes a valuable feature of the College. It is the basis of a superior form of discipline, and the training has resulted in much benefit to the health and character of the young men. It is growing in favor with the students and attracts patronage.

The Faculty have met fully the expectations of the Board in the faithful discharge of the duties assigned them, and it is with pleasure that we can report that we have secured their services for another year, excepting Rev. H. P. McCormick, who has had charge of the preparatory department and resigned to complete his professional education at the Theological Seminary. His place has been filled by securing as successor Prof. L. M. Farmer, who comes with high endorsements for superior scholarship and successful experience.

The College property is in good state of repair. Some additions to apparatus for enlarging the course of applied chemistry is desirable and the library should be increased. All the expenses of the College for the session will be

met after the collection of a few solvent outstanding claims are made. For a more minute account of the internal administration of the College see report of Col. J. T. Murfee, President, to be published in the ALABAMA BAPTIST and in pamphlet form.

The Trustees and Faculty have never charged individual theological students any tuition. This has been the standing announcement in the catalogues as far back as we have any record. At the meeting of your body at Troy, Alabama, in 1881, it was recommended that collections should be made throughout the churches in the State to assist the College in meeting the increasing demand in this department. For the two years following some funds were secured for this purpose. At the Convention in 1883, it was resolved that the amount of this fund should be sufficient to prevent the support of the Faculty being endangered; and it was stated in the report of your Board of Trustees in 1884, that the denomination was expected to raise funds to help in this matter to the extent of tuition for all theological students in excess of one-twelfth of the total number of students.

The action or agreement above referred to seems to have been misunderstood by some and has not received the generous support and endorsement which was desired. The same reasons now exist for helping the College as then did, but your Board of Trustees, actuated now as in the past solely by the motive to do everything possible to benefit the denomination, and assist in ministerial education, and desiring perfect harmony and good feeling of the denomination as the means to the great end for which we are working, would ask your body to consider whether or not it would be well to designate any aid that may be necessary to give to the College by some other name. And the Board of Trustees now announce that there will be no tuition charge for any ministerial student, and that arrangement of other charges, board, etc., for them be left for adjustment, to the Board of Trustees of the College and the Board of Ministerial Education.

One section of the Trustees of the College expire at this meeting of your Convention, and their successors are to be appointed. The successors to Rev. E. B. Teague, D. D., and Hon. Jon. Haralson are also to be appointed, should they persist, after having been urged by your Board to withdraw their resignations.

In conclusion, we may congratulate ourselves and the Convention on the work the College has done during its history in the education of so many ministers of the Gospel, many of whom are prominent in our own and other States. We might also mention the advantages to us as a denomination from the training of the great number of secular students, many of whom occupy prominent positions in church, State, business and professional life. These are results obtained under the blessings of God, and should fill the heart of every Baptist in the State with profound gratitude to Him, the giver of all our blessings. We should be thankful for being the instruments in his hand of doing such a work, and should rejoice that the means are still left us, which, by united action, may yet accomplish greater things. Therefore, may we not ask the united influence, sympathy and co-operation of this Convention and our brethren throughout the State for their support to Howard College and in upholding and extending the influence of this agency of the denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVELACE, Pres.
Board of Trustees Howard College.

MARKON, ALA., July 15, 1885.

After reading the above report the Board of Ministerial Education resolved to turn over the balance reported by them, to Trustees of Howard College, to be used as far as needed in supplementing the salaries of the professors in the

College, all demands on the part of the Trustees of the College against the Ministeria Board of Education being cancelled and surrendered.

J. B. LOVELACE, Pres.
Board Trustees of Howard College.

33. After the reading by Porter King, President, of the *Report of the Board of Trustees of Judson Female Institute*, it was referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The Forty-Seventh Session of the Judson, being one of the most prosperous since the war, closed on the 11th day of June, 1885.

In order to supply the increasing demand for rooms to accommodate boarders, the Trustees have contracted with an architect and builder to erect an elegant and commodious three-story brick building, 45x75 feet, on the north end of the main building—thus affording accommodations for some fifty more boarders. The work will be completed by the opening of the next session on the 1st of October.

Since your last meeting, this Board has been called to mourn the loss of one of its most faithful and efficient members. Bro. Ludy A. Wyatt, who died on the 1st of May last, was prompt in his attendance and energetic in the discharge of every duty. He was a wise counsellor and devoted in his love for the School. It will be difficult to supply his place.

We have just learned, with deep pain, of the death of another member of this Board. Bro. R. C. Keeble died at his home in Selma, on the 15th July instant. In the death of this liberal-hearted Christian, the Judson has sustained a serious loss.

We congratulate the Convention, as well as the friends of education, that our worthy and beloved brother, Robt. Frazer, who has presided so satisfactorily over the Judson for the past three years, will remain with us. With a single exception, the entire faculty, so efficient in the past, will be in charge next year.

We beg to refer to the accompanying report made by President Frazer to this Board at the annual meeting in June last, for a detailed account of the working of the School.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. McALLISTER,
Secretary and Treasurer.

PORTER KING,
President.

To the Board of Trustees of Judson Female Institute:

GENTLEMEN—The session of 1884-85 has been in all respects prosperous. The register shows an attendance of 152 pupils. Of these there are in the

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| Collegiate Department..... | 95 |
| Primary and Preparatory..... | 50 |
| Irregulars..... | 7 |

Of these 152 pupils, seventy-three are boarders. The work of the School has been marked by an unusual degree of diligence. In accordance with the policy entered upon three years ago, the course of instruction has been made still more thorough and the requirements for graduation higher. These changes have been met by a corresponding advance in the earnestness and ambition of the pupils and the School is sending forth Eclectic graduates now, whose attainments are better than those upon which a full diploma may have been obtained heretofore.

It is perhaps proper to make some mention here of the exhibit the Judson has made of its work in the World's Exposition in New Orleans. The exhibit

consists of some 15 or more large Volumes of Manuscript setting forth the methods and daily work of the Literary Department—a goodly collection of drawings, crayons and paintings from the Art Department, original compositions of our pupils in music, work of the Kindergarten, illustrating the whole course therein, and as good a display of needle work and embroidery as the girls could prepare in the short time between the beginning of the session and the installation of the exhibit. This exhibit has been made at the cost of much labor on the part of the School, but at little or no expenditure of money, the United States Government having provided for this. But the Diploma of Honor awarded the School is more than return for all our toil.

During the session the systematic study of the Bible has been a part of the regular school work. In no work of our lives have we had more joy or greater encouragement. Blessed results have followed our study of the Word of God.

I cannot speak in too high praise of the morals of the School. Almost without exception the demeanor of the pupils has evinced high character and loyalty to truth and virtue.

The religious interest which has pervaded the School leads to devout recognition of the loving favor of the Most High. More than forty of the pupils have professed faith in Christ during the session. Of the 102 who compose the adult department, there are only eight or ten who have not chosen the way of life.

The health of the School has been remarkably good. There has been only one case of serious sickness, and in this the disease was contracted before the entrance of the pupil.

The new building now in process of erection makes it unnecessary for me to speak of the inconvenience and embarrassment which we have suffered from over crowding. Next year we look forward, with high hopes, to better accommodations and more satisfactory work.

As we look back upon the session of 1884-85 we find it marked throughout its course with the tokens of God's favor. Surely His goodness and mercy have been poured upon the Judson with a bountiful hand, and to his name we give all the praise.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT FRAZER.

34. J. H. Foster read the *Report of the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Central Female College*, which was also referred to the Committee on Education.

REPORT OF THE ALABAMA CENTRAL FEMALE COLLEGE.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

This Institution closed its Twenty-Seventh Session on the 10th of June, 1885. During the administration of Prof. A. K. Yancey, for six years, there has been a steady improvement in the condition of the property, and the school has maintained its reputation for thorough work, and has contributed its share towards the education of the daughters of Alabama. Prof. Y. recently resigned his position to accept a call to the Presidency of Hardin College, Mexico, Mo., and Professors G. W. Thomas and S. B. Foster are the joint principals to whom the administration of the College is committed. These gentlemen are so well known as first-class educators in Alabama, that we do not need to introduce them by any words of commendation. The friends of the College look confidently to them in the assurance that the success of the College will, in no par-

ticular, fall short of that of its palmyest days, and that the magnificent property entrusted to their command will be utilized in a measure beyond any hitherto attained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. FOSTER,
President Board of Trustees.

35. The Secretary read the *Report of the Board of Directors of the Convention*, which was referred to the Special Committee on the Report of the Ministerial Board.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors have had but one meeting during the year, called at the request of the Board of Ministerial Education, a full account of which is given as follows, the same being a transcript of their proceedings:—

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, called by the President to meet in Marion, on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 1884, to consider propositions brought to their attention by the Board of Ministerial Education, upon which said Board needed and requested the advice and instruction of the Board of Directors, there were present, the President, J. T. Munfee, W. W. Wilkerson, R. Frazer, Wm. H. Fiquet and J. L. Wyatt.

On motion, Wm. H. Fiquet was requested to act as Secretary.

The following paper was unanimously adopted by the Directors, in reply to the Board of Ministerial Education, in reference to the matters upon which they sought the instructions of the Directors, viz:

The Board of Directors advise, that the recommendations of the Committee on Ministerial Education to the last Baptist State Convention, as will be found on page (30) thirty of the minutes of the Convention, were wisely made, and if carried out, as closely as may be, the best results will be attained for the theological students.

From these recommendations, it is evident to us, that the Convention did not desire to extend its aid to theological students at Howard College, who are able to pay their own way, or when parents are able to pay for them, nor in any case to extend aid to any student, except to the extent that he may be unable to help himself, and, that the Convention was impressed with the idea, and meant to convey it, that the best policy to pursue, in providing aid to those who are indigent, is to aid them no further, under ordinary circumstances, than to the extent of twelve dollars per month, and that with such assistance any young man of merit and purpose can make his way through college.

We recommend, therefore, that these instructions of the Convention be adhered to by the Board of Ministerial Education, in their spirit, if practicable, but, in any particular, it be found, in practice, that too literal adherence thereto, will bring detriment to the interests of ministerial education, we recommend such slight departures as the Board of Ministerial Education may deem wise; we must defer, in such matters, to their discretion, believing that they will desire to carry out the instructions of the Convention, as nearly as can be done without injury to the cause.

This Board begs to call the attention of the Board of Education to the fact, that the Trustees of Howard College have made a contract with their Faculty, on the basis of allowing them, on their salaries, tuition for theological students, in excess of one twelfth of the whole number of students, and we have no jurisdiction over that contract, to alter or modify it. Said contract was reported to and approved by the Convention.

But this Board recommend to the Faculty, to accept such compensation for their services, in instructing theological students, if their salaries are not paid

otherwise, as the Board of Education may find themselves enabled to pay.

We further recommend, that the Board of Education send to Howard College, only such students as are prepared by previous education, to enter the College proper, and that they send as many of that class as they may have the money to maintain. All others whom they may desire to aid, we recommend to be sent to preparatory schools.

