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STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT YEAR.

Sabbath-schools—L. G. Skipper, B. J. Skinner, C. S. Rabb, E. F. Baber, R. L. Waldrop.

Foreign Missions—J. C. Wright, T. W. Ayers, S. W. Harris, W. N. Huckabee, C. W. O'Hara.

Home Missions—L. D. Bass, H. W. Caffey, A. E. Burns, J. D. Cook, J. S. Watt.

Temperance—W. L. Pickard, J. C. Fonville, C. C. Jones, W. K. Thomas, W. J. L. Hood.

Education—C. S. Johnson, J. K. Milner, J. H. Curry, T. J. Dill, P. H. Mell.

Woman's Work.—F. S. Moody, H. S. D. Mallory, W. J. Elliott, J. M. Fortune, T. J. Carlisle.

Programme—J. M. Frost and Deacons of Selma Church.

Introductory Sermon—G. E. Brewer; alternate, D. M. Ramsey.

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Alabama Baptist State Convention.

1. On Friday, July 13th, 1888, THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION assembled in Sixty-fifth Annual Session, with the Talladega Baptist Church, at Talladega, Alabama, at 8:30 o'clock a.m.

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

3. Wm. A. Davis acted as Secretary.

4. Devotional exercises for thirty minutes were conducted by C. W. O'Hara, who read the Scriptures as found in Psalm ciii.

5. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Bethel—W. K. Thomas, F. M. Dunaway, T. T. Daughdrill.

Bethel, South--J. H. Creighton, W. A. Parker.

Bethlehem—B. J. Skinner, S. P. Lindsey.

Bigbee—B. F. Riley, J. D. Cook.

Boiling Spring—W. M. Garrett, A. J. Preston.

Cahaba—Porter King, A. F. Redd, C. C. Huckabee, J. T. Murfee.

W. B. Crumpton, W. C. Crumpton, L. M. Bradley, S. W. Averett.

Cahaba Valley—Paul Castleberry, N. A. Hood, S. J. Hare, E. Lindsey.

Canaan—James Hogan, J. G. Lowery, W. S. Culpepper, L. L. Belsher, B. F. Giles.

Carey—W. T. Davis, L. O. Garrett.

- Cedar Bluff*—W. W. Harris, J. S. Watt.
Centennial—J. I. Ayres.
Central—R. A. J. Cumbie, J. C. Maxwell, C. J. Jackson, D. S. Martin, W. E. Bailey, W. J. D. Upshaw, W. M. Moon.
Concehuk—L. D. Bass, J. B. Little, G. R. Farnham, B. H. Crumpton.
Coosa River—C. F. Elliott, S. J. Thompson, Abner Williams, W. S. Griffin, M. H. Lane, E. T. Smyth, J. S. Kelly, G. A. Nunnally, W. Wilkes, W. H. Connell, J. B. Kilpatrick, S. W. Welch.
Harmony, East—A. A. Hurst.
Harris—G. E. Brewer, W. A. Bellamy, S. W. Harris.
Liberty, East—J. P. Shaffer, C. J. Burden, W. C. Bledsoe, T. B. Fargason, J. A. Holder, G. Snaffer, W. B. Nichols, J. H. Johnson.
Montgomery—G. W. Ellis, L. G. Skipper.
Mulberry—A. E. Burns, J. M. Langston, H. T. Caffey.
Muscle Shoals—J. Gunn, J. Shackelford.
New River—J. B. Huckabee, G. W. Gravlee, J. E. Cox, L. C. Shirley, J. H. McGuire.
North River—J. W. Rogers.
Pine Barren—D. W. Rainsey, C. C. Jones, F. G. Caffey, J. G. Little, W. J. Elliott, John M. Webb.
Selma—M. H. Traylor, A. Edwards.
Shelby—C. W. O'Hara, J. F. Parker, Geo. T. Lee, J. K. Milner, W. C. Cleveland, J. M. McCord, R. H. Pratt.
Tallahatchee—J. B. Graham, J. W. King.
Tuskaloosa—J. H. Foster, D. M. Ramsey, J. T. Yerby, F. S. Moody.
Tuskegee—Z. D. Roby, C. S. Johnson.
Union—M. G. Lofton, J. H. Curry, W. G. Robertson, M. M. Wood, W. C. Mayes.
Unity—W. N. Huckabee, W. J. Ruddick, H. W. Caffey, G. W. Taylor, A. J. Brooks, T. D. DuBose, A. Andrews.

FROM CHURCHES.

- Alexander City*—R. A. J. Cumbie, J. C. Maxwell, C. J. Jackson.
Alpine—T. H. Reynolds, O. M. Reynolds.
Antioch—J. M. Langston.
Anniston, First—E. T. Smyth, W. G. Walden, W. H. McKleroy.
Anniston, 12th Street—G. A. Nunnally, Wm. A. Davis, S. D. Sawyer, W. L. Hill, E. D. Willett, Jr., S. A. Latham, P. B. Brown.
Ashland—W. J. L. Hood.
Ashville—J. S. E. Robinson.
Autaugaville—W. J. Ruddick.
Auburn—W. E. Lloyd, P. H. Mell.
Avondale—H. H. Shell, R. D. Faggard.
Bethsaida—J. E. Chambliss, T. W. Chambliss, J. B. Robbins.
Bethel—G. S. Anderson, C. A. Gunn.
Bethesda—D. S. Martin, W. E. Bailey.
Birmingham, First—D. I. Purser, J. Shahan, J. T. Moncrief, — Gibson.
Birmingham, Southside—W. C. Ward, R. H. Sterrett, C. G. Elliott.

- Birmingham, Third*—James Hogan J. G. Lowery.
Centre Ridge—J. Swink, J. P. Melton, W. T. Jones, J. H. William-
 son.
Childersburg—Catt Smith.
Clayton—J. M. Kailin.
Clanton—A. E. Burns.
County Line—C. J. Burden.
Crawford—S. W. Harris, H. P. Wells.
Cuba—J. D. Cook.
Dccatur—D. W. Gwin.
Dadeville—J. H. Johnson.
Damaris—L. W. Raynes.
Ebenezer—T. D. DuBose.
Eclectic—W. J. D. Upshaw.
Edwardsville—A. A. Hurst.
Eufaula—W. L. Pickard, T. H. Stout, J. D. Godwin, H. E. Jordan.
Evergreen—B. H. Crumpton, G. R. Farnham, Lewis Finch.
Fellowship—J. E. Terry.
Florence—J. C. Hudson.
Friendship, (Wilcox County)—D. W. Ramsey, W. J. Elliott.
Friendship, (Greene County)—M. W. Hand.
Greenville—L. D. Bass, J. B. Little.
Goodwater—N. H. Moon.
Harmony, (Autauga County)—G. W. Taylor.
Harpersville—S. J. Thompson.
Jacksonville—M. H. Lane, T. W. Ayers.
Jasper—S. Henderson.
Jemison—H. T. Caffey.
Lafayette—W. C. Bledsoe.
Lineville—W. D. Haynes, C. B. Nichols.
Livingston—B. F. Riley.
Mt. Gilcad—M. H. Traylor.
Mt. Lebanon—G. E. Brewer.
Mt. Zion—J. I. Ayres.
Macedonia—J. I. Ayres.
Mobile, St. Francis St.—J. J. Taylor, J. C. Bush, T. G. Bush,
 Hugh Barclay.
Montgomery, First—M. B. Wharton, J. G. Harris, Theo. Welch,
 J. B. Gerald, W. R. Ivey.
Montgomery, Adams Street—J. L. Thompson.
Montevallo—W. C. Cleveland.
Newton—J. M. Poyner.
New Prospect—M. T. Branham, A. S. Pinson.
Northport—W. M. Blackwelder.
Oak Grove—G. A. Chunn.
Opelika—Z. D. Roby, Jason John.
Oxanna—J. R. Lloyd, C. B. Lloyd.
Oxford—T. P. Gwin, J. C. Wright, J. S. Kelly, S. C. Kelly, C.
 Snow, J. M. Stephenson.
Pisgah—L. M. Bradley.
Pleasant Hill, (Dallas County)—U. J. Crumpton.

Pleasant Hill, (Fayette County)—J. B. Huckabee.
Prairie—W. C. Mayes.
Pratt Mines—J. M. Huey.
Ramer—E. R. Rushton.
Acnfroe—F. G. Mullen.
Riverside—W. H. Connell.
Roanoke—J. P. Shaffer, Graves Shaffer, J. A. Holder.
Ruham—G. W. Macon, R. W. Beck, W. H. Wood, L. Padgett,
 T. J. Dill, B. F. Brown.
Salem—N. C. Underwood, T. J. Carlisle.
Scale—W. A. Bellamy.
Siloam—Porter King, A. F. Redd, C. C. Huckabee, J. T. Murfee,
 W. B. Crumpton, S. W. Averett.
Six Mile—O. W. Ward.
Spring Hill—J. L. Daughdrill.
Spring Hill—C. F. Elliott.
Sylacauga—H. G. Darby, J. L. Jones.
Talladega—J. W. Bishop, Thos. Henderson, B. F. Wilson, J. C.
 Williams, H. M. Burt.
Town Creek—J. M. Fortune.
Tuskaloosa—S. B. Foster, D. M. Ramsey, W. H. Wilds.
Tuskegee—G. A. Hornady, W. D. Fonville, M. G. Campbell.
Union Springs—J. H. Foster, Jr., W. E. Pierce, B. T. Eley.
Verbena—W. G. Curry, H. W. Caffey, A. J. Brooks, S. J. Strock,
 C. W. Hare.
Wetumpka—L. G. Skipper, J. A. Limer.
Woodlawn—S. R. C. Adams, F. M. Wood, I. C. Brown, S. J.
 Wood.

FROM SOCIETIES.

Oxford Ladies' Aid Society—Abner Williams.

LIFE MEMBERS.

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| J. F. Bailey, | S. Henderson, | I. T. Tichenor, |
| W. C. Cleveland, | C. C. Huckabee, | E. B. Teague, |
| J. H. Foster, | P. King, | W. Wilkes. |
| J. Haralson, | L. W. Lawler, | |

6. The following officers were unanimously elected, to-wit:

JONATHAN HARALSON, President.
 G. R. FARNHAM, 1st Vice-President.
 T. G. BUSH, 2d Vice-President.
 WM. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

7. George W. Ellis was appointed Assistant Secretary.

8. An address of welcome was delivered by John W.

Bishop, on behalf of the Talladega Church, to which B. F. Riley responded for the Convention.

9. The order of business for this session, as prepared by the Committee appointed last year, was adopted.

10. Correspondents were received as follows:

American Baptist Publication Society—C. C. Bitting, Bible and Missionary Secretary.

Home Mission Board—I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary.

Foreign Mission Board—J. H. Eager, Missionary to Italy; T. P. Bell, Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

Tennessee Convention—W. L. McKnight, G. H. Coltharp.

Georgia Convention—W. R. Briscoe, W. P. McGarrity.

11. Correspondents were returned as follows:

Georgia Convention—T. H. Stout, E. B. Teague, W. L. Pickard, S. Henderson, M. B. Wharton, G. A. Nunnally, M. H. Lane, C. S. Johnson, G. E. Brewer, W. R. Beck, J. R. Lloyd.

Florida Convention—L. D. Bass.

Mississippi Convention—J. G. Harris, T. G. Bush, B. F. Riley.

Tennessee Convention—S. Henderson, D. W. Gwin, Z. D. Roby, J. C. Hudson.

12. The report of the State Mission Board was read by W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, as follows:

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

The committee to whom was referred our report at your last session say: "The increasing population of our State, as well as the increasing wealth of our brethren, alike demand the enlargement of the work of the State Mission Board. This cannot be done without enlargement of our contributions for State Missions. We most earnestly beg our churches to keep this fact in mind, and that for the ensuing year their contributions for State missions should be materially enlarged. The period is peculiar and full of destiny for the cause of the Baptists of Alabama." We began the year cherishing the hope that this "enlargement of contributions" would be realized.

The Corresponding Secretary was relieved from most of his duties in the office that he might give his time to work in the field. Special agents were employed to visit sections and important points when the Secretary could not go.

The editors of *The Alabama Baptist* very kindly printed for us, at small cost, several supplements devoted to Missions, which were scattered through the State by thousands.

Through the paper, circulars, tracts, and letters we have disseminated information about the Board and its work.

Still we can report only a small increase over last year's contributions.

This is due somewhat to the number of changes in important pastorates in central Alabama and the stringency in money matters in the mineral region, but mainly from the want of system which prevails in most of our churches.

FRIENDLY RELATIONS.

We are glad to report that we have assurances from every section of the State of the most friendly feeling towards the Board and its work. The Secretary cannot comply with one-fourth the urgent calls he receives to visit churches and associations. Many pastors, in regions where collections are almost unknown, are earnestly begging for the visit of some brother who will assist them to organize their churches for aggressive work and liberal giving.

It is difficult for people in more favored sections to realize the embarrassments under which some of these spirited pastors labor. With the Bible in their hands, teaching so plainly the duty of giving to Christ's cause, feeling the worth of souls and anxious for the lost "in the regions beyond," they labor with but little sympathy and often against open opposition, to bring their people to see their obligation to the lost world.

We must send to their help; there is no other agency to which they may look. We are persuaded that no wiser investment of mission funds can be made than in the employment of active pastors, when churches are willing to release them for a season to serve the Board, to attend religious gatherings and visit important points.

MISSION MEETINGS.

The Secretary has attempted, with the aid of pastors, to hold for two or three days meetings at central points devoted to the discussion of mission and practical questions pertaining to church work. If the pastors will hold such meetings in every association, they will do much towards increasing the activity of their churches.

LAYMEN'S MOVEMENT.

Though our laymen have no formal organization as yet in Alabama, as they have in some of the other States, yet there is such a movement. One has only to attend our religious gatherings to discover that there are many earnest men among the private members of our churches, who stand ready to second any move looking to improvement, and some are already attempting to organize for active work. We beg our pastors to encourage these brethren.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Our Christian women are quietly moving, too. They will soon be claiming in every church the right which God has given them to work for Christ and to raise money for his cause. We should not attempt to stop them—we could not if we would, for it is of God; but encourage them, advise them, and as long as kept within proper bounds no possible harm, but great good, will come of the movement.

In every community there are good women only waiting for some encouraging word and a little instruction to form themselves and the children into societies. These organizations in all our churches mean much for the future: more comfortable houses of worship, better instruction in the Sunday-schools, more reading of God's word and religious literature, more money in God's treasury: these are some of the immediate fruits, and more than this, it means for our churches *fifteen years* hence a missionary ministry in our pulpits and a missionary membership in our pews.

SYSTEMATIC GIVING.

This is an old theme, many the of its systematic discussion; but as long as men are perishing for the bread of life, and as long as God's people withhold their means, so long must we urge upon those who love the Saviour to give; give cheerfully, give systematically, give as God has prospered them. The earnest friends of the Master's cause, seeing that *fitful* giving and *no giving* more than anything else stand in the way of progress, are uniting to press this subject on God's children as never before. Christians must give to save the perishing. "Give or die" is the law everywhere. The man who gives nothing, who lives for self alone, is soon without a friend and dead to society. The church which gives nothing will starve its pastor, allow its house to go to ruin, and is wholly without power to save souls; it is *dead* while it has a name to live.

Our people need to know from a happy experience that *it is* more blessed to give than to receive. Happy the pastor who shall lead them to realize this *blessedness*.

We insert here the paper recommended to the churches by the Southern Baptist Convention at its late session in Richmond:

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

"We recommend the scriptural plan of Christian giving as elastic and simple enough for application to all our churches.

It is found in the first of the two epistles which were addressed "to the Church of God at Corinth," and also "to all that in every place call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." It is this: "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave orders to the churches of Galatia, so also do you. Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come." (Rev. Ver.) This comprehends three duties—viz: giving, gathering, and distributing. The first is a personal matter between the giver and the Lord; the other two are between the church and the Lord. This order, which has all the force of an express and positive command, prescribes the amount, the time, and the method of giving.

1. This order, "lay by in store," consecrates our gifts; they thus become sacred, the Lord's, and can be used by us no more than we can use the property of another.

2. Laying by in store "on the first day of the week" makes Christian giving as regular and systematic as Christian worship—in fact, a part of Christian worship. A collection box in the church is as sacred as the treasury-chest in the temple; and He who once "sat over against" the one as certainly now watches the other.

3. The duty is made personal. "Each one" was to thus lay by in store; not husbands for wives, nor parents for children, nor the rich for the poor, but "each one" for himself. Not one in ten of our people are regular givers to our benevolent causes.

4. This makes the most reasonable and best possible assessment of the amount to be given—viz: "As each one may prosper." "Each one" was to judge of his own prosperity. Yearly subscriptions are liable to be discontinued when paid, whereas a weekly offering is not. Annual giving is far more likely to lead to covetousness than weekly giving.

5. This adapts itself not to the giver's *inclination*, but to his *circumstances*. As he prospered, he is to lay by.

6. The Apostle's special reason for this rule of Christian giving was "that no collections be made when I come." Prevailing plans depend upon what is here carefully and expressly guarded against."

STATE MISSIONS.

We are doing something towards evangelizing our State, but nothing like what needs to be done. We have occupied the new towns and important centers and supplied the destitution as far as we were able with the means in hand.

