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OF THE

SIXTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST

STATE CONVENTION,

1886,

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Selma, Ala.

BENJ. B. DAVIS, SECRETARY,

Enfauia, Ala.

The next Session of the Convention will be held with the Baptist Church
at Union Springs, Friday (15th) before third Sabbath in July, 1887.

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DIRECT CORRESPONDENCE OR FUNDS

For Foreign Mission Board, for Home Mission Board, for Colportage and for State Mission Board, for Aged and Indigent Ministers, and other benevolent objects—To REV. W. B. CRUMPTON, Marion, Ala.

For Alabama Baptist—To THE ALABAMA BAPTIST, Montgomery, Ala.

For Ministerial Education—To G. W. ELLIS, Montgomery, Ala.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA.

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

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

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Board of Directors—President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, ex officio members; W. W. Wilkerson, J. L. Wyatt, J. H. Lee, Porter King, C. C. Huckabee, J. T. Murfee, Robt. Frazer, J. B. Loveiace, A. C. Davidson.

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Ministerial Education Board—M. B. Wharton, G. W. Thomas, G. W. Ellis, G. S. Anderson, G. A. Nunnally, J. G. Harris, J. E. Chambliss.

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

On Sabbath Schools—W. N. Reeves, W. C. Bledsoe, J. A. B. Besson, P. M. Musgrove, E. F. Baber, Jesse H. Dickson, G. R. Farnham.

On Foreign Missions—E. T. Smyth, T. H. Stout, W. H. DeWitt, G. T. Lee, J. E. White, J. G. Thornton, G. G. Miles.

On Home Missions—J. S. Dill, H. C. Taul, R. H. Sterrett, C. C. Huckabee, M. N. Carlisle, M. G. Hudson, T. S. Bowen.

On Temperance—W. G. Curry, W. Wilkes, A. J. Hearn, N. C. Underwood, S. R. C. Adams, J. M. Fortune, J. D. Cook, J. A. Walker.

On Education—Z. D. Roby, J. L. Thompson, R. J. Waldrop, J. Gunn, S. B. Foster, Jr., W. D. Fonville, L. L. Belsher.

On Programme—J. E. Chambliss, G. A. Nunnally, B. B. Davis, Jos. A. Howard, A. J. Slaughter.

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

To preach introductory sermon—J. P. Shaffer. *Alternate*—A. W. McGaha.

To preach missionary sermon—J. M. Frost. *Alternate*—J. B. Hamberlin.

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

1. On Friday, July 16th, 1886, the Alabama Baptist State Convention met in Sixty-Third Annual Session, in the house of worship of the First Baptist Church at Birmingham, Alabama.

2. The Convention was called to order by the President, Jonathan Haralson, 9 A. M.

3. Benj. B. Davis acted as Secretary.

4. The devotional exercises were conducted by Geo. E. Brewer, who read the Scriptures, in ninety-first Psalm.

5. After remarks by the President explaining the basis of representation, the following were enrolled as delegates:

6. FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Alabama—H. W. Cassey, David S. Hurst.

Antioch—J. M. Thomas.

Arbacoochee—No representation.

Bethel—L. M. Bradley.

Bethlehem—B. H. Crumpton, G. R. Farnham, B. J. Skinner, T. A. Nettles.

Big Bear Creek—No representation.

Bigbee—J. D. Cook, D. W. Brock, C. C. Vaughan, F. M. Ward, J. J. Altman, B. F. Riley, J. E. Herring, A. R. Scarborough, E. B. Hearn,

Boiling Spring—T. H. Howle.

Cahaba—J. N. Suttle, W. W. Wilkerson, L. D. Inskeep, J. G. Minifee, J. L. Wyatt, C. E. Ayers, W. A. Bishop, J. P. Harris, C. C. Huckabee, S. M. Adams, D. L. Crews, A. C. Davidson, J. T. Fitzgerald, Porter King.

Cahaba Valley—J. A. Glenn, R. Hodges, J. A. Thompson, J. S. E. Robinson, P. S. Montgomery, H. E. Harris, P. K. Thompson, J. W. Inzer.

Canaan—R. W. Inzer.

- Carey*—W. T. Davis.
Cedar Bluff—J. M. B. Gresham, W. W. Harris, J. H. Glazner, J. S. Watt.
Centennial—B. M. Bean.
Central—T. A. Kelley, D. S. Martin, G. M. Lowery, W. E. Bailey, W. H. Moon, J. J. Grant, Cat Smith, M. E. Stone, R. B. Pruett, T. P. Cranford.
Cherokee—J. B. Willbanks, J. B. Appleton.
Clear Creek—No representation.
Columbia—No representation.
Coosa River—J. J. D. Rentroe, E. T. Smyth, W. Wilkes, J. C. Wright, J. S. Kelly.
Cullman—P. M. Musgrove, Wm. Whaley, W. L. Watlington.
Elim—No representation.
Etowah—K. S. Steele, J. R. Nowlin, A. J. Phillips, W. Y. Adams, H. M. Cornelius.
Eufaula—Z. T. Weaver, J. E. McCormick, G. A. Nunnally, T. H. Stout.
Evergreen—No representation.
Harmony, East—No representation.
Harmony, West—No representation.
Harris—J. A. Howard, W. J. Boykin, I. P. Cheney, J. M. Vann, C. E. Ingram.
Indian Creek—No representation.
Judson—No representation.
Liberty, East—G. E. Brewer, J. F. Bledsoe, C. J. Burden, A. S. Smith, M. J. Banks, Jno. M. Webb, W. M. Webb, J. J. Phillips, R. M. Phillips, J. P. Shaffer.
Liberty, North—Jno. W. Wall, A. W. McGaha.
Liberty, Southwest—No representation.
Macedonia—No representation.
Mobile Union—L. Norris.
Montgomery—J. R. McLendon, M. B. Wharton, B. A. Jackson, Wm. A. Davis, J. J. Cloud, F. C. Waite.
Mount Carmel—No representation.
Mud Creek—No representation.
Mulberry—J. M. Thomas, W. D. Hubbard, A. E. Burns.
Muscle Shoals—J. C. Orr, W. B. Carter, J. D. McClanahan, T. J. Weaver, Jos. Shackelford, Jackson Gunn, D. A. Burleson, S. R. C. Adams, J. I. Stockton.
New River—G. W. Gravellee, J. H. McGuire.
Newton—No representation.
North River—L. B. Harbin, Jno. W. Stewart, T. P. Lamkin.
Pea River—No representation.
Pine Barren—C. W. Hare, J. W. Purifoy, Jno. Purifoy, Frank Purifoy.
Rock Mills—No representation.
Salem—No representation.
Sandy Creek—No representation.
Selma—Lewis Johnson.
Shelby—G. T. Lee, H. Griggs, E. Finley, E. B. Teague, T. B. Dison, C. W. O'Hara, J. L. Peters.
South Bethel—A. J. Hearn, J. E. White, W. H. DeWitt, G. F. Nichols.
South Eastern—No representation.
Sulphur Springs—W. J. Lee.
Tallapoosa River—No representation.
Tallahatchee and Ten Islands—No representation.
Tennessee River—L. C. Coulson.





- Town Creek*—No representation
Troy—M. N. Carlisle, Jos. M. Dill, J. S. Carroll, J. F. Purser, P. H. Baker, F. S. Wood.
Tuskaloosa—John G. Lowry, J. H. Foster, J. S. Dill, J. T. Yerby, T. M. Barbour, J. H. Rice, J. H. Peace, J. H. Foster, Jr.
Tuskegee—E. W. Solomons, W. E. Hudmon, Jno. J. Smith.
Union—No representation.
Unity—W. H. Lawrence, W. J. Ruddick, T. M. Henley, A. Andrews, W. N. Huckabee, L. W. Wells, J. M. Kailen, P. M. Moore, J. Falkner, A. J. Brooks, L. G. Skipper, J. H. Marbury.
Warrior River—W. D. Jordan, W. Y. Adams.
Wogufka—No representation.
Yellow Creek—No representation.
Zion—J. M. Robinson.

7. FROM CHURCHES :

- Antioch*—J. M. Thomas.
Anniston, Ist-—E. T. Smyth, W. H. Jeffers, T. W. Ayers, W. R. Sawyer, P. B. Brown.
Auburn—C. E. Little.
Alpine—S. W. Welch.
Bethany—F. B. Walker, E. F. Baber.
Bozeman—J. Falkner, J. H. Marbury.
First Birmingham—D. I. Purser, C. E. Nash, N. F. Miles, C. T. Hardman, Gilbert Carter.
Second Birmingham—J. M. Russell, P. E. Cheek, R. Manly Rice.
East Birmingham—F. M. Wood, J. B. Kilpatrick, J. W. King, J. S. Ward, J. B. Santifer.
West Birmingham—Jas. Hogan, W. Abbott, T. D. Parsons.
South Side Birmingham—W. C. Ward, R. H. Sterrett, G. T. Green, Jas. A. Stratton, Daniel B. Ethridge.
Beech—J. D. Jordan.
Bethlehem (Barbour)—J. E. McCormick.
Bethel (Tuskaloosa)—J. P. Park, B. F. Poole, M. M. Wood, J. L. Ray.
Bethel—J. P. Harris, W. A. Bishop.
Berea—H. W. Tisdale.
Bethesda—D. S. Martin, W. E. Bailey.
Bethesda (Wilcox)—J. H. Bassett, J. W. Purifoy, Jno. Purifoy, Frank Purifoy.
Big Spring—W. N. Huckabee.
Brierfield—W. J. Elliott, Lawson Johnson.
Clinton—J. E. Herring.
Crawford—G. D. Benton.
Cullman—H. L. Watlington, P. M. Musgrove.
Center Ridge—J. P. Yates, J. M. McIver, J. H. Williamson.
Camden—C. W. Hare.
Cuba—J. D. Cook, C. C. Vaughan.
Columbia—J. L. Thompson.
Childersburg—Dente Green.
Clanton—J. H. Aldridge, J. M. Ponder, W. H. Lawrence.
Cahaba—R. H. Henden, S. R. McDaniel, S. T. Vann, J. M. Carlisle, George Vann.
Deep Creek—W. H. DeWitt, J. E. White, G. L. Nichols.
Danville—J. W. Hargrove.
Eutaw—J. E. Herring.

- Eufaula*—G. A. Nunnally, J. A. Walker, J. H. Reeves, S. G. Robertson.
A. A. Couric, B. B. Davis.
Ebenezer—W. J. Ruddick, J. M. Kailen.
Euon--A. W. McGaha, J. W. Wall.
Evergreen—C. S. Rabb, P. M. Bruner.
Forkland—J. E. Herring.
Fellowship--W. L. Fagan.
Grant's Creek--A. F. Prince.
Gadsden--Edgar Welsh, J. P. Phillips, C. K. Henderson, A. B. Goodhue, J. R. Nowlin.
Goodwater—Cat. Smith, W. H. Moon, E. P. Roslin, T. P. Cranford, L. E. Ray.
Glennville--H. R. Schramm, E. C. Perry.
Hayneville--H. W. Calley, Francis G. Calley.
Hartsell--J. I. Stockton, D. A. Burleson.
Huntsville--John W. Wall.
Hopewell (Perry)--L. O. Dawson.
Jemison--A. E. Burns.
Livingston—B. F. Riley, J. J. Altman.
La Fayette--G. E. Brewer, J. W. Callahan.
Montgomery (First)--G. W. Ellis, J. W. Hale, J. C. Stratford, W. G. Wharton, J. A. B. Besson.
Montgomery (Adams Street)--Edward A. Stone, G. B. Burks, Lewis Nickel, John Robinson.
Milltown--A. S. Smith.
Mobile (Palmetto Street)--L. Norris, J. B. Hamberlin, M. G. Hudson.
Mobile (St. Francis Street)--A. P. Bush, T. G. Bush, H. Austill, I. P. Trotter.
Montevallo--G. A. North, H. E. Reynolds, W. J. Perry, E. D. Reynolds.
Marion--A. C. Davidson, W. W. Wilkerson, Porter King, J. T. Murfee, L. D. Inskeep, C. C. Huckabee, J. B. Lovelace, J. L. Wyatt.
Mt. Gilad—E. F. Baber.
Mt. Pleasant (Chambers County)—J. F. Bledsoe.
Mt. Pleasant (Hale County)—J. W. Whatley.
Mt. Zion (Hale County)—K. O. Mullins.
Mt. Zion (Walker County)—L. R. Carter.
Mt. Zion (Bibb County)—J. N. Suttle, D. L. Cruise.
Mt. Olive—R. B. Pruett.
Mt. Pisgah—Charles B. Carter, J. W. Herring.
Mt. Nebo—Sylvanus Minter, Luke Sherrill.
Newberne—G. S. Anderson.
North Port—C. E. Rice, J. F. Appling, W. R. Dodson, S. Henderson.
New Prospect—D. R. Pinson, J. D. Falks.
Opelika—Z. D. Roby, W. M. Pulliam, D. T. Hudmon, J. C. Collier, Jason John.
Oxford—J. C. Wright, J. S. Kelly, J. F. Graham, Abner Williams, E. H. Hanna.
Plantersville—G. W. Mills, W. N. Huckabee, P. M. Morris, P. L. Moore.
Putnam—A. J. Hearne.
Pleasant Grove—W. D. Hubbard.
Pine Level—Jas. D. Dickson, Jesse H. Dickson, John D. Wright.
Pleasant Hill—B. H. Crumpton.
Providence (Dallas)—Lewis Johnson, J. F. Averyt.
Rock Spring—Jno. M. Webb, W. M. Webb.
Rehoboth—L. L. Belsher.
Ramah (Barbour)—Z. T. Weaver.