We further advise that compensation to the Faculty of Howard College, to the extent of paying them fair salaries, ought to be made, from some quarter, and their compensation to this extent (if the tuition from students other than theological fails to meet it) is a matter that appeals with the strongest equities to the justice of the denomination; and if these salaries shall remain unpaid, from such tuition, at the end of the session, we recommend that some means be adopted by our next Convention, looking to the fair remuneration of the professors who bestow instruction in the literary course, to our theological students.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to transmit a copy of the foregoing to the Board of Ministerial Education, and to the Faculty of Howard College.

[Signed] JON. HARALSON, President.

WM. H. FIQUET, Secretary.

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, held at Marion, Ala., Oct. 21st, 1885.

WM. H. FIQUET, Secretary.

HOWARD COLLEGE, MARION, ALA., NOV. 3, '84.

Judge Jon. Haralson, President Board of Directors :

*Dear Sir and Brother :—*A copy of the resolutions passed by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention was duly transmitted by your Secretary to the Faculty of Howard College; but a response has been delayed by my own illness and other causes beyond my control. I have been instructed to reply that we accede to the recommendation of your Board and "will accept such compensation for our services in the instruction of ministerial students as the Board of Education may find themselves enabled to pay," provided that, as your Board advises, if our salaries remain unpaid to the end of the session, this matter shall be presented to the next Convention to the end that some means may be adopted looking to a fair remuneration of our services in the instruction of the logical students.

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

THOS. J. DILL,
Treasurer of Faculty.

36. A. J. Waldrop tendered his resignation as one of the Trustees of Howard College, because of distance at which he resided from the College.

37. On motion, Jno. L. West was voted a life member of the Convention because of long and valuable services rendered.

• Adjourned after prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT, 8 O'CLOCK.

38. The Convention Sermon was to-night preached by Rev. S. Henderson. The subject was from 1st Chron. 12:32—"And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."

SATURDAY MORNING.

39. The half hour's devotional exercises were conducted by W. S. Rogers, when business was resumed, after prayer had been offered by J. M. Fortune.

40. The roll of members, as recorded yesterday, was read and corrected.

41. On motion, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

42. The *Committee on Religious Exercises* reported the following appointments:

Sabbath school mass meeting at 9 o'clock.

SUNDAY MORNING AT 11 O'CLOCK.

Baptist church, J. J. D. Renfroe, D. D.
 Presbyterian church, Geo. B. Eager, D. D.
 Methodist church, H. H. Harris.
 LaPlace church, W. S. Rogers.
 Mt. Olivet, colored, J. F. Bledsoe.
 Montgomery, G. A. Nunnally, D. D.
 Notasulga, B. H. Crumpton.
 Tallassee, Cat. Smith.
 Bethel, colored, T. H. Stout.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON AT 4:30 O'CLOCK.

Baptist church, D. I. Purser.

AT 3 O'CLOCK.

Bethel, colored, J. M. Fortune.
 Mt. Olivet, colored, W. Wilkes.
 A. M. E. church, G. M. Parker.

AT 5 O'CLOCK.

Orphans' Home, I. P. Cheney, J. A. Howard.

AT NIGHT, 8 O'CLOCK.

Baptist church, M. B. Wharton, D. D.
 Presbyterian church, E. K. Carswell, Jr.
 Methodist church, J. S. Dill.
 Montgomery church, G. A. Nunnally.
 A. M. E. church, E. F. Baber.

43. On motion, the following *Committee on Time and Place* for the next meeting of the Convention was appointed, viz: R. W. Beck, W. B. Crumpton, and E. F. Baber.

44. By permission, H. Clay Taul, Chaplain to the State convicts, was allowed to make a statement as to the destitution among them, especially as regards having proper religious reading matter.

Jno. G. Harris donated ten copies of the ALABAMA BAPTIST on condition that a like number be paid for within the Convention.

45. The report of the *Special Committee*, to whom was referred the Reports of the State Mission Board, read their report through W. E. Lloyd.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE MISSION REPORTS.

This committee regards the year's work reported by the State Board as being, under all the circumstances, one of great success. Severe financial depression has existed in many parts of the State, which required very earnest effort on the part of the Board, and heroic devotion on the part of our pastors to enable us to meet the demands of the work undertaken by the Convention.

The amounts raised for some of the interests fostered by this Convention are not what we hoped they would be; and we feel shame when we think of the exceedingly small sum contributed by the denomination in the State for the evangelization of the colored people.

An item of special interest noticed by this committee is the resolution appended to the report, asking the removal of the Board from Selma to some other accessible center in the State. This brings sadness to us, as it suggests discouragement experienced by the present Board, whose faithfulness and efficiency may be equaled, but hardly surpassed by the same number of brethren in any other community in the State.

As we know of no necessity for the change asked for in the resolution referred to, we feel unwilling to recommend its adoption.

W. E. LLOYD, Chairman.

46. G. W. Thigpen made the opening speech on *State Missions* and was followed by S. Henderson, W. C. Ward, W. Wilkes, Jos. Shackelford, J. A. Howard, T. M. Bailey, D. I. Purser, J. M. Frost, B. H. Crumpton, J. J. D. Renfroe, M. B. Wharton, G. A. Nunnally and H. H. Harris.

47. Pending the discussion, on motion,

Resolved, That hereafter all speeches, excepting the assigned opening ones, shall be limited to ten minutes.

48. The time having expired to which the discussion of the topic had been limited by the programme, on motion, the time was extended for thirty minutes and afterwards for an additional thirty minutes.

49. The following amendment to the Report of the Special Committee on the Reports of the State Mission Board was then adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of one from each Association, represented at this session, be appointed to ascertain whether the present methods of the State Mission Board are best adapted to meet the demands of the work, as they now exist.

50. Pending which, the time having come, the Convention adjourned after prayer by I. T. Tichenor.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 3 O'CLOCK.

51. The Convention was opened with prayer by J. L. Thompson.

52. The Report of the Special Committee on the Reports of the State Mission Board as amended, was then adopted.

53. The President appointed the following committee under the above report :

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| W. Wilkes, Chairman..... | Coosa River. |
| Wm. Bullock..... | Alabama. |
| Geo. M. Parker..... | Antioch. |
| P. C. Drew..... | Bethel. |
| A. J. Hearn..... | South Bethel. |
| B. H. Crumpton..... | Bethlehem. |
| J. S. Stockton..... | Big Bear Creek. |
| J. D. Cook..... | Bigbee. |
| J. P. Harris..... | Cahaba. |
| R. W. Beck..... | Canaan. |
| A. F. Dix..... | Centennial. |
| Cat. Smith..... | Central. |
| I. Spence..... | Eliu. |
| W. H. Patterson..... | Eufaula. |
| W. C. Cleveland..... | Etowah. |
| J. F. Bledsoe..... | East Liberty. |
| Geo. B. Eager..... | M. B. Union. |
| G. W. Ellis..... | Montgomery. |
| A. E. Burns..... | Mulberry. |
| Jos. Sackelford..... | Muscle Shoals. |
| T. P. Lampkin..... | North River. |
| W. G. Curry..... | Pine Barren. |
| C. T. Mummerlyn..... | Selma. |
| Jas. M. Langston..... | Shelby. |
| M. E. Parker..... | Tallahpoosa River. |
| S. B. Foster..... | Tuscaloosa. |
| Jos. A. Howard..... | Tuskegee. |
| S. S. Thornton..... | Union. |
| J. L. Sampey..... | Unity. |

54. The regular order of business was suspended for one hour for the discussion of Home Missions, when addresses were made by M. B. Wharton, D. I. Purser and I. T. Tichenor.

55. The regular order of business was resumed in the discussion of the topic : *The Evangelization of the Colored Race*, by G. S. Anderson.

56. In connection therewith, the following communication from the Executive Committee of the University at Selma, and State Mission Board of Colored Baptist Convention, was read :

SELMA, ALA., Ju'y 6th, 1885.

At a joint meeting of the Executive Committees of the Selma University and the State Mission Board of our Convention, the following communication

was ordered to be sent to the Board of the White Baptist State Convention of Alabama :

To the Board of the White Baptist State Convention of Alabama :

Dear Brethren :—We desire, in this communication, to express our disposition to receive counsel and help from you, in whatever way it may suit you best to render the help and counsel, and to speak to you of the work in which we are engaged, and the work that is so greatly needed among us.

In looking over the Minutes of the different associations among us we find that there are 38 associations, 900 churches and about 125 000 members in the State. While we have this number of associations, churches and members, there is a great deal to be done to make these churches and associations the instruments for good among the members that they should be, and to make them useful in carrying on missionary and educational work. There are comparatively a very few of our churches that are anything like self-sustaining, and hence can do very little to help carry on any work outside of themselves.

Indeed, there is great need of missionary work among many of our churches ; for the pastors of many of the churches are very, very poor leaders, and the churches are greatly suffering for that pastoral care that every church needs.

In the bounds of these associations, there is much need of missionary work ; and we believe that no work would do more good than a vigorous missionary work in the bounds of a good many of these associations. We have made some efforts to set on foot some permanent missionary work in the bounds of these associations, but our great trouble is getting a support for those who may be chosen to work. As we have said, there are comparatively few of our churches that are self-sustaining, and hence we are unable to get the support for this work that is needed.

We very greatly need help in the matter of putting out missionaries, and we need the help, the advice and the counsel of your brethren in the associational meetings.

Untold good can be done at these annual meetings in impressing the temperance cause upon them and in enlightening them upon mission and educational work.

Any of the white brethren who may go to any of our associations will find there a hearty welcome and an abundance of work—work that will be as seed cast upon the water.

We are doing what we can to carry forward our school. During the last year that closed May 17th, 1885, there were in attendance — students. In the theological department there were —. In the normal department there were —. In the college preparatory there were —, and the college department —. The rest were in the grammar department. Our school is now doing a splendid work. The American Baptist Home Mission Society gave us last year \$2,850.00 to help pay the salaries of teachers, and we pay the balance and keep up the other current expenses. There are in the school eight teachers. We are in great need of boarding accommodations for students who come to us from over the State. To keep up the running expenses and the necessary repairs, and put on the necessary buildings on the grounds is a very heavy burden, especially when we have to look to our people for the means. Anything that your Board can do for us in this direction will be most thankfully received. We desire to acknowledge the receipt of \$55.00 on the amount recommended at your last annual meeting.

In closing we would say again, any help that you can give us in the way of money or counsel, or both, will be most thankfully received, and we desire that

you should feel that a most hearty welcome will be extended to any who may come among us to help us. We want, and we need help.

Yours for Christ,

G. J. BROOKS, President.

W. H. McALPINE, Secretary.

57. Adjourned with prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION, 8 O'CLOCK.

58. After half hour's devotional exercises conducted by T. H. Stout business was resumed.

59. A statement in regard to Howard College was presented from the Board of Trustees, through J. B. Lovelace, to the effect that the Board of Trustees will receive all theological students free of tuition and will board and give them rooms in the College building, furnish fuel and servants as is the case with secular students, and put the amount of deposit for them at two dollars and fifty cents, making the total charges \$117.50; the Ministerial Board to furnish the rooms of these students with all needed furniture and the young members, or theological students, to furnish or provide for their washing, lights and medical fees.