We need *fifteen thousand* dollars for our State work; it can be easily raised if pastors will press collections through all the year; if anything like the same activity should prevail *through the year* as is exhibited in the last few weeks before our Convention, we would easily get all the mission money asked for from the State. Our missionaries have worked well, and are encouraged in their work as a general thing.

SUMMARY OF WORK.

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| Number missionaries employed for all or a part of thier time.... | 76 |
| Number now at work..... | 52 |
| Days of service | 4,720 |
| Miles traveled..... | 32,153 |
| Sermons delivered..... | 2,737 |
| Addresses made..... | 657 |
| Churches constituted..... | 18 |
| Number of persons baptized..... | 363 |
| Baptized by others in connection with their labors..... | 376 |
| Received by letter..... | 427 |
| Restored..... | 55 |
| Sunday-schools organized..... | 247 |
| Sunday-schools addressed..... | 247 |
| Ladies' Missionary Societies organized..... | 12 |
| Prayer-meetings organized..... | 27 |
| Prayer-meetings held..... | 795 |
| Number of visits to preaching stations..... | 291 |
| Number of churches visited..... | 440 |
| Number of visits made..... | 6,024 |
| Subscribers to <i>The Alabama Baptist</i> secured..... | 267 |
| Subscribers to the <i>Foreign Mission Journal</i> secured..... | 97 |
| Families destitute of the Bible..... | 162 |
| Number of Bibles donated..... | 127 |
| Number of Testaments donated..... | 211 |
| Value of Bibles and Testaments donated..... | \$ 27 35 |
| Number of books and pamphlets sold..... | 866 |
| Value of books and pamphlets sold..... | \$638 24* |
| Pages of tracts distributed..... | 5,198 |
| Meeting-houses commenced..... | 24 |
| Meeting-houses finished..... | 4 |
| Money collected for meeting houses..... | \$4,621 30 |
| Money collected for State Missions..... | 952 54 |
| Money collected for Home Missions..... | 53 68 |
| Money collected for Foreign Missions..... | 72 03 |
| Money collected for Ministerial Education..... | 129 30 |
| Money collected for indigent ministers..... | 3 |

THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.

Of the missionaries reported, *eighteen* are students from Howard College and the Seminary.

*The above is only the amount sold by three men. The amount sold from the office would add greatly to this, but that is not reported, no account being taken of it.

We are glad to say in this connection that the disposition among our Alabama students at the Seminary is to return to their native State. In the last three years eight of them have returned and settled among us.

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

From the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention we discover that our contributions for Home Missions were \$2,817.97, and for Foreign Missions \$3,913.59—a falling off from the year before for Home Missions of \$514.49, and for Foreign Missions \$122.16. The Baptists of Alabama were asked for \$5,000 for each of these Boards. We gave to the two \$6,731.56.

We require our missionaries to take regular collections for missions; this is one of the conditions on which they receive their appointments. The claims of all the Boards are presented faithfully and impartially. On our envelopes, furnished at the expense of the State Mission Board, we put the Home and Foreign Boards on an equal footing with our own Board. So far as we are aware, there is nothing but a kindly feeling existing between the agencies of the three Boards in this State, but from the published reports of the Vice-Presidents of the Home and Foreign Boards to the Southern Baptist Convention, it might appear there was friction somewhere; it may be well for the Convention to appoint a committee to look into this matter and report. If any cause of trouble is found it should be removed at once.

The American Baptist Publication Society continues to furnish us, for gratuitous distribution, all the Bibles and testaments we can conveniently use.

Our contributions for Bible work are shamefully small. We would urge upon all our Sunday-schools and churches to observe "Bible day," which is appointed by the Society, and take collections for this worthy object.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Soon after the close of the last Convention we established in Marion "The Baptist Book and Bible Depository." A good man, Rev. J. L. West, was employed to assist the Secretary and attend to the depository.

We are sorry to know that owing to the assistant's failing health a satisfactory report cannot now be rendered of this department of our work. We have purchased more than \$4,000 worth of books and ordered near \$400 worth of Sunday-school literature. Our people are reading more and the demand for books is constantly growing. We are now employing missionaries, paying them partly in books. We should have for this work, for a few years, until it is fully established, contributions of at least \$500, a year. In a short time the patronage will be sufficient, we trust, to sustain the work.

THE COLORED PEOPLE.

Thus far our efforts to raise money for the organization, or the education of the young ministers, of the colored people have been a failure.

In the past year a correspondence was had with the Home Mission Board, looking to the employment of a Theological Instructor for this people in Alabama.

This should be done at as early a day as possible. Their ministers are thirsting for instruction and will gladly welcome to this work any prudent man we may appoint.

DECEASED MEMBER.

This Board has sustained a great loss in the death of Rev. J. J. D. Renfro. To his labors perhaps, more than to any other man in Alabama,

are we indebted for the organization and early success of this Board. Knowing the need of his State better than any other, his love for the cause of Christ and his love for Alabama made him ever alive to its every interest.

We doubt not it will be the pleasure of this Convention at this session to offer some suitable memorial in honor of our distinguished and useful brother.

CHURCH BUILDING.

We have been asked by two brethren to endorse applications from their churches to the Home Mission Board for assistance. A similar request has been made with reference to the Home Mission Society of New York.

This we do not feel authorized to do without instruction. We respectfully refer this question to this body, and would ask a committee to consider these requests.

BASIS OF REPRESENTATION IN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

We call your attention to important changes in the basis of representation in the Southern Baptist Convention. We append here, for the information of brethren, Article III as amended:

"The Convention shall consist (1) of brethren who contribute funds or are delegated by Baptist bodies contributing funds for the regular work of the Convention on the basis of one delegate for every \$250 actually paid into the treasuries of the boards during the fiscal year ending the 30th day of April next preceding the meeting of the Convention; (2) of one representative from each of the District Associations which co-operate with this Convention, provided that such representative be formally elected by his District Association and his election certified to the Secretaries of the Convention, either in writing or by a copy of the printed minutes; and (3) of one representative for every \$500 collected and expended conjointly with either of the Boards of this Convention by any State Convention or General Association."

It will be seen from this that each District Association is entitled to one delegate if elected as prescribed. If our Association will elect men who will certainly go, the change will result in great good.

Respectfully submitted.

W. B. CRUMPTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

(NOTE.—The Corresponding Secretary announced that the Financial Report to accompany this report had been delayed on account of sickness of his clerk, and would be mailed direct by him to each delegate in a few days.)

The general report was referred to a Committee consisting of J. E. Chambliss, L. G. Skipper, N. C. Underwood, C. W. O'Hara, Thos. D. DuBose, W. J. L. Hood, Sumner B. Foster, J. D. Cook, J. B. Gerald, J. H. Curry, Felix M. Wood, and M. H. Lane.

FINANCIAL REPORT

OF THE

STATE MISSION BOARD,

For the Year 1887-88.

STATE MISSIONS.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| To balance from last year | \$ 484 55 | |
| " amount received | 8,183 76 | |
| | | \$8,668 31 |
| " total amount to date | | |
| By amount paid Missionaries | \$4,979 60 | |
| " " Sec'y balance salary, '86-7 | 60 95 | |
| " " " salary 1887-8 | 1,500 00 | |
| " " traveling exp's Cor. Sec'y | 388 05 | |
| " " salaries of special agents | 195 74 | |
| " " postage | 92 27 | |
| " " pro rata Conv. printing | 91 67 | |
| " " Secretary's assistant | 183 34 | |
| " " paid expense account as follows: | | |
| Stationery and printing | \$111 80 | |
| Exchange, express, money orders, etc | 23 52 | |
| Office expenses, fuel, etc | 102 00 | |
| Telegrams | 6 00 | |
| Mutilated coin | .05 | |
| Balance on hand | 243 37 | |
| | | 933 32—\$8,668 31 |

9227
 91167
 24337
 427.31

HOME MISSIONS

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| To amount received | | \$2,227 15 |
| In this amount is included: | | |
| For Havana Sunday school | \$ 16 05 | |
| Cuban missions | 119 88 | |
| Indian missions | 21 80 | |
| By amount paid out | \$2,118 20 | |
| " pro rata Convention printing | 30 55—2,148 75 | |
| balance on hand | 78 40— | \$2,227 15 |

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| To omission on this account last year | \$ 126 33 | |
| amount received | 3,027 50— | \$3,153 83 |
| In the above amount is included: | | |
| For Mexican missions | 68 10 | |
| Chinese | 30 75 | |
| Italian | 2 50 | |
| M. T. Yates memorial fund | 2 80 | |
| Brazilian missions | 2 50 | |
| By amount paid out | \$2,990 84 | |
| " pro rata Conv. printing | 30 56—3,021 40 | |
| balance on hand | 132 43— | \$3,153 83 |

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

| | | |
|---|----------|----------|
| To omission on this account last year.. | \$ 28 25 | |
| amount received..... | 526 70— | \$554 95 |
| By amount paid out | 524 29 | |
| balance on hand..... | 30 66— | \$554 95 |

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION--SPECIAL.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| To amount received..... | | \$46 25 |
| By amount paid out | \$28 25 | |
| balance on hand | 18 00— | \$46 25 |

EDUCATION OF COLORED PREACHERS.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| To amount received | | \$47 55 |
| By amount paid out | \$10 50 | |
| balance on hand | 37 05— | \$47 55 |

ENDOWMENT HOWARD COLLEGE.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| To amount received..... | | \$95 15 |
| By amount paid out | \$84 15 | |
| balance on hand | 11 00— | \$95 15 |

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

| | | |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| To balance from last year | \$109 90 | |
| amount received..... | 118 52— | \$228 42 |
| By amount paid out | \$55 88 | |
| pro rata Convention printing | 6 11— | 61 99 |
| balance on hand | 166 43— | \$228 42 |

CHURCH BUILDING IN ALABAMA.

| | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|------------|
| To balance from last year..... | \$ 15 40 | |
| amount received | 1,256 85 | \$1,272 25 |
| By amount paid out..... | 1,252 95 | |
| balance on hand | 19 30— | \$1,272 25 |

BIBLE WORK, AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| To amount received | | \$96 26 |
| By pro rata Convention printing..... | \$ 3 05 | |
| amount paid out | 80 31— | 83 36 |
| balance on hand..... | 12 90— | \$96 26 |

GRATUITOUS TRACT FUND.

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|
| To amount received | | \$23 66 |
| By amount paid out..... | \$14 90 | |
| balance on hand | 8 76— | \$23 66 |

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

| | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| To balance cash permanent fund, 87'... | \$729 87 | |
| " contribution | 25 75— | \$755 62 |
| " general fund | 144 39— | \$900 01 |
| " permanent fund, 1887 | 2,464 83 | |
| less donated from M. P. Smith fund | 2 80— | 2,462 03 |
| proceeds of books sold..... | 2,421 11— | \$4,883 14 |
| | | <u>\$5,783 15</u> |

CR:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------------|
| By amount paid for books..... | | \$2,569 35 |
| " books with colporteurs and | | |
| others | \$1,092 91 | |
| By amount books with Secretary..... | 1,307 45— | 2,400 36 |
| " " donated | | 28 17 |
| " errors, book acc't, last rep't | | 197 18 |
| " expense account, including | | |
| postage, postal orders and notes, .. | 86 09 | |
| By amount exchange | 5 90 | |
| " clerk's hire .. | 280 01 | |
| " express | 38 63 | |
| " freight and drayage... .. | 73 91 | |
| " telegrams.... .. | 1 65 | |
| " printing and advertising... .. | 28 90 | |
| " post-office box rent... .. | .75 | |
| " Convention printing..... | 3 05 | |
| " stationery... .. | 6 10 | |
| " office expenses..... | 28 67— | 543 66 |
| " balance on hand. | | 44 43—\$5,783 15 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| State Missions..... | \$8,183 76 |
| Home Missions | 2,227 15 |
| Foreign Missions .. | 3,027 50 |
| Ministerial education | 526 70 |
| Ministerial education, special..... | 46 25 |
| Education colored preachers..... | 47 55 |
| Endowment Howard College..... | 95 15 |
| Indigent Ministers... .. | 118 52 |
| Church building in Alabama | 1,256 85 |
| Bible work, Am'n Baptist Pub. Soc'y..... | 96 26 |
| Gratis tracts fund .. | 23 66 |
| Bible and colportage | 170 14 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$15,819 49 |

This is to certify that I have this day examined the foregoing accounts 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.

August 17th, 1888.

PERMANENT COLPORTAGE FUND.

| | |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Bailey Bruce | \$ 45 49 |
| Bigbee Association..... | 101 94 |
| Bozeman Church | 96 41 |
| J. F. Bledsoe | 107 21 |
| J. H. Creighton..... | 1 16 |
| Robert Carson | 48 20 |
| A. Daughy..... | 96 41 |
| John Dennis..... | 96 41 |
| John T. Davis | 4 81 |
| Joshua H. Foster ... | 74 23 |
| Kedar Hawthorne | 53 50 |
| Samuel Henderson .. | 77 12 |
| T. P. Holcomb..... | 57 84 |
| David Lee... .. | 96 88 |
| P. H. Lundy..... | 97 09 |
| W. S. Lloyd..... | 115 62 |

| | |
|--|---------|
| Amount brought forward..... | 1170 32 |
| Basil Manly, Sr..... | 73 27 |
| W. C. Mynett, | 71 57 |
| Montgomery First Church Sunday school..... | 96 41 |
| I. Stratton Paullin..... | 96 51 |
| W. Jacob Parker..... | 59 86 |
| J. J. D. Renfroe..... | 31 57 |
| Rock Mills Association | 98 15 |
| J. W. Suttle | 96 41 |
| Matthew P. Smith..... | 93 47 |
| South Bethel Association..... | 80 74 |
| Alexander Travis..... | 96 46 |
| A. J. Waldrop..... | 96 17 |
| Oliver Welch..... | 65 48 |
| Wood and Weaver..... | 89 66 |
| W. M. Wilson, | 84 31 |

\$2,400 36

That portion of the report touching the relations of the State Mission Board to the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board, together with that portion of the report of the Joint Committee of the two Boards as printed on page 13 of the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention, 1888, on the relation of that Convention to State organizations, was referred to a Committee consisting of R. A. J. Cumbie, J. M. Fortune, I. C. Brown, H. W. Caffey, and W. L. Pickard.

That portion of the report asking instructions concerning the endorsement of applications for aid for building new churches was referred to a Committee consisting of G. E. Brewer, W. C. Bledsoe, W. C. Cleveland, A. J. Brooks, and T. J. Carlisle, to whom was also referred a

13. Resolution, offered by M. H. Lane, providing for a Board of Church Extension, to be located at Anniston, as follows:

WHEREAS, There is great need of houses of worship in many sections of the country; and whereas, these sections promise to be centres of population and influence, but at the present are unable to provide suitable meeting-houses; and whereas, this Convention has no funds with which to assist these struggling, but rapidly growing communities; and whereas, a little aid in this crisis of the young church would greatly stimulate local effort: therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of G. A. Nunnally, James Crook, S. Henderson, E. T. Smyth, Wm. A. Davis, M. G. Hudson, S. W. Welch, and John W. Bishop, be appointed by this Convention, located at Anniston, to be called the "Church Building Board," who shall formulate and adopt their own constitution and by-laws, and perfect their organization and take charge of this work and devise ways and means for raising funds for this purpose and for disbursing the same at their discretion; and that we commend this Board and its work to the laymen of the churches as eminently worthy of their consideration and support, and we request the pastors to be diligent in promoting this movement. We further commend this Board to, and authorize them to procure funds from all individuals and corporations and associations who may be inclined to give assistance to the enterprise. This Board shall report annually to this Convention its operations during the year.

14. The report of the Board of Ministerial Education was read by M. B. Wharton, President, as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

TALLADEGA, ALA., July 13, 1888.

The Board of Ministerial Education submits the following report for the past conventional year, the second since its location at Montgomery. The interest in ministerial education is all the time increasing, and the number of students applying for aid from this board larger from session to session. The following is a fiscal table of what we have done during the year.

| | | | |
|--|-------|----|-----------------|
| Balance on hand last year, general fund..... | \$471 | 53 | |
| For education of colored ministers..... | 30 | 13 | \$ 501 66 |
| Received during the year..... | | | <u>3,042 57</u> |
| | | | 3,544 23 |
| Disbursed during the year..... | | | <u>2,529 84</u> |
| Total balance on hand July 1, 1888..... | | | 1,014 39 |
| Of this amount there is for general fund..... | 937 | 21 | |
| For colored ministers..... | 77 | 18 | |
| Total number of ministerial students..... | | | 44 |
| Distributed as follows: | | | |
| Southern Baptist Theological Seminary..... | | | 13 |
| Of this number five were aided by the Board. | | | |
| Howard College..... | | | 26 |
| Nineteen of whom were aided by the Board, the other students at both places being self sustaining. | | | |
| At high Schools, all aided by the Board..... | | | <u>5</u> |

The increase in contributions has been the result of much hard work on the part of the President and Secretary. The President alone has written or caused to be written over eight hundred letters.