- Ramer*—J. R. McLendon.
Roanoke—C. J. Burden.
Ruhama—R. J. Waldrop, F. W. Cross, R. W. Beck, E. B. Waldrop,
 J. L. Johnson.
Snowy Hill—C. W. Hare, J. W. Purifoy.
Salem—N. C. Underwood, J. O. Piesson.
Shady Grove—T. A. Kelley, J. J. Grant.
Six Mile—J. M. McCord, R. H. Pratt, T. M. Fancher.
Shorts—F. M. Ward, E. B. Hearn.
Sardis—Jno. G. Lowry.
Selma—H. S. D. Mallory, S. P. Fowlkes, W. P. Welch, T. S. Bowen,
 W. W. Burns, C. A. Tinch, Jon. Haralson, J. M. Frost.
Tallapoosa—M. J. Banks, J. J. Phillips, R. M. Phillips.
Tuskaloosa—H. F. Hill, S. B. Foster, T. W. Palmer, F. S. Moody,
 J. B. Little.
Talladega—J. J. D. Renfro, G. W. Macon, J. W. Bishop, L. W.
 Lawler.
Troy, First—Jos. M. Dill, J. F. Purser, P. H. Baker, J. S. Carroll, F.
 S. Wood.
Tuskegee—G. A. Hornady, W. D. Fonville, C. W. Thompson, T.
 Y. Corner, M. L. Swanson.
Town Creek—J. M. Fortune.
Union Springs—B. T. Eley, J. E. Chambliss.
Verbena—L. G. Skipper, A. J. Brooks.

8. FROM SOCIETIES.

- Ladies' Benevolent Society, Town Creek Church*--J. M. Fortune.
Ladies' Missionary Society, Verbena--L. G. Skipper.
Ladies' Aid and Mission Society, Beulah Church (Green County)--A.
 P. Smith.

9. LIFE MEMBERS.

A. P. Bush,	W. C. Cleveland,	J. Falkner,
John Haralson,	Porter King,	J. H. Marbury,
I. T. Tichenor,	W. Wilkes,	B. B. Davis,
J. H. Foster,	A. B. Goodhue,	S. Henderson,
J. B. Lovelace,	J. J. D. Renfro,	E. B. Teague,
A. J. Waldrop.		

10. A motion by G. A. Nunnally, that the order of the Convention be suspended so far as to allow the vote for officers to be taken by acclamation, having been objected to,

11. An election by ballot was then had, which resulted in the election of--

JONATHAN HARALSON, President.
 J. J. D. RENFROE, W. C. CLEVELAND, Vice Presidents.
 BENJAMIN B. DAVIS, Secretary.

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

13. The President appointed William A. Davis, Assistant Secretary.

14. On motion of Jos. Shackelford, the programme, as published and circulated, was adopted as the order governing the business of this session of the Convention.

15. D. I. Purser, the pastor of the entertaining church, made an address of welcome, to which,

16. On request of the President, M. B. Wharton replied.

17. The following were enrolled as correspondents from other bodies:

From Georgia Baptist State Convention--M. H. Lane, J. S. Lawton, J. B. Hawthorne, Henry McDonald.

From South Carolina State Convention--R. S. Morgan.

From Cuba Mission--J. A. Diaz.

From Kentucky Baptist State Convention--B. Manly, S. B. T. S. *As Bible and Missionary Secretary, American Baptist Publication Society*--C. C. Bitting.

From Tennessee Baptist State Convention--J. M. Robertson.

From Mississippi Baptist State Convention--R. H. Purser.

From Texas State Convention--G. A. Coulson.

From Home Mission Board, S. B. C.--I. T. Tichenor.

From Alabama Baptist State Convention (Colored)--Wm. McAlpine, W. R. Pettiford, A. C. Jackson, J. P. Barton.

18. Returned correspondence, viz.:

To Georgia Baptist State Convention--T. H. Stout, M. B. Wharton, B. B. Davis, J. L. Thompson, S. G. Robertson, J. A. Walker, H. R. Schramm.

To Mississippi Baptist State Convention--J. B. Hamberlin, D. I. Purser, T. B. Lee.

To Florida Baptist State Convention--T. H. Stout, B. B. Davis, J. L. Thompson.

To Tennessee Baptist State Convention--L. C. Coulson, Jos. Shackelford, Gilbert Carter, C. B. Roach.

To Kentucky Baptist State Convention--J. M. Frost, B. F. Riley, G. C. Brown, C. C. Huckabee.

19. Clifton Miles, Britton Purser and John Hibbard were appointed pages.

20. The report of the State Mission Board was read by W. B. Crumpton.

21. ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

Eleven years ago Rev. T. M. Bailey was the only employe of this Board. Under his wise management and faithful labors, he saw the work prosper and grow to the proportions reported last year at Tuskegee.

In December last he felt it his duty to change his field of labor and offered his resignation accordingly. With great reluctance we accepted it.

We employed Rev. W. B. Crompton to serve in his place till the meeting of your body. This change, together with the financial depression of the country and other things have materially lessened the contributions to State Missions. With the present want of system which characterizes most of our churches, our Mission Work is liable always to suffer from every change.

To organize our churches for systematic work should be our aim. Until this is accomplished no progress of a lasting character can be made. In this effort the Board and pastors must co-operate. We know of no better plan to accomplish this end than the one known in the South as the Alabama Plan, namely: making the State Mission Board the general agent for all the interests fostered by the Convention; and it seems to your Board that the time has come, when we should decide either to work this plan or abandon it altogether. If the State Mission Board is to be the central agency through which all funds should pass, then let it be so, and let all the pastors and churches co-operate to make the plan effectual.

Of course we cannot, either as a Board or Convention, dictate to the pastors and churches where they shall send their funds, but as servants of the churches, we do, after the most mature deliberation, recommend that this plan be adhered to by all.

Our aim should be to get at the *churches*, and secure *one man* in each local church to represent all the objects fostered by the Convention. By the use of envelopes for collection purposes, and these envelopes having on them the names of all the objects, and putting one into the hands of each member, and giving an opportunity to give at least every quarter, we will then cultivate the *broadest* benevolence among our people. We have had twenty thousand envelopes printed and they are furnished free on application to any church or Sunday School. We are gratified to hear favorable reports from all who have tried them. We have great faith in these envelopes and would earnestly recommend their use to all our churches and Sunday Schools.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSION BOARDS.

During the last conventional year of the Southern Baptist Convention, Alabama has increased her contributions over the year previous to Home Missions \$418; to Foreign Missions \$1023.

The Foreign Mission Board has sent to the Secretary several large rolls of Foreign Mission Journals which have been sent out to the churches. We have also disseminated such information with reference to the Home Board as could be gathered from circulars sent out by that Board. In the three thousand circulars the State Mission Board has sent out it has tried to be faithful and deal fairly with every interest.

CALLS FOR HELP.

We have been compelled to deny calls for help from important centres on account of the state of our treasury.

We could profitably expend every cent contributed by the Baptists of Alabama this year in and around the city where your body now sits.

These towns which are springing up, should be helped for a little while, but thus far the contributions have been insufficient to meet the demands made upon us.

STATE MISSIONS.

We have now *forty* employes. During the year *sixty-five* have labored for all or a part of their time. These report the following

SUMMARY OF WORK :

Number employed.....	65
Days of Service.....	2,620
Miles traveled.....	36,000
Addresses made.....	218
Sermons preached.....	2,677
Churches constituted.....	13
Baptized.....	272
" by others in connection with their labors.....	396
Received by letter.....	252
" " restoration.....	52
Sunday Schools organized.....	190
Books sold.....	2,213
Value of books sold.....	\$1,429.02
Woman's Mission Societies organized.....	18
Bibles and Testaments donated, valued at.....	\$60.35
Visits to families.....	4,649
Visits to churches.....	634
Preaching stations.....	103
Subscriptions for Foreign Mission Journal.....	75
Prayer meetings held.....	429
Meeting houses commenced.....	16
" " finished.....	8
Collected for State Missions.....	\$536.39
" " Home.....	\$32.92
" " Foreign.....	\$24.49
Subscribers to Alabama Baptist.....	86

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

This is the most troublesome part of our work. It requires more clerical work than all the other work besides, and keeps the secretary confined to the office often when he feels that his other duties call him to the field. We see no way to avoid this at present, but hope ere long some plan may be devised whereby the secretary may be relieved somewhat of his office work.

We find that the profits on the books are not sufficient to cover the unavoidable losses and necessary expenses of the work, so that we are not able to preserve in fact the permanent fund without contributions to the general colportage work, which we recommend to be listed as one of the objects of benevolence. If this is done, we hope from funds thus brought in, not only to preserve the permanent fund, but to handle more Bibles in our work, which now we are unable to do, owing to the very small margin allowed on them.

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSION BANDS.

We are much gratified at the spirit which seems to possess many of our Christian women to organize the children and young people into mission bands. These organizations properly guarded and encouraged, will tell upon the future benevolence of our children. Our Sabbath Schools, too, are becoming regular contributors to the work.

BIBLE WORK OF AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

The Society has kindly furnished us with Bibles, testaments and tracts for gratuitous distribution. Our people have shown their appreciation of the Society and its work by a liberal contribution.

THE COLORED PEOPLE.

We are at a loss to know what to recommend with reference to this people which will meet with a response from our churches. We asked, for their evangelization this year \$500. We have received only \$60.11.

We believe that the great need of these people is an educated ministry. They cannot move forward without it. We furthermore believe an appeal to our churches for contributions for this purpose will be responded to. We therefore recommend that in future ministerial education for colored students be listed in the place of evangelization of colored people, and that the funds for this purpose be placed in the hands of the Board of Ministerial Education to be disbursed under the same rules as for white ministerial students.

W. B. CRUMPTON,

Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD FOR THE YEAR 1885-6.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR STATE MISSIONS.

To amount of contributions.....		\$6,396 98
By cash to missionaries	\$1,372 08	
General Expense Account—		
money order fees.....	7 31	
exchange.....	10 33	
express charges.....	6 35	
telegrams.....	1 75	
postage.....	100 39	
office expenses.....	21 10	
clerk hire.....	5 00	
stationery.....	1 05	
printing.....	72 25	
office rent.....	25 00	
freight.....	95	
letter press and book.....	6 50	
printing minutes and circulars.....	165 00—	423 01
amount paid T. M. Bailey.....		750 00
" " W. B. Crumpton.....		603 94
traveling expenses of Cor. Secretary.....		247 95—\$6,396 98

HOME MISSIONS.

To amount of contributions	\$1,318 54
By amount paid.....	1,318 54

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To amount of contributions.....	\$2,436 73
By amount paid.....	2,436 73

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To amount of contributions.....	\$ 624 04
By amount paid.....	624 04

THEOLOGICAL PROFESSOR IN HOWARD COLLEGE.

To balance of 1885.....	\$ 34 80
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ENDOWMENT OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

To amount of contributions.....\$ 56 00

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

To balance of 1885.....\$ 74 03
 amount of contributions.....268 43—\$ 342 46
 By amount disbursed.....262 00
 cash on hand.....80 46— 342 46

EVANGELIZATION OF COLORED PEOPLE.

To amount of contributions.....\$ 60 11
 By amount paid McAlpine.....\$59 11
 cash on hand.....1 00—\$ 60 11

CHURCH BUILDINGS IN ALABAMA.

To amount of contributions.....\$ 36 20
 By amount disbursed.....\$31 20
 cash on hand.....5 00—\$ 36 20

BIBLE WORK OF AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

To amount of contributions.....\$ 256 38
 By amount paid.....256 38

GRATUITOUS TRACT FUND.

To amount of contributions.....\$ 18 70
 By amount disbursed.....\$14 41
 cash on hand.....4 29—\$ 18 70

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

To balance general fund.....\$ 86 43
 To amount of contributions.....6 35—\$ 92 78
 To balance permanent fund.....1,967 80
 To amount of contributions.....255 28—\$ 2,223 08
 \$ 2,315 86

By books in hands of Colporteurs and others.....1,578 67
 books in hands of Secretary.....425 49
 express charges.....20 51
 exchange.....1 78
 Bibles and Testaments donated.....60 35
 books donated.....10 36
 damage on books returned.....10 95
 postage account.....10 40
 loss on books.....20 15
 freight and drayage.....36 72
 clerk hire.....25 00
 stationery.....5 00
 printing circulars.....4 00
 cash on hand.....106 45—\$ 2,315 86

1006
123.8
117

151.1
1006
123.8
117

RECAPITULATION

State Missions.....	\$ 6,396 98
Home Missions.....	1,318 54
Foreign Missions.....	2,436 73
Ministerial Education.....	624 04
Endowment of Howard College.....	56 00
Indigent Ministers.....	268 43
Evangelization of colored people.....	60 11
Bible work of American Baptist Pub. Society.....	256 38
Gratuitous tract fund.....	18 70
Bible and colportage work.....	264 63
Church buildings in Alabama.....	36 20
Theological Professor at Howard College.....	34 80

Home missions account 971
Jan. PERMANENT COLPORTAGE FUND. 238
 \$11,768 54
 1709.
 13,477.54
 JUNE 30, 1886. *total*

Sunday School of 1st Baptist Church, Montgomery, Fund.....	\$ 100 00	✓
Bozeman Church Fund.....	100 00	✓
Bigbee Association Fund.....	105 75	✓
P. H. Lundy.....	100 70	✓
David Lee.....	100 50	✓
W. S. Lloyd.....	119 90	✓
J. Stratton Paullin.....	100 10	✓
Matthew P. Smith.....	100 00	✓
John Dennis.....	100 00	✓
Samuel Henderson.....	80 00	✓
Joshua H. Foster.....	77 00	✓
John F. Bledsoe.....	111 20	✓
W. Jacob Parker.....	62 10	✓
Alexander Travis.....	100 05	✓
A. J. Waldrop.....	84 75	✓ 16
A. Dauherty.....	100 00	✓
Basil Manly, Sr., Wood and Weaver.....	76 00	✓
T. P. Holcomb.....	93 00	✓
Kedar Hawthorne.....	60 00	✓
Oliver Welch.....	55 50	✓
John T. Davis.....	67 90	✓
Robert Carson.....	5 00	✓
J. J. D. Renfroe.....	50 00	✓
W. C. Mynatt.....	7 50	✓
I. W. Suttle.....	69 24	✓
W. M. Wilson.....	65 00	✓
Bailey Bruce.....	82 45	✓
South Bethel Association Fund.....	5 00	✓
J. H. Creighton.....	43 24	✓
<i>Rock Hill Association</i>	1 20	✓
	<i>7925</i>	
	\$2223 08	24

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing account of W. B. Crumpton, 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, 1886.

