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# Seventy-Third Session.

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PRESIDENT-W. C. Cleveland, Columbia.

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AUDITOR-J. M. Davidson, Birmingham.

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STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS-(W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, Montgomery,) Term expiring 1805: G. W. Ellis, Theodore Welch, A. J. Dickinson, W. M. Burr, J. A. Frearri, T. L. Jong, L. O. Dawson; 1895: Geo. B. Fager, W. M. Harls, H. S. D. Mallory, W. C. Cleveland, P. T. Hale, W. C. Bledsoc, W. E. Hadmon; 1897: Joruth in Haralson, W. B. Davidson, S. A. Adams, M. F. Brooks, N. C. Und rubol, J. P. Wool, J. J. Taylor,

CENTRAL COMMITTRE ON WOMAN'S WORK-Mrs. T. A. Humilton, President: Mrs. G20, B. E4ger, Vice-President; Mrs. I. C. Browa, Speretary; Mrs. G. M. Morrow, Treasurer.

TRUSTERS OF HOWARD COLLEGE – Term expiring 1895: T. G. Bush, J. H. Eubank, W. T. Smith, F. M. Wood, W. H. Wood, S. W. Welch, R. W. Beck, M. B. Neece: 1897: J. A. Glenn, W. C. Ward, J. Shuckelford, B. H. Crumpton, J. M. McKleroy, Eugene F. Eusleu, E. H. Cabaniss, S. P. Fowikes: 1309: J. M. Arnold, W. C. Cleveland, J. R. Tyson, J. P. Shuifer, J. A. French, J. P. Hubbard, P. T. Hale, C. C. Jones.

TRUSTRES OF JUDSON FEMALE INSTITUTE. Term expiring 1895: L. L. Lee, J. H. Marbury; 1897: J. C. Bush, J. P. Shaffer; 1899: H. A. Haralson, B. F. Ellis; 1901: T. T. Daughdrill, W. B. Crumpton; 1993: C. C. Huckabec, W. P. Welch; 1905: W. T. Smith, George B. Eager; 1997: J. B. Lovelace, C. A. Wilkerson.

TRUSTERS OF THE ORPHANAGE-Term expiring 1896: Geo. R. Farnham, P. T. Hale, G. S. Anderson, J. W. Stewart, W. B. Crumpton, Z. D. Roby, J. C. Bush, Law Lamar, J. H. Curry, S. C. Clopton, C. S. Rabb, P. M. Bruner, C. L. Gay.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT CONVENTION OF 1895;

FORRIGN MISSIONS-R. E. Pettus, John T. Davis, J. F. Gable, S. J. Catts, J. H. Guzner, J. Gunn, J. W. Hamner.

HOME MISSIONS-G. A. Hornady, J. G. Lowrey, J. R. Caldwell, G. R. Farn, ham, J. M. McCord, A. J. Preston.

PROGRAM-A. J. Dickinson, H. S. D. Mallory, Geo. B. Eager, J. E. Barnes, T. T. Daughdrill.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS-B. D. Gray, S. O. Y. Ray, W. E. Lloyd, J. H. Dickson, J. C. Maxwell, D. S. Martin.

TEMPERANCE-Win. A. Davis, J. C. Pope, I. A. White, M. M. Wood, W. B. Crumpton.

WOMAN'S WORK-J. A. French, G. E. Brewer, W. T. Roberts, H. R. Schramm J. F. Averyt.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON-A. W. McGaha; alternate, Robert H. Harris, NEXT SESSION at Selma, Wednesday, November 13, 1893.

# ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Seventy-Third Session--1894.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION met in its seventy-third session with the Siloam Baptist church, at Marion, Alabama, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, July 4, 1894, having been called to order by W. C. Cleveland, its President, with Wm. A. Davis as Secretary.

2. Devotional exercises were conducted by E. B. Teague.

3. Delegates were enrolled as names appear at end of these proceedings, the list embracing all names filed during the session.

4. Officers were elected by acclamation, as follows: President—W. C. Cleveland.

First Vice President-Richard C. Jones.

Second Vice President-Wm. C. Ward.

Secretary-William A. Davis.