List of Ministerial Students, with Post-office Address, and Amounts paid by Ministerial Board, from July, 1887, to July, 1888.

| NAMES. | POST-OFFICE. | WHERE AT SCHOOL. | Amount paid by Board. | REMARKS. |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Amerson, Z. J. | Toledo, Fayette county. | Howard College | \$ 105 00 | |
| Elliott, C. G. | Selma, Dallas county. | " | 105 00 | |
| McCreary, J. A. | Harrells, Dallas county. | " | 105 00 | |
| McClerkin, J. E. | Caledonia, Wilcox county. | " | 85 00 | |
| Ivey, W. R. | Montgomery, Montgomery county. | " | 105 00 | |
| Weaver, M. E. | River Bend, Bibb county. | " | 105 00 | |
| Hubbard, W. D. | Helena, Shelby county. | " | 40 25 | |
| Shell, H. H. | Pine Apple, Wilcox county. | " | 59 75 | |
| Haggard, J. W. | Chadwick, Perry county. | " | 101 88 | |
| Barnes, J. E. | Pleasant Hill, Dallas county. | " | 16 15 | |
| Yarbrough, Byron | Orion, Pike county. | " | 101 25 | |
| Smith, Lewis A. | East Lake, Jefferson county. | " | 103 00 | |
| DeVine, R. B. | Cornelia, St. Clair county. | " | 62 85 | |
| Jones, J. L. | Sylacauga, Talladega county. | " | 90 00 | |
| Lindsey, S. P. | Monroeville, Monroe county. | " | 50 00 | |
| Dunaway, J. W. | Clifton, Wilcox county. | " | 56 25 | |
| Culpepper, W. S. | Rosser, Sumter county. | " | 140 30 | |
| Pearson, H. A. | Carrollton, Pickens county. | " | 100 00 | |
| Harris, W. W. | Gaylesville, Cherokee county. | " | 50 00 | Self-sustaining. |
| Struck, S. J. | Verbena, Chilton county. | " | " | " |
| Preston, J. A. | " | " | " | " |
| Smith, A. S. | Miltoan, Chambers county. | " | " | " |
| Wood, S. J. | East Lake, Jefferson county. | " | " | " |
| Brown, B. F. | York Station, Sumter county. | " | " | " |
| Freeman, T. W. | Maple Grove, Cherokee county. | " | " | " |
| Horton, — | Avondale, Jefferson county. | " | " | " |
| Kailon, J. M. | Maplesville, Chilton county. | Theological Seminary | 100 00 | |
| Hamner, J. W. | Lystra, Chambers county. | " | 100 00 | |
| Willis, James W. | Bass, Jackson county. | " | 50 00 | |
| Pickard, A. E. | Newton, Dale county. | " | 50 00 | |
| McCullum, J. W. | Marion Junction, Dallas county. | " | 50 00 | |
| Foster, A. H., Jr. | Union Springs, Bullock county. | " | " | |
| Blackwelder, M. M. | Northport, Tuscaloosa county. | " | " | |
| Bradley, L. M. | Perryville, Perry county. | " | " | |
| Dawson, L. O. | Port Royal, Indiana | " | " | |
| Schramm, H. R. | Mobile, Mobile county. | " | " | |
| Thompson, J. L. | Montgomery, Montgomery county. | " | " | |
| Herring, J. E. | Salem, Indiana | " | " | |
| Brooks, W. L. | Columbia, Henry county. | " | " | |
| Hamner, J. D. | Carrollton, Pickens county. | Unknown | 15 25 | |
| Harris, W. E. | Ramer, Montgomery county. | Ramer High School | 37 50 | |
| Sullivan, W. G. | Ramer, Montgomery county. | Ramer High School | 37 50 | |
| Sellman, J. M. | Randolph, Bibb county. | Randolph School | 25 00 | |
| Pipkin, J. J. | Ft. Deposit, Lowndes county. | Ft. Deposit School | 50 00 | |
| Total, 44, Ministerial Students, paid to them | | | \$2,215 43 | |

The Board of Ministerial Education of Alabama Baptist State Convention in account with GEO. W. ELLIS, *Secretary and Treasurer.*

By balance as per report of July, 1887—

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| General fund | \$471 53 |
| Education colored ministers | 30 13 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$501 66 |

By amount received from

| | |
|---|----------|
| W. B. Crumpton, Cor. Sec., general fund | \$433 94 |
| " " students' fund at seminary | 10 00 |
| " " education colored ministers | 47 05 |
| First church, Montgomery | 150 80 |
| Ladies' Aid Society, First church, Montgomery | 35 00 |
| J. S. Kelly, Oxford | 10 00 |
| Coosa River Association | 144 40 |
| Montevallo church | 25 00 |
| Providence church, Selma Association | 28 50 |
| East Liberty Association | 125 00 |
| County Line church | 23 80 |
| Dadeville church | 6 40 |
| Roanoke church | 10 00 |
| Union Association | 148 55 |
| Centennial Association | 6 80 |
| Unity Association | 6 30 |
| Tallassee church | 5 00 |
| Orion church, Troy Association | 8 35 |
| T. G. Bush, Mobile | 50 00 |
| St. Francis Street church, Mobile | 130 00 |
| Palmetto Street church, Mobile | 25 00 |
| Eufaula Association | 39 15 |
| Harris Association | 26 90 |
| Canaan Association | 23 00 |
| F. G. Caffey, Furman | 25 00 |
| Opelika church | 34 25 |
| Opelika Sunday-school | 5 75 |
| First church, Troy | 27 50 |
| Clayton church | 10 00 |
| Newberne church | 7 10 |
| Tuscaloosa Association | 15 40 |
| M. W. Hand, Forkland | 10 00 |
| Ebenezer church | 3 90 |
| Shelby Association | 5 00 |
| C. W. O'Hara | 5 00 |
| Columbiana church | 7 00 |
| Prattville church | 17 50 |
| Holt Sunbeam Society, Prattville church | 2 60 |
| Ladies' Missionary Society, " " | 7 40 |
| Joseph Shackelford | 5 00 |
| L. G. Skipper | 5 00 |
| Chestnut Hill church | 2 10 |
| Harmony church | 95 |

| | |
|--|--------|
| Six Mile church | 14 50 |
| Clanton church | 5 00 |
| Mulberry church | 7 00 |
| Wilsonville church | 5 00 |
| Calera church | 5 00 |
| Wetumpka church | 7 00 |
| A. B. Johnson, First church, Birmingham | 50 00 |
| First church, Birmingham | 168 70 |
| South-Side church, " | 10 00 |
| Third church, " | 10 30 |
| Cahaba church | 10 00 |
| Woodlawn church | 27 25 |
| Warrior church | 9 20 |
| Wheeling church | 12 50 |
| Pratt Mines church | 10 00 |
| Avondale church | 12 50 |
| Verbena church | 16 00 |
| " Sunday-school | 4 25 |
| Ladies' Missionary Society, Verbena church | 5 00 |
| Fellowship church | 3 10 |
| An Alabama Baptist (name not given) | 10 00 |
| W. T. Smith, Bozeman | 264 33 |
| Notasulga church | 1 30 |
| Cusseta church | 20 00 |
| Oswichee church | 5 00 |
| Miss Annie McCall | 2 00 |
| Pineapple church, account McClerkin | 10 00 |
| Seale church | 5 00 |
| Mt. Carmel church | 3 00 |
| Cahaba Valley church | 5 00 |
| A. Andrews, Burnsville | 15 00 |
| W. J. Elliott for a sister (no name) | 25 00 |
| Mrs. O. Bell, Henley | 2 50 |
| Newton church | 8 00 |
| Auburn church | 10 00 |
| Tallapoosa church | 3 15 |
| Lower Peachtree church | 5 00 |
| Grove Hill church | 2 75 |
| Suggsville church | 2 25 |
| New Hope church | 5 00 |
| Mt. Lebanon church | 5 00 |
| Concord church, Dallas county | 30 00 |
| "Busy Bees' Society," Gadsden church | 55 00 |
| Oak Grove church | 2 35 |
| J. W. King, Forney | 1 00 |
| Mt. Gilead church | 3 00 |
| Amity church | 2 00 |
| Grant's Creek church | 13 45 |
| Decatur church | 6 00 |
| Salem church, Troy Association | 10 00 |
| Union church | 5 80 |
| Siloam church, Marion | 40 45 |
| Pleasant Grove church | 2 00 |

| | |
|---|--------|
| First church, Eufaula | 50 00 |
| Alabama Association, by G. S. Anderson | 5 00 |
| Bethel church, " " | 12 30 |
| Hayneville church, " " | 6 75 |
| Beulah church and Sunday-school | 1 60 |
| Mt. Pleasant church | 15 10 |
| W. A. Parker, Nicholasville | 5 70 |
| Hill's church, by W. A. Parker | 5 00 |
| Mt. Zion church | 3 00 |
| Forest church | 2 75 |
| Big Creek church | 2 30 |
| Spring Hill church | 4 75 |
| Bethel church, by M. M. Wood | 5 00 |
| McKinley church | 7 00 |
| Linden church | 5 00 |
| Moulton church | 7 00 |
| Shiloh church, Troy Association | 11 00 |
| Talladega church | 50 00 |
| Florence church | 5 00 |
| Ladies' Aid Society, Alpine church | 10 00 |
| Bigbee Association, account W. S. Culpepper | 140 30 |

\$3,544 23

To amounts disbursed as follows :

| | |
|--|------------|
| Howard College, account ministerial students | \$1,339 38 |
| H. A. Pearson, Union Association | 100 00 |
| Books, J. D. Hamner, " " | 15 25 |
| Lewis A. Smith, Howard College | 23 00 |
| W. W. Harris, " " | 50 00 |
| Byron Yarbrough, " " | 27 50 |
| J. E. McClerkin, " " | 10 00 |
| J. L. Jones, " " | 10 00 |
| J. M. Kaien, Seminary | 100 00 |
| J. W. Hamner, " | 100 00 |
| Jos. W. Willis, " | 50 00 |
| A. E. Pinckard, " | 50 00 |
| J. W. McCollum, " | 50 00 |
| W. E. Harris, Ramer High School | 37 50 |
| W. G. Sullivant, " " " | 37 50 |
| J. M. Sellman, Randolph High School | 25 00 |
| J. J. Pipkin, Ft. Deposit " " | 50 00 |
| W. S. Culpepper, Bigbee Association | 140 30 |
| R. R. fare, J. E. Chambliss, attending Association | 1 80 |
| Stationery, stamps, etc. | 32 90 |
| Exchange, expressage and money orders | 4 71 |
| Assistance, writing for contributions | 100 00 |
| State Mission Board | 25 00 |
| Secretary and Treasurer, services | 150 00 |

\$2,529 84

Leaving balance on hand of :

| | |
|---------------------------------------|----------|
| General fund | \$927 21 |
| Students' fund at Seminary | 10 00 |
| Education colored ministers | 77 18 |

\$1,014 39

I hereby certify that the above account is correct.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. ELLIS,

Sec. and Treas. Board of Ministerial Education.

Montgomery, Ala., July 9, 1888.

The report was referred to a Committee consisting of P. H. Mell, D. S. Martin, J. D. Cook, A. A. Hurst, and J. J. Taylor.

15. Committees were announced as follows :

Nomination of Remaining Officers—T. H. Stout, W. C. Bledsoe, M. W. Hand, Joseph Swink, and C. J. Burden.

Devotional Exercises—W. C. Cleveland and the deacons of Talladega Church.

16. On request, C. C. Bitting, Bible and Missionary Secretary, addressed the Convention on the work of his departments of the American Baptist Publication Society.

17. On request, I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, addressed the Convention on the subject of denominational interests in Cuba.

18. On motion of W. C. Cleveland, after discussion by J. E. Chambliss, G. A. Nunnally, S. Henderson, T. G. Bush, and B. H. Crumpton, the Convention voted unanimously to hold its next session, beginning Friday, before the second Sabbath in November, 1889.

19. On motion of Wm. A. Davis, the Secretary was instructed to call the roll of delegates after the final adjournment shall have been ordered and to list separately all delegates absent without leave at that time.

20. Invitations were extended the Convention to hold the next session at Selma, by J. M. Frost, and at East Lake, by E. B. Teague, after which the President announced the following Committee on Place of next meet-

ing, to-wit : W. G. Curry, J. M. McCord, and T. H. Reynolds.

21. On motion of T. G. Bush, the pastors of the city were invited to the courtesies of the floor.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

22. Devotional exercises were conducted by D. W. Ramsey.

23. The report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College was read by W. C. Ward, President of the Board, as follows:

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention :

The Board of Trustees of Howard College, concerning the work done for and by the college during the last Conventional year, submit the following report :

About the first of August, 1887, the Prudential Committee, acting under instructions of the Convention, resolved the question of location of the college in favor of East Lake, near Birmingham, Alabama, and appointed a sub-committee to erect temporary buildings for the use of the faculty and students, to superintend the removal of the college property, and to make all necessary arrangements for the opening of the college. On the first Tuesday in October, 1887, the Prudential Committee re-assembled on the college grounds to receive the report of the sub-committee and to ascertain what had been done. The committee found a boarding-house complete with capacity to accommodate about sixty-five students, building containing seven recitation rooms, and the faculty consisting of Dr. Dill, Professors Smith, Macon, Giles, and Waldrop, at work receiving and classing the students as they arrived. In the erection of the temporary buildings, in the removal of the college property, in the purchase of new furniture for the boarding department and for the recitation rooms, the Trustees expended the sum of about eight thousand dollars and then there was not sufficient room.

As to the work of the college the Trustees submit herewith the report of Dr. T. J. Dill, Chairman of the Faculty, which is as follows :

EAST LAKE, ALA., June 12, 1888.

To the Honorable the Board of Trustees of Howard College :

SIRS—It gives me pleasure to report that we have enjoyed a most prosperous session. The number of students registered is *one hundred and fifty-seven*. This is in excess of the registration of any session in the history of the college with the exception of the first year of Dr. Freeman's administration, when the State Institution was under the control of a party who did not have the sympathy of our people. The character and conduct of our students have also been fully

up to the standard of past years. We have required only two to leave on account of misconduct ; these, we ascertained afterwards, had previously attended other institutions and had there fallen into bad habits. I had anticipated that the temptation to dissipation would be greater here than in the town of Marion. I am now satisfied that it is not. Spirits cannot be legally sold within three miles of the college, and the visiting Birmingham can be restricted within proper limits. Our regulation has been to allow all to go to town on Saturday morning, and none at other times, unless with the permission of the President.

But one death has occurred among our students during the entire session. No death has occurred among our boarders, and few cases of protracted illness. On the whole, I think that the health of the students has been quite as good as in past sessions.

Under these circumstances, with an unusually fine body of students and a faithful and efficient faculty, we have been enabled to have our work quite as thorough as in past years, and the course has been extended in some directions. I cannot too highly commend the fidelity of the faculty, but when all have done so well, it will be invidious to make mention of individuals.

The number of ministerial students matriculated is twenty-five. This is equal to any year since the war. Twelve of these have had regular appointments to preach on the Sabbath, and the services of others have been occasionally called into requisition. With its great and ever-increasing population and its net-work of railroads and dummy lines, Birmingham offers a field for missionary labor that cannot be equalled elsewhere in the South.

I would respectfully suggest that so soon as the financial condition of the College admits, a President be appointed who shall have only one, or at most, two daily recitations ; also, that a Professor of Modern Languages (French and German) be added to the corps of instructors. By this arrangement, the Professor of Latin and Greek will be permitted to devote his entire time to those departments ; the French class being taken from the Professor of Mathematics, he will be able to relieve the Professor of Natural Science from his work in Senior Mathematics, and the latter, being also relieved of the German class, will be permitted to devote himself entirely to his specialty. I need scarcely add that the Professor of Modern Languages should also be a specialist in his department. It is my judgment that, with this addition to the working force, we shall have a corps of instructors competent to do thorough work in a course as extended as can be embraced in the college curriculum of four years. Special courses may of course be added, allowing time for the prosecution of certain studies to an extent that cannot be comprehended in the course prescribed for graduation.

This report and these suggestions are most respectfully submitted.

I have the honor to be your most obedient servant,

THOS. J. DILL, Chairman of Faculty.

The Trustees, for the ensuing scholastic year, 1888-9, have re-elected the same Faculty, all of whom have accepted the positions for which they were selected. To meet the views of the Prudential Committee, an effort was made to secure the services of an able gentleman for President of the college at the beginning of the last scholastic year, but as if to make amends for this failure, at the College com-

mencement in June last, the Trustees elected Dr. John L. Johnson, Professor of English and Belle Lettres in the Mississippi University. He is represented to be a most accomplished Christian gentleman, a distinguished educator, and to be possessed of those qualities which eminently fit him to be the head of a great moral and religious institution of learning. Whether he accepts the presidency of the college, it is thought, will depend upon what this Convention does. Harmony, and a united and determined purpose to make the college, in its new locality, a success, are necessary to secure the services of such a leader of educational thought. The question about which all are most concerned is the erection of permanent buildings for the future operations of the college. The Trustees have adopted plans and architects are engaged upon the details. As to the prospect of an early completion of the academic building, the Trustees submit herewith the report of Dr. J. P. Shaffer, financial agent, which is as follows:

To the Board of Trustees of Howard College:

GENTLEMEN—Allow me to submit to you the following report:

My work began January 1st, 1888. By the conditions under which my duties were to be performed, I was shut out from the State-at-large, and confined within the limits of the city and community of Birmingham.

The money subscriptions at my command amounted to \$27,100, and payable in equal installments September 1st, 1887, September 1st, 1888, and September 1st, 1889. The money subscription was less than I supposed it was, and than it was generally understood to be throughout the State. I find that this discrepancy between general understanding and the actual facts, as to the amount of the money subscription comes mainly from receiving lands, and not money, on certain subscriptions which the Prudential Committee understood and reported as money subscriptions.