60. The *Report on Foreign Missions* was read by T. G. Bush, Chairman, and discussed by J. M. Frost, T. G. Bush, H. H. Harris, and adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Members of the Alabama State Baptist Convention:

Brethren:—Statistical and other detailed information with reference to collections for the Foreign Mission Board, and the progress of its work in different countries in which it has representatives, having been given in full in the report to the Southern Baptist Convention, and having been generally circulated throughout the South, the Committee does not deem it necessary to say more than that the work seems to be progressing favorably and satisfactorily—as far as the means at command will allow—under the administration of the present board, and the guidance of an allwise God.

Information comes, that since the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, two new Missionaries have been appointed to Brazil, two to China, and another has been invited to go before the Board with reference to going to Mexico. The reports, especially from Mexico, have aroused a great deal of enthusiasm and interest, and we are brought to see that our neighbors at our door are receiving and calling for the word of God in a pleading manner beyond our most sanguine expectations.

But, dear brethren, it is not information on this all important subject that we most need, but a spirit of consecration to this work. The very small amount of \$2,150.78 collected in this State for foreign missions during the past year should humiliate us, and arouse a determination to do greater things for the Lord in this branch of his service. Two and three-fourths cents per capita from the Baptists of Alabama for this grand work seems too small to discuss.

The Committee has no method or plan to suggest for raising funds for this work, as circumstances surrounding different churches vary so materially, but the cause should come close to the heart of every pastor in the State and its claims should secure from him the promise to labor for far greater results than have ever been attained in efforts to provide means to send the Gospel to the heathen. He should unceasingly labor to make it a question of duty with every member of his flock to give *regularly* and *liberally* for the support of the Gospel at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

T. G. BUSH, Chairman.
J. S. DILL.

Adjourned with singing, and prayer by J. L. Sampey.

SABBATH.

61. The Missionary Sermon was preached by J. J. D. Renfro from John 17 : 2-3.

The various appointments of the Committee on Religious Exercises were generally filled by the appointees.

MONDAY MORNING 9 O'CLOCK.

62. The Devotional Exercises were conducted for half hour by J. M. Fortune, when business was resumed.

63. On motion, the action of the Convention in regard to the ALABAMA BAPTIST was reconsidered; whereupon, on motion,

64. Item thirty-one was stricken from the Minutes after discussion by S. Henderson, Z. D. Roby, W. B. Crumpton and J. L. West.

65. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be, and are hereby tendered to D. W. McIver, Esq., for editorial courtesies extended the Convention in the publication in the columns of the TUSKEGEE NEWS of the proceedings of this body while in session.

66. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention are hereby tendered the editors and proprietors of the MONTGOMERY DAILY ADVERTISER for its very full and satisfactory reports from day to day of the proceedings of the Convention.

67. The Report on *Evangelization of the Colored Race* was read by W. E. Lloyd, Chairman.

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

Our colored people are very religious, but for the most part they sadly need instruction in the precepts of Christianity. They are at our doors, and are generally inclined to be Baptists. They were our slaves, they are our fellow citizens and our brethren in the faith of the Gospel.

These are some of the reasons why we should feel under peculiar obligations to help them to the enjoyments of all the privileges of Christianity and of our civilization.

To evangelize is to instruct in the Gospel, to teach its doctrines and precepts, and certainly no one has failed to be impressed with the importance of giving them line upon line, and precept upon precept, in the all important subject of Christian morals, for they are generally and grossly immoral in life.

We are urged to greater faithfulness to this people by the obligations of Christianity and of a common citizenship, by the relations of the past and the best interests of the future.

How can we help them? Dr. Wm. H. McIntosh said to us, in answer to this question, "I don't know how a State Convention could employ a thousand or twelve hundred dollars more to the glory of God than by employing a suitable brother as theological instructor, who shall spend his time in different parts of the State teaching their pastors and deacons the doctrines and precepts of the New Testament." It is known to this Convention that Bro. McIntosh has been successfully engaged in this work in Georgia.

And can't we do something to help them in their school enterprises in the State, especially their theological school at Selma?

They are here, and here to stay. Their strange history is strangely connected with all we have done in the past, and with all we are to be in the future. They are our brethren, let us help them.

W. E. LLOYD, Chairman.

68. The *Report on Education* was read by J. P. Shaffer, when the subject of *Ministerial Education* was discussed by A. C. Davidson, S. Henderson, J. M. Frost and W. C. Cleveland; *Male Education* by W. C. Ward, A. S. Worrell, J. M. Frost and J. B. Lovelace, and after special prayer by J. M. Frost, *Female Education* by R. Frazer and G. W. Thomas, when the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The education of the people is a grand cause and challenges our most serious attention. Success in this sublime interest of humanity can but be regarded by Christians with profound satisfaction and unfeigned gratitude.

It affords us great pleasure to report to this Convention that the cause of education, in Alabama, was never more in favor with the masses than now.

From all the sources of information, at our command, it appears that the total enrollment of students, in schools of all grades, was never as large before.

The "public schools" of the State are more satisfactory than at any time during the life of the system. The grade of the teachers, having control of these schools, has been wonderfully advanced during the past few years.

It is doubtless true that our private schools and academies are more numerous and ably administered than ever before in our State. The demand for scholarly instructors, in schools of all grades, was never as rigid and positive as now. The general appreciation of education, by the masses was never as sharply defined in Alabama before. When we remember that this advance, all along the lines, both in theory and practice, has occurred at a time when the finances of the nation were fearfully depressed, it is the more remarkable and significant.

All these tendencies and facts we regard as highly favorable to the moral and religious future of Alabama, and intensely calculated to call forth our gratitude to Almighty God.

Howard College and Judson Female Institute, at Marion, and the Central Female College, at Tuscaloosa, institutions of learning for which the Baptists of the State entertain prayerful and tender regard, and over which this Convention exercises control, have presented to you their annual reports, from which

we learn that they are prosperous, and that no sad derangements have occurred in their management during the year. We thank God for such eminent schools as these, and for his tender mercies towards them. There is in our State a better defined and more general demand for a more liberally educated ministry. Our disposition to educate young men preparing for the ministry should keep pace with the wants and demands of our time. It is not certain to your committee that we are fully discharging our duty in regard to ministerial education, and we beg leave to suggest that the question as we are now touched by it, demands the prayerful and careful attention of this Convention.

It was an old fault of the South to give male education pre-eminence, and to largely neglect female education. We are delighted to observe that our people are coming to attach proper importance to the education of girls, and that the course of instruction to which they are submitted has been generally broadened, and that thoroughness in their education is insisted upon. In regard to thoroughness, we are pleased to say that just now it is one of the virtues of our schools and colleges, and this is a most hopeful out-post of our literary future.

However, there are two tendencies in connection with what we esteem our educational advance, that are not indicative of an enviable finale in the future history of education in Alabama. First—The popular demand for education at cheaper rates than can be afforded. It is to be greatly feared that this tendency to unduly cheapen rates may at length drive our better teachers from the field, or cause them to yield to the temptation of doing cheap work, in order to meet the popular demand and to enable them to compete with others who have condescended to do the low work of which we complain. By such a course our private schools and academies may greatly suffer. May it not be feared that this fault—this fatal error—may invade schools of all ranks? Nothing more fatal than this, to the cause of education, could possibly occur.

Second—It appears that we have half concluded that schools of the very highest order are independent of endowment, and that they can and ought to be self sustaining. If our leading school men, in Alabama, do not entertain this opinion, they are nevertheless allowing the public mind to be so educated; and when such conclusion is thoroughly reached by the masses it will be difficult indeed to correct it. It is the testimony of the age that schools of highest grade must have the benefit of endowment.

We think that it is venturesome and dangerous to attempt the experiment of disregarding the verdict, on this subject, of the ablest and most faithful educators of centuries.

Alabama Baptists are wont to rank Howard College amongst the very foremost of American schools, and to this we most heartily say: Amen. It is certainly true that the Baptists, who are the most numerous and powerful denomination of Christians in the State, need at least one male college of the highest grade—of unquestionable grade. Alabama Baptists demand that Howard shall be such an institution; indeed, they assert that it is. Your committee do not undertake to dispute the high rank which you claim for the Howard; but, we do question the ability of the school to maintain this high grade without endowment.

We therefore most earnestly and prayerfully call your attention to the danger of the experiment, in the future, with the hope that, at no very distant day, arrangements will be made to endow Howard College, than which, as Alabama Baptists, we have no more important and sacred trust.

JNO. P. SHAFFER, Chairman.

69. The President appointed as the *Committee to Nominate the State Mission Board*, J. H. Foster, T. H. Stout, T. W. Hart, W. H. DeWitt, M. B. Swanson.

70. The *Report on Home Missions* was read by W. S. Rogers.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It is with heartfelt joy and profoundest gratitude to the Great Head of the church that your committee report our Home Mission Board in a healthy, vigorous condition, and the work entrusted to it increasingly prosperous.

At the late session of the Southern Baptist Convention at Augusta, Georgia, the Corresponding Secretary reported, as some of the results of the year's labors: 185 missionaries in the field; 2,931 baptisms; 1,733 received by letter; 14 churches aided in building houses of worship; 53 churches constituted, and \$71,431.68 raised by the Board.

Even if this were a full estimate of the year's work it would be cause for rejoicing and gratitude. Since the Convention at Augusta the reports from those on the field are highly gratifying and our Corresponding Secretary feels well assured now that the Board will collect \$10,000, perhaps \$20,000 more this year than last. Statistical information is so generally distributed in our State that we do not feel called upon to introduce such matter further than already done in this report.

The work is being vigorously pressed all along the line. Centres of population are being successfully occupied. The work among the Indians is still prosperous and in some measure the wild tribes are being reached by missionaries. The Board is doing something for the colored people, but it can not accomplish much under its present environment.

The work being done in Georgia is demonstrating that much can be done for the elevation of colored preachers, and it is to be hoped that this important work will not be longer neglected in Alabama.

It occurs to your committee that something should be done to awaken an interest among our people on behalf of these colored people who live among us, and must continue to do so.

Foreign population is becoming a grave matter in our social life. Whatever may be the political view taken of this problem there is but one view to be taken by God's people. They are men, and the Gospel must be preached to them. Our Home Board is endeavoring to meet this growing demand, but we fear that the great Baptist body of our Southland has not yet felt the weight of this newly imposed responsibility.

The church building feature of our Home Mission work is receiving more and more attention, and we believe our people will soon realize fully its gravity and give it that attention which its relative importance demands.

The Home Mission Board is preserving harmony with State Mission Boards and working together with them.