22. Such portion of the report of the State Mission Board as pertained to the Bible and Colportage work was referred to special committee of J. B. Lovelace, W. P. Welch, J. J. D. Renfroe, H. W. Caffey, T. H. Stout and W. C. Ward; and the remainder of the report to a committee consisting of J. E. Chambliss, L. L. Belsher, J. H. Foster, G. E. Brewer and S. Henderson.

23. The reading of the report on Ministerial Education was deferred to Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

24. The report on Religious Instruction of the Colored Race was read, and ordered to lie on the table until Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

REPORT ON THE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF THE COLORED RACE.

As a power in civil, social and domestic life, Christianity must ever stand confessed as the most influential ever brought to bear upon human character and destiny. Silent as the dew, it is more potent than the whole enginery of civil government, with its pains and penalties, its legislatures, courts, jails, penitentiaries and the like. Laying its consecrating hand upon the family constitution, it sends its healthful currents through the whole of humanity, fitting each and every part to its appropriate position in the whole framework of society. From it "the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, making increase of the body;" adapting it to every office each is to fill in its relations to the whole. It will do more than all the legislation that can be invoked to end the war between capital and labor, which has lately assumed such fearful magnitude. Its language to capital is, "Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with thy God;" its language to labor is, "Be content with your wages."

Of all people in the world, they are most impressible by religious influence. And suppose this impression is not as deep, abiding and all-controlling as among our own race, is it not well to remember that he is far below us in his moral and intellectual development? He has not *as much* to impress as our race. We Caucasians are to-day just what the most stimulating agencies the world has ever known have made us, running through eighteen centuries. He is comparatively fresh from his native wilds in Africa, with a century or two of preliminary training as a servant, and quite recently emancipated and brought bolt-up against a superior race to begin the battle of life on terms of civil equality. Is it not demanding more than justice and fair dealing will permit to hold him to the same line of accountability, either morally or intellectually, that we do his Caucasian brother? Is not some abatement in this respect to be awarded to his former condition and embarrassments? Make these allowances, and the wonder will be, in the estimation of every thinking man, that he has done and is doing so well.

But, then, lifting the question above all material considerations, and recognizing the colored man as a rational, accountable, immortal being, and that we are placed just in those relations to him where moral and religious obligations touch the most vital point of our moral consciousness, what is

our duty to him? Do we believe that he is journeying side by side with us to the judgment bar? Do we believe that we must meet him amid the retributions of a final scene with all those relations and opportunities confronting us in the light of that day? Do we believe that God has, in some high sense, constituted us the trustees and guardians of this race, entrusting to us the "true riches," with the imperative command to put them in possession of the priceless treasure? Do we believe that all that is noble and enduring in humankind is found in our rational, immortal nature, and that no benevolence is comparable to that which seeks the best condition of this nature? Christian brethren! answer these questions in the light of your accountability to God. They follow you with the tenacity of your shadow, and you might as well attempt to separate yourselves from that shadow as to shirk responsibilities so crushing in their nature and so enduring in their consequences.

The precise form in which we can employ our agency in benefiting this race must be left to the circumstances and localities of each minister and church. What we aim to impress is that we all seek to improve the thousand and one opportunities which daily contact with the colored race affords. If our pastors and evangelists will address themselves to this work, great good will result. There is one thing, however, we would emphasize. It is the establishment of ministerial institutes at such centers as would enable the largest number of colored ministers to attend them. A course of lectures and Bible readings, running through a week, conducted by some of our best preachers, would very greatly benefit these colored preachers. This plan has been resorted to in other States with gratifying results. We doubt not that our Home Board stands ready to aid us in a work like this to the extent of its ability. This is the most effective way in which we can meet and counteract those absurd, not to say revolting, scenes in their modes of worship which shock our moral sensibilities. Already they have some able ministers among them that are a credit to the race, and they are doing all they can to elevate their people. But they need our aid and sympathy, and we can not afford to withhold them without violence alike to the direct commands of our Master and the solemn behests of an enlightened conscience. May we have wisdom and grace to make a record in this respect that we shall not blush to own as memory shall unfold it amid the light of that final day!

SAMUEL HENDERSON.

25. W. W. Wilkerson read the report of Board of Trustees of Howard College.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

Since your last meeting, Mr. J. B. Lovelace has tendered his resignation as President of the Board of Trustees of Howard College. His services in this capacity, as well as in that of Treasurer of the Board for many years, and the self-sacrificing spirit he has always manifested, can not be too highly appreciated.

The continued success and prosperity which have attended Howard College for many years call for our thankfulness and gratitude to Almighty God. The past session has been an exhibition of this continued favor. In the main, the young men have been faithful in their studies, and in discharge of duty, manifesting those qualifications of manhood which give promise of future usefulness. There were 108 students in attendance during the past session. Of these 83 were foreign students, including 14 theological. With the exception of the instructor in the Preparatory

Department, the faculty has been the same for a number of years. Their eminent services have been secured for the ensuing session. To their high-toned Christian character and fidelity to duty is due, in a great measure, the moral and religious tone which has characterized the students of Howard College. They devote six hours a day in the class-room, besides inspecting the buildings at night and early morning. All of this labor is performed cheerfully and with interest. In this way the College is getting an amount of services from each professor, such as is assigned to two or more teachers in most institutions. While this work is arduous to our faculty, we think that experience has demonstrated that it inures to the advantage of the students. Their constant presence is promotive of good discipline. It more forcibly impresses the character of instructors on the students. It gives needed aid to students at all times; and, not least, it prevents the mind of the teacher from becoming engrossed in outside matters. That the high order of instruction and moral training given at Howard College may be more generally understood and appreciated, the Board of Trustees request that this body appoint a Board of Visitors, consisting of five able and impartial men, whose duty it shall be to visit the College during examination season and make a thorough inspection of character of instruction, discipline and everything pertaining to the working of the College, and make a report of the same at the next session of this Convention. The Trustees will defray traveling and other expenses of this committee.

The buildings, furniture and apparatus are all in good repair. The hard struggle that Howard College has had for the past fifteen or twenty years in paying off a heavy debt incurred by recognizing scholarships in payment of tuition is well known to our brethren. These scholarships were the basis of an endowment raised mostly on paper and paid for largely in Confederate money, and consequently lost. A large number of them were surrendered by our good brethren, yet there were a sufficient number outstanding to compel the College to close its doors or decline to accept them for tuition. The latter course resulted in law suits, which, after being resisted for several years, terminated in the sale of the College property more than two years ago. It was bought by private individuals, who now dedicate it to this Convention for educational purposes, and in such a way as to prevent for all time any pecuniary liability or obligation being placed on it. So it is to-day free of debt, and free of old scholarship complications, fully organized and equipped, turning out young men who, by self-reliance and scholarship, are occupying the first positions of usefulness and influence in this and other States. Having been able, by the blessings of God, to come safely through all these trials—while, at the same time, its sublime mission of furnishing a Christian education has never been more potent—can we estimate what good may be accomplished by Howard College under present auspices, and with a united and consecrated effort by the Baptists of Alabama? We believe that the time has now come for an effort to be made looking to the endowment of your College. This question was favorably considered at our last annual meeting, and the agency for the work discussed. Since then the unfavorable outlook of crops has postponed further consideration until this meeting of the Convention, that we may get the benefit of your wisdom and advice.

There is one vacancy in the Board of Trustees to be filled, occasioned by the removal of Rev. T. M. Bailey, D. D., from the State.

Respectfully submitted,

W. W. WILKERSON,
President Board of Trustees of Howard College.

The discussion of Denominational Education was made special order for Saturday afternoon at 3:30.

26. *Resolved*, that a committee, of which the President shall be one, be appointed, to whom all matters referring to Howard College be confided. Committee—G. A. Nunnelly, Z. D. Roby, M. B. Wharton, B. H. Crumpton, B. F. Riley, John Haralson.

27. Porter King read the report of the Trustees of the Judson Female Institute.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE.

The forty-eighth session of the Judson closed on the 10th day of June, 1886. There were in attendance 178 pupils; of these 120 were boarders—the largest attendance since the war.

The large three-story building, which was reported at your last meeting as being then constructed, has been completed, and the several halls and rooms used for lectures, teaching, music, practice rooms, art gallery, etc., add greatly to the comfort and advantage of the school. During the year many valuable additions have been made to the furniture and musical instruments.

Your Board are contemplating the making of still further additions to the buildings, so that suitable and comfortable accommodations may be provided for the prospective increased number of boarders.

A contract has been concluded with an organ maker of high reputation, of St. Louis, to build a pipe organ in the Judson chapel, the same to be completed by 1st of November next.

Three vacancies have been created in this Board since your session in Tuskegee. Our Brother Dr. Wm. T. McAllister, who had been the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board for many years, died on the 13th day of January last. Dr. McAllister entered upon the office of Treasurer at the time when the Institute was sorely pressed with debt, and by his unceasing watchfulness and devotion and financial ability, contributed in no small degree to the freeing of the Institute from debt. Brother Samuel H. Fowlkes, the oldest member of the Board, and who succeeded Dr. McAllister as Treasurer, died on the 9th day of June. Brother Fowlkes, by his strict integrity, kind and gentle manners and amiable disposition, had won the love and respect of all who knew him. The removal of our brother, Rev. T. M. Bailey, to another field of usefulness, deprives this Board of his wise counsel and faithful, energetic labors in the interest of the Judson.

With pleasure we announce that Dr. Robert Frazer, who, for the past four years, has successfully and satisfactorily presided over the Judson, will remain with us. He will be supported by a faculty of able and skilled teachers.

The accompanying report, made by President Frazer to this Board at its annual meeting in June, gives a detailed account of the working of the school, to which we beg reference.

The advantages and facilities now offered by the Judson are greater than ever before, and are unsurpassed by those of any institution of like character. Very respectfully submitted,

PORTER KING, *President*.

C. C. HUCKABÉE, *Secretary*.

27. W. C. Cleveland read the report of the President of Judson Female Institute.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF JUDSON INSTITUTE

JUDSON INSTITUTE,)
MARION, ALA., June 11, 1886.)

To the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, Marion, Ala. :

GENTLEMEN--During the session of 1885-1886, the Judson has enrolled 178 pupils in the following departments :

Kindergarten and Primary.....	16
Preparatory.....	29-- 45
Collegiate Department--Sub Junior Class.....	39
Junior Class.....	42
Sub-Senior Class.....	21
Senior Class.....	19--121
Irregulars and Excelsiors.....	12-- 12--178

There are 120 boarders, of whom 107 are in the Judson, and 13 in families near by.

In Music and Art studies the classification is as follows :

Instrumental Pupils.....	100
Voice Culture Pupils.....	28--128
In Painting.....	38

Fifteen teachers have been employed, bestowing their labors,

In the Literary Department.....	8
In the Music Department.....	5
In the Art Department.....	2-- 15

The work of the session in all departments, and almost without individual exception, has been carried on with commendable industry and faithfulness, by both teachers and pupils ; and gratifying results have ensued. In no year of the present administration have the pupils, as a whole, seemed to make such genuine progress. In the way of application, and in the power of systematic and independent thought they have shown marked improvement.

With a senior class of nineteen members there are only seven graduates, five in the Eclectic course and two in Full course. This disproportion is unusual, but it is believed that the character of the graduates will quite make up for their fewness.

Good order has prevailed throughout the session. The discipline has been easy and excellent, and the pupils have appeared to be singularly contented and happy in their school life.

Some changes in the curriculum have been devised, looking to simplification and increased educational power. The system of half-hour recitations, which seems to have prevailed in the school for years, has grave objections growing out of the loss of time incident to frequent moving from place to place, and the evil tendency of many subjects claiming the attention in rapid succession. A remedy is sought in diminishing the number of recitations, and extending their time, in the collegiate department, to one hour.

Much has been done to increase the scope and thoroughness of the work in music. The Director has taken pains to classify the department with nice discrimination ; so that, for the future, a better adjustment of grade and cost may be attainable.

The experience of another session only adds to my estimate of the value of Bible study in the school. Such is my sense of its importance that I should contemplate the discontinuance of any other department of our work with less disfavor and apprehension. Put the Bible out of American schools and the last hope of the American people goes out with it.

The school has been blessed with excellent health. There has been one death among the teachers. Mrs. Courtney, who came in the fall, in apparently good health, but with the hold of a fatal disease already upon her frame, died in February. The school thus lost the faithful work of a gifted teacher and the sweet influence of a devout Christian. With this exception, there has been little serious sickness. We have had another year of the right hand of the Most High. The rich blessings of His providence, and the richer mercies of His grace, have abounded to us. The spiritual revival which we have lately enjoyed, leaves among our boarding pupils only three without hope in Christ. Of the day pupils, likewise, nearly all, within the age of accountability, are Christians.

The whole course of the year has been radiant with the soft, sweet light of blessing. With thankful hearts, we recognize God's gracious hand in all these mercies, and offer Him the tribute of our most grateful praise.

There are already unusual indications that all our room will soon be engaged for next session. The number of applications for admission is largely in excess of former years.

Brethren of the Board, God is laying larger and larger responsibilities upon the Faculty you have placed in the Judson. We cannot bear them without Divine help. Pray, therefore, I beg you, that our strength may grow with the growth of the charge, and that the trend of all work, and the whole force of our example, may be for highest good of the children who come under our care, and for the glory of the Master's name.

Very respectfully submitted,

ROBERT FRAZER.

29. The Board of Directors stated that they had no report to make.

30. The President appointed the Pastor and Deacons of the Birmingham Church, and W. C. Cleveland the Committee on Religious exercises.

31. The President announced the following Committees:

Sunday Schools—R. W. Beck, M. N. Carlisle, J. F. Bledsoe, R. H. Sterrett, A. B. Goodhue, Porter King.

Committee on Colportage and Bible Work—J. B. Lovelace, J. J. D. Renfro, T. H. Stout, W. P. Welch, H. W. Caffey, W. C. Ward.