This misunderstanding was very unfortunate, and gave birth to a vast amount of misunderstanding of the real situation throughout the State, making it appear that the propositions and promises of Birmingham were false, and had not been complied with.

I found that the payment due September 1st, 1887, had been mostly collected and expended on the temporary buildings erected to receive the college last October.

No other payment was due until September 1st, 1888, and hence we could not proceed to build.

After carefully investigating the financial condition of those from whom I could expect further subscriptions, I decided that it was not wise to make an attempt to enlarge our money subscription; and in this decision I did not act upon my own judgment alone, but had the advice of business men of known ability.

On the 27th of May, I made an exposé of the real situation at a mass meeting at the First Church, and opened a new subscription for \$30,000, on which I have subscriptions amounting to about \$2,000. This new subscription could have been increased before now, but I believed it wise to defer active work at enlarging it until later.

I find that I have the approval of business men in this decision.

We have secured titles to the larger part of the lands which were unconditionally donated to the college.

The East Lake and Walker Land Companies have granted us an extension of eighteen months in which to execute our original promise to erect \$50,000.00 worth of buildings on the property donated to us by the East Lake Land Co. within eighteen months from the date of our acceptance.

I have also secured an instrument of writing from each of the above mentioned companies, signed by their presidents, promising to give us perfect titles to the lands which they donated to us conditionally, provided only that money obtained by their use shall be appropriated to building, equipping and endowing Howard College on the lands of the East Lake Land Co. as now located.

I have made a business arrangement by which I can use our subscription, due next September, as cash. This arrangement does not involve our lands. I have secured a drawing for a pile of buildings executed by L. B. Wheeler, of New York, and John Sutcliff, of Birmingham, Ala., which represents a main building, dormitory, dining hall, and science building, all covering 400 feet front.

The general plan for the pile of buildings has been adopted by the Board of Trustees, and the drawings and plans for the main building specially adopted, with L. B. Wheeler and John Sutcliff as architects.

A contract for the foundation of the main building has been awarded to Allen & Taylor, of Birmingham, Ala., and work has been commenced.

I find that the city and community of Birmingham are warmer and firmer in their friendship for the College than ever before, and determined not only to fulfill the original promise of Birmingham and community—time excepted—but to more than do so.

I beg leave to offer to you my opinion that within twelve months Birmingham and Jefferson county will furnish the funds necessary to complete the main building, and without the sale of our land.

In conclusion, I would call your attention to a statement of finances of the college as managed by myself.

John P. Shaffer, Financial Secretary of Howard College, in account with the Board of Trustees of Howard College.

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| 1888. | Dr. | |
| To amt. collec'd on Birmingham sub. to college, | \$712 27 | |
| " " " for endowment of college, | 403 96 | |
| " rents on President's house at Marion, Ala., | 19 85 | \$1,136 08 |
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| By cash paid out from Jan. 1st to July 11, 1888. | | |
| Jan. 3, '88. For office furniture, | \$ 8 50 | |
| Dummy fare, | 3 35 | |
| Traveling expenses, | 17 90 | |
| Stationery, postage and P.O. box rent, | 29 90 | |
| Feb. 15, '88. Tax on college property at Marion, | | |
| Alabama, | 15 25 | |
| Exchange and telegram, | 40 | |
| June 14, '88. For surveying, | 39 50 | |
| To J. B. Tarrant, for legal services, | 1 25 | |
| To J. B. Hopkins for meds. for dormitory, | 60 00 | |

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| June 27, '88. For surveying, | 3 00 | |
| July 11, '88. B. F. Giles on salary, | 19 85 | |
| To Jno. P. Shaffer on salary, | 913 22 | \$1,112 12 |
| Cash on hand, | | 23 96 |
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| | | \$1,136 08 |

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. P. SHAFFER,
Financial Secretary, Howard College.

The Board of Trustees, with profound sorrow, report to the Convention the death, on the 2nd of June, of our brother and co-worker, Dr. J. J. D. Renfro. He was long a zealous trustee and friend of the College and never lost an opportunity to advance its interest. Not only has the College lost a friend, but every religious and educational interest that concerned the Baptists of Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. WARD,
President Board of Trustees.

The report was referred to a Committee consisting of J. H. Foster, T. G. Bush, G. R. Farnham, G. W. Ellis, W. L. Pickard, Z. D. Roby, W. P. Welch, C. C. Huckabee, B. F. Riley, R. W. Beck, M. H. Lane, J. W. Bishop, and T. J. Carlisle. The Committee was instructed to elect its own chairman, and to the same Committee were referred

24. Resolutions, offered by L. W. Lawler, as follows:

1. That it is the sense of this Convention that the ninety thousand Baptists in this State ought not to permit Howard College to die.

2. That the well-known usefulness of the College in the past forbids the thought of its abandonment, and heroic efforts should be promptly made to place it upon a firm foundation. To accomplish an end so desirable, it behooves every friend of the College, and of all who favor intellectual and moral training in denominational schools, to carefully consider the welfare of our denomination and the great interests which Christians should endeavor to promote, and that selfishness and local predilections should be subordinated to harmony and complete success.

3. That the Christian spirit which animated Chilton, DeVotie, King, Bestor, Wyatt, Haralson, Cleveland, Brown, and a host of other Baptists, who were instrumental in the establishment and maintenance of the College, should be invoked in this crisis in its history, and dissensions and hurtful criticism should be displaced by concert of action, prayer, and sound judgment, in the hope that this grave question may be happily solved.

4. That a committee of *thirteen* be appointed to whom shall be referred the report of the Board of Trustees of the College, the report of the Financial Secretary, and all other reports or resolutions touching the present condition and the future welfare of the College, who shall

submit to the Convention at this session such plan of action as they may deem best to accomplish the objects indicated in these resolutions.

25. The report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Institute was read by W. B. Crumpton, a Trustee, and referred to the Committee on Education:

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

The session of 1887-88, the fiftieth annual session of this institution, closed with the usual commencement exercises on Wednesday, the 13th day of June last. These exercises were unusually interesting and entertaining, and were attended by a large number of the friends and patrons of the Judson from this and other States. The chapel in which the exercises were held was full to overflowing on each occasion. The general expression of those present was one of pleasure and satisfaction.

GRADUATES.

Six (6) young ladies received diplomas in Music, one (1) in Art, seven (7) in the Eclectic Course, and eight (8) in the full course.

NUMBER OF TEACHERS AND OFFICERS.

The faculty has consisted of two (2) male and eleven (11) female teachers and three (3) female officers in the home department. Dr. Averett, the President, in his annual report to the Board of Trustees, says of them: "The other members of the faculty have been in every way helpful to me; the teachers have taught with fidelity and skill; they and the other officers have been loyal to duty, earnest, and cheerful in their work, harmonious among themselves, kind to everybody, and careful of all the interests of their pupils and the school. The management of the home department, and the superintendence of the public rooms, have been so efficient as to call forth, more than once, expressions of a high degree of satisfaction from the members of the faculty representing the school department in their weekly meetings."

NUMBER OF PUPILS.

As shown by the register, one hundred and thirty-five (135) pupils have been in attendance during the session. The following are the numbers in the different departments:

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| Preparatory Department | 37 |
| Collegiate Department | 85 |
| Special Studies | 13 |
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| | 135 |
| Music, including piano and organ studies and voice culture | 68 |

ART DEPARTMENT.

In addition to these, all the pupils in the Preparatory department who desired it have received instruction in some of the branches of elementary drawing free of charge.

Eighty-eight (88) of the pupils were from abroad, seventy-nine of whom boarded in the Institute.

HEALTH.

The health of all, teachers and pupils, was excellent during the entire session. One hundred persons, including the teachers and family of the President, boarded in the Institute, and there was not a case of serious illness among them. A healthier set of young ladies never left the walls of any educational institution, after nine (9) months' confinement and study.

ADDITIONS AND REPAIRS TO PROPERTY.

The additions are, first, *the Gas Works*. The source of the illumination is Gasoline Vapor. The works comprise a 500 gallon generator, an air pump, a mixer and a system of pipes. To give a description in detail, as we would like to do, would make this report too long. By the system of pipes and pits, every room and hall, public and private, in the building is lighted; also the kitchen, engine-house and front and rear premises. So far, it has been a complete success. During its six months' service it has not failed a single night. The supply of light is abundant and steady, and not hurtful to the eye. The cost is a little more than the candle and kerosene oil arrangement, but we are more than compensated for the additional cost in its greater convenience, the increased security from accidents by fire, and the superior light.

Secondly, The Water Works consist of a large well, from which the water is pumped by an "Ericson Hot Air Engine" into a large tank sufficiently elevated to convey by a system of pipes water into every story of the building, the dining-room, and the kitchen. The supply of water is abundant for all purposes and is wholesome. The only labor now necessary to obtain a supply of water for any story is to turn the faucet in the hall. We have also during the session purchased additional carpets, bedding, table ware, stoves and grates, and made a better and safer arrangement for storing fuel. All needed repairs on the building and of the furniture have been made. Additions have also been made to the Chemical and Philosophical apparatus.

MORAL CULTURE.

The President, Dr. Averett, in his report to the Board of Trustees, says: "From the beginning of the session it has been constantly borne in mind that the Judson was devoted from its foundation to Christian education. Therefore the usual religious exercises have been observed with scrupulous punctuality. We have had sermons preached in the chapel for the school; we have begun our course in history with the study of the Bible; our first daily lesson has been the Bible lesson, and the last lesson of the week has been the appointed Sunday-school lesson. I have reason to hope for much good as the outcome of these religious exercises, and I have been permitted to see some fruit of the religious advantages afforded in the bright and happy professions of faith of some of our household, who came from remote sections of our country to find the Saviour here."

VACANCIES IN THE BOARD.

There are two vacancies in the Board of Trustees to be filled at this session of the Convention—one caused by the resignation of Brother J. W. Crenshaw; the other caused by the death of our Brother, John H. Lee. In this connection the members of the Board residing at Marion would earnestly appeal to those members residing at a distance to attend all the meetings of the Board if possible, but especially our semi-annual and annual meetings. We want the benefit of your wisdom and experience in carrying on the great work committed to us by the Baptists of Alabama.

FACULTY FOR THE NEXT SESSION.

S. W. Averett, LL. D., is retained as President after a year's trial. The Board is entirely satisfied with him, and we confidently commend him to the Baptists of this State as a Christian gentleman and in every respect qualified for the place. Nearly all the members of the faculty of last session have been employed for the next session. The new ones so far employed come with the highest testimonials as to their qualifications and fitness for their respective places. There are at this time only two vacancies to be filled, which will be done as soon as suitable and proper persons can be had for them.

THE OUTLOOK.

The outlook is full of promise. The expenses are as light as in any institution of the same grade. Teachers are unsurpassed in ability and faithfulness. We have better accommodations and arrangements in the Home Department. The prospect at present of a fair crop and the general expression of satisfaction with the management by its friends and patrons, all indicate increased prosperity and success.

JOHN MOORE,

J. B. LOVELACE,

President Board of Trustees.

Secretary.

26. The report of the Board of Directors was read by Jonathan Haralson, President, as follows:

TALLADEGA, ALA., July 13, 1888.

Pursuant to the call of the President of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, a meeting of the Board of Directors was held at Calera on Tuesday, August 30th, 1887, at which were present Jon. Haralson, President; W. C. Cleveland, Vice-President; B. B. Davis, Secretary; Law Lamar, S. W. Averett, and C. C. Huckabee.

The meeting was called to order by the President, after prayer by W. C. Cleveland.

The President stated the object of the meeting to be to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of certain Trustees of Howard College, and for the transaction of such other business of the Convention as should be necessary.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That Porter King, R. H. Sterrett, J. J. D. Renfro, M. B. Wharton, J. M. Frost and W. C. Cleveland, who were heretofore, by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, appointed Trustees of Howard College in the Section of Trustees of the year 1881-1887, whose offices expired at the last session of the Convention, be, and they are hereby ap-

pointed Trustees of Howard College, and any action of theirs, as Trustees of said College, in the meeting of the Board of Trustees of said College since the meeting of the last Convention, be, and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed.

This resolution is adopted to cover any doubts that may arise or question that may be made as to whether or not they were re-appointed at the last State Convention; and It is ordered that their appointment be for six years from last Convention, ending with the conventional year 1893.

Resolved, That the resignations of W. F. Davis and J. H. Lee, as Trustees of Howard College, be, and they are hereby accepted, and that D. I. Purser be, and he is appointed in the place of W. F. Davis, and N. F. Miles be, and he is hereby appointed as Trustee of said College in the place of J. H. Lee; that the resignations of W. W. Wilkerson and J. B. Lovelace, as such Trustees, be accepted, and that W. H. Wood be, and he is appointed in the place of said Wilkerson, and F. M. Wood be, and he is appointed in the place of J. B. Lovelace; that the resignations of R. J. Waldrop and W. B. Crumpton, as such Trustees, be accepted, and that John W. Johnston be, and he is appointed in the place of said R. J. Waldrop, and B. L. Hibbard be, and he is appointed in the place of said W. B. Crumpton, and that these several appointments be, and they are made, each in the several sections of Trustees, as they appear on page 25 of the minutes of the last Convention, the offices of D. I. Purser and N. F. Miles to expire with the year 1893, those of W. H. and F. M. Wood in the year 1889, and those of Jno. W. Johnston and B. L. Hibbard with the year 1891.

Resolved, That Eugene F. Enslen be, and he is hereby appointed agent of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, to receive and disburse money belonging to the Convention, under the direction of brethren W. C. Ward and R. H. Sterrett, on his checks, countersigned by said Ward and Sterrett, Trustees, for college purposes.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Howard College, or the Executive Committee of said Board, be, and they are hereby instructed to apply to the parties in Marion, who have the possession of the personal property belonging to Howard College, or who claim to have possession of the same, and receive and remove the same to East Lake, the present site of Howard College, for college purposes, subject to the mortgage of J. T. Murfee on the same.

Resolved, That the Trustees be, and are hereby directed to purchase the mortgage of Dr. J. T. Murfee, for \$1,632.29, on the Howard College property in Marion, and take a transfer of the same to the Alabama Baptist State Convention—payment to be made out of money in the hands of J. B. Lovelace, Treasurer, or other funds of the Convention, If the same can be legally done, and brethren W. C. Ward and R. H. Sterrett are requested to investigate and determine if said funds may be legally invested as herein directed.

Resolved. That the resolution numbered one, adopted by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, at its last session, touching the transfer of Howard College property to brethren W. W. Wilkerson and J. B. Lovelace (see resolution on page 39 of the minutes of the last Convention) be, and the execution of the power as therein given to Messrs. Mallory, Haralson, and Frost, is hereby suspended and revoked until the meeting of the next Alabama Baptist State Convention, when action may be more intelligently taken thereon.

Resolved, That the list of Trustees be furnished to the *Alabama Baptist* for publication.

Resolved, That a copy of these minutes be sent to W. C. Ward,

Chairman, and *Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions relating to the suspension of action on said resolution of transfer numbered *one* be furnished H. S. D. Mallory, Chairman.

A true copy of the minutes,

BENJ. B. DAVIS, Secretary.

The report was referred to a Committee, consisting of G. R. Farnham, J. W. Bishop, C. C. Huckabee, J. G. Harris, and H. S. D. Mallory.

27. The report of the Treasurer was read by Jonathan Haralson and ordered spread on the minutes as follows.

A COPY OF SETTLEMENT WITH COL. J. T. MURFEE, JAN. 7TH, 1888.

| The Trustees of Howard College to J. T. Murfee, | | Dr. |
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| 1887 | | |
| Oct. 15. | To amt. mortgage and note due me this day.. | \$1,632 29 |
| " | Interest on same to January 7th, 1888..... | 25 85 |
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| | | 1,658 14 |
| " | Cash paid recording mortgage..... | 1 25 |
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| | | \$1,659 39 |
| 1887 | Cr. | |
| Sept. 19. | By cash advanced me on collaterals by J. B. Lovelace, Tr. Ala. Bapt. State Convnt'n | 782 69 |
| " | Int. on same to Jan. 7th, 1888..... | 23 47 |
| 1888 | | |
| Jan'y 7 | " Mortgage of J. W. Fordson and wife transferred to me by J. B. Lovelace, Tr. Ala. Bapt. State Convention..... | 500 00 |
| | By cash by J. B. Lovelace, Tr. Ala. Baptist State Convention..... | 263 31 |
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| | | 1,569 47 |
| | Balance due J. T. M., Jan. 7th, 1888..... | \$89 92 |

28. The following resolution was offered by Theodore Welch, and adopted:

Resolved, That a Finance Committee, consisting of the Auditor of the Convention as chairman and four others, to be appointed by the President of the Convention, be created, who shall inquire into all matters pertaining to financial concerns of this Convention, and other organizations subject to this Convention.

The President appointed Theo. Welch, J. C. Bush, J. S. Kelly, W. E. Pierce, and A. J. Brooks as such Committee.

29. On motion of Wm. A. Davis, it was ordered that the report of the Prudential Committee, in the matter of the removal of Howard College, appointed at last session, be spread at length on the minutes of the Convention, together with the bids for the location of the College, presented by Birmingham and Anniston.

30. The Convention proceeded to the consideration of the amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution, providing for a change in the basis of representation as published in minutes of 1887, item 69, page 45; and, after discussion by E. B. Teague, J. E. Chambliss, C. C.