5. An address of welcome was made by T. T. Daughdrill, to which J. G. Dickinson responded for the convention.

6. Visitors were received as follows, (including all who reported during the session):

American Baptist Publication Society—Harvey Hatcher.

Christian Index-J. C. McMichael, J. F. Edens.

Georgia Convention-J. B. Hawthorne, W. H. Smith. Home Mission Board-I. T. Tichenor, Secretary.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary-J. R. Sampey.

Sunday School Board-T. P. Bell, Secretary.

Western Recorder-W. P. Harvey.

7. A. J. Dickinsonoffered a resolution, which, after remarks by him and by E. B. Teague, was unanimously adopted, as follows:

#### RESOLUTION CONCERNING WOODSON LEASE.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Marie L. B. Woodson, who owns the life interest in the lot and store house in Selma, Alabama, located on the west side of Broad street, between the Meyer's store on the north and the Craig store on the south, being the property deeded by her to this convention for the purpose of maintaining a widows and orphans' home in Alabama, reserving to herself the use, income and profits of said property during her lifetime, all of which will more particularly appear from said deed, has entered into a contract of lease of said store house and lot with Adolph Eliasberg, Herman Eliasberg and Edward D. Eliasberg, of date March 30, 1894, for the term of five years, with privilege of renewal; and,

Whereas, The parties to said contract have applied to this convention to ratify and agree to said lease contract as owner of the remainder in said property; and,

Whereas, The said lessees are not bound to carry out the provisions of said lease and contract unless the same are ratified and agreed to by this convention; and,

Whereas, This convention is not in possession of the requisite information to determine what action, if any, should be taken in the premises; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That said matter is hereby referred to the Board of Directors of this convention, who are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to examine the same, and, if in their judgment, it will be to the interest of this convention and of the purposes for which said property was conveyed to it, that said lease contract should be ratified and agreed to by this convention, then said Board of Directors are hereby authorized and empowered to so ratify and agree to the same, and to bind this convention thereby.

8. The program, as published heretofore in the Alabama Baptist, was considered as adopted, no one objecting.

9. Geo. B. Eager, its President, submitted

#### REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions begs leave to submit its annual report covering the eight months which make up this convention year. Notwithstanding it has been, even more than the previous year, a time of financial distress, business depression, political and industrial unrest, and a time too when it is feared that as an after effect of the Centennial Campaign there would be a falling off in the gifts of the churches, we are able to report an aggregate of work and results in view of which we may well thank God and take courage.

## ACTUAL CONSOLIDATION REALIZED.

The final consummation of the consolidation of the old Colportage and State Mission Boards by the removal of the Marion office to Montgomery, and the retention of Brother J. B. Collier as office secretary and bookkeeper, was effected in December and we were able to begin the new year with the two departments in one office, under the same roof with the Alabama Baptist, and with brighter promise of a more united and effective work. This promise we are sure, has already been sufficiently realized to justify amply the plan of unification and the removal to Mont-The future, we trust, will afford yet fuller evigomery. dence of the wisdom of that plan. We are convinced that there is no better center than Montgomery from which to operate-none affording finer advantages of accessibility, and mailing and shipping facilities, and none giving the secretary a better vantage ground for his multitudinous outgoings and manifold work throughout the State.

The new arrangement has rendered the Colportage department an important service by making the work of sending out periodicals and books to Sunday schools and Colporters more prompt and satisfactory, and thereby helping to increase the patronage materially. The number of Sunday schools ordering literature through the board has greatly increased; many negro zehools, through Brother McAlpine's influence, are now placing their orders with us. The Secretary reports also a large number of churches on our books which have never been interested previously in general denominational work.

Other influences have contributed, no doubt, to these results, as the Secretary says, conspicuously the Alabama Baptist; but this change of base and plan of operations has played a palpable and important part in the matter.

THE YEAR'S WORK REVIEWED.