Committee to nominate remaining officers of the Convention.
A. J. Waldrop, J. C. Wright, L. G. Skipper, W. A. Bishop, J. D. Cook.

Committee to nominate Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—A. J. Brooks, J. A. B. Besson, J. A. Howard, T. M. Barbour, G. T. Lee.

32. The Convention adjourned, after prayer by L. G. Skipper.

EVENING SESSION—FRIDAY.

33. After prayer by B. Manly, A. C. Davidson preached the Convention Sermon from Eph 3: 8-11.

“Unto me who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles, the unsearchable riches of Christ; and to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery which from the beginning of the world, hath been hid in God who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the Church the manifold wisdom of God, according to the eternal purpose, which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

34. After devotional exercises conducted by J. M. Fortune, and participated in by C. C. Bitting, Z. D. Roby and J. D. Stewart,

35. W. C. Cleveland read the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, which was referred to a committee—Jos. Shackelford, J. C. Wright, B. J. Skinner, G. S. Anderson and J. P. Shaffer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

In the prosecution of the work assigned it by the last Convention, the Board of Ministerial Education has done all that it could with the money contributed by the denomination.

Thirty-seven brethren preparing for the work of the ministry have been studying during the last session; nine in the Seminary at Louisville, three of whom have been assisted by the Board; fourteen in Howard College in Marion, twelve of whom have been assisted by the Board; fourteen in high schools, all of whom have been assisted by the Board.

The Board has received.....	\$1,854 93
And expended.....	1,854 93

Leaving in the treasury	\$0,000 00
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For an itemized account of receipts and expenditures, we refer to the report of the Treasurer.

Bro. W. S. Culpepper and his wife have managed the Mess Hall successfully, and have the grateful appreciation of the Board and the students. The management of the hall reduced the expenses of theological students four hundred and sixty dollars last session, and they believe the experience of two years will enable them to reduce expenses yet more. Bro. King, the member of the Board at Marion, has rendered valuable service.

Bro. A. C. Davidson has assisted students as much as the duties of his pastorate would allow.

Brethren M. B. Wharton, B. H. Crumpton, D. I. Purser, Geo. S. Anderson and John A. Broadus delivered, during the session, profitable and instructive lectures to the students in Howard College without expense to the Board.

As instructed by the Convention, the Board has taken notes from beneficiaries, and holds them subject to the order of its successor.

On account of failing health, the Treasurer, Bro. T. L. Hudgins, resigned his position in April. The Board and the denomination owe him grateful mention of faithful service rendered.

Since the resignation of Bro. Hudgins, Bro. Eugene Ensler has assisted the President of the Board in the management of its funds.

We recommend that all money contributed to students in the Seminary be sent directly to the "Students' Fund."

Having done what we could for the advancement of the enterprise entrusted to our care, and believing it to be the most important interest engaging the attention of the denomination, and feeling great concern for the future successful prosecution of the work of ministerial education in Alabama, we suggest that the Board be located elsewhere.

We most respectfully surrender the trust committed to us, and ask to be relieved of further official responsibility in the conduct of this work.

W. C. CLEVELAND, *President of the Board.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY, 1886.

T. L. HUDGINS, *Treasurer, in acc't with Board of Ministerial Education.*

1885.		Dr.	
July 31—	Received from	Mrs. L. M. Dedman, Treasurer L. M. Society, Selma, Ala.	\$20 00
		T. M. Bailey, Cor. Sec., Marion, Ala.	19 70
Aug. 24,		B. F. Ellis, Providence Church, Selma Association	10 00
Sept.,		Mrs. E. M. Whitman, L. M. Society, Town Creek Church	7 80
23,		J. S. Kelly, Treas. Coosa River Ass'n.	15 45
29,		B. F. Ellis, Treas. Prov. Church, Selma Ass'n.	15 00
Oct. 1,		I. F. Ellis, Deep Creek Church.	9 85
2,		Hopewell Baptist Church, by J. S. Dill.	5 00
3,		Young Ladies' Working Circle, First Baptist Church, Montgomery	50 00
8,		Cahaba Valley Association	19 00
13,		Pine Barren Ass'n, by Dr. W. C. Cleveland	53 80
		E. F. Baber, Mt. Gillead Church, Selma Ass'n	6 00
22,		Alfred Lawson, Treas. Cahaba Ass'n.	27 50
24,		E. W. Solomons, Treas. Tuskegee Association	49 60
30,		T. G. Bush, Mobile.	50 00
Nov. 4,		Ebenezer Church, Montgomery Ass'n.	3 60
5,		J. W. Purifoy, Pine Barren Ass'n.	8 50
7,		Mrs. W. R. Loyd, Ladies' Aid Society, Montevallo, Ala.	6 00

Nov. 4.	Mrs. T. K. Whitman, Ladies' Mis-) sionary Society, Town Creek Ch. }	4 85
9,	W. G. Robertson, Treas. Union Ass'n	3 16
10,	J. M. Hickman, Treas. Zion Ass'n . . .	13 13
11,	Shiloh Church, Selma Ass'n	5 00
12,	J. S. Kelly, Treas. Coosa River Ass'n.	20 00
	T. M. Bailey, Marion, for Berthens-) day Church }	1 50
	Selma Association	10 00
	Liberty Association	53 00
	Bethel Association	23 50
	Eufaula Association	52 38
	Montgomery Association	4 25
	J. G. Wolf, Bethel Ass'n. for J. W. D.	13 60
23,	W. Wilkes, Sylacauga, Coosa River) Association }	5 00
24,	Central Church, Canaan Ass'n	6 25
	E. J. Musgrove	3 00
25,	Bethsaida Church, Pine Barren Ass'n.	35 00
	Allenton Church	15 00
	Mrs. J. C. Yates, Sec. L. M. Soci-) ety, Cen. Ridge Church }	5 00
Dec. 14,	P. E. Cheek, Marion, Ala.	30 00
17,	Porter King—vouchers \$151 99, cash) \$19 32 }	171 31
20,	First Baptist Church, Troy, Ala.	23 75
	Ladies' Aid Society, Philadelphia Ch.	5 00
1886.		
Jan. 2,	New Bethel Baptist Church	5 00
5,	Grant Creek Church, Union Ass'n . . .	10 00
13,	W. B. Crumpton	53 75
18,	H. C. Sanders, on note	13 75
27,	Young Ladies' Missionary Society,) Montevallo Baptist Church }	5 00
29,	S. W. Welch, Alpine, Coosa River) Association }	5 00
Feb. 4,	W. B. Crumpton	59 05
	Ladies' Aid Society, Alpine B. Church	10 00
15,	J. S. Kelly, Treas. Coosa River Ass'n	7 00
18,	Tuskaloosa Baptist Church	25 00
22,	R. G. Nolan, Treas. Etowah Bap. Ass'n	8 00
24,	Verbena Baptist Church	8 00
25,	H. C. Sanders, on note	15 00
	J. S. Wood, on note	30 00
Mar. 4,	W. B. Crumpton	49 50
5,	S. W. Bell, Lincolnton, Ala., Coosa) River Ass'n }	5 00
8,	Deep Creek Church, So. Bethel Ass'n	10 00
12,	W. B. Crumpton	24 40
15,	W. G. Robertson, Union Ass'n	12 85
16,	St. Francis Street Baptist Church,) Mobile }	132 60
17,	New Hope Church, Union Ass'n	4 00
	Grant Creek Church, Union Ass'n . . .	1 00
20,	Bethel Church, Union Ass'n	7 00
24,	J. W. Hagood	10 00
25,	J. R. Robertson, Coosa Valley Church	5 00

Apr. 9,	W. B. Crumpton	28 30
21,	L. A. Daniel, Fayetteville, Ala.....	5 00
	Steel's Depot, Ala., Antioch Church..	4 85
May 1,	W. B. Crumpton.....	25 30
Apr.,	P. E. Check, on note.....	40 00
29,	South Side Baptist Church, Birming- } ham, Ala. }	6 20
May 12,	H. C. Sanders, on note	27 85
14,	Young Ladies' Missionary Society, } Montevallo, Ala..... }	3 50
June 2,	M. M. Wood, Hickman, Tusk. Co....	3 50
7,	W. B. Crumpton	25 70
11,	W. W. Kidd, Spring Creek Church ..	3 00
July 2,	J. S. Wood, on note	15 00
	R. J. Waldrop, Ruhama	2 30
6,	W. B. Crumpton	99 15
7,	F. A. North, Montevallo	20 00
	Jos. Shackelford, Muscle Shoals.....	87 40
	R. W. Inzer, Springville, Ala.	5 00
9,	Lineville Baptist Church	12 00
16,	R. W. Inzer, for Lovell	15 00
	E. H. Inzer, for same.....	3 50
	Rockford Church	10 00
	Evergreen Church	16 00
Total receipts.....		\$1,854 93

1885.		CR.	
Oct. 9—	Amount paid	C. H. Caldwell, for printing	\$5 50
13,		Dr. W. C. Cleveland, com. and travel- } ing expenses for M. E. Board... }	15 00
18,		Dr. W. C. Cleveland, traveling expenses	12 90
		Bassil Manly, for W. J. Elliott	25 00
		Wm. W. Harris, by order of Dr. W. } C. Cleveland	25 00
19,		W. S. Culpepper, account of Mess } Hall for September and October... }	88 62
Nov. 25,		W. S. Culpepper, steward of Mess Hall	44 60
Dec. 5,		R. H. Hunter, Waverly Hotel, Louisville	10 00
5,		W. S. Culpepper, account Mess Hall } for November	58 92
17,		Porter King, as per his vouchers.....	151 99
1886.			
Jan. 6,		M. T. Branhan, by order of Dr. Cleveland	40 00
7,		C. E. Nash, at Louisville, Ky.....	25 00
		C. F. Lacey, Oxford, Ala.	25 00
		F. D. Hughes, Rockford, Ala.	25 00
		W. F. D. Upshaw, by order of Dr. } Cleveland	25 00
13,		O. J. Waldrop, by order of Dr. Cleve- } land	40 00
		for December expenses of Mess Hall } (by W. B. Crumpton)..... }	53 74
		B. L. Baker.....	10 00
18,		Porter King, to pay Mess Hall ex- } penses for December	48 42
20,		Jas. L. Jones, Rockford, Ala	14 00

Feb. 1,	Geo. W. Lovell, by order Dr. Cleveland	25 00
2,	Porter King, for Mess Hall expenses (69 00
	for January, 1886)	
19,	Basil Manly, for Wm. J. Elliott.	25 00
Mar. 3,	Porter King, Mess Hall expenses, Feb..	103 00
	Porter King, rent of house for quarter..	25 00
Apr. 1,	C. J. Lacey, Oxford, by order of Dr.)	40 00
	Cleveland)	
	R. M. Hunter, Louisville, order of Dr. (10 00
	Cleveland)	
	W. J. D. Upshaw, by order of Dr. (25 00
	Cleveland)	
	M. J. Wallace, Six Mile, Ala., by (15 00
	order of Dr. Cleveland)	
	J. M. Huckabee, McCalla, by order	25 00
	of Dr. Cleveland)	
	W. H. Connell, Harpersville, by order(35 00
	of Dr. Cleveland)	
13,	Dr. W. C. Cleveland, to be paid to	75 50
	Porter King for Mess Hall ex-	
	penses for March)	
May 6,	W. S. Culpepper, Mess Hall expenses, Apr	83 00
3,	Geo. W. Lovell, Springville, Ala.	5 00
June 3,	Porter King, Mess Hall expenses, May..	112 07
15,	Porter King, Mess Hall expenses	39 76
July 6,	C. J. Lacy, Oxford, Ala.	25 00
7,	W. T. Cobb, Trinity, Ala.	87 40
9,	A. J. Preston, Lineville Church	12 00
13,	W. C. Cleveland, postage stamps for year	5 00
16,	R. W. Inzer, for Lovell	15 00
	E. H. Inzer, for Lovell	3 50
	Rockford Church	10 00
	Evergreen Church	16 00
	M. L. Branham	15 00
	W. C. Cleveland, money expended by)	210 01
	him and services rendered)	
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		\$1,854 93

RECAPITULATION.

Amount receipts	\$1,854 93
Amount expended	1,854 93
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Balanced	\$0,000 00

36. A. J. Brooks offered the following resolution, which was referred to a committee of A. J. Brooks, H. C. Taul, E. T. Smyth, J. J. Altman and E. F. Baber:

Resolved, That a committee of five shall be appointed by the President, to take into consideration a change in Article XIV of the Constitution, looking to a reduction in our representation, to report immediately after devotional exercises on Monday morning.

37. The Committee on State Missions made their report through its chairman, J. E. Chambliss.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE MISSIONS.

1. We heartily commend the wisdom of the Board in the selection of a successor to Dr. Bailey, and assure Rev. W. B. Crumpton of our cordial and undivided support in the office, at once so full of duties and difficulties and so important.

2. We do not consider the falling off in contributions from the churches cause of discouragement or complaint. It is evident from the "summary of work" that God's hand has been with our laborers wonderfully.

3. We are gratified that it is the aim of the Board to develop in our churches a spirit of benevolence, rising above the necessity for those forcing measures on which we have already depended too long, and we hope that our Secretary will find little difficulty in gaining the co-operation of all the churches in the methods which he adopts.

4. Above all plans, there is a call for earnest work, for hearts aflame and open hands. The demands are now far more numerous and urgent than a few years ago. Our State is rapidly filling up with a population drawn by the uncovering of its marvelous mineral resources. Our work must keep pace with this growth, or the future will be full of sorrow to us. We must rally to a man about our Board and strengthen it for its really fearful responsibilities.

5. While we regard the State Mission Board as a good, and in the estimation of many brethren the best agency through which to transmit funds to the Home and Foreign Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, we nevertheless recognize the competency of our churches to transmit their benefactions directly to those Boards; but we suggest to the Secretary of our State Board to obtain from the above Boards the amount of funds contributed to them from Alabama, and incorporate said amount into his annual reports.

6. The organization of such societies as the report calls attention to may contribute greatly to the training of our people, and help to that development in benevolence which needs to be so rapidly accomplished.