The outlook was never more encouraging. Let us be inspired by past successes and address ourselves with fresh courage to the work yet to be done;

Let us give the Board our fullest confidence, our earnest prayers and our liberal contributions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. ROGERS, Chairman Com.

Adjourned after prayer by W. N. Huckabee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention resumed business after the usual devotional exercises conducted by B. A. Jackson.

71. *Resolved*, That we suggest that our Pastors, churches and Sunday schools try to secure for the *Bible Work*, as prosecuted by the American Baptist

Publication Society, one collection during the year at such time as may be agreed upon by the agents representing the several enterprises of the denomination.

72. The Committee to renominate the *remaining officers* of the Convention, reported as follows :

To preach the Introductory Sermon Next Session—A. C. Davidson.

Alternate—B. F. Riley.

To preach the Missionary Sermon Next Session—M. B. Wharton.

Alternate—B. H. Crumpton.

Treasurer—S. H. Fowlkes.

Auditor—J. B. Lovelace.

Board of Directors—President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, Ex-officio Members, W. W. Wilkerson, J. H. Lee, J. L. Wyatt, Parker King, A. C. Davidson, J. T. Murfee, Robt. Frazer, J. B. Lovelace, C. C. Huckabee.

Trustees of Howard College to supply the vacancy arising from the expiration of the term of office of the division of 1879-85—L. W. Lawler, T. M. Bailey, W. C. Ward, J. L. Wyatt, W. T. Hendon, W. N. Reeves, Jos. Shackelford, S. Henderson.

To fill vacancies arising from resignations—M. B. Wharton in place of Jon. Haralson, J. M. Frost in place of A. J. Waldrop, T. G. Bush in place of E. B. Teague.

Trustees of Judson Female Institute to fill vacancies arising from the expiration of the term of office of four trustees—T. M. Bailey, J. B. Lovelace, Ino. Moore, W. W. Wilkerson; and J. W. Crenshaw; and C. C. Huckabee to fill vacancies arising from the death of the lamented R. C. Keeble and L. A. Wyatt.

Fraternally submitted,

A. J. WALDROP, Chairman.

73. The *Associational Committee*, created as per item fifty-three, in regard to State Mission Report Work, made the following report :

REPORT OF SPECIAL ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSION BOARD WORK.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the investigation of objections to some features in the plan and operations of the State Mission Board, beg leave to report, that after careful examination, we recommend the following changes:

1. That the ten per cent. on the Home and Foreign funds collected in Alabama, and hitherto received by the State Board for services rendered to those Boards by our State Secretary, be confined to the money that actually passes through his hands.

2. That the Boards hereafter employ only such number of Missionaries as they can reasonably expect to be able to pay, and that any deficit shall be a valid debt, to be liquidated by appeal to the churches; and further, that the Board keep the churches informed in regard to such liabilities.

Further than this we have no suggestion to make.

Respectfully submitted,

W. WILKES, Chairman.

Which was discussed by E. F. Baber, B. H. Crumpton, W. E. Lloyd, W. C. Cleveland, Jon. Haralson, (W. C. Cleveland in the chair), W. Wilkes, (the time in the meanwhile having expired, it

was agreed to suspend the regular order until the subject being discussed was disposed of), J. A. Howard, S. Henderson, W. B. Crumpton, C. P. Fountian, G. A. Nunnally, Jos. Shackelford, I. T. Tichenor, J. L. West, J. A. Foster, and adopted.

MONDAY NIGHT, 8 O'CLOCK.

The devotional exercises were conducted by E. F. Baber.

74. The *Report on Temperance* was read by B. H. Crumpton and discussed by G. A. Nunnally, L. D. Inskip, and adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Temperance in all things is enjoined in the word of God. It might not be amiss to emphasize it even before this body, did we not know that the repression of intemperance in regard to the use of intoxicating stimulants was the ultimate design of the appointment of a committee on this subject from year to year; so your committee will confine themselves to the subject as it affects the sale and use of spirituous or vinous liquors, etc.

Temperance is represented by the Apostle Paul as one of three foundation pillars of a true manhood, "righteousness, temperance and a judgment to come." As if not enough to make it one of the colossal foundation stones of a pure character, he gives it prominence by placing it in the very midst of those adorning Christian graces, as the golden, matured fruitage, standing out conspicuously amid the foliage of a heaven-bound pilgrim. "Add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge temperance," etc.

Perhaps a definition of the term will lead us on to a treatment of the subject as it appertains to all stimulating beverages. It means moderation in the indulgence of the appetites, moderation in every particular—sobriety. It may mean prudence. If it imply moderation in the use of all things *necessary*, it must also mean the entire disuse of injurious or *unnecessary* things. It is the opinion of your committee that the use of alcoholic stimulants as a beverage is always wrong and contrary to the genius of Christianity. "Look not upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth its color in the cup, when it moveth itself aright." Here is an absolute prohibition of even a lustful look upon the fermented juice of the grape. Time will not allow a discussion of this point.

The *history* of wine drinking dates back nearly to the flood. As an egotistic aspirant for prominence in the annals of history, it unblushingly forced itself upon the surface of society all through the post-Messiah ages, and with the defiant and impudent effrontery of its matured daughter of modern days, rum drinking, it sought a refuge in the homes of the Israelites and forced upon them parental adoption. Conspicuous, therefore, and shining with the lustre of Jewish prestige, it stands in the foreground of every Jewish family or national engraving. Subsequent to the introduction of the Gospel, emboldened by its claim to a noble ancestry, *rum drinking* has demanded admission, forced an entrance into, and claims adoption on the part of all Christian families, and wonders that a creature of such noble birth and royal and pious companionship, should ever be turned away from a sympathetic and courteous Christian heart or home. Thus, venerable for its antiquity, and dignified by its association, it feels insulted and rises in holy indignation when the daughter of Judaism—Christianity—attempts to wage war against it, the daughter of wine-tipping.

The true *nature* of this shining serpent must be discovered by a look beneath the skin. The real character of anything is disclosed in its effects upon such objects as are brought under its full power. It may have been tolerated by wise Jewish

leaders, as divorce, by Moses, because of "the hardness of the people's hearts," and because of days of ignorance winked at by God, thus receiving a tinsel, endangering the unwary; but, true to His creatures, God, by the finger of inspiration, painted at least two pictures on the pages of Revelation: Noah, the preacher of righteousness, reduced, not to equality with, but inferiority to, the brute; an act so debasing as to carry along with it the marks of God's displeasure in the temporal vassalage of Ham's posterity; and the disgraceful downfall of Lot and its consequent evils, to impress the world with the hideousness of the monster. "At the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." In addition to this, as proof that it was not sanctioned by God, he forbade the use of wine among his priests, types of his holy Son. John the Baptist was a teetotaler, and Paul to Timothy and Titus, says deacons should not be "given to much wine," and bishops or ministers, must not be "given to wine." Here are ensamples to the flock forbidden the use of it as a beverage: what should the flock do?

But the occasion does not justify a discussion of the subject. We might say much of its being the monster evil or the moral Goliath of the age; of the vast multitude of bodies, fortunes and souls wrecked annually; of the untold woe from widowed hearts, impoverished orphanage and crushed hopes; of the unconstitutionality, immorality, oppression and fraud in regard to the liquor traffic on the part of the general government and the states; or in poetic effusions ask, "Where is my boy to-night"? But it strikes us the evil is so palpable, the necessities of the situation so pressing, the perils of the hour so numerous, that the great question of all questions should be, *What must be done to arrest, enchain and demolish the vice?* Shall we say that temperance organizations have done nothing and can do nothing in this direction? We dare not. We are not willing to recommend them as institutions approved of God, although we are thankful for what they have done and hopeful of what they may yet achieve. Shall we, dare we say the church of Christ, God's own and only recognized direct leavening agency for the triumph of all truth, has failed to achieve the object of her mission? God forbid! Though weak at times, weaker at others, numerically, financially and with reference to civil influence, the system of Christianity in the world has stood an impregnable, stone wall fortress, defying the advancing hordes of intemperance, and thus preventing the world from an inundation of death and degradation which otherwise would have deluged it. Gaining strength from age, courage from experience and resolution from conscientious responsibility, Christianity now arises for an aggressive war. We say the time has come when Christians must speak, and with no uncertain sound; the liquor traffic must down. We wage no war against men nor rights, unless men become the embodiment of unholy principles and vice assumes the garb of virtue and falsely names itself "human rights." If religion has gained by its advance movement sufficient influence without its own pale, to engage the strong arm of civil power in behalf of the interests and happiness of humanity, is it not perfectly legitimate, nay, is it not the bounden duty of its devotees to make any and every honorable effort thereto? If it hath power to evoke such character and amount of civil aid as will accomplish its purposes, is it not a conquest of religion after all? If our fathers could appeal to Congress and State governments for the repeal of laws preventing religions liberty and enacting others, crushing the common oppressor, religious intolerance, may we not now appeal to legislatures for direct prohibition, or local option in reference to the suppression of a traffic which produces abject slavery and creates a yoke more galling than that of Pharaoh upon Israel? It will require the scales of eternity and the light of a just retribution to measure and reveal the cruelty, ravages and death which the liquor traffic carries in its wake. It will require the wisdom, omnipotence and eternity of a God to inflict a penalty commensurate with the damages done by it, upon those who deliberately and knowingly, directly or indirectly, fasten this traffic upon an unwilling people or engage, for filthy lucre only, in so unholy and injurious a business.

If governments are organized for protection of life, liberty and property, and they have, for a simple pretended revenue, which we can refute, made a privilege for their citizens which did not exist, carrying with it indescribable woe and sorrow and perfectly destructive of personal fortunes and domestic liberties, ought they not to rectify the evil? As the power that gave birth to the unholly child, ought they not to slay it?

We commit ourselves to no political party, platform or issues as such, but to the principle of temperance, crystalized into neighborhood, county, State and national prohibition of the liquor traffic as early and rapidly as all other relations of life will justly admit, we most earnestly and cordially commit ourselves.

As to the Ladies' Christian Temperance Union, we have this to say. They have been, are now, and we trust will continue to be, doing much good in this direction. We hail them as co-workers with us in a common cause. We report with pleasure that we have received from them an address making certain requests of us as a body upon which we base the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That we recommend to our ministering brethren and all others engaged in any department of Christian labor the importance of emphasizing the subject of temperance.

Resolved, 2d, That we endorse the movement of the W. C. T. U. toward the procurement of quarterly temperance lessons in the International Lesson Series.

Resolved, 3d, That we also favor the setting apart of a day of prayer in the week of prayer for the cause of temperance.

Resolved, 4th, That a committee of five be appointed whose duty it shall be to secure the columns of the secular press, and, as far as possible, engage the editorial staff of the papers in the State, in the interest of temperance sentiment, and further, by appeal to the judiciary of the State to secure the better enforcement of statutes touching the traffic, and also, that they issue an address to the people of the State urging them by their voice and vote to contribute to the suppression of the traffic.