Nothwithstanding a debt was left us by the Board of Ministerial Education, and extra expense was incurred by removal to Montgomery, the financial exhibit for the eight months under review compares favorably with that made in any other year for the corresponding time. The response to the Secretary's appeals in behalf of our Ministerial Students was prompt and liberal, and sixteen students at Howard College, and one at the Seminary received aid at our hands; yet we report a deficit of only \$200 on their account. The amount raised for State Missions, though no associations have yet met, is within \$300 of the amount reported for the same period of last year. Our people have fallen behind unaccountably in their gifts to Home Missions, having given only \$3,753.00, but we have collected as much for Foreign Missions as in any year of the past except two, and one of those was the Centennial Year, \$7,497. Our Evangelists have done a good work, chiefly in regions where there was crying need of their services and little encouragement to take collections; but between this and fall it is expected that at protracted meetings and "rallies" which they will hold at important centers, they will be able to collect a considerable part of their salaries. From the Secretary's "summary of work" it will be seen that four new churches have been constituted, twentyseven Sunday schools organized, 318 persons received by letter, and 333 baptized by our Missionaries, or in connection with their labors; and that,

\$2,741.72 was collected for Meeting Houses,

680.68	4.6	6.6	6.6	State Missions,
50.98	* *	4.6	4.4	Home Missions,
132.10		<b>6 6</b>	6.6	Foreign Missions,
113.15	6.6	6.6		Ministerial Education,
93.52	6.6	6.6	6.6	Orphans' Home;

Or, \$3,812.15 in the aggregate; and that in addition to 126 subscribers which were secured to the Alabama Baptist, and 195 to Foreign Mission Journal. These figures are richly suggestive of the variety and effectiveness of the work done. The success of most of our Colporters has been exceptionally gratifying. They have wrought most effectively in Randolph, Henry, Conecuh, Chambers, Tallapoosa, Lee, Marengo, Clark, Marshall and Geneva, and moderately so in some other counties. We invite special attention to what the secretary says about their work. In spite of the hard times their sales have been remarkably good, especially in small Bibles and Testaments on which, however, we make no profit. We urge that the most earnest effort be made in all our churches and associations to increase the present Colportage fund until it will afford us a working capital not to be encroached upon for current expenses and that our Sunday schools send their orders to this department. We call special attention to so much of the Secretaries reports as we herewith submit, and especially to the recommendations looking to the proposed summer campaign, the placing of our Colportage work upon a firmer and more self-sustaining basis, and such increase of our force of Missionary Evangelists as will be likely to result in a wider awakening and a truer development of our people in denominational activity and the grace of giving. GEO. B. EAGER, President.

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

Rev. Geo. B. Eager, D. D., President;

Dear Brother—For the eight months which constitute the present convention year, I have prosecuted the work committed to my hands to the best of my ability.

At every point I have had to confront difficulties which often seemed insurmountable.

But God has been with me and with the other employees of the Board in marvellous ways and blessed us, though the means of supporting the missionaries have been meagre.

At the December meeting it was determined finally that the book department should be removed to Montgomery and I was instructed to look out for suitable quarters and take the necessary steps for the removal. After reflection, I felt that the time had come for the two offices to be at the same place. I recommended, therefore, to the Executive Committee the removal of the Marion office to Montgomery, which they readily approved.

I was also instructed to retain the services of Brother J. B. Collier as office secretary and bookkeeper. Accordingly, on December 27th the Marion office was removed, and soon after the books came over from Opelika. By arrangement with the Alabama Baptist, the two departments of our work are under the same roof with the paper, thus greatly lessening the cost to the Board. On account of the expense incurred by removal, the expense account this year may seem excessive. The wisdom of the change to Montgomery cannot be questioned. The denomination generally has approved it.

The cause of

#### MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

was committed to your Board by the last Convention with a considerable debt to be provided for. In March I made a special appeal to the churches for aid to support the ministerial students at Howard College. The response was prompt and liberal and I have the pleasure to report nineteen ministerial students in the college, sixteen of whom received aid, two at high schools provided for by their associations, and five at the Seminary; only one of whom asked aid at our hands. We are due Howard College now about \$200. There is no cause we foster which is nearer the hearts of our people than the education of our young ministers.

#### HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The amount contributed to Home Missions by the Baptists of the State to April 30th, the close of the Southern Baptist Convention year, was \$3,753.75; and to Foreign Missions \$7,497.71.