7. We have considered the suggestions of your Board relative to the colored people, and think the Convention will do wisely to adopt their recommendation, viz.: "That funds for the evangelization of the colored people be placed in the hands of the Board of Ministerial Education for the education of colored ministers, and disbursed at their discretion."

38. J. B. Lovelace read the following report on Colportage:

Your Committee on Colportage submit that we concur in the views of the State Board on this part of its work, as suggested in its report. We recommend that the Board collect its assets in funds and outstanding books, and to get all together before proceeding further with active colporteur work in the field; and when, in their judgment, it is advisable to resume work, that they be at liberty to do so, upon such plans as may seem inviting and practicable.

39. The special order of business—the discussion of the "Report on State Missions"—was taken up and participated in by J. J. D. Renfro, B. H. Crumpton, S. Henderson, L. C. Coulson, W. Wilkes, A. Andrews, A. R. Scarborough, J. E. Chambliss, B. H. Crumpton and C. C. Bitting. When

40. The Report on the Religious Instruction of the Colored Race (Item 24);

41. The Report on Colportage (Item 38);

42. Report on State Missions (Item 37), as amended, were severally adopted,

43. And the Convention adjourned to 3:30 in the afternoon. Prayer by J. A. Howard.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

44. Opened with prayer by J. Gunn.

45. The special order—the subject of “Denominational Education”—was then taken up.

46. The report on Howard College (Item 26) was read by G. A. Nunnally and discussed by B. H. Crumpton, G. A. Nunnally, T. G. Bush, M. B. Wharton, E. B. Teague, M. H. Lane and J. B. Lovelace.

The following pledges, amounting to \$6,600, for the endowment were made, subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Board of Trustees, payable to the Treasurer of this Convention, and due in five equal annual installments, to-wit:

M. B. Wharton, \$100; J. W. Stewart, \$250; G. W. Macon, \$100; G. A. Nunnally, \$100; J. M. Fortune, \$125; J. H. Marbury, \$500; T. G. Bush, \$500; A. P. Bush, \$500; W. B. Crumpton, \$125; B. F. Riley, \$125; J. A. Howard, \$125; J. S. Dill, \$125; A. C. Davidson, \$125; H. R. Schramm, \$50; William A. Davis, \$125; C. W. Hare, \$50; L. O. Dawson, \$50; J. M. McIver, \$50; J. L. Thompson, \$50; P. M. Bruner, \$50; M. G. Hudson, \$125; H. W. Caffey, \$125; J. N. Suttle, \$125; P. B. Brown, \$100; W. H. Smith, \$50; G. R. Farnham, \$125; J. G. Harris, \$100; J. H. Dickson, \$125; J. D. Dickson, \$100; S. W. Welch, \$125; B. H. Crumpton, \$50; S. Henderson, \$50; E. W. Solomons, \$50; A. P. Smith, \$125; N. C. Underwood, \$125; T. W. Ayres, \$50; W. Y. Adams, \$50; W. T. Davis, \$50; Miss Annie Walker, \$100; Mrs. F. H. Smith, \$125; Felix Woods, Jr., \$25; W. B. Carter, \$25; J. B. Shivers, \$125; J. T. Murfee, \$100; J. L. Wyatt, \$100; W. J. Ruddick, \$25; G. E. Brewer, \$100; H. Austill, \$50; T. P. Lamkin, \$25; T. A. Nettles, \$25; J. L. Ray, \$50; W. E. Hudmon, \$125; A. J. Brooks, \$125; R. Frazer, \$100; I. P. Cheney, \$25; J. E. Chambliss, \$100; S. P. Fowlkes, \$50; W. M. Webb, \$50; C. S. Rabb, \$50; A. W. McGaha, \$125; W. P. Pinckard, \$100.

The report was then adopted, as follows:

COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF
HOWARD COLLEGE.

Your committee beg to report that they have been made to wonder at the immense and efficient work performed by the faculty, and the denomination should feel grateful to them and to God for the decided success which has attended the college. The recommendations of the Board of Trustees are regarded as wise, and should be adopted by this body.

1. A Board of Visitors should be appointed annually, consisting of five (and the same number as alternates) able and impartial brethren, to attend the examinations of the classes and make "thorough inspection of the character of instruction, discipline and everything pertaining to the working of the College, and make a report of the same at the next session of this Convention," the Committee on Nominations to select this Board of Visitors, in connection with the other nominations made by them.

2. That we fully appreciate and commend the wisdom of Brethren J. B. Lovelace and W. W. Wilkerson, by which they secured the title to the Howard College property, and tender to them our thanks for the dedication of the same to this Convention for educational purposes, as evidenced by their deed of conveyance and dedication submitted to us.

3. That, inasmuch as Howard College, unincumbered, is now the property of this Convention, the time has fully come for an effort to be made to secure an adequate endowment, and the Board of Trustees are authorized and requested to take such steps as in their wisdom may be needful to begin this all-important work, and we commend this effort at endowment to the support and liberality of all the Baptist churches in the State.

4. That a committee, consisting of Jon. Haralson, H. S. D. Mallory, W. C. Ward and T. H. Watts be appointed and requested to act as legal advisors, and secure such amendments to the charter of this Convention as may be necessary to protect the title and possession of this and other property to this Convention.

5. That the deed heretofore—to-wit: on the 13th day of July, 1886, made and executed by Wm. W. Wilkerson and wife and Jesse B. Lovelace and wife, whereby and wherein they convey and dedicate the property therein described, commonly called Howard College, to this Convention—be and the same is hereby accepted, and that the dedication therein made to this Convention of said property, for the purposes specified, be and the same is hereby accepted.

6. That Porter King be, and he is hereby, appointed for and in behalf of this Convention to take charge of said deed of conveyance and dedication, to have the same properly probated and recorded, and thereafter place the same in the hands of the Secretary of this Convention for safe keeping

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. NUNNALLY,
Z. D. ROBY,
B. H. CRUMPTON,
M. B. WHARTON,
B. F. RILEY.

47. On motion of W. B. Crumpton, it was

Resolved. That the pledges made this day for the endowment of Howard College are declared to be payable to the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, and not to Howard College, to be kept as a permanent fund to be invested for educational purposes, the interest alone to be used for such purposes.

48. The following was read by S. Henderson, adopted and ordered spread on the minutes:

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

By an act of the General Assembly, approved February 17th, 1860, entitled "An act to incorporate the Alabama Baptist State Convention," A. G. McCraw, A. B. Goodhue (whose name is incorrectly printed in the copy of said act as "A. B. Goodbine"), W. H. McIntosh, H. Talbird, W. N. Wyatt, S. Henderson, E. D. King, W. Hornbuckle and S. H. Fowlkes were created and made a body corporate by the name and style of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, with power, if any of said corporators should die, be removed, resign or remove from the State of Alabama, for the remaining corporators, by a vote of the majority thereof, to appoint others to take their place, the successors of the persons so appointed to have all the powers, privileges and immunities conferred by said act of incorporation of the above-named persons: The said A. G. McCraw, W. N. Wyatt, E. D. King, W. Hornbuckle and S. H. Fowlkes have departed this life; and the said W. H. McIntosh has removed to and resides in the State of Georgia, and the said H. Talbird has removed to and resides in the State of Florida; and the undersigned, Samuel Henderson and A. B. Goodhue, are the only ones of the said corporation now residing in the State of Alabama who are now alive.

By virtue of the power conferred on us by said act of incorporation, we have this day and do hereby appoint H. S. D. Mallory to take the place and be the successor of A. G. McCraw, and Jesse B. Lovelace to take the place and be the successor of W. N. Wyatt, and Porter King to take the place and be the successor of E. D. King, and T. L. Jones to take the place and be the successor of W. Hornbuckle, and S. J. Fowlkes to take the place and be the successor of S. H. Fowlkes, which named incorporators have heretofore died, and John W. Bishop to take the place and be the successor of W. H. McIntosh, and T. G. Bush to take the place and be the successor of H. Talbird, which last named corporators have removed from the State of Alabama.

SAMUEL HENDERSON,
A. B. GOODHUE.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 17th, 1886.

49. W. W. Wilkerson was unanimously elected, because of long and eminent services rendered the Convention, a life member.

Adjourned, with prayer by J. Falkner.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

50. After devotional exercises and prayer by C. W. Hare, the order of business—the report of the Board of Ministerial Education (see Item 35) and the report of the Special Committee on the report of the Board of Ministerial Education—were read by Jos. Shackelford and discussed by J. P. Shaffer, B. Manly, W. C. Cleveland, D. I. Purser, A. C. Davidson, Z. T. Weaver, J. Shackelford; and, on motion, recommitted to the committee to report at 3 o'clock on Monday.

Adjourned, after prayer by A. W. McGaha.

SABBATH.

51. The missionary sermon was preached by M. B. Wharton from Proverbs iii., 9-10: "Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

The various pulpits were filled by such delegates as had been suggested by the Committee on Religious Exercises.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

52. The devotional exercises were conducted by J. Falkner and participated in by L. B. Harbin, W. J. Ruddick, B. H. Crumpton, W. Wilkes.

53. The special order—the report of the Committee on the Revision of Article XIV (see Item 36) of the Constitution—was taken up and read as below, and, on motion, laid on the table for action at the next session of the Convention:

The report of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution submit the following:

That Article XIV be so changed as to read: "Any church, association, or society, as prescribed in the first article, contributing any sum through the Convention to one or more of the objects specified in the eighth article may be represented in this body as follows: Each association may have five delegates, and each Baptist Church one delegate; any church having fifty members, and not more than one hundred and fifty, have two delegates; and all churches numbering more than that number have three delegates."

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. BROOKS, Chairman.

54. The committee to nominate delegates to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention made their report as below, which, after the addition of the names of the committee, and discussion by J. M. Frost, J. A. Howard, A. J. Brooks, J. N. Suttle, G. E. Brewer, Z. T. Weaver, L. C. Coulson, E. F. Baber, J. E. Chambliss, S. Henderson and E. B. Teague, was adopted:

Report of Committee on Nominating Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, to convene with Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., May 6th, 1887, submit the following names:

Jon. Haralson, W. C. Cleveland, J. J. D. Renfroe, B. B. Davis, T. H. Stout, J. E. McCormick, J. D. Cook, B. J. Skinner, G. R. Farnham, B. H. Crumpton, T. W. Hart, C. A. Gunn, E. F. Baber, J. M. Frost, H. S. D. Mallory, A. C. Davidson, J. B. Lovelace, W. W. Wilkerson, George

S. Anderson, George B. Eager, J. B. Hamberlin, H. Austill, T. G. Bush, M. B. Wharton, E. A. Stone, H. W. Casfey, A. J. Waldrop, Jefferson Falkner, J. W. Hale, Wm. A. Davis, J. E. Chambliss, M. N. Eley, G. A. Nunnally, W. N. Reeves, Samuel Henderson, I. P. Cheney, John F. Purser, W. H. Barnett, Z. D. Roby, W. E. Hudmon, G. A. Hornady, George E. Brewer, W. C. Bledsoe, J. P. Shaffer, L. W. Lawler, J. W. Bishop, E. T. Smyth, Abner Williams, J. C. Wright, L. C. Coulson, Joseph Shackelford, C. B. Roach, A. W. McGaha, D. I. Purser, R. H. Sterrett, J. C. Hudson, J. S. Dill, F. S. Moody, B. F. Riley, L. G. Skipper, J. W. Stewart, Cat Smith, B. T. Jones, J. L. Thompson, E. B. Teague, A. J. Brooks, T. M. Barbour, J. A. B. Besson, G. T. Lee, J. A. Howard.

We recommend that if the delegation is not full under the representation allowed us, that the delegation present be allowed to place on the list any brethren present from the State to make the number to which we may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. BROOKS,
T. M. BARBOUR,
J. A. B. BESSON,
G. T. LEE,
J. A. HOWARD.

55. On motion of G. E. Brewer, the President appointed G. E. Brewer, G. A. Nunnally and J. E. Chambliss a committee to report on a time and place for the next session of the Convention.

56. The report on Home Missions was read by the chairman, H. W. Casfey, and amended, on motion of M. B. Wharton, as now embodied in the report; discussed by B. F. Riley, Alberto J. Diaz, I. T. Tichenor, M. B. Wharton and J. B. Hawthorne—pending which discussion a collection was allowed for a cemetery in Havana, and the sum of \$433 30 in cash and pledges was raised, as follows :

Cash collection, \$163 80, and pledges paid : Pine Level Church, \$5; Clanton Sunday-school (additional), \$5; J. G. Harris, \$5, and Gilbert Carter, \$5, making total cash \$183 80, and the following pledges, amounting to \$249 50, to-wit : Montgomery, First Church, \$10; Huntsville Church, \$5; J. A. Howard, \$5; Montevallo Sunday-school, \$5; Alpine Church, \$10; Jacksonville Church, \$10; Ruhama Church, \$10; Salem Sunday-school, Pike County, \$5; Z. T. Weaver, \$7; Anniston Church, \$10; Birmingham, Sunday-school of First Church, \$10; Birmingham, East Church, \$5; Eutaw Church, \$5; Birmingham, South Side Church, \$5; Troy, Sunday-school of First Church, \$5; Mt. Lebanon Sunday-school, \$5 (J. A. Howard); Tuscaloosa Church, \$5; Providence Church, \$5 (J. M. Fortune); Beulah Church, Greene County, \$5; D. S. Martin, \$5; Briersfield Church, \$5; J. P. Shaffer's churches, \$20; Macedonia Church, Shelby County, \$2 50; Mobile, Sunday-school of St. Francis-street Church, \$25; Town Creek Sunday-school, \$5 (J. M. Fortune); Alpine Ladies' Aid Society, \$5; Prospect Sunday-school, Barbour County, \$5; Siloam Sunday-school, Marion, \$5; LaFayette Sunday-school, \$5; Aid Society at Short's, \$2 50; Opelika Sunday-school, \$5; Clanton Sunday-school, \$5;

Woman's Benevolent Society of First Church, Birmingham, \$10; Ulconush Church, South Bethel Association, \$5; Putnam Church, \$2 50; J. M. B. Gresham, \$5; Birmingham, Sunbeam Society of First Church, \$5. [These pledges are due the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., and may be remitted direct to I. T. Tichenor, Secretary, or through W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala., specifying for what purpose.]