Huckabee, A. J. Brooks, and J. M. Frost, refused to adopt the amendment.

31. Wm. A. Davis offered an amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution, changing the word "same" to the word "Convention," where it occurs as the seventh word from the end of the said article. Under the rules the amendment lies over till next session.

32. By request, S. W. Averett, President of Judson Institute, addressed the Convention regarding the advantages of the institution.

33. The President-elect of Howard College, J. L. Johnson, was introduced to the Convention and made a few remarks.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

34. The Introductory sermon was preached by J. H. Curry, from the text, "At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." Matt. xi. 25.

SATURDAY MORNING.

35. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. L. Thompson.

36. The report of the Committee, to whom was referred the report of the State Mission Board, was read by J. E. Chambliss, as follows :

The committee to whom was referred the report of State Mission Board finds occasion for gratitude in the work accomplished, indicating as it does a sustained, if not rapidly increasing interest on the part of the churches in the several Boards of this and the S. B. Convention. We believe that our Secretary is working faithfully and wisely, and that receiving our full co-operation, he will bring our denomination up to more general and systematic liberality. This we consider the great demand of the time. When the people of God shall come to see their true relation to money, and to appreciate the relation of money to the coming of the kingdom of Christ, then shall we behold nations born in a day, and holiness to the Lord written on all things.

We should urge with all our hearts this great matter, and let no one

fail during the opening year to stimulate and regulate the zeal of the churches in their attention to the calls of our Secretary. A Christ-loving, well-informed people, with regular opportunities offered them, will not fail to enrich the treasury of the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CHAMBLISS,
Chairman.

After discussion by W. C. Bledsoe, J. B. Huckabee, W. B. Crumpton, B. H. Crumpton, and J. M. Frost, the report was adopted.

37. By request, W. H. Whitsitt, representing the Students' Fund of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, addressed the Convention regarding that interest.

38. The report of the Committee to whom were referred that portion of the report of the State Mission Board asking instructions on the subject of aid for new church buildings and the resolution offered by M. H. Lane on the same subject, was read by G. E. Brewer, as follows:

We, your committee to whom were referred the resolutions of brother Lane, asking for the appointment of a "Church Building Board," and also the request from the State Mission Board, asking instruction in reference to endorsing certain parties, that assistance might be obtained by the said parties from the Home Mission Board and from the Home Mission Society, beg leave to report:

1. That after careful consideration we recommend that this Convention instruct the State Mission Board to organize at once a Church Building Department, and vigorously prosecute the work, employing, if necessary, an efficient agent to take charge of the work.

2. In reference to the instruction asked by the State Mission Board as to endorsing parties that assistance may be obtained from other sources, we recommend that such endorsement be given, when in the judgment of the Board the cause of Christ would be conserved by receiving it.

GEO. E. BREWER,
W. C. BLEDSOE,
W. C. CLEVELAND,
A. J. BROOKS,
T. J. CARLISLE,
Committee.

39. The report was discussed by M. H. Lane, G. A. Nunnally, W. C. Cleveland, J. M. Frost, S. Henderson, W. B. Crumpton, G. R. Farnham, E. B. Teague, and A. F. Redd, after which the Convention adjourned without action.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

40. Devotional exercises were conducted by C. S. Johnson.

41. The Convention proceeded with the discussion of the subject pending at adjournment of morning session. Remarks were made by M. B. Wharton, S. Henderson, W. E. Lloyd, B. F. Riley, G. R. Farnham, G. E. Brewer, D. I. Purser, M. H. Lane, A. F. Redd, J. M. Frost, T. H. Stout, B. J. Skinner, G. A. Nunnally, J. Shackelford, and L. W. Lawler. A proposition to change membership and location of Board, as provided in M. H. Lane's resolution, was defeated, and after substituting the name of M. H. Lane for E. T. Smyth, as a member of the Board, the Convention, as a substitute for the first recommendation in the report, adopted the resolution of M. H. Lane, providing for a separate Board to be known as the Church Building Board, located at Anniston, and then adopted the committee's report, as amended.

42. The report of the Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, was read by P. H. Mell, as follows :

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Ministerial Education would compliment the Board on the excellent results attained. To raise enough money not only to aid so many young men in their struggles for an education, but at the end of the year to report a large balance in the treasury, indicates most excellent management and financial ability. And this is all the more gratifying when we consider that these gentlemen have accomplished this work without expense to the cause. The Baptists of Alabama should give this Board more liberal aid so that a larger number of young men may be prepared for the Master's work. It is not necessary before this body to lay stress upon the importance of the education of the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ to enable them to successfully combat the issues and false doctrines that are so common in this day. Nor is it necessary to call attention to the rapid development in intelligence of the people comprising our congregations, and thus the greater demand for men to occupy the pulpits who will be able to wisely interpret the word of God in language acceptable to this people. These facts admitted, it only devolves upon the committee to urge upon the pastors and members of the churches all over Alabama the pressing need of a more liberal contribution to the cause of ministerial educa-

tion. The Board should be supplied with sufficient funds the coming year to enable them at least to double the number of young men assisted last year.

It is recommended that the pastors of the churches have at least one collection made each year for the purpose, and that the members be urged to contribute more liberally.

Respectfully submitted,

P. H. MELL,
D. S. MARTIN,
J. D. COOK,
A. A. HURST,
J. J. TAYLOR,

Remarks were made on the subject by M. B. Wharton, and the report was adopted.

43. The report of the Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, was read by T. G. Bush, as follows :

Your committee, to whom were referred the resolution touching the interests of Howard College, the report of the trustees, and that of the financial secretary of the college, beg to report as follows :

The committee has spent much time and labor in order to get at bottom facts with reference to the college, so as to present a thoroughly correct report to this Convention.

The committee ascertains that the session of 1887-8 has been one of unusual prosperity, and that the conduct and management of the students of the Howard are fully up to the average of the students of any college.

The original amount of land and money promised by Birmingham to Howard College was \$200,000, estimated value. From this amount a shortage must be subtracted. The books to-day, according to original subscription and valuation, show in land and money value \$189,175, with a possible difference of \$2,000, arising from different estimates placed upon certain property donated to the college.

The amount of land owned by the college is 150 acres. We have titles or bond for title to 111 acres, and the balance is regarded by the financial secretary as perfectly secure except four acres, about which there is some doubt.

The amount of actual cash subscription is \$27,100. From this amount deduct \$2,200, regarded as worthless, leaving a balance of \$24,900. Of this \$24,900 about \$8,000 has been collected and expended in temporary improvements at East Lake. This leaves balance of subscription, \$16,900, one-half of which is due September, 1888, and the remainder September, 1889. This uncollected subscription, \$16,900 less \$2,310, known as the Woodlawn cash subscription, has been hypothecated with the East Lake Land Company for an advance of not less than \$5,000, to be expended in the foundation of the main college building as per contract between J. P. Shaffer, acting as agent for the trustees, and Allen & Taylor, contractors, said work to be completed by 15th of October, 1888.

Because of the assurance conveyed to us from the Birmingham brethren, that they intend and expect to redeem their promise by raising a sufficient amount by September, 1889, to complete the erection of the main college building at East Lake, at a cost of at least \$50,000, and because of the belief and hope that values will revive and that the landed property of the college will yet be of considerable moneyed value, and because of the belief that the Baptist brotherhood of Alabama will rise up as one man and build for God and the cause of religious training a magnificent structure worthy of the name and the cause, we recommend

1. That the work be continued at the present location.
2. That the Baptists of Alabama arrange at once for meeting the deficit of expenses for the president and faculty of the college—the ways and means of this, of course, to be devised by the trustees.

We recommend further that the Baptists of the State raise, just as soon as possible, the amount of \$50,000 for the building of a dormitory at East Lake. This is a necessity, and to build it now is economy.

R. W. BECK, *Chairman*.

W. L. PICKARD, *Secretary*.

Remarks were made by T. G. Bush, Wm. A. Davis, Theo. Welch, G. A. Nunnally, E. B. Teague, and L. W. Lawler, and further discussion postponed until night session.

44. A communication from the Board of Trustees of Selma University was referred to the Committee to whom was referred the report of the State Mission Board, reading as follows :

The Board of Trustees of Selma University, Selma, Ala., to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, assembled at Talladega, Ala. Greeting :

DEAR BRETHREN—At a meeting of the above-named board, May 1888, the following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, We are struggling to prepare a competent leadership for our churches in Alabama; and

WHEREAS, We are very much in need of help to successfully carry on this work : therefore

Resolved, 1. That we tender to the white Baptist Convention of Alabama the theological department of Selma University to support in whole or part.

Resolved, 2. That we pledge them the hearty support and co-operation of this board, and in case they put in a theological instructor, or help in the support of one put in by this board, that we will allow them representation in the management of that department, and also in the distribution of the funds given by them.

Resolved, 3. That we appoint brethren W. R. Pettiford, M. Tyler, J. Q. A. Wilhite, and W. H. McAlpine as a committee to visit the white

Baptist Convention which meets in Talladega, Ala., July 13, 1888, and lay before the white Baptist Convention, this proposition.

Resolved, 4. That we recommend our Convention which meets in Tuskaloosa, July 18, 1888, to pledge the white brethren the hearty support and co-operation of that body in whatever work they may take hold of among our people.

We, the committee, would further state that there is no work that would be so far-reaching in its good results among our people as that of preparing a competent ministry.

We have now in the State over a thousand churches, and there are not two hundred men competent to take charge of these churches. It is a fact that there are as many colored Baptists in Alabama as there are all other denominations among the colored put together.

We have in Alabama 49 associations, over 1,000 churches and not less than 125,000 members. To lead and direct the religious operations of such a large body, so that the very best results shall follow, it is very necessary that they have a most efficient leadership. The object of our school at Selma is to help prepare a thorough and a competent leadership for our churches in the State.

But we are in need of help, especially, to carry on the Theological department.

The American Baptist Home Missionary Society has been and is still aiding us some, but we still need help. What we get from them does not pay half the running expenses of the school, and we have the balance to pay, besides putting some on the buildings and keeping up the repairs.

We think the very finest opportunity is here opened to the white Baptists among the colored Baptists—a far better and greater one than is opened to any of the other white denominations in Alabama. Just think of the number of associations and churches and members among the colored Baptists—all of the same faith and order, and no lines of *North* and *South* to divide us. And yet, brethren, with this abundant opportunity, the white Baptists of Alabama are not doing as much as other denominations in the State for their colored brethren. Take, for example, the Southern white Presbyterians of Alabama. They have *established* and are *maintaining*, without the aid of the *colored* or the *North*, a Theological school in Tuskaloosa, Alabama, for the colored.

The Southern white Methodists organized and set up the Southern colored Methodists, and then ordained them Bishops, and are now helping them build houses of worship and Theological schools to educate a competent ministry for them.

It may be said that the colored Baptists do not show any appreciation of the advances made toward them by their white Baptist brethren, and therefore they are not encouraged to do anything for the colored. This may be true in certain localities, but it can hardly be said of our Associations or our State Convention. We have sent brethren from our Board and from our State Convention to as many as *eight* different annual meetings of your Convention, and we are here now again asking your help.

Quite a number of the white brethren have given personal and private aid to our work. Not less than \$130 has been given in this way.

to our financial agent this year as he has gone from one town and city to another.

But those who give in this way do not see any part of the work among the colored, that the white Baptists, as a denomination or as an organization, propose to do.

No doubt the white brethren throughout the State would give much more freely if they knew that the Convention had decided to undertake a certain work among the colored, and if they knew that there was some system in their giving to the colored work.

Then each pastor would have no hesitation in speaking of the work among the colored to his people from his pulpit.

We hope this paper is sufficiently suggestive to enable you to see a way whereby you may help us in our struggles for a higher Christian ministry among our people.

Your brethren in hope of heaven,

W. R. PETTIFORD,
M. TYLER,
J. Q. A. WILHITE,
W. H. MCALPINE,
Committee.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

45. The Convention continued the discussion of the report. Remarks were made by W. C. Ward, J. P. Shaffer, D. I. Purser, C. W. Hare, G. A. Nunnally, J. E. Chambliss, B. H. Crumpton, D. M. Ramsey, T. J. Dill, E. B. Teague, M. B. Wharton, C. C. Huckabee, Wm. A. Davis, and T. G. Bush, after which the report was adopted.

46. On motion of J. E. Chambliss, the first Sabbath in October next was set apart as the day for a special collection to cover a deficit which may exist in the current expenses of Howard College for ensuing year.

47. The report of the Prudential Committee, appointed at last session on the location of Howard College, was presented by B. F. Riley and ordered spread on the minutes, as follows:

The Prudential Committee of Howard College beg leave to submit the following report:

In order the more fully to execute the purpose of their appointment, the committee held its first meeting prior to leaving Union Springs and organized by the election of M. B. Wharton, Chairman, and B. F. Riley, Secretary. By appointment, its first business meeting was held in the parlor of the Wilson House, Birmingham, on July the 26th, 1887. This was followed by the investigation of the prop-

erty offered Howard College as the basis of an endowment. Having put themselves in possession of all the information possible concerning the lands, their location and estimated valuation, the committee repaired to Anniston to ascertain the value of the property there offered. Two days were spent at each point and the most diligent inquiry was made concerning the estimated valuation of the property offered. This having been done, the committee by a vote of ten to three, located the college at East Lake.

A sub-committee was appointed in part of prominent brethren at Birmingham and in part of members of the Prudential Committee, to secure the deeds to the property donated and collect cash subscriptions, secure notes for the deferred payments and to arrange for the erection of temporary buildings at East Lake, preparatory to the opening of the exercises of the college in October. In pursuance of the resolution embodying the duties of the committee, the results of their labors were published in the form of an address to the friends of the College and sent to the *Alabama Baptist* and other leading papers of the State.

On October 4th the committee held its last meeting at East Lake, where the final report of the sub-committee was adopted.

B. F. RILEY,
Secretary of Committee.

SABBATH MORNING.

48. At the Baptist Church W. E. Lloyd preached the Missionary sermon from the text: "Now, if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his." Romans vii 9.

SABBATH AFTERNOON.

49. Memorial services, in honor of John J. D. Renfroe, were presided over by W. C. Cleveland, and addresses were made by S. Henderson, J. P. Shaffer, E. B. Teague, and W. Wilkes. Resolutions were offered by W. Wilkes, and retained by him, to be presented to the Convention later in the session.

MONDAY MORNING.

50. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. M. Fortune.

51. The report on Home Missions was read by G. A. Hornady, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee presents the following report : We rejoice that we can say to this Convention that the work of the "Home Board" for the year past has, under the Divine favor, been an encouraging work—a work well calculated to inspire the great Baptist host with renewed zeal and energy and hope for the future.

Surely the hand of the Lord has been leading as his servants have moved out in the work of evangelization. With an extensive field and with large and ever-increasing responsibilities devolving upon them, the motto of the board has been onward, and with faith in God and in reliance upon the love and fidelity of his people, there has been no halting, but a steady advance all along the line of duty.

Although at the beginning of the year there was an indebtedness hanging over it, the board wisely determined to enlarge its work to meet the demands of the field allotted to it by the "Southern Baptist Convention," and the reports, as they have come up from the various missions, prove that the plan of extension was well ordered and give assurance of fulfillment of the Divine promises.

The forty third annual report of the board, made at the late session of the "Southern Baptist Convention," at Richmond, Va., furnishes the following statistics of the work done: Number of Missionaries employed by the board, 287 : in Arkansas, 22 ; Cuba, 17 ; District of Columbia, 1 ; Florida, 37 ; Georgia, 5 ; Indian Territory, 15 ; Louisiana, 21 ; Maryland, 2 ; Missouri, 4 ; Mississippi, 3 ; Texas, 125 ; Virginia, 1 ; Western Arkansas and Indian Territory, 15 ; Western North Carolina, 18.

These Missionaries, bearing with them the Gospel of Peace, have ministered during the year to 1,114 churches and stations ; have preached 33,868 sermons ; have conducted 7,390 prayer-meetings, and as a result of their labors 4,857 have been added to the church by Baptism, while 2,639 have been received by letter, making a total increase of 7,496.

In the same time 306 churches have been constituted ; 64 houses of worship have been built ; and 431 Sunday-schools have been organized with 17,240 teachers and pupils.

A statement of these facts should be to us the means of much encouragement and should inspire us with new zeal in our work for the "Home Board" and the interests entrusted to it.

We learn from the report and we regret that it is true, that Alabama failed during the past year to respond to the demands of the board upon the Christian liberality of her people, having fallen short more than \$2,000 of the amount asked of our State.

This should not be so, and we trust that a fair understanding of our obligation to the cause of Christ and of the great importance of the work being done by the "Home Board" will lead to such an increase in our contributions that we shall no more appear in the reports as having in any degree neglected the discharge of our duty.

The board is entitled to our support, and yet we cannot ignore the fact that there has been dereliction in some measure as regards our duty as Missionary Baptists.

There are in our State 65 associations and the average contributions from them for Home Missions during past year, have been but 43.35.

There are within the bounds of this Convention 1,432 churches (Missionary Baptists), and yet we find that they have averaged during the past year but 1.97 in their contributions to Home Mission.

The fact that we have done so little should humble us in the dust; fill our mouths with confessions of short-comings; make us to ask our Father to forgive our covetousness, and put within us the spirit of consecration and devotedness to his service.

The Divine Master taught, "If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments;" and the last command he issued before he ascended to his home on high was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."