Respectfully submitted,

B. H. CRUMPTON, Chairman.

75. The *Report on Sabbath Schools* was read by the Chairman of the Committee, J. M. Fortune, and discussed by W. C. Bledsoe and the report adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee are painfully aware of the utter impossibility of making a satisfactory report without sufficient data. We wished to report the number of Baptist Sunday schools in our State; and how many continue through the entire year; the number of teachers and pupils; number of conversions from Sabbath schools; amount of contributions; and the number of copies and kind of helps used by them. But every effort to procure this information has failed. There are 61 Associations in Alabama, and so far as we can learn 27 report 249 Sabbath schools and 8,927 teachers and pupils.

It cannot be that these are the only Baptist Sabbath schools in Alabama. We are satisfied that more people are interested in the study of the Scriptures, and that the Sabbath school cause has a deeper hold upon our people than ever before. And yet it is evident that, somewhere, there is sad want of interest and system in this important department of our work. The report of last year, which was adopted by this Convention, after speaking of the incompleteness of the statistics then in hand, says:

"We would suggest that the pastors be asked to see to it, that the schools in their respective pastorates send a report each year to the clerk of the Association to which they belong, and that the said clerk of each Association be con-

stituted by this Convention a committee of one to condense the various reports made to the Association into one report, and forward the same promptly to the Statistical Secretary, and that this be done, if possible, in time for the Secretary to make a report to the committee who have to report at the State Convention."

This has not been done. And we would again urge this Convention to make an effort *now* to devise some means, *if such a thing can be done*, by which statistical information may be obtained. Something more than to discuss and adopt reports should be done. If our Associations could be induced to gather, and insert in their minutes, the facts about our Sabbath school work, so that our Statistical Secretary could make a complete statistical table, the reports of future committees to this Convention would be quite different from this which we now present.

We cannot close this report without urging :

1. That there should be a Baptist Sabbath school in every Baptist church. Some of our churches have no school at all ; and some are engaged in union schools. This is all wrong, for the former are dead, or dying ; and the latter "shun to declare the whole counsel of God" in their teaching. There may be some extreme cases where it might be expedient to work in union schools. But we submit that where there is sufficient material for a Baptist church, there is also sufficient material for a Baptist Sabbath school.

2. The entire church in the Sabbath school. The notion that the Sunday school is only for children, though again and again shown to be erroneous, is still sadly prevalent in our State. There are many members of our churches who ought to be actively and earnestly engaged in Sabbath school work who are holding themselves aloof, and thereby practically exerting their influence in opposition to the cause which they, in theory, approve. This is one of the most serious obstacles to a larger measure of success in this good cause. If all our people were interested in the study of God's word, and the salvation of their children and friends, and would manifest their interest by going with their families, and all others whom they could influence, every Lord's day to the house of God, with Bible in hand, to receive and impart that truth which leads to salvation, raises man to the highest plane of human living, and fits him for a place where the spirit of the just is developed and made perfect, it would not be long till the cause of Christ would move grandly forward and the hearts of Christians would be filled with joy in witnessing, constantly, numbers of persons hopefully converted to Christ, and uniting with the armies of Zion. We urge pastors to make an honest and earnest effort to enlist the whole church in the Sabbath school cause.

3. Benevolence in the Sabbath school. Some of our schools contribute liberally to the cause of Christ ; others give little, or nothing. Indeed, we are surprised to find that so few schools seem to attach any importance to the development of this spirit. And yet, if there is any one point along the whole line of Christian duty and privilege where the greatest prominence should be given the scriptural injunction, "Abound in this grace," it is here. Here are the young who are learning their life lessons, and forming immutable characters. If we would have them attain the highest possible success in blessing the world, and reach the highest state of spiritual development, we must, right here, inculcate the spirit of practical benevolence.

We recommend that Wm. A. Davis be appointed Sunday School Statistical Secretary of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FORTUNE, Chairman.

76. The President announced the following Committee, provided for in the Report on Temperance :

Committee—G. A. Nunnally, Jos. Shackelford, Samuel Henderson, W. B. Crumpton, L. D. Inskeep.

77. On motion, agreed to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30.
Adjourned after prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING 8:30 O'CLOCK.

The devotional exercises were led by W. B. Crumpton.

78. The Report of the *Special Committee on the Report on Ministerial Education* was read by J. J. D. Renfroe, discussed by S. Henderson, W. C. Cleveland, D. I. Purser, J. S. Dill, W. B. Crumpton, Z. D. Roby, G. B. Eager, M. B. Wharton, and adopted.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Special Committee, to whom was referred the Report of the Board of Ministerial Education, beg leave to report as follows:

In the judgment of your Committee, any seeming conflict of sentiment or difference of opinion touching methods and privileges, in relation to that work, has only been such as might naturally be expected to arise in connection with a change of plans for the execution of the work; and especially so when the work falls into the hands of men of push and energy, such as compose that Board. The existence of the Board itself was a new departure among the Baptists of Alabama, and the Board seems to have acted on the hypothesis that a new departure necessarily means energetic effort, and their enterprise was one on which we were too indifferent for perfectly harmonious manipulation. The greater difficulty would naturally attach to such a work, growing out of the fact that it was essentially and necessarily under the care and management of two Boards—the Board of Trustees and the Board of Ministerial Education.

And here your Committee invite attention to the fact that the relations of these Boards must be reciprocal, fraternal and united; and in order to this a fact or two which we may mention will have to be recognized and acted out. The utmost confidence, openness and frankness are essential. And it must be remembered that the relation of the Board of Trustees to all things connected with Howard College, is legal and authoritative. In the absence of positive instructions from the Convention it is their right to decide all questions relating to the management of the College and the admission of students to its halls. On the other hand the position of the Board of Ministerial Education is provisional—the word *provisional* covers the whole ground of their duty and work, and this puts them on a wide field and not without authority; still it is necessary to concede that it is subordinate authority. Nor is your Committee aware that anything has occurred inconsistent with these views.

Your Committee are of opinion that there should be no charge for the tuition of ministerial students in Howard College, except in cases of abundant ability, or where the student or the parties entering the student of their own accord propose to pay, and we are glad to know that this is the position of the Trustees and Faculty as found in their able report to this Convention. And this has been their uniform custom, though it has sometimes been a weighty responsibility for a Faculty wholly without the benefits of endowment.

We further assume that no ministerial student should be sent to Howard College as a beneficiary who is not sufficiently advanced to enter some class of the College course proper. Those under that grade of advancement should be sent to the best schools nearest their homes, trying always to find schools which may be able to prepare them for College, and giving the preference to schools taught by Baptists, other advantages being equal.

Your Committee further maintain that ministerial students in Howard College should be held to the same discipline to which other students are subjected.

As concerns the suggestions in the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, we will say :

1. That we decline to recommend the removal of the Board from Birmingham. The Board has done a noble work, have shown themselves efficient, energetic and determined. They now know the field, the work, its difficulties and sublime promises, and of all men among us they are the men for this work; and Birmingham is the proper location.

2. As touching the question of appointing a Corresponding Secretary for this work, your Committee cannot, with the lights before it, recommend such an appointment, nor are we prepared to report against it. We do think that such has been and will be the composition of the Ministerial Board that we can safely leave that matter in their hands—suggesting, however, that it should not be done until after the maturest deliberation on all questions relating to the same.

3. As regards the suggestion for information and instructions touching the relations of all parties having this great work in charge, we would say that if the said information and instruction cannot be found in the foregoing suggestions, then your Committee does not know what further to say.

4. As concerns the important question of putting a minister into the Faculty of the College, we are of opinion that it is not an unreasonable suggestion. It is not strange or unreasonable that the Baptists of the State should desire to see that an accomplished fact when circumstances will allow; and that it should be made his duty to give special attention to the wants of the young ministers is also reasonable, when we are able to reach that appointment and that work. And your Committee are satisfied that the Trustees have no objection to such an arrangement when it seems practicable.

But there is no vacancy now in the Faculty, and we certainly do not wish to see a vacancy made by the withdrawal of any member of the present honored and efficient professors. Nor are we at this time in a situation to add an additional professor. The practicality of the enterprise in the matter of continued support for such a chair is the great question, and at present the insuperable difficulty. In the providence of God and wisdom of our people this great matter will work itself out under the laws of necessity, and we may expect to reach, in harmony and good will, the right conclusion at the right time. Let us, therefore, strive for the things that make for peace and faithful co-operation. Meanwhile we must not lose sight of the fact that Ministerial Education is one of the profoundest interests that can claim our attention, and always will be; and consequently the Board of Ministerial Education is, and must be, one of our most important agencies. We think it is not practicable now to create a new chair nor interfere in any way with the Faculty.

Your Committee feel that the letter of Dr. Manly, of the Theological Seminary, which was referred to us, makes a wise and reasonable request, and we would ask the Convention to call the special attention of the Board of Ministerial Education to an earnest consideration of the same, and if possible help our young Alabama students in the Seminary.

We further suggest that any expense incurred by members of the Board in prosecuting their work be paid out of the funds raised under their auspices.

J. J. D. RENFROE,
Z. D. ROBY,
JNO. P. SHAFFER,
JOS. SHACKELFORD.

79. *Resolved*, That the *Ministerial Board* be re-appointed with the addition of Porter King and S. Henderson to their number, and that it be located at Birmingham.

80. Agreed that W. C. Cleveland be made President of the Board.

81. The thanks of the Convention were tendered to the *Times-Democrat* for its full report of our proceedings.

82. The subject of *Bible and Colportage* work was discussed by W. Wilkes and Jno. G. Harris.

83. The *Committee on Time and Place* reported as follows:

We recommend that the next Session of the Convention be held with the FIRST CHURCH IN THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in July, 1886, (July 16th, 1886.)

R. W. BECK, Chairman.

84. The *Report of the Committee to Nominate the State Mission Board* was amended and adopted, as follows :

Your Committee to Nominate the State Mission Board think the enlargement of its membership made at the last session was wise, and we recommend the following appointments, viz.:

J. M. Frost, President, Selma; T. M. Bailey, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Marion; Wm. A. Davis, Statistical Secretary, Montgomery; Jonathan Haralson, W. P. Welch, H. A. Haralson, H. S. D. Mallory, W. C. Cleveland, W. C. Ward, Abner Williams, W. G. Curry, T. S. Bowen, W. B. Crompton, Jos. Shackelford, J. P. Shaffer, G. B. Eager, A. C. Davidson, T. L. Jones, D. I. Purser, J. J. D. Kenfroe, J. W. Inzer, G. A. Nunnally and B. F. Riley, and that seven constitute a quorum for business.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA H. FOSTER, Chairman.