The report was then adopted:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

A spirit of enterprise and progress has characterized the operations of the Home Mission Board during the past conventional year. Its plans have been matured with wisdom, and the work pressed with a degree of vigor all along the line, worthy of the highest commendation, and we rejoice in the assurance that results in some degree commensurate with the efforts put forth have followed, for God has greatly blessed the labors of His servants, and crowned them with a meed of success that should enkindle emotions of profound gratitude in every believer's heart.

Besides maintaining the ground heretofore won, new fields of enterprise have been projected, and its motto appears to have been "excelsior."

Under its prudent and wise management, inspired (as we believe) and directed by God's spirit, our Southern Zion is "lengthening her cords and strengthening her stakes," and is marching forward under the banner of the "Captain of her salvation" to new victories and a glorious future.

Since your last meeting the number of missionaries in the employ of the Board has been increased more than thirty-three per cent.; meeting houses built, over two hundred per cent.; churches constituted, over thirty-three per cent.; Baptisms and additions of membership by letter, from twenty-eight to thirty per cent., and contributions, about twenty-eight per cent., as will appear from the following comparison with the report made to your body last July:

	CONVENTIONAL YEAR.	
	1884-5.	1885-6.
Missionaries employed	185	255
Churches constituted	53	70
Meeting houses built	14	49
Baptisms	2,931	3,812
Received by letter	1,733	2,344
Contributions	\$71,431 68	\$90,000 00

These figures represent only in part the important results accomplished by this efficient organization, and are referred to not only as a means of information, but to encourage the hearts and stimulate the zeal of our membership to a hearty co-operation in this labor of love.

One of the most delightful successes secured during the year just past has been the establishment of a mission station in the city of Havana; in the island of Cuba, under the fostering influences of this Board, through the active co-operation of the Florida brethren. Brother Alberto J. Diaz is laboring with the most gratifying results in this new field, and the finger of Providence is so manifest in the whole enterprise that he who runs may read. Those who were so fortunate as to hear this devoted man of God, at the late Southern Baptist Convention, remember the thrilling recital he gave of God's dealings with him in this matter; his unexpected conversion, his adoption of Baptist principles from reading the New Testament, which he characterized as the "Baptist book;" his immediate resolve to preach the gospel to his benighted and priest-ridden people, their eagerness to hear the glad tidings, their hearty reception of the plan of salvation now first

unfolded to their wondering minds in its simplicity and purity, the crowds that flocked to hear him, and the opposition and hostility of his enemies were portrayed so feelingly, while his countenance glowed with the inspiration of his theme, and his broken, eloquent words melted all hearts into sympathy with the speaker, and they were constrained to say, surely the hand of God is in this work.

As the outcome of this brother's labors, one church has been established with a membership of one hundred and two, besides five stations where preaching is had. Two Sabbath schools have also been organized, with an attendance of seventeen teachers and two hundred and fifty pupils, and there are four young brethren preparing for the ministry. The manner in which this work began, and its rapid development, are marvellous, and God is constantly enlarging its possibilities, and we must not prove recreant to the high trust. A church-house is one of the immediate and pressing needs of this promising station, and the heart of our faithful missionary should be made to rejoice by the liberal contributions of his Southern brethren for this object.

Again, the Home Board proposes to inaugurate an active work among the colored people in our midst. It is needless to dilate upon the claims this population have on our Christian sympathy and warm support in their struggles to reach a higher plane of religious development. God has imposed a responsibility on us here that we can not evade if we would, and ought not if we could, and the time and the circumstances seem peculiarly propitious for its successful prosecution. The feelings of alienation between the two races a few years ago prevailing, which had been engendered and exacerbated by surroundings, in the main beyond our control, have been mollified largely by the soothing hand of time and a conciliatory course on our part, and their confidence is returning, and they begin to realize that to the Southern Christian they must chiefly look for the assistance they so much need.

Many reasons might here be assigned in enforcement of the importance of this work, but we suggest only a few: Christian obligation, the love of souls, humanity, gratitude, self interest, and last, though not least, it promises a feasible means of sending the gospel to the perishing millions of Africa by men of their own race, allied to them in sympathy and blood, and inspired by the grandest motives that ever actuated the mind and heart of those who feel themselves sinners saved by grace. In view of these reasons, and perhaps others, the Board desires to raise ten thousand dollars, to be expended in labors among this people the ensuing year. It is a noble enterprise, worthy of all commendation, and entitled to the warmest support of the constituency of this Convention. The providence of God seems to point to this work. A helpless and dependent people, who erstwhile were our bondsmen, stretch forth their hands, and lift their voices with Macedonian cry for help. Will we give it?

And now, brethren, in conclusion, let us exhort one another to increased activity and zeal in these important spheres of Christian labor. Time is rapidly bearing us onward, the exigencies are pressing, the opportunities we now enjoy of doing the Master's work will speedily be past, and the priceless privileges of to-day will ere long be gone forever. "Whatsoever therefore our hands find to do, let us do it with our might, for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither we go."

M. B. Wharton's amendment:

1. We heartily approve of the removal of the office of publication of *Kind Words* from Macon to Atlanta, where every line that is printed may be more immediately under the personal supervision of the Board. We are glad, however, to learn that the removal will involve no change of editorship, and our Sunday-schools may still enjoy the invaluable services

of Rev. S. Boykin, D. D., and the ripe results of his eminently successful experience.

2. The Board, in making a further contract for the publication of a Graded Series of Lesson Helps, has only followed out the policy indicated by the Southern Baptist Convention. The committee have no doubt that Helps could be prepared better suited to the wants of our schools than those they are now using. We bespeak for them the favorable consideration of all our Sunday-school officers and teachers, and trust that they will furnish just what we need, and by solid merit will win our hearty support.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

H. W. CAFFEY, *Chairman.*

57. The report on Woman's Work was read by M. B. Wharton and discussed by A. W. McGaha, G. A. Coulson, J. W. Hale and adopted.

ANNUAL REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK IN ALABAMA.

Letters written, 200 or more; letters received, 50; copies of the resolutions and constitution adopted by the Convention of 1885, 300; distributed of the same, 280 copies; distributed copies of the *Heathen Helper*, 100; distributed tracts on the subject of mission work and giving, 100; money paid out for printing, stamps and stationery, not over \$12. And having more time than money, and wishing to consecrate all we can to the Master, all blanks sent to the different societies for their reports have been arranged like this one, each one written.

You see that our report is, by no means, a full one, but it is the best that we could procure. We find it very difficult to get the Corresponding Secretaries of the different associations to respond to our letters, and yet we find some of them deeply interested in the work, while some write that it is impossible for them to accomplish anything, because their pastors are opposed to woman's mission societies. Under such circumstances, we do not expect them to do efficient work, and we doubt if it would be wise or prudent for ladies to hold a society in their churches contrary to the convictions and judgment of their pastors. This being the case, pastors should make it a subject of prayer, and not act upon prejudice. We do not design that these societies should weaken the churches, but rather build them up and strengthen them in their giving and their love for souls. We know that the church, and the church alone, is the institution of Christ; that she is the bride of the Lamb; and we do not put any society ahead of her, nor in any way equal to her, and we, the women, claim to be a part of the churches, having as much interest in and love for her as any deacon or pastor. It is not our purpose to work separate and distinct from the church any more than it is any other committee's whom the church may appoint to do a special work. And it is a law in our constitution that "all business transactions and money collections shall be quarterly reported to the church."

Our object is not to pull out of the churches and do an independent work. This would be dividing ourselves against ourselves. Our object is the spread of the gospel, both at home and abroad, and for this we give our money; and, then, we desire to cultivate a missionary spirit, and for this we have formed societies, where we meet together to pray and talk of the work, to obtain and circulate missionary intelligence in the form of essays, tracts and periodicals.

ASSOCIATIONS.	CHURCHES.	SOCIETIES.	CONT'D.
Montgomery	Montgomery, 1st C.	W. M. W.	\$75 00
Montgomery	Montgomery, 1st C.	Ladies' Aid	86 00
Montgomery	Montgomery, 1st C.	Young Ladies' W. C..	105 00
Montgomery	Prattville	W. M. S.	7 00
Montgomery	Prattville	Juvenile Society	6 95
Tuskegee	Tuskegee	L. M. S.	43 23
Centennial	Union Springs	W. M. S.	63 52
Shelby	Montevallo	Young Ladies' M. S..	17 50
Canaan	Ruhama	Ruhama	28 80
Bethlehem	Evergreen	W. M. S.	108 45
Shelby	Bethlehem	Bethlehem	23 75
Coosa River	Antioch	W. M. S.	7 05
Coosa River	Blue Eye	W. M. S.	12 50
Coosa River	Talladega	W. M. S.	16 00
		Miss Renfroe's class ..	13 00
			\$613 75

The following additional amounts were reported as contributed by other women's societies and amounts forwarded direct and not through this committee: Ladies' Aid Society, Alpine Church, sent to I. T. Tichenor, \$150; Ladies' Aid Society, Evergreen Church, Home missions \$75, State missions \$25.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. M. C. DAVIS, *Cor. Sec. C. C.*

Adjourned, after prayer by M. H. Lane.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened with prayer by T. H. Stout.

58. The special order was the report of the special committee to whom had been recommitted their report on the report of the Board of Ministerial Education (see Items 35 and 50), which was read by Jos. Shackelford and discussed by S. Henderson, J. Shackelford, D. I. Purser, J. J. D. Renfroe, G. A. Nunnally, J. M. Frost, E. B. Teague, J. B. Hawthorne, A. R. Scarborough, R. H. Sterrett, J. M. Robertson, J. C. Hudson, T. G. Bush, W. C. Cleveland, J. E. Chambliss, Z. D. Roby, W. C. Ward, J. S. Dill, Porter King; and after sundry amendments, embodied now in the report, adopted; the name of G. A. Nunnally having been inserted as a member of the Board by the vote of the Convention.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON 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 :

The report of the Board of Ministerial Education made to this Convention shows that the work has been successfully prosecuted during the past conventional year. We are gratified to learn that so many young men in our churches are preparing for the ministry, and that the Board, through the liberality of the churches, has been able to assist so many. The wants of our denomination, however, demand more ministers and more educated ministers, and to meet these wants the work of ministerial education should be prosecuted with renewed vigor and activity. We are encouraged by what has been done in this direction, and your committee would recommend that the work go on, and that the churches be called upon for their contributions to this cause, to which call we believe they will respond cheerfully and liberally. We also urge that young men who are called of God to preach the gospel should be sought out and aided in preparing themselves for this great work. As to the request of the Board of Ministerial Education to be relieved from the responsibility and further prosecution of this work, we have had the same under serious and thoughtful consideration, and have arrived at the conclusion that their request should be granted. Your committee would express their profound regret that the brethren composing the Board of Ministerial Education should feel constrained to make this request. We believe that the Board which asks to be relieved was as able and as earnest and energetic in the prosecution of the work committed to their hands as any other we could nominate; therefore we recommend that the Board be removed to Montgomery and consist of the following brethren : M. B. Wharton, J. G. Harris, J. E. Chambliss, G. W. Thomas, G. W. Ellis, G. S. Anderson, G. A. Nunnally; and that their jurisdiction, so far as their work pertains to Howard College, be limited to the raising of funds and the examining and recommending of candidates, and arranging with the authorities of Howard College for them to secure the benefits of ministerial education.

We furthermore recommend that the ministerial students at Howard College sustained by the ministerial fund be required to room in the dormitories of the College, and be brought under the same regulations as other students in the College.

Resolved, That the Board of Ministerial Education be authorized to take charge of and dispose of the furniture and fixtures provided for the ministerial students at the Mess Hall, at Marion, to the best of their ability.

Adjourned, with benediction by B. Manly.

MONDAY NIGHT'S SESSION.

59. The session was opened with prayer by T. J. Miles, when the report on Foreign Missions was read by A. C. Davidson, and, after discussion by John F. Purser and G. A. Coulson, was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We recognize with devout thanksgiving that God's good hand has been with our work through another year. Three of our missionaries have

fallen asleep in Christ—Mrs. Holcomb, Mrs. David and Mrs. Myers. These consecrated women have entered upon their rest, and others must take up their work. Fifty-six other laborers have been on the field, and two brethren, McCormick and Wilson, have been sent out since the meeting of the Convention. These all have been sustained and comforted in the midst of arduous labors and under most trying circumstances, and with their faces toward the future and with the confidence inspired by the promises of God's word, are standing at their posts.

The work has been greatly blessed. One hundred and sixty-nine persons have heard and received the blessed words of life, and have been baptized upon a profession of faith in Christ, making a total membership on the foreign field of 1,398. The work done is by no means adequately represented by these figures. Much has been done for which there are no results, but God knows and all will duly appear.

New fields are constantly opening, and the cry for the Bread of Life was never so great as now in Mexico, Brazil, Italy, Africa and China. As a Convention, blessed and prospered of God, we ought to take increasing interest in this great undertaking upon which God has set his heart and unto which he is calling his people by his providence. Let there be earnest and united prayer from all hearts for the outpouring of God's spirit in his mighty power at home and abroad. Let there be enlarged giving of our money and the noblest consecration of time, talent and all to Christ's great work. The day hastens. Let God's blood-bought messengers hasten also.

A. C. DAVIDSON.

60. G. E. Brewer, from the Committee on the Time and Place for the Session of the Convention, made their report, which was amended and

Resolved, That the next session of the Convention be held with the church at Union Springs on Friday before the third Sunday in July (15th), 1887.

Adjourned, with prayer by G. E. Brewer.

TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were led by G. E. Brewer and participated in by L. O. Dawson, G. T. Lee, E. B. Teague.

On motion of G. E. Brewer, the special order of business for this morning was dispensed with, and

Resolved, That further speeches be limited to five minutes.