He placed no limit to the work to be done, but the gospel was to extend on and on until the whole world should hear the joyful sound.

The foreign work is ours to carry on; the State mission field devolves upon us a weighty responsibility before God; but if we would do our whole duty, we must see to it that the "Home Board," with the important field lying out before it, shall receive our earnest and honest support.

Just as love, under the rule laid down in the gospel, is the foundation of all Christian obedience, so is obedience the test of our love; and in the light of so little done for the proclamation of the truth, is it not time for us to ask ourselves the question, are we rendering that obedience which proves our love for the Master's kingdom?

Should the Lord say to us to-day as he did to Simon Bar jona, "Lovest thou me?" the response from the 90,000 Baptists in Alabama would be, Lord, thou knowest that we love thee!

But have we manifested any great love in our support of the "Home Board?"

When that board has sent forth into the harvest 287 consecrated men to seek out the Lord's elect, and open to them the word of life, when the field is ever enlarging, and the cry for more laborers is constantly going up, have not our offerings been insignificant, and have we not failed to supply the adequate means of spiritual sustenance to those who are panting after the water brooks and longing for the green pastures of heavenly instructions?

May God have mercy upon us, and help us to understand how pitiful are our contributions when compared to the demands that are made upon our love, and with an earnest, heart-realization of the duties which his love devolves upon us, may we "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty."

In all the fields of labor under the supervision of the "Home Board," the work has been pushed with energy, and patience, and faithfulness, and there has never been a time when the outlook was so cheering as it is to-day.

The report from Texas is more than encouraging, in that while 125 missionaries are now employed to carry on the work there, the board expresses the opinion, that before many years are past, the Baptists of that great and growing State will be able, without help from abroad, to look after the demands of the destitution within her borders.

It is particularly gratifying to note that the Baptists of Louisiana are rapidly developing their organization for Christian work, and are giving assurance of more effectiveness in looking after the needs of that most important field.

In New Orleans there is a promise of better things, and the

brethren who are standing there upon the walls of Zion are more than ever united in the determination to go forward and take that great city for Christ.

From the Indian Territory come the tidings that the work of long years is at length beginning to bear fruit, and that there is now occurring a development in the practical duties of the Christian life.

Not only are the schools and churches more prosperous than ever before, but the Indians who have been brought to Christ are, in love to him and to their fellow-men, doing something for the evangelization of their own people.

The Baptist churches in the Creek nation are aiding in the missionary work among the wild tribes, and thus is the work advancing and the light shining farther and farther.

The "Home Board" to-day is a living exemplification of the wisdom of the fathers manifested in its creation; and, if there has ever existed a doubt as to its being a necessity for the carrying on of the mission work in our own land, surely that doubt can no longer remain when the efficacy of its labors is considered.

It seems to us that God in his providence has caused it to be raised up as one of the means to the end for the evangelization of the whole world.

In our own country, so highly favored by God, a country where there is freedom of thought, freedom of church and freedom of State, more than in any other country of the habitable globe, lie the grandest possibilities for the hastening of the coming of the Master's kingdom.

To this country, more than to any other, must they who sit in darkness look for the good news of salvation, and when Christ shall rule over this people King of kings and Lord of lords, then shall the redemptive influence reach out from our shores and extend on and on until nations, tribes and tongues shall be his.

Bring America into line as a mighty nation, whose God is the Lord, and from her shall go forth the electric current of truth, lighting the fires of hope in the darkest corners of the world and making such revelation to blighted souls as shall bring them into the brightness of God's glorious redemptive day.

The "Home Board" is working for the establishment of this country as a mighty light given to them that are in darkness. Already the light is extending.

Nowhere in the history of modern missions is there to be found a parallel to the work now being accomplished in Cuba.

That island, dominated for more than three centuries by the power of Rome, her people cursed with priest-craft and priest-rule, is feeling the touch of the mighty encircle of influence which this country is destined in the name of Christ to throw around a lost world.

A little more than two years ago there was organized in Cuba a Baptist church; and now, in spite of the natural antagonism of the people, in spite of the persecutions by the priests, in spite of mob violence unrestrained by the power of the law, there are more than one thousand men and women in that island who have seen a great light, who are standing boldly for Christ, and who are moving mightily for the redemption of the "Queen of the Antilles."

Nine native Cubans are to-day preaching the unsearchable riches of truth, and there is in the minds of the people an earnest, deep-seated

desire to throw off the shackles of superstition which have so long bound them hand and foot, and to learn of better things than they have ever known.

Strange to say—and yet not strange, when we remember that the hand of God is leading—more than half of the population of the city of Havana are in sympathy with that noble band of native Christians, who in self-sacrificing devotedness are seeking to reclaim Cuba as a bright jewel for the Master's crown, and put in the mouths of sin-cursed lost souls a song of eternal redemption.

Who shall say that the heaven is not increasing when those Cuban Baptists have not only in love to Christ devoted themselves to the mission work, but during the past year have given more than \$4,500 of their money to speed the glorious day?

And who shall say that God was not leading when it was determined to place Cuba in the work of the Home Board?

Surely under the direction of that Board there has been a development of such plans as God has blessed in no uncertain way.

While effort in the way of church building has not been as great during the past year as the needs of that work demand, we have the assurance from the Board that so soon as a much-needed house of worship shall be completed in Havana, there will be new and increased diligence in raising funds for this purpose.

We heartily approve of the publication by the Home Mission Board of the journal of that Board known as the *Home Field* and commend the enterprise to the Baptists of Alabama.

G. A. HORNADY, Chairman.

After remarks by I. T. Tichenor, J. J. Taylor, G. A. Nunnally, and B. F. Riley, the report was adopted.

52. The report on Woman's Work was read by G. S. Anderson, as amended as follows :

The demand for organized female effort for Christ in Alabama is apparent from the following considerations:

1. Christian women are organizing and will organize either as auxiliary to, and in concert with us, or on independent lines. Like prohibition, the labor combinations, and American liberty itself, the modern movement of Christian women for Christ, has come to stay.

Organization is the key-note and condition of success in this age. Failure confronts and speedily stamps itself upon any interest or influence in which this law is not recognized.

In Alabama the women have no combined effort. The work is fostered incidentally by the State Board and is maintained with efficiency in some of the individual churches, but the results achieved do not comport with the opportunities afforded. Not one-tenth of our churches participate in the work.

The restive spirit of progress and of devotion to God moves the mind and heart of our women.

Instead of incoherent isolation our women need the thrill of contact, the stimulus of co-operation expressed and exercised in organized effort.

2. The mission fields of the world, ripened unto the harvest, with their appalling possibilities, call loudly for the unselfish impulse, the lavish hand, the magnetic touch of female power exerted through broadened channels with intensified force. The dissemination of liter-

ature, the spread of intelligence, the defined work, the force of personal obligation, all demand organized effort.

3. Our home work, in the development of our churches, in reaching the highways and hedges, in the strengthening of the ministry, in the training of our children, amid the moving activities of every department of church-life, needs the organized skill of her charms and the impelling force of her touch.

4. The growing sense of responsibility felt by our women demands it. The march of modern female intelligence, with a corresponding advance in grace, with the heights attained in the realm of thought, combined with the ever-widening circle of her activities, press upon her the intensified sense of her responsibilities, impelling her to efforts corresponding in nobility to her high character and lofty destiny. Shall the smoking flax be quenched?

In a woman's meeting, held in the city of Richmond in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention, all the States were represented except two, Virginia and Alabama. The movement is taking shape. Its character is chrystallizing. Ere long it will stand out before us in the fixedness of its potent existence. Shall we give it the formative touch? Shall our fostering care give it mould and establish coherent and profitable relations, or will we give it indifference and a divorcement that mean perpetual separation? The crisis is upon us and we must meet the issue.

Your committee would commend our women in all their work for Christ, and recommend that they organize for the greatest possible efficiency within the pale of all the churches and make increased effort in behalf of the objects fostered by our respective Boards, forwarding moneys thus raised through existing denominational channels.

G. S. ANDERSON, Chairman.

After discussion by G. S. Anderson, J. C. Wright, Z. D. Roby, J. E. Chambliss, M. H. Lane, B. F. Riley, W. Wilkes, and Abner Williams, the report, on motion of Abner Williams, was laid on the table.

53. Resolutions were offered by W. Wilkes on the death of J. J. D. Renfroe, as follows:

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Divine Father to remove from our midst our beloved brother, Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe, D. D., who died at Woodlawn on June 3d, 1888; and

WHEREAS, While we bow in submission to the will of Him who can not err, we naturally mourn the loss of one so distinguished in usefulness and Christian graces; therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That in the death of Dr. Renfroe this Convention has sustained a great and serious loss.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby record our sincere estimate of his great worth and distinguished usefulness in whatever sphere he labored, whether as pastor, editor, author, trustee, or counselor in our deliberations.

3. *Resolved*, That as a champion of Baptist principles he was without a superior.

4. *Resolved*, That we shall seek to emulate his example as a devout man of God and as a diligent worker in the vineyard of our Lord.

5. *Resolved*, That a page of our minutes be set apart in honor of his memory.

After remarks by J. W. Bishop, the resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

In this connection a communication was received from W. H. McAlpine expressing the loss sustained by the colored people.

54. The report of the Committee on the Relations of the State Mission Board to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards was read by W. L. Pickard and adopted as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the investigation of the relations existing between our State Mission Board and the Home and Foreign Boards, submit the following report: Having called before us our worthy Secretary of the State Board, W. B. Crumpton, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Secretary of the Home Board, and Dr. B. F. Riley, Vice-President of the Home Board for Alabama, we find, from their statements, that no want of harmony exists; and, having the utmost confidence in the judgment and efficiency of our State Mission Board, we would not suggest as to the best mode of maintaining harmony with other boards. We leave them to adopt such means as in their judgment will best promote that end.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. J. CUMMIE, Chairman.

55. The following resolution, offered by L. D. Bass, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention recognizes and cordially commends to our churches throughout the State Rev. B. F. Riley, D. D., the Vice-President and representative of the Home Mission Board in Alabama.

56. The Committee, through W. G. Curry, chairman, reported Selma as the place for next session, and their report was adopted.

57. The standing committees to report at next session were announced by the President. (The list appears on second page of cover).

MONDAY AFTERNOON.

58. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. B. Huckabee.

59. The report of the committee to whom was referred the communication from Trustees of Selma University, was read by J. E. Chambliss, as follows:

Your committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Trustees of Selma University, beg to report:

We appreciate the sentiments of fraternity contained in the communications, and wish that it seemed practicable to accept the responsibility offered. But feeling that at present the urgent demands of our most important interests preclude the possibility of this Convention's carrying the department in said university acceptably to its friends, we think that the Convention could not wisely undertake it. We would, however, assure the trustees of our sympathy, and wish them God's blessing in this great work.

J. E. CHAMBLERS, Chairman.

Remarks were made by C. L. Purce and J. P. Barton, colored brethren representing the University, and the report was adopted.

60. On motion of W. Wilkes, the members of the State Mission Board were appointed a committee to visit Selma University in accordance with the request of the trustees of said institution, at the first convenient opportunity; and D. M. Ramsey, J. H. Foster, F. S. Moody, W. M. Blackwelder, J. T. Yerby, and G. S. Anderson, were appointed correspondents to Colored Baptist State Convention to meet at Tuscaloosa.

61. The report of the committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Directors of the convention, was read by G. R. Farnham, as amended, as follows:

The committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Directors of this Convention, submits the following report, to-wit:

In so far as said report pertains to the appointment of certain trustees of Howard College therein named to fill vacancies then existing, we recommend its adoption. We further recommend, that as to the other matters contained in said report, this committee be granted further time, with leave to report at the next Convention or to the Board of Directors in vacation, the questions involved being intricate, and all the evidence not being at hand or procurable by us at this session of the Convention.

We further recommend the adoption of the following resolution, to-wit:

Resolved, That brethren Wilkerson and Lovelace, of Marion, are hereby authorized, for the current year beginning October 1st, to make such use of the property at Marion, known as Howard College, for educational purposes as may seem to them proper and beneficial to the community at Marion.

After the investigation shall have been made and the report made to the Board of Directors, said Board is authorized to make the deed to said Wilkerson and Lovelace in such manner as they may indicate to secure it to Siloam Baptist Church, at Marion, for educational purposes.

G. R. FARNHAM, Chairman,

After being discussed by T. G. Bush, J. Haralson (Vice-President Bush in the chair), W. B. Crumpton, Z. D. Roby, T. H. Stout, and G. H. Coltharp, the report was adopted.

62. A resolution of thanks, offered by L. D. Bass, was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered the Baptist Church and citizens of Talladega for their princely hospitality during our stay; to the railroads for their accommodations; to the pages, and to the churches, for their courtesy in extending us the use of their houses of worship; and to the *Hot Blast*, of Anniston, and the *Advertiser and Dispatch* of Montgomery, for daily reports.

63. The report on Temperance was read by N. C. Underwood, as follows:

Temperance is the scriptural indulgence of natural appetites, and any indulgence of acquired taste is prohibited in the word of God, and would more properly be described in a report on prohibition.

No individual can be temperate in the use of tobacco, be he ever so moderate, because the habit is acquired and not natural.

No one can be temperate in the use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, because it is yielding to the insidious demands of an unnatural taste.

No one can be temperate in stealing, for God's word says, "Thou shalt not steal."

No one can be temperate in profaning God's name.

We have given the above definition of temperance as a premise, feeling that it justifies the conclusion reached—that what this Convention expects of this committee, judging from former reports made by like committees, is a report on prohibition and not on temperance.

We recognize the fact that there are many practices indulged in to-day, which are prohibited in the word of God, but we propose to address ourselves to the greatest of all evils, to-wit, the use of ardent spirits as a beverage.

Ought Alabama to prohibit the manufacture, importation, and sale of ardent spirits to be used as a beverage?

We most certainly think she ought.

We believe the word of God teaches that governments are ordained of God for the protection of the governed.

The State of Alabama bears the same relation to its subjects that the father does to his children or household, and when any evil becomes so prevalent as to endanger the moral development of its citizens, it is as much the duty and obligation of the State to abolish such evil as the father to subdue or suppress any evil temptation which infests the domestic circle of his home.

The preamble to the constitution plainly discloses that one of the express objects of its mission is to insure domestic tranquility and promote the general interest of its subjects.

Total abstinence from the use of alcoholic stimulants most certainly secures and insures domestic tranquility and promotes the general welfare of individuals, neighborhoods, and governments.

Whatever promotes the welfare of individuals, will promote the wel-

are of States and Nations, for Nations are made up of States, and States of individuals.

Abstinence from strong drink fortifies and protects one from the wiles of numerous sins and temptations and commends to the favorable and kind consideration and appreciative community, gives prominence in society, secures the confidence and support of associates, ingratiates into the favor and good will of all right thinking people.

Total abstinence transforms the miserable and dark hovel into a bright and happy home, banishes from the minds of mothers and wives gloom and despair and plants instead the hope of peace and prosperity. Instead of the painful watchings, the joyous anticipation of a happy return at evening tide; instead of the inexpressible sadness which fills the mother's heart and mind as she sees her boy leave the home of his childhood to go out and battle with the sterner realities of life, will be the buoyant hope that he will play well the role of a man, sober, tried and true.

Can we prescribe an infallible remedy by which such glorious results can be secured?

We answer, by constitutional prohibition of the manufacture, importation, and sale of ardent spirits.

We would say right here that it is our opinion that instead of prohibition being unconstitutional, the law which defeats the prohibition of any evil is itself unconstitutional.

Law, under the constitution, is to protect the individual in life, property, and in the pursuit of happiness.

The whisky man boasts that his business is honorable because it is legalized - that it is lawful.

Every privilege exercised, guaranteed to him by the law of which he boasts, clearly and unmistakably defeats that protection of life, property, and happiness which the constitution promises its subjects.

Nothing short of the withdrawal of these privileges from the wine vender will meet the obligations which rest upon the Christian people of the nineteenth century.

Most respectfully submitted,

N. C. UNDERWOOD, Chairman.

After discussion by J. Gunn, Abner Williams, J. Shackelford, J. M. Frost, S. Henderson, G. S. Anderson, J. C. Orr, W. R. Ivey, and T. H. Stout, the report was adopted.

64. The report on Education was read by J. P. Shaffer, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We take pleasure in calling your attention to the reports made to this Convention by the Trustees of Howard College and Judson Female Institute.

The reports are before you and need not to be reproduced by this Convention, but we beg leave to say that Alabama Baptists should be profoundly thankful for the prosperity of these schools, and that they should be deeply, prayerfully, affectionately, and unitedly engaged for their enlargement, and for the intensification of the Christian feature of their work.

Your committee beg leave to quote the first paragraph of the report on education made to this Convention at its last session, and to

emphasize its importance. "Primary schools, public and private, high schools and academies, scattered as they are over every county in Alabama, constitute much the largest part of all our educational facilities; and if we would do our whole duty, as one of the leading Christian denominations of this great commonwealth, we must do our full share in the teaching, management and control of these schools."

We beg leave to call your attention to quite a tendency to under-rate the importance of denominational colleges as compared with State schools. Such is the strength of this tendency that we conclude that it should be very carefully and prayerfully considered by Christian men and women.