85. G. S. Anderson read the *Report on Woman's Work*, which was discussed by himself, M. B. Wharton, C. P. Fountain, D. I. Purser, S. Henderson, J. P. Shaffer and Z. D. Roby, and after amendment was adopted.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We do not give this as a full report of woman's work in Alabama, for we know numbers of societies who have sent their contributions for Foreign Missions to Dr. Tupper. This confusion and embarrassment arise from the want of a proper plan by which the work can be prosecuted. We would, therefore, respectfully ask of the Convention that the following preamble and resolutions be adopted, which incorporate the needed plan:

WHEREAS, The Woman's Mission Work is one of the most important interests represented in our denominational progress, and,

WHEREAS, The time has fully come to make an onward movement in this special department of Christian labor; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That a woman's committee be appointed by this Convention to labor in this great work.

2d. That the Central Committee, composed of seven ladies, be located at Montgomery, with

Mrs. M. L. Stratford, President;
 Mrs. Fannie Dennis, Vice-President;
 Mrs. Wm. A. Davis, Treasurer;
 Mrs. M. C. Davis, Corresponding Secretary;
 Mrs. Annie Alexander,
 Mrs. M. Swanson,
 Mrs. M. A. Hinkle,

and that the Central Committee be supplemented by a general committee composed of one member from each Association, to be appointed by the Central Committee.

3d. That it shall be the prerogative and the duty of the Central Committee, acting as the administrative executive of the Committee at large, to put itself in communication with the "Woman's Mission Societies" and the Baptist sisters throughout the State to encourage and stimulate the Societies already existing and secure the organization of new ones.

4th. That this work be organized on the basis of general missions, that all the objects represented by the Foreign, Home and State Boards be included in its benevolence.

5th. That the Committee hold a meeting at least once every quarter, when a full report shall be made of its work, which report shall be published in the denominational State paper, and that the Committee be left, in its own wisdom, to adopt its own plans, methods and means for the successful prosecution of the work, and that it receive all the moneys contributed by the Societies and transmit the same through the proper denominational channel to the objects for which they were contributed.

6th. That proper, wise and discreet brethren be appointed to co operate with and assist the Committee in its work, and that those brethren be the pastor of Montgomery First church and G. S. Anderson.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. M. L. STRATFORD, President,
 Miss. M. M. DAVIS, Treasurer,
 Mrs. M. C. DAVIS, Cor. Sec.

We append list of amounts contributed through the medium of the State Mission Board:

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| Ladies' Missionary Society | Roanoke church, J. P. Shaffer..... | \$ 23 00 |
| " | Alpine church, S. Henderson..... | 10 00 |
| " | Talladega church, J. J. D. Renfroe..... | 12 00 |
| " | Zion church..... | 2 00 |
| " | St. Stephens' church, Miss C. Gordy..... | 10 00 |
| " | Gadsden church, Mrs. Kyle..... | 28 00 |
| " | Farmersville church, Mrs. Rast..... | 3 00 |
| " | Pisgah church, J. J. Beeson .. | 4 95 |
| " | Town Creek church, Mrs. Edwards..... | 24 75 |
| " | Pleasant Hill church, J. R. Crumpton... | 4 00 |
| " | Tuskegee church..... | 45 75 |
| " | York church, Miss Brown..... | 5 00 |
| " | Newberne church, G. S. Anderson..... | 15 00 |
| " | Union Springs church, Mrs. Eley..... | 40 90 |

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| Ladies' Missionary Society | First Montgomery church..... | 48 19 |
| " | Selma church, W. P. Welch..... | 10 00 |
| " | Verbena church, J. L. Thompson..... | 12 00 |
| " | Ruhamah church, Miss Wood..... | 27 60 |
| " | Oxford church, A. Williams..... | 30 00 |
| " | New Bethel church, J. M. Fortune..... | 2 60 |
| " | Philadelphia church, Mrs. Nettles..... | 10 00 |
| " | Pensacola church, J. L. Talbert..... | 10 00 |
| " | Montevallo church, Mrs. Lyde..... | 5 00 |
| " | Prattville church, H. F. Smith..... | 10 00 |
| " | County Line church, J. H. Johnson..... | 5 00 |
| " | Midway church, F. C. Hall..... | 15 00 |
| M. C. Society of Alabama | Central Female College..... | 20 00 |
| Junior Missionary Society | Prattville church..... | 6 00 |
| Young Ladies' Working Circle, | First Montgomery..... | 100 00 |
| Ann Hasseltine Society, | Judson Female Institute..... | 31 10 |
| Children's Missionary Society, | Union Springs church..... | 16 00 |
| "Little Gleaners," | Montevallo church..... | 9 15 |

 \$601 90

86. *Resolved*, That J. M. Frost be requested to furnish, for publication in the Minutes, a suitable tribute to the memory of of R. C. Keeble deceased.

IN MEMORIAM.

RICHARD CHEATHAM KEEBLE.

This good man, who became so eminent in our denominational affairs, was born in Columbia, Tenn. Having entered the Confederate army when quite a boy, he served as a brave soldier to the close of the war, when he began business life. He spent his business career partly in Louisville, but chiefly in Selma. His success was an astonishment to all. Beginning with a capital of only a few hundred dollars, he was conducting at the time of his death a mammoth business. He was a man of immense business capacity, and consecrating these great powers to the glory of his Master, he became distinguished in commercial circles as a Christian merchant. At the time of his death he was a deacon of the Baptist church in Selma, a member of the State Mission Board, and a Trustee of the Judson Institute. He filled these positions to his own credit, to his denomination's advancement, and to his Master's honor, giving liberally, almost without reserve, time and money and attention. He honored God and God honored him. But he has gone hence. He has changed places, but his honor is greater. Dying at his home in Selma, July 14th, in his forty-fifth year, he entered into rest, and shall die no more. In some things a great man, in many things a noble man, in all things a good man—his manhood was in every sense a Christian manhood.

87. The *Report on Sunday Schools* was adopted.

88. The President announced the following *Standing Committees* to report next session.

On Sabbath Schools—Geo. W. Thomas, W. E. Hudmon, Porter King, W. C. Stewart, John T. Davis, H. S. D. Mallory, Joseph Grisham.

On Evangelization of Colored People—S. Henderson, J. O. Hixson, E. S. McWhorter, G. W. Ellis, W. H. DeWitt, J. K. Ryan, J. W. Rogers.

On Foreign Missions—A. C. Davidson, G. R. Farnham, Jackson Gunn, C. T. Munnerlyu, J. W. Orme, J. G. Thornton, A. N. Worthy.

On Home Missions—H. H. Caffey, W. B. Crumpton, L. W. Lawler, H. D. Boyd, J. D. Cook, P. M. Callaway, D. W. Ramsey.

On Temperance—M. B. Swanson, E. F. Baber, Jos. Shackelford, A. J. Waldrop, G. E. Brewer, W. G. Robertson, P. L. Moseley.

On Education—H. Austell, W. D. Fonville, J. F. Bledsoe, A. F. Dix, T. W. Palmer, Howard Griggs, L. L. Belsher.

On Programme—D. I. Purser, R. H. Sterrett, R. W. Beck, J. S. Dill, W. C. Cleveland, B. B. Davis, R. J. Waldrop.

On Woman's Work—Central Committee on Woman's Work.

89. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be and are hereby tendered the Tuskegee church and the citizens of Tuskegee for their princely hospitality during our stay, and to the railroads for their accommodation, and to the churches generally for their courtesy in extending us the use of their houses of worship.

That the Committee on Programme be instructed to make arrangements for a ministers' meeting in connection with the next session of the Convention.

90. After singing, and prayer by J. P. Shaffer, adjourned *sine die*.

JON. HARALSON, *President*,

BENJ. B. DAVIS, *Secretary*, Selma, Ala.
Enfaula, Ala.

WM. A. DAVIS, *Assistant Secretary*,
Montgomery, Ala.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

*in connection with the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, as
compiled from the Minutes of 1884, and from other
sources of information.*

[I would be glad to be advised of needed corrections from time to time.—BENJ. B. DAVIS, Secretary.]