61. On motion of B. F. Riley, the following resolution, offered last night by E. B. Teague, was taken from the table, discussed by J. Shackelford, B. F. Riley, J. E. Chambliss, M. B. Wharton, Z. D. Roby, B. H. Crumpton, S. Henderson, J. M. Frost, B. Manly and adopted. Committee—R. H. Sterrett, E. B. Teague, Porter King, J. E. Chambliss, H. S. D. Mallory.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by the President of the Convention, with R. H. Sterrett as Chairman, and requested to confer with the Elyton and Avondale Land Companies and with the citizens of the city of Birmingham, or either of them, or any other land company, or the citizens of any other city within the State who may claim to bid for the location, to ascertain whether they may be disposed to make any gift or grant to the Baptist Convention of the State, looking to the location of a college, provided the Convention shall be prepared to place such buildings on any lot or lots donated as shall be in keeping with the style and property of the city, and to man the college with a corps of instruction of high order, and to ascertain whatever other facts may be useful to the prospective establishment of such college at such points, and to report to the next meeting of the Convention.

62. Under suspension of the regular order of business, G. T. Lee offered the following resolution on Sabbath desecration, which, after discussion by G. T. Lee and S. R. C. Adams, was adopted:

WHEREAS, The constant desecration of the Sabbath by railroad companies and other public works is a disgrace to the country; and, whereas, we believe it to be the duty of all Christians, in their individual or collective capacities, to take and maintain a position of unalterable opposition to such violation of this holy day, and believing it to be both the duty and privilege of this Convention to enter their protest against the non-observance of the teaching of God's word on this subject, be it therefore

Resolved (1), That the running of railroad trains or engaging in any secular work, except works of charity and necessity, on the Sabbath day is sinful in the sight of God, and is a desecration that should not be tolerated or allowed in any part of our country.

Resolved (2), That it is the duty of our Legislature, by stringent laws, to prohibit such desecration, and to enact such penalties as shall make such prohibition effective.

G. T. LEE.

63. A. J. Waldrop offered the following report of the committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention:

The committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention beg leave to report as follows:

To preach the introductory sermon—J. P. Shaffer. Alternate—A. W. McGaha.

To preach the missionary sermon—J. M. Frost. Alternate—J. B. Hamberlin.

Treasurer—J. B. Lovelace.

Auditor—J. L. Wyatt.

Board of Directors—President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, ex officio members, W. W. Wilkerson, J. H. Lee, J. L. Wyatt, Porter King, A. C. Davidson, J. T. Murfee, Robert Frazer, C. C. Huckabee.

To fill vacancies in the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute—W. B. Crumpton, J. H. Marbury, J. T. Fitzgerald.

State Mission Board—J. M. Frost, President; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; Wm. A. Davis, Statistical Secretary; Jonathan Haralson, W. P. Welch, H. A. Haralson, H. S. D. Mallory, W. C. Cleveland, D. I. Purser, W. G. Curry, T. S. Bowen, Robt. Frazer, B. F. Riley, G. S. Anderson, Joseph Shackelford, A. C. Davidson, J. J. D. Renfroe, J. W. Stillwell, and that five constitute a quorum for business.

To suggest a programme for next year's session—J. E. Chambliss, G. A. Nunnally, B. B. Davis, Jos. A. Howard, J. A. Slaughter.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. WALDROP,
W. A. BISHOP,
J. C. WRIGHT,
J. D. COOK,
L. G. SKIPPER.

64. The regular order was resumed, and the Report on Temperance was read by E. F. Baber and discussed by F. S. Moody, L. C. Coulson, J. M. Frost, J. C. Orr. Adopted, after amendment by adding names of some counties.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Convention has spoken so often and so clearly on the subject of temperance, and is so well sustained in its utterances by the people, that your committee regard a lengthy argument or an earnest exhortation as alike unnecessary. We feel rather that this is a time for gratitude and congratulation on account of the rapid progress that has been made within the last few years toward the extermination of the liquor traffic. Since our last meeting great things have been done in other States. We can not go into extended details, but take pleasure in mentioning a few facts, viz.:

Atlanta, the capital of Georgia, and a great center of influence, has, by vote of the people, which is sustained by the courts, set the seal of condemnation on the liquor traffic, and will soon show to the world the blessed results of doing right and leaving consequences to God. And the Legislature of Georgia has passed a law under which the friends of temperance will have the opportunity of fighting the battle at the ballot box until the enemy shall be routed. A majority of the counties of Georgia are now, in whole or in part, under prohibitive or restrictive laws.

In North Carolina elections have been held in a number of towns, cities and districts, in which the question of "license" or "no license" was the issue. In a majority of cases, "no license" was victorious. The city of Raleigh, the capital of the State, is among the redeemed.

In Virginia elections in which the same issue was before the people have been held, and we have gained a number of important points; but in that State the enemies of temperance precipitated the contest, seeing that they were organized and the friends of temperance were not. So that in that State our success has not been what was desired, and not what it will be in the near future, as the temperance forces are now actively organizing with the full intention of renewing the contest at the first opportunity. There is no question as to what the final result will be.

In South Carolina and other Southern States the column is advancing with gratifying speed, and the prospect is cheering.

In our own State very gratifying progress has been made in the speed of the temperance sentiment. We say *sentiment*, but employ the term in the sense of *conviction*, for surely it is not a mere passing enthusiasm or poetical emotion, but a deep-rooted conviction that is making its way among all classes of the people. Already a considerable portion of our State is under prohibitory law. Lowndes, Wilcox and Dallas are contiguous counties in which such law is in force (excepting the city of Selma); so in Randolph County, in Bibb, in Monroe, nearly all of Chambers, Sumter, Choctaw, Clarke, Washington, Escambia, Lee, Fayette, and also in many local districts of other counties around churches, school-houses, mines, etc., either in village or country.

As to what the Baptists of Alabama are doing in the temperance cause, this statement, from an authentic source, affords a pleasing indication, viz.: That fifty-seven associations during the past year have adopted reports on temperance, ranging in length from three lines to three and a half pages. In seven the subject was not discussed, and the minutes of six were not at hand for examination. This shows that the leaven is at work, and gives good ground for hope that before long the whole lump will be leavened. But of course it is needful that we be constant and faithful.

We take the liberty of suggesting, just here, that while we must continue to be active, bold and uncompromising, yet we can not afford to allow our zeal for temperance to lead us into intemperance and indiscretion in words or acts, for then the good conservative men of the State will lose confidence in our prudence and in our capacity to conduct a great reform movement, and we would fail to receive the co-operation which they are ready to give, and which is necessary to the solid success of the work in which we are engaged.

In conclusion, we would say that while there has been a reverse here and there, yet the general movement of the temperance army has been permanently forward. We have great reason to thank God for the past and the present, and to confidently expect his help in the future.

E. F. BABER, *Chairman.*

On motion of J. A. Howard, it was

Resolved, That F. S. Moody be and is hereby requested to prepare for publication the address just made on temperance, and that the Alabama Baptist be requested to publish the same in its columns.

65. The report on Sabbath Schools was read and adopted, and the Convention addressed by R. S. Morgan, South Carolina.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We deem it unnecessary to speak of the importance of the Sunday-school work. All recognize its usefulness and admit its beneficial influences. But we do urge our churches not to neglect the work. Give it more labor, more sympathy, more money. Be careful not to make the Sunday-school a separate institution from other church work, but make it strictly the work of the church and not of the community. We would urge, further, upon our associations to see that every Baptist Church within their respective bounds makes full and complete reports of the workings of their Sunday-schools, so that complete reports from all our churches can be furnished Bro. Wm. A. Davis, our Statistical Secretary, at Montgomery, thereby enabling him to make a report to this Convention, at its next session, that will show to the world what the Baptists of Alabama are doing in this grand work. We regret to note that out of sixty-four associations in Alabama, only twenty-three have made any reports of the progress of this work in their bounds. We urge the superintendents of our Sunday-schools to place themselves in correspondence with Bro. Davis at as early a day as possible.

Brethren, let the Sunday-school be a training school for those who are to be members of our churches in the future. When you take a child into the Sunday-school do so with the determination to make a Christian man or woman. Do not meet Sabbath after Sabbath simply to go through with the lesson as mapped out, but for the purpose of preparing the hearts and minds of teachers and pupils to imbibe the spirit of Christ. Make it a school in which its members are to be prepared and trained for effective church work, and whose after lives, as a result, will show that they are

"the light of the world and the salt of the earth." Impress the idea that the faithful Christian life is one of constant and persistent labor in every department of the Master's Kingdom.

We do most heartily endorse the present management of Kind Words, and we would urge upon the Sunday-schools of our churches to subscribe for and use Kind Words in their schools. Use Baptist literature strictly.

R. W. BECK, *Chairman*.

66. The President appointed the following standing committees to report next year:

Foreign Missions—E. T. Smyth, W. H. DeWitt, G. T. Lee, G. G. Miles, T. H. Stout, J. E. White, J. G. Thornton.

Home Missions—J. S. Dill, R. H. Sterrett, M. N. Carlisle, T. S. Bowen, H. C. Taul, C. C. Huckabee, M. G. Hudson.

Temperance—W. G. Curry, A. J. Hearn, J. M. Fortune, J. F. Bledsoe, W. Wilkes, S. R. C. Adams, J. D. Cook, N. C. Underwood.

Education—Z. D. Roby, R. J. Waldrop, W. D. Fonville, J. Gunn, J. L. Thompson, S. B. Foster, L. L. Belsher.

67. J. M. Frost offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be and are hereby tendered the First Baptist Church and the citizens of Birmingham 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.

On motion of T. H. Stout, the Convention adjourned, with prayer by W. C. Cleveland.

JONATHAN HARALSON, *President*,

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

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

The next session of the Convention will be held with the Union Springs Church on Friday before the third Sabbath in July (15), 1887.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—This body shall be known by the name of "The Alabama Baptist State Convention;" and shall be composed of delegates from Baptist Associations and Churches, and from Missionary or other Benevolent Societies; and such brethren as may be appointed to official service at any session at which they may be present, provided that such delegates shall be members of Baptist Churches, in good standing.

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

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

ARTICLE IV.—The Secretary shall make a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention, and soon after the rising of each regular meeting of the body, shall attend to the printing and distribution of the Minutes of the same, of which he shall preserve a file, which file shall constitute the authentic record of the Convention. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the body. For his services he may receive a reasonable compensation. The printing of the minutes of the Convention, and the compensation of the Secretary, shall be paid for by a pro rata taken from the funds sent for the various objects fostered by this body each year.

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

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

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

ARTICLE VIII.—The business of this Convention shall be to encourage and promote, by all proper means, the following objects, viz:—Foreign, Domestic and Indian Missions; Bible Translation and Distribution; The Publication and Distribution of Religious Books, Tracts and Periodicals; Sunday Schools; The Education of the Youth of the country, and especially that of Ministers of the Gospel; and all other objects sanctioned in the Gospel; *Provided*, that such persons only as are in indigent circumstances shall be received as beneficiaries of the institutions of learning under the patronage of the Convention; *Provided further*, that all applicants for aid shall undergo an examination as to their hope in Christ and

call to the Ministry, by the Board of Directors, or a Committee, appointed by the same, before they are accepted as beneficiaries.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Instead of prescribing distinct RULES OF ORDER, *Mell's Parliamentary Practice*, so far as applicable, has been adopted by the Convention.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

*In connection with the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, as compiled
from the Minutes of 1885 and from other sources of information.*

[I would be glad to be advised of needed corrections from time to time.
WM. A. DAVIS, Statistical Secretary.]

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| Adams, A., Hanceville. | Bell, J. E., Georgiana. |
| Adams, N. F., Lay. | Belsher, L. L., Butler. |
| Adams, S. R. C., Danville. | Bennett, B. C., Pea River. |
| Adams, W. Y., Walnut Grove. | Benton, G. D., Crawford. |
| Adams, H., Lower Peach Tree. | Bice, Isaac, Verbena. |
| Adams, S. A., Lower Peach Tree. | Billingsly, C. C., Verbena. |
| Adams, S. M., Oakmulgee. | Bishop, M., Fort Deposit. |
| Adams, W. H., Brundidge. | Bishop, W. A., Carthage. |
| Adamson, S. M., Louina. | Black, A., Troy. |
| Agee, W. A., Russellville. | Blair, Thomas. |
| Albritton, G. W., Snow Hill. | Blackwelder, W. M., Dudleyville. |
| Alford, J. Q. A., Warrenton. | Bledsoe, J. F., Camp Hill. |
| Allen, A. F., DeArmanville. | Bledsoe, W. C., LaFayette. |
| Allen, Asa, Oxford. | Blizard, A. L., Abbeville. |
| Allen, D. C., Brundidge. | Boole, J. H., York. |
| Allen, A., Bell's Mill. | Bowerman, E. M., Blountsville. |
| Allen, W., Geneva. | Bowling, J. W., Oleander. |
| Almon, C. F., Ezra. | Bracken, M., Bracken. |
| Almon, W. V., Helin. | Bradford, I. F., Avoca. |
| Anders, J. H. M., Romulus. | Bradley, L. M., Perryville. |
| Anderson, G. S., Newbern. | Bradley, John, Milo. |
| Andrews, A., Burnsville. | Branham, T. W., Woodlawn. |
| Andrews, W. L., Cheatham. | Brashier, I. L., Sterrett. |
| Andrews, D. W., Fayette C. H. | Brewer, G. E., LaFayette. |
| Appleton, J. B., Collinsville. | Bridges, H. H., Dry Cove. |
| Armstrong, Aris, Headland. | Brindley, G. L., Cullman. |
| Armstrong, W. W., Wilsonville. | Brooks, E. M., Brundidge. |
| Arnold, R. B., Skipperville. | Brooks, H. E., Eufaula. |
| Autry, H. R., Epes Station. | Brooks, J. W., Geneva. |
| Austin, A., Cullman. | Brooks, M., Elba. |
| Avant, W. C., Rutledge. | Brooks, W. C., Ashland. |
| Baber, E. F., Benton. | Brooks, M., Victoria. |
| Bagwell, J. E., Fowler. | Brown, E. L., Jasper. |
| Baird, D. O., Coal Fire. | Brown, P., Fackler. |
| Baker, W. G., Willingham. | Brown, J. W., Vienna. |
| Barbour, T. M., Tuskaloosa. | Browning, W. Y., Eureka. |
| Barksdale, E. J., Albertville. | Bruce, B., Brandon Station. |
| Barnett, J. R., Samantha. | Bruner, J. F., Monterey. |
| Barrett, J. M., Ironaton. | Bruner, W. M., Columbia. |
| Bean, B. M., Post Oak. | Buck, C. W., Salem. |
| Bedell, W. H., Waverly. | Buckley, R. H., Fort Deposit. |
| Beeson, J. J., Pisgah. | Bugg, W. R., Bluff Spring. |