Your committee respectfully recommend :

- (1.) That this Convention promptly provide for the probable deficit which may result from the inadequacy of receipts from tuition to meet the current expenses of Howard College for the school year 1888-9.
- (2.) That this committee earnestly urge our brethren throughout the State to address themselves at once to the important work of raising \$60,000.00 with which to erect a dormitory building for Howard College.
- (3.) That this Convention instruct the Board of Trustees of Howard College to formulate a plan for the collection of the above named amount.

Humbly beseeching God to direct you in your work for Christian education, we commit all into his gracious hands.

JNO. P. SHAFFER, *Chairman*.

After remarks by W. C. Cleveland, the report was adopted.

65. The Secretary read, at the request of the chairman of the committee, the report on Sunday-schools, as amended, as follows :

STATISTICS.

The report of the Secretary of this Convention for last year shows that we have in Alabama 1,377 churches, with a membership of 85,093. The same report shows that we have only 434 Sunday-schools, with a membership of 16,176. This includes officers and teachers.

We submit that this report does great injustice to the Baptists of Alabama in their Sunday-school work. The statistical Secretary of this Convention has performed his full duty, and the blame for the failure to make a proper showing of our work rests upon the churches and Associations of the State.

It is true that our denomination has always been careless in reporting its denominational work, but we are beginning to realize the value of figures, and we hope that a system will soon be adopted to give correct and accurate statistics of the Sunday-school work of this State.

PROGRESS.

While from the statistics which we have, we are not able to give even an approximate idea of our numerical strength or progress made during the past year, yet from our personal knowledge, we believe that the Baptists of Alabama are fully abreast of other States in

this important work, and that our progress during the past year has been greater than any year during the history of our denomination. We do not mean by this that we have reached that high standard to which we should attain. Far from this. This can never be reached until we have a well organized Sunday school in every church in the State, and a membership which shall equal twice our church membership.

LITERATURE.

We are glad to be able to report that a very large majority of the schools are now using the International lessons published by the American Baptist Publication Society, and the Kind Words series. This system has done much to increase the interest in our schools and we hope soon to know that it has been adopted by every school in the State.

PASTORAL AID.

The Sunday schools of to-day are receiving more pastoral sympathy and co-operation than at any time during their history. Nearly all our pastors realize the importance of this work, and on every Sabbath morning are found giving the school their personal oversight.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS.

It is to be regretted that but comparatively few of the schools in this State have a weekly teachers' meeting, for it is only in this way that the superintendent or the pastor can know whether the teachers are teaching aright or whether they are sound in doctrine or informed in Bible truths.

THE GRACE OF GIVING.

While many of our churches have been laboring zealously for a number of years to restore the lost grace, yet we find many of them yet struggling with debts, the widows and orphans neglected, the heathen left to die in darkness and a poorly paid ministry. The work to overcome these difficulties must begin with the young. The grace of giving is a part of God's law, and must be taught and practiced in the Sunday-school. We are glad to know that our people are beginning to realize this fact, and the weekly collection now being made from our schools is large and encouraging. We fear, however, that too many of our children contribute of their means as a habit and without having any object in view. We believe that they should have a definite object to contribute to, and learn to recognize the fact that the act of giving is designed to accomplish a work of grace in the heart of the contributor.

OUR NEEDS.

We need to make a more accurate statistical showing of our work. We need a flourishing Sunday-school in every church in Alabama. We need to know that every teacher is sound upon doctrine and informed upon Bible truths to be taught from week to week. We need more zeal and increased numbers. We need a definite object for our children to support with their contributions,

We earnestly recommend to the Baptist Sunday-schools of Alabama that they adopt a catechetical course of instruction in connection with the existing international lesson series,

T. W. AYERS,
Chairman.

After remarks by W. B. Crumpton and B. F. Riley, the report was adopted.

66. The Committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention reported, through T. H. Stout, as follows:

The Committee on Nominations beg leave to submit the following report:

To Preach the Introductory Sermon.—George E. Brewer; Alternate, D. M. Ramsey.

Treasurer.—E. F. Enslen.

Auditor.—M. G. Hudson.

Board of Directors.—President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, *ex officio* members: H. A. Haralson, W. P. Welch, J. M. Frost, H. S. D. Mallory, M. A. Keith, Law Lamar, Porter King, S. W. Averett, C. C. Huckabee.

To Fill Vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Howard College.—B. F. Riley, in place of J. J. D. Renfroë, deceased; R. W. Beck, in place of J. W. Crenshaw, resigned; B. H. Crumpton, in place of J. L. Wyatt, moved from Alabama.

To Fill Vacancies in the Board of Trustees of Judson Female Institute.—J. P. Shaffer and T. T. Daughdrill.

State Mission Board.—J. M. Frost, President; W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer; G. R. Farnham, 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, H. D. D. Stratton, G. S. Anderson, Jos. Shackelford, J. P. Shaffer, A. J. Slaughter, Law Lamar, M. A. Keith, S. Frank Fowlkes, B. F. Riley, and the brother who may be appointed Vice-President for Alabama of Foreign Mission Board.

Board of Ministerial Education.—M. B. Wharton, G. W. Thomas, G. W. Ellis, G. S. Anderson, W. L. Pickard, J. G. Harris, J. E. Chambliss.

To Suggest Programme for Next Convention.—J. M. Frost and the deacons of Selma Church.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.—Jon. Haralson, W. C. Cleveland, B. B. Davis, T. H. Stout, J. E. McCormick, J. D. Cook, B. J. Skinner, G. R. Farnham, B. H. Crumpton, T. W. Hart, J. M. Frost, H. S. D. Mallory, J. B. Lovelace, W. W. Wilkerson, George S. Anderson, L. D. Bass, R. M. Burt, E. F. Baber, L. L. Belsher, A. B. Johnston, W. S. Henderson, W. J. Elliott, S. W. Averett, J. A. Wynne, A. E. Burns, M. S. Stevens, John T. Davis, L. M. Bradley, J. H. Williamson, J. B. Hamberlin, H. Austill, T. G. Bush, M. B. Wharton, H. W. Caffey, A. J. Waldrop, Jefferson Falkner, J. W. Hale, Wm. A. Davis, J. E. Chambliss, M. N. Eley, G. A. Nunnally, J. H. Curry, Samuel Henderson, John F. Purser, 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, M. G. Hudson, Abner Williams, J. C. Wright, Joseph Shackelford, C. B. Roach, D. I. Purser, R. H. Sterrett, F. S. Moody, B. F. Riley, L. G. Skipper, J. W. Stewart, Cat. Smith, B. T. Jones, E. B. Teague, A. J. Brooks, T. M. Barbour, G. T. Lee, W. J. Pickard, W. M. Blackwelder, D. M. Ramsey, J. J. Taylor, H. D. D. Stratton, J. H. Foster, Jr.

We recommend that if the delegation is not full, under the repre-

sentation allowed us, that the delegates present be allowed to place on the list any brethren present from the State to make the number to which we may be entitled.

We recommend that the Committee on Programme be requested to appoint a preacher for the Missionary sermon; that the Introductory sermon be preached at 11 o'clock on Friday a. m., and that five be made a quorum for the transaction of business by the Board of Directors and the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

T. H. STOUT,
M. W. HAND,
C. J. BURDEN,
W. C. BLEDSOE,
J. SWINK.

The report was adopted.

MONDAY NIGHT.

67. The report on Foreign Missions was read by L. D. Bass, as follows:

The last recorded utterance of the Lord Jesus Christ before he ascended to his mediatorial throne was: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem and in Judea, and in all Samaria, and unto *the uttermost part of the earth.*" This declaration discloses the grand purpose of church organization: It is that each and all may be missionaries to the whole human race. The church that fails to recognize this law is in process of speedy dissolution. "The field is the world," and the obligation on every believer to "go into all the world and preach the gospel" is imperative and final. Christ has placed this responsibility upon us, and we cannot throw it off without incurring the risk of his displeasure and condemnation. It is in fulfillment of this grand purpose of Christ in saving the world through the channel of his churches, that the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized 43 years ago. The work has enlarged and widened steadily year after year. A little one "has become a thousand," and a "small one a strong nation." The reports from some parts of the field are more cheering than from others. But on the whole, amid much and grievous opposition, and even fierce persecution, the progress of the gospel has been marked in nearly every part of the field. Some of our heroic and consecrated missionaries have yielded their lives in the conflict. Matthew T. Yates, after nearly 41 years of continuous service in China, entered into "the joy of his Lord" on the 17th of March of the present year. "A prince and a great man" has fallen in our Israel, with his great heart burdened for the perishing millions of China. Brother Davault has also fallen asleep, with the dying cry on his lips, "Help! Help! Help!" Mrs. Graves died also while on her way home in the fond hope of recuperating her feeble health. How strongly do these events emphasize the demand for men and money to carry forward the work which these martyrs to the cause had barely begun.

We have cheering news from Mexico. Our heroic pioneer missionary, W. D. Powell, is moving forward in the face of bitter and relentless persecution by the Roman Catholic priesthood. Eight churches have been organized, with 11 out-stations. Two hundred and ten were baptized last year, and the membership of the entire missions numbers 500.

We are glad to report that four new men from our Theological Seminary have volunteered for the work in Mexico. H. P. McCormick, from our own State, with his faithful and devoted wife, is laboring successfully at Zacatecas, and makes a touching appeal to Southern Baptists for help to build a house of worship at that point "to give weight to the work." He has been assaulted with stones and every conceivable obstacle has been thrown in his way, but he has shown great personal prowess and the work goes bravely on.

The mission in South America, under the leadership of W. B. Bagby, E. H. Soper and Z. C. Taylor, is developing great interest. The same trouble, with which Powell has to contend in Mexico, meets our little band of missionaries in Brazil. Bro. C. D. Daniel, who had charge of the mission in Bahia during the temporary absence of Bro. Taylor, was warned by the priests that if he persisted in baptizing in the sea it would be at the hazard of his life. Nevertheless, from 1883 to 1888, there have been over a hundred and fifty baptisms, and the contributions of the church have averaged \$8.00 per member. Urgent calls are made to us to establish missions at Maceio, with its 20,000 people, at Pernambuco, with 175,000, "the Venice of Brazil," and at Para, at the mouth of the Amazon, with 75,000 population.

The European mission, at Rome, Italy, is under the supervision of G. B. Taylor and J. H. Eager with eleven faithful and courageous native preachers. The work here is necessarily slow as it has been the stronghold of Romanism for a thousand years. We have reports of seven baptisms at Bari, and "in spite of the most bitter opposition of the Jesuits, forty persons have been baptized at Modena under the ministry of Signor Martinelli."

"Before 1848 there was not one publicly-declared evangelical in the whole of Italy, except in the Waldensian valleys. From 1848 to 1859 the gospel was preached in Piedmont only. Until 1870 not one Roman dared proclaim himself evangelical, and no foreign Protestant could worship within the walls of Rome. Now in 1887 there are 8,781 church members, 1,222 catechumens 4 758 Sunday school pupils, 82 colporteurs 192 preachers, 256 churches and stations, 5 orphan asylums and 9 religious papers, either monthly or weekly."

We ought to "thank God and take courage," that once more the land that first gave forth the glad sound of a pure gospel is receiving it back again in apostolic simplicity and power: and as the grasses and flowers that slumber under the winter snows of the Alpine valleys hear and respond to the reviving voice of the spring and hasten to spread forth their beauties, and cast their fragrance on the air, so from beneath the superincumbent mass of gross superstition and idolatry the still living souls of Italy's sons are hearing the emancipating voice of Jesus by his ministers, and are coming forth into the glorious light and liberty of the gospel of peace and salvation.

Our mission in Africa is under the leadership of W. J. David, P. A. Eubanks, W. W. Harvey, and C. E. Smith. They report a membership of 149 and 13 baptisms last year. They make an earnest appeal to Southern Baptists for ten more men to help sustain the banner of Jesus on "the dark continent." We are under peculiar obligations to heed that appeal.

The work in China demands special consideration. In no part of the foreign field is the struggle so unequal, and the resistance so obstinate as in China. The darkness of idolatry and superstition is so dense, the population so immense that it might well appall and dishearten the bravest of those heroes of the cross, who have ventured into the midst of these swarming millions with the light of the gospel. God has not

left himself without witnesses even there. In North China we have two churches with a membership of 143. In Central China there are seven churches and stations, and eight were baptized last year. In South China there is a membership of 477, and 32 baptisms reported. The total contributions from these churches amounted last year to \$446.58. There are also in this division 11 schools, with an average attendance of 213 pupils. In the death of Dr. Yates the work in China seems to have sustained a severe blow. But God will direct it to a good end. We are grateful to Him who governs among nations that he permitted our Bro. Yates to live so long, and to finish his translation of the New Testament in the Shanghail dialect, which gives the gospel in their own tongue to twenty millions of people. In Dr. Yates' last report from Central China the membership of the churches, at the four places occupied, numbers 107. These results seem meagre and inadequate to the labor and money expended. But ultimate success in this as in all other mission fields is as sure as the promises of God.

Let us not be so solicitous about success as about fidelity to God and his truth, and let us take courage and hope that our Divine Master will, in answer to our prayers and our labors, bring these millions "from the land of Sinim" to the kingdoms of his grace and truth in response to the faithful and persevering use of means which he has appointed for the salvation of all nations.

In closing this report we regret to say that the contributions from our own State to the Foreign Board fell largely behind this past year from what they were the year previous. The total amount reported from Alabama for 1887 was \$3,913.59. The year before it was \$4,692.29, a falling off of \$778.70. We trust that our enlarged contributions for the present year will more than make up this deficiency. Let all our pastors see to it that the *Foreign Mission Journal* and other literature bearing on our work are freely distributed among their people. Let us remember that the promise is that "he that watereth others shall be watered himself," but that "if we sow sparingly we shall reap sparingly." Let us do faithfully our part in the mighty work of human salvation, and thus "hasten the day of the Lord's coming."

L. D. BASS,
J. A. GLENN,
J. B. LOVEFACE,
G. W. LEE,
J. D. COOK.

After remarks by J. J. Taylor and T. P. Bell the report was adopted.

68. The following resolution, offered by T. G. Bush, was adopted :

Resolved, That the Baptists of Alabama undertake to raise six thousand dollars for Foreign Missions for the current year and thus meet the claims of the Board upon us.

69. On motion of J. Shackelford, the report on Woman's Work was taken from the table and on his motion the paragraph proposing a central committee was stricken

from the report and his amendment incorporated in lieu thereof, as appears in the last paragraph of the report as read by the chairman.

After remarks by J. E. Chambliss, J. Shackelford, J. M. Frost, B. H. Crumpton, M. B. Wharton, G. S. Anderson, W. C. Cleveland, J. P. Shaffer, J. C. Orr, W. B. Crumpton, J. G. Bush, J. D. Cook, Z. D. Roby, B. F. Riley, A. F. Redd, and T. H. Stout, the substitute for the whole report offered by J. M. Frost, was adopted, as follows:

Resolved, That we rejoice in the excellent work being done by the Christian women in our churches on behalf of missions. We earnestly bid our sisters God-speed in their efforts, and recommend to all the pastors to encourage the organization of societies in the churches so as to better inform our members and to increase their benevolence and beneficence, forwarding moneys thus raised through existing denominational channels.

70. Prayer was offered by B. H. Crumpton and the President announced the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

JONATHAN HARALSON, Selma, Prest.

WM. A. DAVIS, Anniston, Sec'y.

GEO. W. ELLIS, Montgomery, Assistant Sec'y.

(Next session at Selma, Ala., beginning Friday, Nov. 8, 1889.)



JOHN J. D. RENFROE, D. D.

Born in Montgomery county, Alabama, August 30, 1830.

Died at Woodlawn, Alabama, June 3, 1888.

LAYMEN'S MEETING.

THURSDAY NIGHT, July 12, 1888.

Pursuant to notice in programme of Alabama Baptist Convention, the organization of a Laymen's Movement was discussed with G. R. Farnham in the chair, and Thos. W. Chambliss as Secretary. The Chairman stated the object of the meeting and the facts which called for the organization. J. G. Harris also made some remarks in favor of the organization of the Laymen.

On motion of Rev. B. H. Crumpton, the ministers present by a unanimous vote endorsed the movement.

On motion of J. G. Harris, a committee on by-laws and constitution, to report any time the chairman may designate, was selected as follows: J. G. Harris, P. H. Mell, A. J. Brooks, M. W. Hand, G. A. Joiner, G. R. Farnham.

MONDAY MORNING, July 16th, 1888.

J. G. Harris presented report of committee, which was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

Your Committee on Permanent Organization beg to report as follows: Believing there is much latent talent in the churches of Alabama, which, if properly developed, will add great force and vitality to the Master's cause, and as a means of awakening and arousing a general interest upon the part of Baptist Laymen over the State in individual State and denominational work, as an auxiliary body to the State Convention, the purpose of which shall be to assist in executing the plans and fostering the interests of the State Convention; as a means of dignifying Christian religion in the lives of business men and of bringing laymen to more fully realize the responsibility resting upon them by virtue of their relationship as Christians to God and the church; we, the Baptist Laymen in Convention assembled, agree to organize and perpetuate the Alabama Baptist Laymen's Association.

BY-LAWS.