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| <p>Abney, Jno., Woodville. Adams, A., Hanceville. Adams, N. F., Collinsville. Adams, S. R. C., Danville. Adams, W. Y., Blount Springs. Adams, H., Lower Peach Tree. Adams, S. M., Ocmulgee. Adams, W. H., Brundidge. Adamson, S. M., Louina. Adkins, R., Fayette. Agee, W. A., Town Creek. Akins, E. T., Texas. Alexander, W. R., Allshoro. Alford, W. H., Alford's Mill, Fla. Alford, J. Q. A., Warrenton. Allen, A. F., DeArmanville. Allen, Asa, Oxford. Allen, D. C., Brundidge. Allen, H., Bell's Mill. Allen, Jas., Jemison. Almon, W. V., Wheelerville. Allman, C. F., Toadvine. Anders, J. H. M., Romulus. Anderson, G. S., Newberne. Andrews, A., Burnsville. Andrews, J. M., Romulus. Andrews, D. W., Fayette. Anthony, W. L., Pensacola, Fla. Appleton, J. B., Collinsville. Archer, S., Clintonville. Armstrong, Aris, Newton. Armstrong, W. W., Wilsonville. Arnold, K. B., Skipperville. Askew, M., Athens. Atkins, R., Jasper. Atkins, R. M., South Lowell. Autry, H. R., Livingston. Austin, A., Cullman. Baber, E. F., Collirene. Bagwell, E., Sidney. Bailey, James, Collier Creek. Bailey, T. M., D. D., Marion. Baird, D. O., Coalfire. Bain, J. Y., Guntersville. Bain, C. H., Millry. Baker, W. G., Bucksport. Baker, J. W., Notasulga.</p> | <p>Baldwin, Jos., Houston. Ball, T. H., Coffeeville. Band, W. J., Weogufka. Barbour, T. M., Tuskaaloosa. Bartlett, J. T., Leesburg. Barksdale, E. J., Albertville. Barnett, S. W. Barrett, J. M., Kentuck. Beavers, A. E., Cuba Station. Beavers, J. M., Oregonia. Beavers, J., Northport. Bedell, W. H., Waverly. Beeson, J. J., Pisgah. Bell, J. E., Georgiana. Bell, E. R., Arkadelphia. Bell, J. N., Lawrenceville. Belsher, L. L., Butler. Bennett, B. C., Pea River. Benson, J. F., Eastman, Miss. Benton, G. D., Crawford. Best, C. Best, L. A., Gadsden. Beyers, A. Bice, Isaac, Verbena. Billingsly, C. C., Verbena. Bishop, M., Fort Deposit. Bishop, W. A., Carthage. Black, A., Troy. Black, W. M., Rep. Blackmon, W., Dudleyville. Bledsoe, J. F., Camp Hill. Bledsoe, W. C., LaFayette. Blizzard, A. L., Headland. Boose, D. B., Coatsville, Miss. Bond, J. D., Opelika. Bone, W. J., Marble Valley. Borders, A. H., Clayton. Bowling, J. W., Oleander. Bawldin, Jos., Candle. Bracken, M., Bracken. Bradford, I. F., Avoca. Bradley, H., Providence. Bradley, L. M., McKinley. Bradley, John, Milo. Bradley, John, Victoria. Brashier, I. L., Sterrett. Breedwell, A., Collinsville.</p> |
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- Brewer, G. E., LaFayette.
 Brewster, V. A., Esom Hill, Ga.
 Bridges, H. H., Dry Cove.
 Brindley, G. L., Cullman.
 Brooks, E. M., Troy.
 Brooks, R. W., Williams' Station.
 Brooks, H. E., Eufaula.
 Brooks, J. W., Elba.
 Brooks, M., Elba.
 Brooks, R. W., Bluff Springs, Fla.
 Brooks, W. C., Ashland.
 Brooks, M., Victoria.
 Brown, I. R.
 Brown, P., Fackler.
 Brown, I. K.
 Brown, J. W., Vienna.
 Browning, W. V., Eureka.
 Bruce, B., Brandon Station.
 Bruner, J. F., Monterey.
 Bruner, Wm., Columbia.
 Brunson, K., Elba.
 Bryan, W. H., Tuscumbia.
 Bryan, W. P., Daleville.
 Byars, J. L., Bluff Springs, Fla.
 Buck, C. W., Crawford.
 Burdeshaw, E. David, Columbia.
 Bugg, W. R., Louina.
 Bulger, P. D., Green Bay.
 Bullard, J. W., Daleville.
 Burden, C. J., Hickory Flat.
 Burrow, J. J., Oak Level.
 Burroughs, E. P., South Hill.
 Burns, C. A., Bangor.
 Burdeshaw, E. D., Headland.
 Burson, G. W., Franklin, Ga.
 Burton, W. H., Forney.
 Caldwell, I. R., Fort Mitchell.
 Callaway, P. M., Newton.
 Caler, T. D., Elba.
 Camel, Wm., Arbacochee.
 Campbell, F. M., Chulafinnee.
 Campbell, G. S., Fayetteville, Tenn.
 Campbell, W. J., Chulafinnee.
 Camp, C. D., Omaha.
 Camp, F. A., Wedowee.
 Camp, T. A., Lamar.
 Camp, W. H., Frankfort.
 Canfield, J. W., Sterling.
 Carden, J. H. K., Weldon.
 Carpenter, J., Palmetto.
 Carrington, A. C., Chickasabogue.
 Carter, W. B., Flint.
 Casey, W. G., Guntersville.
 Casey, W. L., Sidney.
 Castleberry, P., Eden.
 Catlett, J. E., Cross Plains.
 Cawley, P. J., Arab.
 Caylor, T. D., Elba.
 Causey, I. L., Lambertton.
 Chambers, B. B., Blountsville.
 Chambliss, J. E., D. D., Birmingham.
 Chambliss, J. T.
 Chandler, J. E., Coffey's Store.
 Chandler, J. W., Oxford.
 Chandler, W. S., Gadsden.
 Chappelle, H. B., Carrollton.
 Chappin, E., Moscow.
 Cheatham, W. H., Greenville.
 Cheney, I. P., Howe.
 Chisolm, J. M., Palmetto.
 Chuno, G. A., Enon.
 Clark, U. H., Franklin, Ga.
 Cleveland, W. C., D. D., Gadsden.
 Clines, E., Belville.
 Clause, J. A., Wildwood, Ga.
 Cloud, J. J., Wetumpka.
 Cobb, A. P., Greenport.
 Cobb, W. T., Hartsell's.
 Cohill, F., Harpersville.
 Cohron, J. A., Forest Home.
 Colburn, R., Eldridge.
 Cole, W. R., Houston.
 Cole, W. M., Gum Spring.
 Coleman, J. C., Geneva.
 Coleman, J. T., Chulafinnee.
 Coleman, S. T., Gentry.
 Coleman, W. W., Davisville.
 Colley, J. M., Equality.
 Collier, H. W., Marcella Falls.
 Collier, S. T., Delta.
 Collins, C. C., Clear Creek Falls.
 Collins, D. S., Larkin's Fork.
 Collins, C. C., Lucky.
 Cone, G. W., Bremen.
 Conger, R. E., Pinckneyville.
 Cook, J., Cuba Station.
 Cooper, Benj.
 Copeland, R. P., Brundidge.
 Corbett, E., Vernon.
 Corbett, L. E., Vernon.
 Corbin, J. M., Clifton.
 Corley, P. J., Warrenton.
 Corley, W. B.
 Corn, J. M., Scottsboro.
 Cornelius, M. A., Gadsden.
 Cottingham, O. J., Six Mile.
 Covin, S., Fayette.
 Coulson, I. C., Scottsboro.
 Cox, J. E., Fayette.
 Crawford, W. L., Maynard's Cove.
 Crawley, C., Indian Creek.
 Cree, P. J., Buena Vista.
 Creighton, J. H., Grove Hill.
 Crumpton, B. H., Evergreen.

- Crumpton, W. B., Shield's Mill.
 Crutcher, Nick, Rex.
 Culberson, H. R., Gadsden.
 Culpepper, W. S., Yantley Creek.
 Cumbie, J. L., Mt. Hilliard.
 Cumbie, J., Rock Hills.
 Cumbie, R. A. J., Dadeville.
 Cumbie, W. B.
 Cumbie, D., Skipperville.
 Cumbie, J., Mt. Hilliard.
 Cumbie, W. A., Ozark.
 Curry, J. H., Pickensville.
 Curry, W. G., Snow Hill.
 Damos, J. T., Moseley.
 Daniel, I. M., Graham.
 Daniel, L. T., Hamden.
 Daniel, M. N., Warrior Station.
 David, F. C., Huntsville.
 Davidson, J. F., Honoraville.
 Davidson, A. C., D. D., Marion.
 Davis, D. H., Houston.
 Davis, E. Z. T., Mumford.
 Davis, W. W., Larissa.
 Davis, G. A., Buckatunna, Miss.
 Davis, W. T., Laceyville.
 Deal, R. C., Echo.
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 Dean, V. H., Gadsden.
 Dean, W. H., Letohatchee.
 Deason, P. J., Sterling.
 Deer, J. G., Brewton.
 Derrick, W. P., Bellefonte.
 DeWitt, R. I. W., Jackson.
 DeWitt, L. L., Choctaw Corner.
 DeWitt, W. H., Nicholasville.
 Dickerson, S. N., Palo.
 Dickinson, T. N., Russellville.
 Dickinson, J. W., Grove Hill.
 Dill, J. S., Tuskalooza.
 Dison, T. B., Montevallo.
 Dix, A. F., Union Springs.
 Dix, W. B., Union Springs.
 Dobbs, O. N., She'by Iron Works.
 Dodd, D. J., Oakfuskee.
 Dorman, A., Balm.
 Douthit, J. L. M., Madison.
 Dowdy, M. R., Kentuck.
 Drughon, R. L., Perdue Hill.
 Drew, P. C., McKinley.
 Drew, Wm., Collinsville.
 Draper, J., Vernon.
 Driver, M. M., Hillahee.
 Duffee, D. S., Salem.
 Dunaway, J. W., Clifton.
 Dunn, J. W., Vienna.
 Dyar, S. J., Fayette.
 Dyre, N. J., Wayside.
 Dyer, N. J., Beaverdale.
 Eager, G. B., D. D., Mobile.
 Eddins, J. L., Perdue Hill.
 Edwards, J. M., Woodville.
 Edwards, Wm., Bluff Springs, Fla.
 Easlunds, C. L., Bullock.
 Elam, T. J., Randolph.
 Eley, M. N., Union Springs.
 Elkins, C. W., Moulton.
 Ellis, P. J., Little Warrior.
 Ellis, J. W., Energy.
 Evans, J. T., Sidney.
 Evans, A. P., Cuba Station.
 Faggard, R. D., Birmingham.
 Falkner, J., Mountain Creek.
 Fargason, T. B., Dadeville.
 Fendley, J. H., Grove Hill.
 Ferguson, J. A., Handy.
 Ferguson, J. B., Bucksnoit.
 Fields, J., Brooksville.
 Fields, Jos., Blountsville.
 Filungim, J. T., Bluff Springs, Fla.
 Finch, T. S., Nelsonville.
 Finney, M., Newburg.
 Fikes, Adam, Pondville.
 Fortune, J. M., Pleasant Hill.
 Foster, J. F. G., Robbins' X Roads.
 Foster, J. C., Foster's.
 Foster, J. H., D. D., Tuskalooza.
 Fountain, C. P., Greenville.
 Fox, L. L., Uniontown.
 Franklin, D. B., Pratt Mines.
 Freeman, F. A., Butler.
 Finar, Jas., Vienna.
 Frost, J. M., D. D., Selma.
 Fugatt, W., Valley Head.
 Fulmer, W. R., Handy's Mill.
 Fulmer, J. W., Mount Olive.
 Garner, T. J., Ai.
 Gant, E. D., Green Hill.
 Gatten, Isaac, Sand Spring.
 Garrett, C. A., Bowden, Ga.
 Garrett, J., Hatchett Creek.
 Garrett, C. W., Green Hill.
 Garrett, M., Delta.
 Garrett, J., DeArmanville.
 Gilbert, W. W., Belmont, Miss.
 Gilbert, J. L., Hayes.
 Gilbert, A. W., Chickasaw.
 Gilbert, Ambrose, Waterloo.
 Gilber, J. L., Eldridge.
 Gibson, W. R., Womack Hill.
 Glazner, J. H., Broomtown.
 Glenn, J. A., Ashville.
 Going, F. B., Walnut Grove.
 Goldsmith, A. F., Fort Deposit.
 Goodman, J. R., Gentry.