- Bulger, P. D., Williams' Mill.
 Bullard, J. W., Daleville.
 Burden, C. J., Roanoke.
 Burgess, Wm. A.
 Burrell, T., Bremen.
 Burrow, J. J., Oak Level.
 Burroughs, E. P., Whiton.
 Burns, A. E., Jemison.
 Burns, C. A., Bangor.
 Burton, W. H., Howel's X Roads.
 Caldwell, J. R., Prattville.
 Calhoun, J. A., Spencer.
 Callaway, P. M., Newton.
 Campbell, F. M., Heflin.
 Campbell, W. J., Chulafinnee.
 Camp, T. A., Lamar.
 Carpenter, J., Palmetto.
 Carrington, A. C., Chickasabogue.
 Carter, L. R., York.
 Carter, W. B., Hartsell.
 Casey, W. L., Sidney.
 Castleberry, P., Kelly's Creek.
 Causey, J. L., Lumberton.
 Chambers, L., Sand Mountain.
 Chambliss, J. E., D.D., Union Spr'gs.
 Chandler, J. E., Coffey's Store.
 Chandler, J. W., Chulafinnee.
 Chandler, W. N., Gadsden.
 Chappelle, H. B., Carrollton.
 Cheatham, W. H., Greenville.
 Cheatwood, B. A., Shoal Creek.
 Cheatwood, R. M., White Plains.
 Cheney, I. P., Hurtsboro.
 Chunn, G. A., Mount Pinson.
 Cleveland, W. C., D.D., Birmingham.
 Clines, E., Bellville.
 Cloud, J. J., Wetumpka.
 Cobb, A. P., Greensport.
 Cobbs, W. T., Trinity Station.
 Cochran, L. B., Butler.
 Cole, W. M., Gum Spring.
 Coleman, J. C., Geneva.
 Coleman, W. W., Choocoloco.
 Colley, J. H., Equality.
 Collier, S. T., Albertville.
 Collins, C. C., Walnut Grove.
 Cone, G. W., Bremen.
 Conger, J., Hackneyville.
 Conger, R. E., Pinckneyville.
 Cook, J. D., Cuba Station.
 Cooper, J. B., Bluff Spring.
 Cooper, D. R., Whistler.
 Cooper, Benj., Pigeon Creek.
 Corley, P. J., Warrenton.
 Corley, W. B., Partridge.
 Cornelius, M. A., Gadsden.
 Coulson, L. C., Scottsboro.
 Cox, J. E., Fayette C. H.
 Cox, R. A., Wynnville.
 Crawford, W. L., Maynard's Cove.
 Crawley, C., Aberfoil.
 Cree, P. J., Sedan.
 Creighton, J. H., Grove Hill.
 Crumpton, B. H., Evergreen.
 Crumpton, W. B., Marion.
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1 Alabama	12	6	17					1	11	21	13	2	1245	833	44	100	10	100	3	00	44	60	10	100	185	70	8	00		61	00	303	70	1 David Lee, Mount Carmel	J. C. Foville, Mount Carmel	Hopewell church, Lowndes co., October 8, Friday before 2d Sabbath.						
2 Antioch	2	1	18	41	35								898	820	7	39	234															243	45	2 George M. Parker, Silas	S. M. Tucker, Silas	Corinth church, Butler co., October 9, Saturday before 2d Sabbath.						
3 Arabascochee	1	1	16	12	61								868	913	3																	46	25	J. H. Allen, Bell's Hill	J. M. Ilex, Stone Hill	Antioch church, Randolph co., October 16, Saturday before 3d Sabbath.						
4 Bethel	1	1	19	18	47								1132	1203	13	56	241																311	85	4 John W. Jones, Jefferson	Wm. A. Parker, Shiloh	Canaan church, Wilcox co., September 21, Friday before 4th Sabbath.					
5 Bethel, South	16	2	115	79									1968	1953	25	110	709																	667	02	J. R. Cowan, Cunninghamham	J. H. Creighton, Grove Hill	Elam church, Clarke co., September 30, Thursday before 1st Sabbath.				
6 Bethlehem	21	4	25	86	61								2342	2246	19	90	667																	316	80	G. R. Farnham, Evergreen	Y. M. Rabb, Evergreen	Salem church, Monroe co., September 4, Saturday before 1st Sabbath.				
7 Big Bear Creek	9	2	24	81	85								1228	934	6																			56	10	J. S. Stockton, Belgreen	Amos L. Moody, Belgreen	Bethlehem church, Colbert co., October 9, Saturday before 2d Sabbath.				
8 Bigbee	13	4	25	60	61								1242	1225	11	30	281																	698	95	J. K. Ryan, Yantley Creek	J. D. Cook, Cuba	Sumterville church, Sumter co., Sep. 9, Thursday before 2d Sabbath.				
9 Boiling Spring	14	13	20	111	108								1322	1270	17	2																		19	55	J. Thomas, H. Howle, Delta	Jesse C. Bean, Oxford	Ramah church, Coosa co., September 25, Saturday before 4th Sabbath.				
10 Cahaba	8	1	25	153	64								1927	2014	11	51	709																		951	82	J. N. Suttle, Centerville	J. P. Harris, Harrisburg	Friendship church, Perry co., October 13, Wednesday after 2d Sabbath.			
11 Cahaba Valley	19	8	31	157	117								1923	2174	11	26																			133	102	J. A. Glenn, Ashville	P. S. Montgomery, Ashville	Hopewell church, St. Clair co., September 11, Saturday before 2d Sabbath.			
12 Canaan	18	1	18	71	95								1482	1385	11	16																			146	84	A. J. Waldrop, Birmingham	E. O. Waldrop, Woodlawn	Springville church, St. Clair co., September 21, Friday before 4th Sabbath.			
13 Carey	21	23	31	183	92								2198	2157	11	70	575																		290	20	W. L. Hoods, Mellow Valley	W. J. L. Hood, Ashland	Mt. Pleasant church, Clay co., November 10, Wednesday before 2d Sabbath.			
14 Cedar Bluff	8	8	1	12	66	39							760	1265	3	25	330																		141	84	J. M. B. Gresham, Shady Grove	J. S. Watt, Cedar Bluff	Mt. Bethel church, Cherokee co., August 13, Friday before 3d Sabbath.			
15 Centennial	13	1	13	16	41								910	720	4	34	349	8300																		301	65	A. J. Slaughter, Union Springs	F. E. Tompkins, Fitzpatrick's	W. S. Martin, Equality		
16 Central	17	4	31	125	99								2132	1857	21	18																			301	25	L. H. Hastie, Marble Valley	D. S. Martin, Equality	W. S. Martin, Equality			
17 Cherokee	17	8	30	137	155								1544	1693	10	2																			69	88	17 Bailey Bruce, Brandon Station	T. N. Appleton, Collinsville	Mt. Zion church, DeKalb co., September 11, Tuesday before 3d Sabbath.			
18 Clear Creek	2		24										690	630																						19	13	J. J. White, Dundee	F. W. Zimmerman, Pleasant Plain	Columbia church, Henry co., October 7, Thursday before 2d Sabbath.		
19 Columbian	17	33	271	177									3274	3120																						605	25	Abner Williams, Oxford	Leah Law, Cropwell	Weaver's Station church, Calhoun co., Sep. 18, Saturday before 3d Sabbath.		
20 Coosa River	12	3	18	64	73								717	417	3	2																				48	75	P. M. McGroove, Cullman	J. D. Small, Hanceville	Beech Grove church, Blount co., October 8, Friday before 2d Sabbath.		
21 Cullman	7	1	25	47	34								1001	1011	7	40	239																			124	05	J. Z. Braxton, Bluff Springs, Fla	R. W. Brooks, Bluff Springs, Fla	Elm church, Escambia co., October 2, Saturday before 4th Sabbath.		
22 Elim	12	3	18	64	73								1840	1868	3	18	200																				170	40	H. R. Culbertson, Gadsden	J. R. Nowlin, Gadsden	Union church, Etowah co., September 21, Friday before 4th Sabbath.	
23 Etowah	17	11	30	104	64								1301	1461	9	70	551	47,775																			1649	17	W. H. Patterson, Eufaula	S. S. Rogers, Cuthbert, Ga	Ramah church, Harbourside co., October 21, Thursday before 4th Sabbath.	
24 Eufaula	10	5	23	76	56								1540	1461	9	70	551	47,775																			301	25	W. H. Adams, Brundidge	T. P. C. Phillips, Elmsville	Shiloh church, Polk co., Ga., September 18, Saturday before 3d Sabbath.	
25 Evergreen	22	14	28	124	137								1966	1915	2																						58	50	F. Lindsey, Poplar Springs, Ga	T. J. Burton, Edwardsville	Sardis church, Barbour co., November 5, Friday before 4th Sabbath.	
26 Harmony, East	2	1	7	15	14								365	365	2																						10	15	S. V. McGinnis, Clement's Depot	J. N. Hayes, Coaling	Brownville church, Lee co., October 26, Tuesday after 4th Sabbath.	
27 Harmony, West	4		12	14									1789	1683																							129	16	J. C. Sparkman, Clifton, Tenn	A. O. Montague, Sorby, Tenn	Hopewell church, Hardin co., Tenn. Sep. 25, Saturday before 4th Sabbath.	
28 Harris	28	11	40	117	35	7							2218	2218																							340	55	J. W. Foster, Abbeville	D. Rogers, Shorterville	Abbeville church, Chambers co., Sep. 22, Wednesday before 4th Sabbath.	
29 Indian Creek	14	8	38	162	118								2406	2218	18	92	1068	23,050																				1541	88	J. F. Bledsoe, Camp Hill	W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette	Union church, Chambers co., October 1, Friday before 1st Sabbath.
30 Judson	21	4	28	137	146								1507	2708	3	10	190																				181	50	J. P. Hampton, Meridianville	Perry Henderson, Athens	Mt. Zion church, Madison co., September 17, Friday before 3d Sabbath.	
31 Liberty, East	12	2	6	37	11								2107	2091	1																						24	73	J. C. Williams, State Line, Miss	H. H. Stephens, Buckatanna, Miss	Oak Grove church, Washington co., October 2, Saturday before 1st Sabbath.	
32 Liberty, North	2	2	6	37	11								978	949	7	71	730	66,000	1503																			1421	50	D. W. McGaughey, Mobile	A. A. Pearce, Mobile	Union church, Mobile co., October 8, Friday before 2d Sabbath.
33 Mobile Union	8	1	7	42	38								1325	1265	10	69	751																					781	18	B. A. Jackson, Ramer	J. I. Lamar, Deatsville	Oak Grove church, Elmore co., November 5, Friday before 1st Sabbath.
34 Montgomery	12	1	17	136	53								977	956	2																							18	45	J. W. Dunn, Owen's Roads	J. M. Simpson, Smnerville	Cedar Grove church, Madison co., September 10, Friday before 2d Sabbath.
35 Mount Carmel	9	20	41	39									780	722																								28	75	J. I. Gilbert, Hayes	J. M. Hyche, Toad Vine	Mt. Ida church, Walker co., October 16, Saturday before 4th Sabbath.
36 Mud Creek	9	9	14	110	48								1205	1456	5																							58	30	F. M. Hobson, Hagler	R. M. Honeycutt, Clear Creek	Rehoboth church, Bibb co., October 1, Friday before 1st Sabbath.
37 Mulberry	28	40	191	130									347	347	22	50	497																				828	45	Mat. Lyon, Moulton	Jos. Shackelford, Trinity Station	Hartsell church, Morgan co., September 25, Saturday before 4th Sabbath.	
38 Muscle Shoals	14	9	30	93	88								1196	1200	11																							172	25	J. B. Ferguson, Willingham	F. H. McGuire, Fayette C. H.	Fayetteville church, Fayette co., October 9, Saturday before 2d Sabbath.
39 New River	14	9	30	93	88								1677	1755	11																							182	25	L. B. Harbin, Julian	S. Laey, Jasper	New Hope church, Dale co., October 9, Saturday before 2d Sabbath.
40 North River	21	2	27	83	65								1292	1281	16																							305	70	J. M. Rowe, Elba	A. J. Wise, Jr., Victoria	Pleasant Grove church, Fayette co., Sep. 25, Saturday before 4th Sabbath.
41 Pea River	7	1	15	38	61								475	401	3	1																										





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1825	Tuscaloosa.....
1826	Greensboro.....	Rev. L. C. Davis...
1827	Bethany, Conecuh county...	" "	Rev. J. A. Butler.
1828	Marion.....
1829	Canaan ch., Jefferson co.....	Rev. Lee Compere..	Rev. A. J. Holcombe
1830	Near Canton, Wilcox co.....	" J. Ryan.....	" "
1831	Salem ch., near Greensboro.....
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1833	Grant's Cr'k ch., near Tuscal'sa
1834	Salem ch., near Greensboro.	Rev. H. Holcombe.	Rev. A. J. Holcombe
1835	Oakmulgee ch., Perry county	" "	" "
1836	Fellowship ch., Wilcox co	" "	" "
1837	Enon ch., Madison county	" "	" "
1838	Grant's Cr'k ch., near Tuscal'sa	" "	" "
1839	Oakmulgee ch., Perry county	" Jesse Hartwell	" "
1840	Salem ch., Greene county	" "	" "
1841	Talladega.....	" Thos. Chilton..	" "
1842	Montgomery.....	" Jesse Hartwell	M. P. Jewett.
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1844	"	" "	" "
1845	"	" "	" "
1846	"	" Thos. Chilton..	" "
1847	Greensboro.....	" "	" "
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