1. This body shall be known as the Baptist Laymen's Association of the State of Alabama.
2. Any member in good standing of any Baptist church in this State may be a member of this Association.
3. Its officers shall consist of a President, three Vice-Presidents, a Secretary, Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of twelve members, one from each Congressional district, except the Second, from which five shall be taken. This five shall constitute a Central Committee, three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The headquarters of the Central Committee shall be at Montgomery. The officers and Executive Committee shall be elected annually by the Association in session.
4. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings, to exercise a care over all the interests and work of the association during the recess, to attend the meetings and act as Chairman of the Executive Committee and to perform generally such duties as devolve upon him by reason of his office.
5. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Presidents to act in place of the President in his absence, or in event of the death or permanent removal of the President, the Vice-Presidents shall select one of their number to act as President until the next general election.
6. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings.
7. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds of the Association and pay out the same upon order of the President and Executive Committee.
8. The President shall be *ex officio* a member of the Executive Committee.
9. The Executive Committee shall have general charge and conduct of the work and all the affairs of the Association during its recess; shall hold meetings from time to time, when called by the President; shall see that all the work provided for by the Association in session; shall be done; call meetings of the Association at such times and places as in their wisdom may seem best, notice of which shall be given through the denominational papers and public prints at least three months in advance; make and promulgate a programme for each meeting, appoint persons to present the subjects of the programme, and give persons so appointed at least three months' notice of their appointment and procure from them promises to be present at the meetings and perform the duties devolving upon them by reason of such appointment; provide for music at the meetings and do such other things as will promote the interests of the Association and add to the interest of meetings; appoint from time to time such sub-committees as their judgment may require, and annually, through the President, make report of their work to the Association.
10. The meetings of the Association shall be held annully and at such times and places as may be designated by the Executive Committee, and shall be governed by "Mell's Parliamentary Practice."

Upon motion of Jon. Haralson, a committee of three, consisting of J. G. Harris, J. B. Little, and G. A. Joiner,

were appointed to nominate officers of the association, which committee reported as follows:

President—G. R. Farnham, Evergreen.
1st Vice-President—W. D. Appling, Jasper.
2d Vice-President—N. D. Denson, LaFayette.
3d Vice-President—John W. Bishop, Talladega.
Secretary—J. B. Gerald, Montgomery.
Treasurer—A. J. Brooks, Verbena.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

1st District—G. A. Pierce.
2d District—J. G. Harris, J. B. Little, T. J. Carlisle, W. B. Davidson, H. W. Parish.
3d District—Jno. D. Godwin.
4th District—H. S. D. Mallory.
5th District—J. H. Johnson.
6th District—H. H. Brown.
7th District—Jas. Crook.
8th District—R. E. Pettus.

The officers were elected unanimously. Meeting then adjourned to meet in November, 1889, at Selma, Ala., at the meeting of the Baptist State Convention.

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| G. R. FARNHAM, | THOS. W. CHAMBLISS, |
| Chairman, | Secretary. |

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-Presidents, 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 Con-

vention; *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 Convention 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 Constitution 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 1887 and from other sources of information.

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| Adams, S. M., Randolph. | Bell, J. E., Georgiana. |
| Adams, W. H., Brundidge. | Belsher, L. L., East Lake. |
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| Agee, W. A., Russellville. | Billingsly, C. C., Verbena. |
| Alford, J. Q. A., Warrenton. | Bishop, W. A., Carthage. |
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| Allen, Asa, Oxford. | Blackwelder, W. M., Northport. |
| Allen, D. C., Brundidge. | Blair, Thomas, Plano. |
| Allen, H., Bell's Mill. | Blake, R. H., Scottsville. |
| Allen, W., Geneva. | Bledsoe, W. C., LaFayette. |
| Almon, C. F., Ezra. | Blizard, A. L., Haw Ridge. |
| Almon, W. V., Heflin. | Bone, W. G., Marble Valley. |
| Anders, J. H. M., Romulus. | Boole, J. H., York. |
| Anderson, G. S., Fort Deposit. | Bowerman, E. M., Blountsville. |
| Andrews, A., Burnsville. | Bowling, J. W., Oleander. |
| Andrews, W. L., Cheatham. | Brackin, M., Brackin. |
| Appleton, J. B., Collinsville. | Bradford, I. F., Avoca. |
| Apsey, J. G., Clinton. | Bradley, L. M., Perryville. |
| Armstrong, Aris, Headland. | Bradley, John, Milo. |
| Armstrong, W. W., Wilsonville. | Branham, T. W., Woodlawn. |
| Arnold, R. B., Skipperville. | Brashier, I. L., Sterrett. |
| Autrey, H. R., Epes Station. | Brewer, G. E., Jernigan. |
| Avant, W. C., Rutledge. | Bridges, H. H., Dry Cove. |
| Ayers, J. J., Flora. | Brindley, G. L., Cullman. |
| Baber, E. F., Notasulga. | Britnell, J. M., Newburgh. |
| Bagwell, J. E., Sidney. | Brooks, E. M., Flemington. |
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| Baker, W. G., Willingham. | Brooks, J. W., Geneva. |
| Barbour, T. M., Tuskaloosa. | Brooks, M., Elba. |
| Barksdale, E. J., Albertville. | Brooks, W. C., Ashland. |
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 Bruner, J. F., Monterey.
 Bruner, W. M., Columbia.
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 Bugg, W. R., Goldville.
 Bulger, P. D., Williams' Mill.
 Bullard, J. W., Daleville.
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 Burdeshaw, D. E., Headland.
 Burgess, Wm. A., Ferncliff.
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 Burns, C. A., Bangor.
 Burrell, T., Bremen.
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 Burroughs, E. P., Whiton.
 Burt, R. M., Fort Deposit.
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 Campbell, W. J., Chulafinnee.
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 Carpenter, J., Palmetto.
 Carrington, A. C., Chickasabogue.
 Carter, L. R., York.
 Carter, W. B., Hartsell.
 Casey, W. L., Sidney.
 Castleberry, P., Kelly's Creek.
 Catts, S. J., Pleasant Hill.
 Causey, J. L., Healing Springs.
 Chambers, L., Sand Mountain.
 Chambliss, J. E., Furman.
 Chandler, J. E., Coffey's Store.
 Chandler, J. W., Oxford.
 Chandler, W. N., Attalla.
 Chappelle, H. B., Dillburgh.
 Cheatham, W. H., Greenville.
 Cheatwood, B. A., Shoal Creek.
 Cheatwood, R. M., White Plains.
 Chunn, G. A., Mount Pinson.
 Cleveland, W. C., Montevallo.
 Clines, E., Bellville.
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 Cobbs, W. T., Trinity Station.
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 Cofield, James, Stone Hill.
 Cole, W., Gum Spring.
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 Coleman, W. W., Choccolocco.
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 Collier, W. L., Albertville.
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 Collins, D. S., Estill's Fork.
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 Cox, R. A., Wynnville.
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 Hood, N. A., Hood.
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 Howell, C., Holly Tree.
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 Hudson, J. D., Choctaw Corner.
 Hudson, T. P., Loachapoka.
 Huey, J. M., Pratt Mines.
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 Johnson, A. B., Birmingham.
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 Langridge, J., Montgomery.
 Langston, J. M., Six Mile.
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 Leavel, T. S., Green Hill.
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 Letcher, J. D., Woodstock.
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 Lock, S. W., Headland.
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 Lofton, M. G., Garden.
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 Lovell, W. P., Springville.
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 Lyons, J. C., Wilsonville.
 Lyon, Mat., Moulton.
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 McCrary, W. J., Partridge.
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 McDonald, O. P., Red Hill.
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 McQueen, G. W., Hayneville.
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 Martin, T. M., Larissa.
 Martin, W. W., Clement's Depot.
 Martin, W. F., Elba.
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 Markham, J. A., Toad Vine.
 Matthews, C. L., Crittenden's.
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 May, J. A., Hill.
 Melton, H. W., Landersville.
 Miles, J. M., South Florence.
 Miles, T. J., Birmingham.
 Miles, C. J., Nicholsville.
 Miller, E., Oak Lone.
 Miller, J. E., Bremen.
 Miller, J., Micaville.
 Milner, G. M., Lot.
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 Mills, Jno. D., Montevallo.
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 Mitchell, J. N., Hillian's Store.
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 Montgomery, P. S., Ashville.
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 Moore, N. A., Andalusia.
 Moore, H. R., Wedowee.
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 Morris, J. C., Lovelace.
 Morris, G. W., Kirby's Creek.
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 Olive, G. P., Verbena.
 Overton, J. H., Wedowee.
 Owen, C. A., Cullman.
 Owen, M. F., Lot.
 Owings, M. C., Ur.
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 Pace, J. O. A., Russellville.
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 Parker, J. F., Columbiana.
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 Pendergrass, M. W., Pendergrass.
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 Peters, J. W., Vernon.
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 Pike, C. J., Broken Arrow.
 Pipkin, J. J., Fort Deposit.
 Plaster, F. C., Fort Deposit.
 Poyner, J. M., Newton.
 Pomeroy, C., Gravelly Springs.
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 Pope, J. H., Munford.
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 Ramsey, D. W., Pine Apple.
 Ramsey, R. H., Ashville.
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 Ruddick, W. J., Stanton.
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 Ryder, B. H., Troy.
 Sanders, M. D. L., Bartonville.
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 Scott, J. E., Pushmataha.
 Scott, W. A., Lineville.
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 Shaffer, J. P., Birmingham.
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 Shinn, R. T., Bladen Springs.
 Shirley, J. S., Raleigh.
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 Skipper, J. C., Headland.
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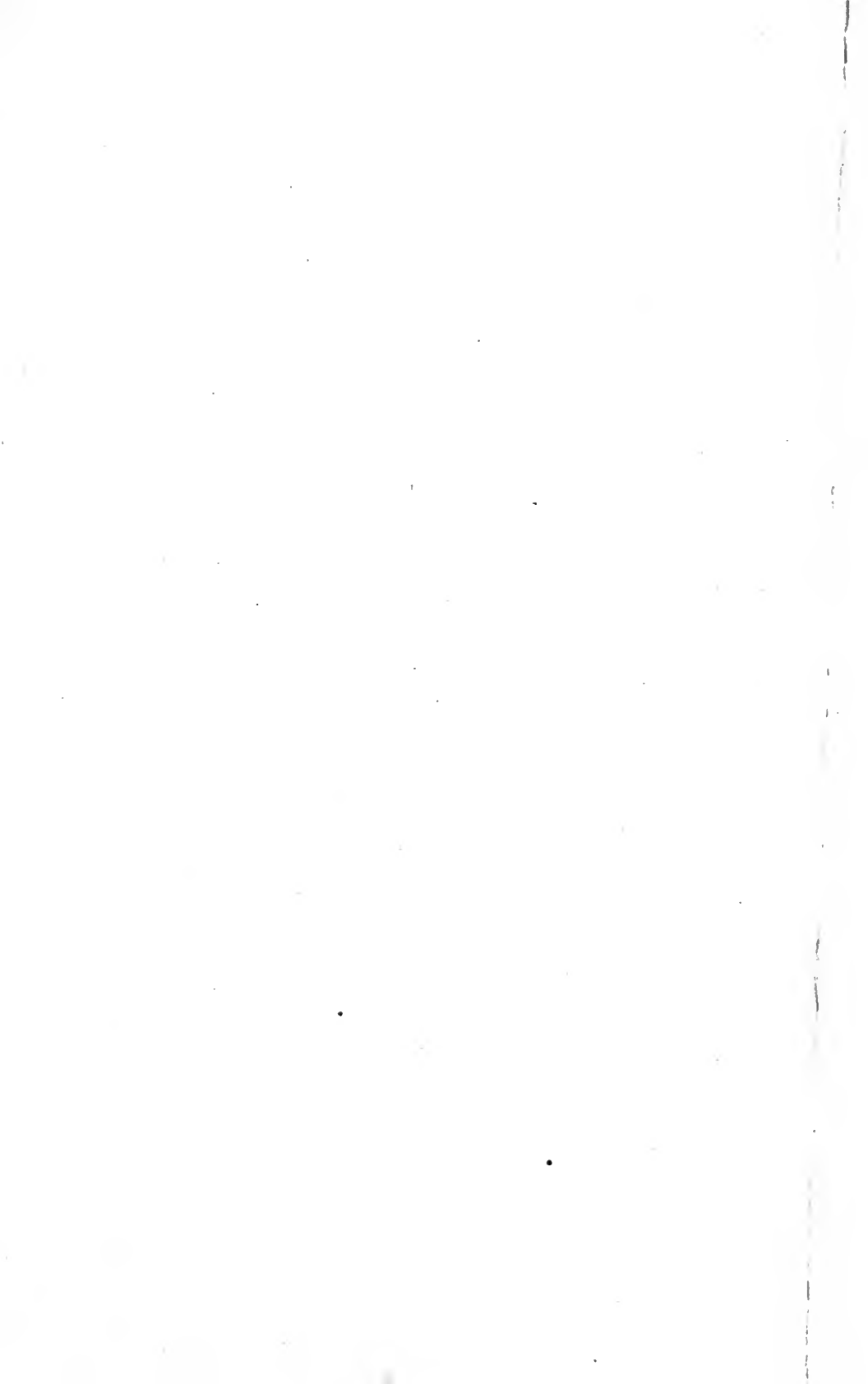
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 Smith, W. P., Lucky.
 Smith, J. E., Buford.
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 Stephens, J. W., Black's Store.
 Stephens, S., Lusk.
 Stephens, W. H., Rock Run.
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Time, Place of Meeting and Officers of the Alabama Baptist State Conventon, 1823 to 1888.

| YEAR | PLACE OF MEETING. | PRESIDENT. | CLERK. |
|------|----------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1823 | Greensboro | Rev. Charles Crow... | Rev. J. A. Randallson |
| 1824 | Marion | Rev. Daniel P. Brown | |
| 1825 | Tuscaloosa | | |
| 1826 | Greensboro | Rev. L. C. Davis.. | |
| 1827 | Bethany, Conecuh county..... | | Rev. J. A. Butler. |
| 1828 | Marion | | |
| 1829 | Cannan Church, Jefferson county | Rev. Lee Compero..... | Rev. A. J. Holcombe. |
| 1830 | Near Canton, Wilcox county..... | Rev. J. Ryan..... | |
| 1831 | Salem Church, near Greensboro.. | | |
| 1832 | | | |
| 1833 | Grant's Creek Ch., nr. Tuscal'sa | | |
| 1834 | Salem Church, near Greensboro... | Rev. H. Holcombe | Rev. A. J. Holcombe. |
| 1835 | Okmulgee Church, Perry county | " " | " " |
| 1836 | Fellowship Church, Wilcox Co... | " " | " " |
| 1837 | Enon Church, Madison county..... | " " | " " |
| 1838 | Grant's Creek Ch., nr. Tuscal'sa | " " | " " |
| 1839 | Okmulgee Church, Perry county | Rev. Jesse Hartwell... | " " |
| 1840 | Salem Church, Green county..... | | " " |
| 1841 | Talladega | Rev. Thomas Chilton | " " |
| 1842 | Montgomery..... | Rev. Jesse Hartwell... | M. P. Jewett. |
| 1843 | Marion | " " | " " |
| 1844 | Marion | " " | " " |
| 1845 | Marion | " " | " " |
| 1846 | Marion | Rev. Thomas Chilton | " " |
| 1847 | Greensboro | " " | " " |
| 1848 | Marion | " " | Rev. Platt Stout. |
| 1849 | Carlownville, Dallas county..... | " " | " " |
| 1850 | Marion | " " | Rev. T. F. Curtis. |
| 1851 | Tuskegee | Hon. W. P. Chilton... | Rev. Platt Stout. |
| 1852 | Marion | Rev. H. Talbird..... | " " |
| 1853 | Selma | " " | Rev. P. H. Lundy. |
| 1854 | Marion | " " | A. B. Goodhue. |
| 1855 | Montgomery..... | " " | " " |
| 1856 | LaFayette | Rev. A. G. McCraw... | " " |
| 1857 | Marion | " " | " " |
| 1858 | Odenville | " " | " " |
| 1859 | Marion | " " | " " |
| 1860 | Tuskegee | Rev. H. Talbird..... | Rev. I. T. Tichenor. |
| 1861 | Marion | " " | A. B. Goodhue. |
| 1862 | Selma | Hon. J. L. M. Curry... | " " |
| 1863 | Marion | " " | " " |
| 1864 | Montgomery | Rev. W. H. McIntosh | " " |
| 1865 | Marion | Hon. J. L. M. Curry .. | " " |
| 1866 | Selma | " " | " " |
| 1867 | Mobile | " " | Rev. Chas. Manly. |
| 1868 | Marion | Rev. S. Henderson... | R. F. Manly. |
| 1869 | Oxford | " " | Rev. Chas. Manly. |
| 1870 | Opelika | " " | " " |
| 1871 | Montgomery..... | " " | R. F. Manly. |
| 1872 | Eufaula | " " | A. B. Goodhue. |
| 1873 | Tuscaloosa | " " | Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe. |
| 1874 | Marion | Hon. Jon. Haralson .. | F. H. Hawks. |
| 1875 | Huntsville | " " | B. B. Davis. |
| 1876 | Montgomery..... | " " | " " |
| 1877 | Gadsden | " " | A. B. Goodhue. |
| 1878 | Talladega | " " | " " |
| 1879 | Birmingham..... | " " | B. B. Davis. |
| 1880 | Greenville..... | " " | " " |
| 1881 | Troy | " " | " " |
| 1882 | Huntsville..... | " " | " " |
| 1883 | Marion | " " | " " |
| 1884 | Tuscaloosa | " " | " " |
| 1885 | Tuskegee | " " | " " |
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