For your convenience I submit the following table, showing the contributions for the Mission Boards from 1886 to 1894:

Year.	State.	Home.	Foreign.
1886	\$ 6,396	\$ 2,264	\$ 3,174
1887	7,389	3,618	4,619
1888	8,183	2,817	3,913
1889	11,970 (16	mos) 3,665	4,532
1890	8,795	4,336	6,358
1891	8,255	5,471	7,753
1892	7,617	6,210	6,808
1893	8,745	9,097	11,504
1894	4,844.75	(8 mos) 3,753	7,497

STATE MISSIONS.

It will be remembered that the eight months of this year have not embraced the time of meeting of a single association. Notwithstanding this and the unprecedented financial depression, we have raised for State Missions within \$300 of the amount reported for the same period last year.

It is painful to see how far short we have fallen in Home Missions; but it is gratifying to know we have not fallen behind in State Missions and we have given as much for Foreign Missions as in any year of the past, except two, and one of those was the Centennial year.

I wish to mention in this connection, the importance of

#### A MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

to be prosecuted for three months in the summer, the Boards of the Southern Convention co-operating with the State Board in arranging for the meetings and paying the traveling expenses of such brethren as may take part in the program. Probably five hundred dollars would cover the entire expenses for a single year and much of that could be collected at the meetings held. I see no hope for much advance in our mission work till something of this kind is adopted.

SOME DETAILS OF STATE MISSION WORK.

This has been the most painful year of my experience because of my inability to settle promptly with the men we had employed. Some of them have really suffered for the want of their salaries.

Hoping for better times we made arrangements looking to the enlargement of the work, but the churches failed us, chiefly because of the scarcity of money in the country. We began the year with a debt of \$868.25. We now owe the missionaries in the neighborhood of \$1000.

Our two evangelists have done a good work, laboring for the most part, in regions where their services were most needed. They will hold protracted meetings and Baptist rallies, till the associations begin to meet in September, at important centres. I hope they will be able to make better collections in this way, and provide a considerable part of their salaries. I believe the number of evangelists should be increased as soon as we are sure we have the right men and good reason to believe their salaries can be provided.

The plan of supplementing the salaries of pastors, I think, should be given up now except in rare cases.

### MISSIONARY COLPORTERS.

The experiment of employing Missionary Colporters, paying them a small salary from the missionary fund, has worked admirably. We have them in nine associations regularly employed. Brethren Caine, in the Bethel; Parker, in the South Bethel; Weaver, in the Rock Mills; Bell, in the East Liberty; Register in the Geneva; and Stewart, in the Columbia, have done remarkably well in spite of the scarcity of money. Besides these, we have favorable reports from some others. They report great demand for small Testaments and Bibles. On these there is no profit to be made. Some of the Colporters report the sale of all this class of books in a few hours.

As fast as the means can be provided and suitable men secured we ought to increase the number of Missionary Colporters, hoping finally to have one in each association in the State.

#### BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

The office secretary has been faithful, prompt and accurate. He believes that if we were well located on a ground floor the increased sale of books would more than meet the incurred expense.

We recommended to the last Convention that an attempt be made to get an increase of the Colportage fund in hand, by asking the associations which contributed the original fund to add something to it annually, and that we also ask the other associations to raise permanent funds for this purpose.

There are seventy-five associations in the State. Twenty-seven of these, with Bozeman church and the Sunday school of the First church at Montgomery furnished the original Colportage fund, amounting to \$2,464.83. All of these gifts or funds do not represent one hundred dollars each, as was intended.

This fall at the meetings of the associations the plan suggested to the convention ought to be carried out.

The contributions for Colportage work have been very small, but I have named July as the month to press its claims. I hope to be able to get something in this way. I am fully persuaded that it ought to be impressed on the • contributors that their money is to become a permanent fund to use in the purchase of books, and not to be paid out for expenses, except to prevent absolute loss in the business. I believe in this way one thousand dollars can be raised each year and added to the sum we now have, without interfering with regular collections for missions and other purposes. The number of Sunday schools ordering literature has greatly increased. Through Brother McAlpine's influence many of the colored schools are placing their orders with us.

#### ENCOURAGING FEATURES.

Amid the gloom that surrounds us this very trying year, I am glad to call your attention to a few things which, to my mind, are cheering. More churches and Sunday schools are adopting the monthly plan of taking collections for missions. The number of individuals who practice the tithing system is increasing. We have on our books this year a large number of churches which never gave before.