- Gordon, W., Mountain Mellow.
 Gordon, E. C., Boyd's Switch.
 Gordon, Z. H., Hatchett Creek.
 Goss, W. T., Wynnville.
 Goss, J. G., Rock Mills, Ga.
 Gray, Jno. S., Simpkinsville.
 Gravelee, G. W., Newtonville.
 Green, J. M., Brundidge.
 Gregory, G. W., Walnut Hill.
 Gregory, C. W., Dingler.
 Gregory, W. G., Jones' X Roads.
 Griffin, J. P., Mobile.
 Griffin, W. S., Alexandria.
 Gunn, J., Trinity.
 Gresham, M. B., Shady Grove.
 Guttery, J., Jasper.
 Guttery, J., Sr., Holly Grove.
 Guyton, J. W., Reform.
 Gwin, T. P., Oxford.
 Hagler, J. H., Scottsville.
 Halbrooks, Henry, Somerville.
 Hale, F. D., Northport.
 Hall, B., Big Coon.
 Hall, P., Coffey's Store.
 Hall, R. B., Helena.
 Hall, E. A., Kirk's Grove.
 Hall, J. B., Collinsville.
 Hall, L. E., Nicholson's Store.
 Hall, R. D., Brock's Gap.
 Hamberlin, J. B., Mobile.
 Hambright, A. C., Trussville.
 Hammett, C. B., Oak Level.
 Hanna, E. B., Maple Grove.
 Hannah, Wm., Hayes.
 Hanson, H. B., Mobile.
 Harbin, L. B., Toledo.
 Hardin, A. J., Madison.
 Hare, C. W., Tuscumbia, Ky.
 Hare, M. V., Fairfield.
 Harlan, H. L., Harlan.
 Harris, J. T., Allen's Store, Miss.
 Harris, Z., Ozark.
 Harris, H. E., Greensport.
 Harrison, M., Highland, Miss.
 Hart, T. W., Tuskegee.
 Hastie, L. H., Marble Valley.
 Hatcher, W. J., Clayhatchee.
 Havard, T., Coatsville, Miss.
 Heard, J. M., Pinetucky.
 Hearn, A. J., Nicholsville.
 Heatherly, J. W., Simece.
 Hembree, D. N., Kentuck.
 Henderson, J. M., Gaylesville.
 Henderson, S. D., Northport.
 Henderson, S., Haywood.
 Herendon, B., Shorterville.
 Herendon, J. W., Shorterville.
 Hendon, J. C., Haleysville.
 Hendon, C., Pikeville.
 Hendon, J. H., Palo.
 Herring, W. J., Woodstock.
 Herring, R., Louisville.
 Hester, Elisha, Sand Springs.
 Hicks, I. M., Randolph.
 Hicks, S., Rock Mills.
 Higdon, J. H., Bellville.
 Higdon, L. L., Sepulga.
 Higdon, T. A., Edwardsville.
 Huggan, —
 Hugginbotham, R. M., Scottboro.
 Hill, J.
 Hill, Wm., Grove Hill.
 Hill, A. B., Lomax.
 Hill, Martin, Bowden, Ga.
 Hildreth, S., Pickensville.
 Hobson, W. A., Coaling.
 Hilliard, J. W., Rep.
 Hilton, Jas., Houston.
 Hinson, J., Geneva.
 Hixson, J. O., Union Springs.
 Hobson, F. M., Clements.
 Hodges, S. H., Gadsden.
 Hodgens, W. J., Whiton.
 Hocutt, E., Pilgrim.
 Hogan, Jas., Bibbville.
 Holcombe, T. D., Blount Springs.
 Holcombe, T. P., Columbiana.
 Holley, Jno.
 Hollis, D., Haw Ridge.
 Hollis, Thos., Forney.
 Holly, J., Ireland.
 Holmes, I., Sylacauga.
 Honey, M., New Market.
 Honeycutt, R. M., Randolph.
 Hopper, W. C., Elk River Mills.
 Horn, D. M., Notasulga.
 Horsley, H. M., Dudleyville.
 Horton, J. H., Greenwood.
 Horton, H. H., Princeton.
 Hosmer, J. W., Northport.
 House, B. F., Oak Level.
 Houston, J. P., Texas, Ga.
 Howard, S. A., Kirby's Creek.
 Howard, J. A., Seale.
 Howell, E., Pilgrim.
 Howell, C., Holly Tree.
 Howle, T. H., Delta.
 Hubbard, W. G., Scottsville.
 Hucks, Wm.
 Huckabee, B. G., Waynesboro, Tenn.
 Huckabee, W. N., Plantersville.
 Huckabee, G. E., Light, Tenn.
 Hudgens, M., White Cloud.
 Hudson, Dan, Bashi.

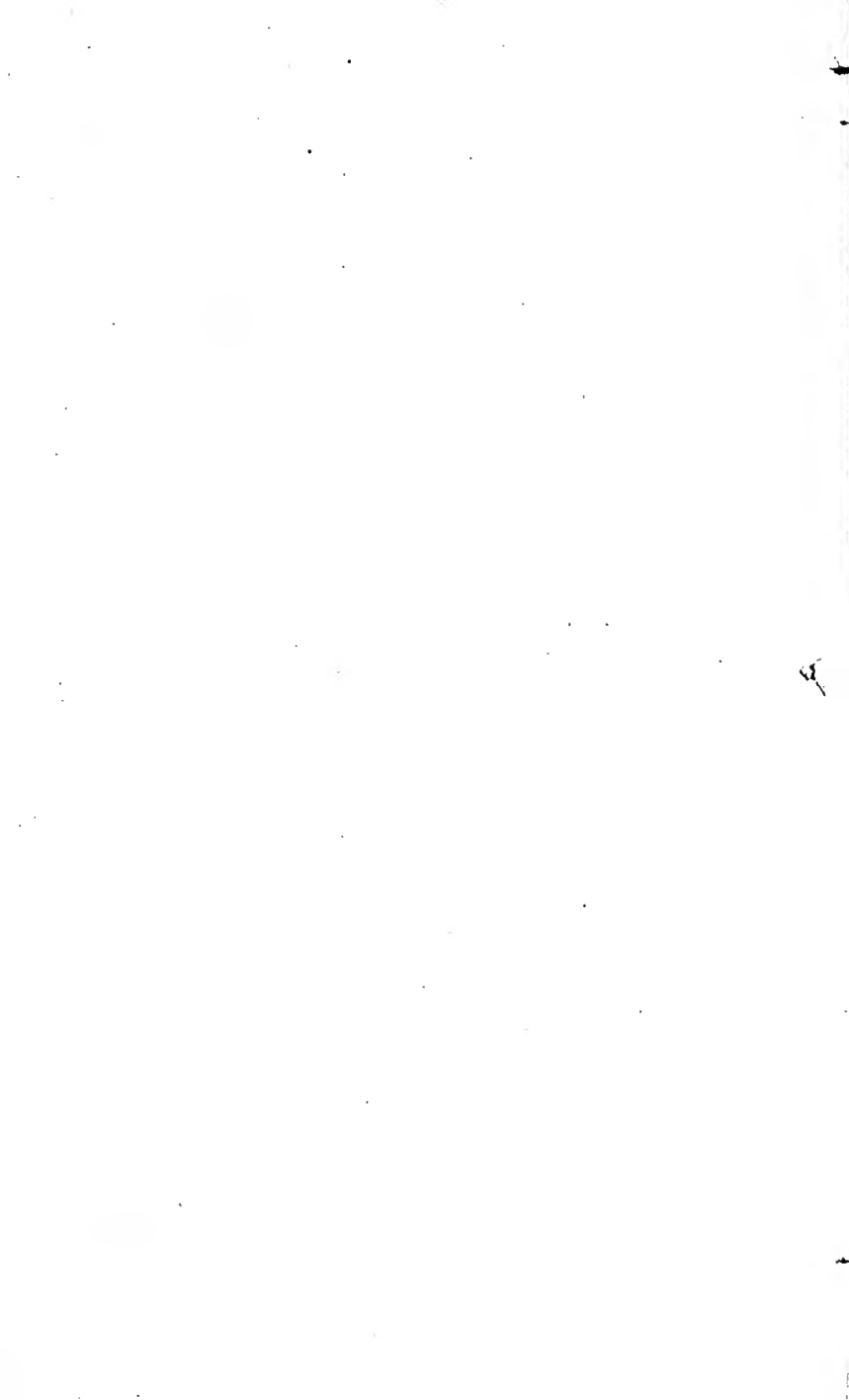
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 Hudson, J. D., Choctaw Corner.
 Husy, J. M., Brownsville.
 Huggins, A. G., Cerro Gordo, Fla.
 Hunter, W. A., LaFayette
 Hunter, R. M., Jackson.
 Hurlley, J. T., Russellville.
 Hubbard, W. G., Pondville.
 Inzer, R. W., Trussville.
 Inzer, J. D., Eden.
 Inzer, H. W., Eden.
 Isbell, J. W., Larkinsville.
 Isbell, M.
 Jackson, B. A., Ramer.
 Jackson, F. A., Brundidge.
 Jackson, A. F., Fairfield.
 Jackson, E. J., Brundidge.
 Jackson, F. M., Frankfort.
 Jackson, J. C., Tallapoosa, Ga.
 Jenkins, W. O., Lineville.
 Jenkins, W. G., Delta.
 Jenkins, M. T., Phipps.
 Johnson, G. D., Ashville.
 Johnson, J. F., Sterling.
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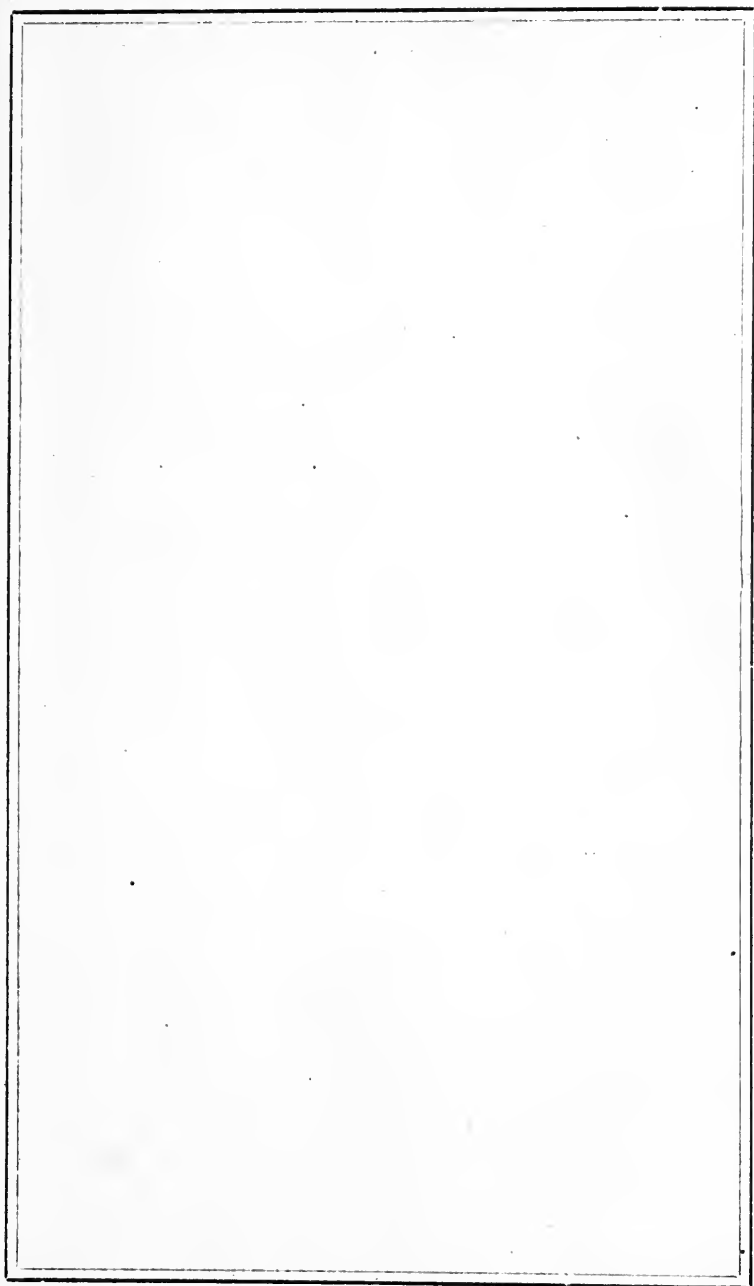


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