These improvements have been brought about through circular letters sent to the clerks of the churches and through the influence of the Alabama Baptist. Thousands of copies of the paper are sent to the clerks of the churches for distribution, and every number of the paper, since the last convention, has been brimful of the convention work. Instead of issuing the State Mission Quarterly as heretofore, at an expense of the Board, the proprietors of the Alabama Baptist issue now, each quarter, an extra edition of two thousand copies of the paper as a missionary number. For these extra numbers, I think it would be reasonable for the Board to pay at least the cost of the extra issue. The small balance of the Quarterly fund, I paid out for this purpose as long as it lasted, as I had many names on my list of subscribers to the Quarterly whose time had not expired. However, let it be understood the, proprietors of the paper make no demand on tye Board, but leave it to you if you feel able.

My connection with the paper this year has saved

much to the Board in the way of traveling expenses, though I have traveled two or three times more than at any time since my connection with the Board.

#### SOME RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. I would recommend that the plan of taking collections every month, for some object specified, be pressed. My experience the past year impresses me that this is the best plan for all churches, and if generally adopted would be greatly productive of good.

2. That the Secretary be authorized to dispose of all shelf-worn books and to compromise with debtors where, in his judgment, it is best.

Praying the Spirit's guidance for the Board and the Convention, I am yours fraternally,

W. B. CRUMPTON, Cor. Secretary.

#### SUMMARY OF WORK.

SUMMARY OF WORK.	
Number men employed	45
Days of service	4,233
Miles traveled	25,083
Sermons delivered	1,792
Addresses made	449
Churches constituted	4
Number of persons baptized	186
Baptized by others in connection with their labors	147
Received by letter	318
Restored	20
Sunday schools organized	27
Sunday schools addressed	192
Ladies Missionary Societies organized	4
Prayer meetings held	418
Number regular preach'g stat'ns without churches	515
Number of visits to preaching stations	r 139
Number of churches visited	646
Number of visits made	5,053
Subscribers to the Alabama Baptist sscured	426
Subscribers to the For. Mis. Journal secured	195
Pages of tracts distributed	23,010
Meeting houses commenced	9
Meeting houses finished	3
Money collected for meeting houses	2,741 72
Money collected for State Missions	680 68
Money collected for Home Missions	50 98
Money collected for Foreign Missions	132 10
Money collected for Ministerial Education	113 15
Money collected for Orphans' Home	93 52

# REPORTED SALE OF COLPORTERS.

Number books sold	1,116
Value books	\$547 32
Bibles and Testaments sold	539
Value Bibles and Testaments	\$176 01
Bibles and Testaments donated	142
Value Bibles and Testaments donated	15 27
The reports of some of our most successful C	
failed to reach the office in time to go in this repo	

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS FOR EIGHT MONTHS ENDING JUNE 28, 1894.

STATE MISSIONS.

To Balance on hand at last report	3 331	48	·		
Amount received	4869	28-	-\$5200	76	
Paid Home and Foreign Miss'n B'rds	132				
" Balance on Secretary's salary	14	41			
" On Secretary's salary '93-'94	846	50	•		1
" Missionaries	3102		;		
" Clerk hire		00	1		2
" Express, freight and drayage		35			
" Money order and exchange		07	•••••		/
" Telegrams		02			
" Stationery and printing		86	Su	27	
" Office expenses		83	1.	12.	1
" Postage	_76			21. 1	1.
" Traveling expenses of agents		68	1	08	1
"" " members of					
Board	60	56	•		
Traveling expenses Cor. Sec'y	135	-			
" Pro rata share convention print'g.	60				
" Central committee Woman's Work		32			
" Cash on hand	-		-\$5200	76	
HOME MISSIONS.				•	
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To Am't rec'd for Home Missions	\$1458				
Havana Hospital.		25			
Chapel Building		00			
Isabella Diaz		00	• •		
. Indian Missions		00			
Amelia Recieve		00			
Cuban Mission		00			
Pura Cova	50		1585	67	
By amount paid I. T. Tichenor	1561				
cash on hand	24	29	1585	67	

# FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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To Am't rec'd for Foreign Missions	\$2440			
B'ham Missionary.	174			
Mexican Mission'ry	43	00		
Sunb'm Missionary	17	35		
Chapel Building		00		
Brazil Missions		00		
Chapel Bld'g, Japan	99	00		
Education Mexican				
girl in Madera Inst.	24	00		
J. W. McCollum	3	00		
Japan Mission	198	42		
	192			
Miss Willie Kelly.			1105	00.
Foreign Mis'n Debt			3285	57
By Am't paid R. J. Willingham	<b>2</b> 988			
Balance on hand	297	55	3285	99
MINISTERIAL EDUCATIO	DN.			
To Am't rec'd			1892	56
By Am't paid	1731	19		
by Am t para				
" " on expense account			1003	=(
Balance on hand	10	3/-	1892	50
HOWARD COLLEGE.				
				00
To Amount received			17	00
By Amount paid		00		
Balance on hand	9	00	17	00
AGED AND INFIRM MINIS	TERS.			
To Balance last report	•		387	72
By Amount on hand	387	72		
by Amount on nand	507			
CHURCH BUILDING IN ALA	BAMA.			
The Delawas on hand at last report			41	59
To Balance on hand at last report				25
" Amount received			1	43
By amount on hand	42	84		
ORPHANAGE.				
•				=0
To Balance on hand at last report				50
" Amount received	1.00		225	56
By Amount paid	215	08		
•• •• on hand	10	98-	226	06
RECAPITULATION				
State Missions	4869	28		
Home Missions	1585			
Foreign Missions	3585			
Ministerial Education	1892			
Ministerial Education	1074	50		

Howard College	17	00	
Aged and Infirm Ministers	387	72	
Church Building in Alabama	1	25	
Orphanage	225	56	
	100/ 5		
Total	-12265	03	•

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of W. B. Crumpton, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Board of Missions, and find the same correct and supported by the proper vouchers. W. B. DAVIDSON, Auditor.

Montgomery, Ala., June 28th, 1894.

#### REPORT OF BOOK DEPARTMENT, 1894.

Resources on hand Nov. 1st, '93	2980			
Contributions from churches, etc	154			
Contributions Am. Bap. Pub. Society	151	95		
Making total resources			3287	47
Less Donation account	35	61		
" Discounts on sale of stationery				
Opelika	58	46	94	07
Openkalini	00	1.7		
Making actual resources			3193	40
Making actual resources		00	3193	UF
Stock on hand, as per inventory	1794			
Accounts due by Colporteurs	1242	43		
Accounts old Mission Board	325	22		
Accounts sundry parties	506			
Cash in bank and safe			4329	24
	433			
Present indebtedness			1564	84.
Maline second second		•	0744	40
Making present worth			2764	40
Total sales of the departmen	4313	66		
Total expenses	1145	85		
The volor to the Colcontains for the				41.0

The sales to the Colporteurs for the past eight months amount to \$1,286.30.

The department has sold to Sunday schools helps of the convention series amounting to \$1,595.33.

We have sold of the American Baptist Publication Society's Sunday school helps amounting to about twenty-five per cent of what we have sold of those of the Convention Board. There is a perceptible increase in the number of schools purchasing literature from the Board. We would again ask that the Sunday schools throughout the State send their orders to this department.

The expense account embraces the following	ng items:
Salary of Secretary for eight months	666 66
Clerk Hire	56 81

Printing and Stationery	36	15
Exchange, discount and interest	6	98
Rental while at Opelika	64	66
Insurance	28	50
Stamps and postage	143	58
Shelving in office	18	00
Incidental	124	51
Total	1145	85

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. COLLIER, Sec'y Book Dep't. This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of J. B. Collier, Secretary of the Book Department of the State Board of Missions, and find them to be true and correct and supported by proper vouchers. B. D. CRUM.

On motion of J. J. Taylor, that portion of the report regarding Foreign Missions was referred to the standing committee on Foreign Missions; and that part regarding Home Missions to the standing committee on Home Missions; and the remainder of the report to a special committee consisting, by appointment of the President, of J. J. Taylor, J. G. Lowrey and D. W. Ramsey.

10. The President of the convention reported that no necessity had required a meeting of the Board of Directors during past year.

11. The report of the Treasurer and Auditor was read by the Secretary and referred to the committee on Finance, as follows:

### REPORT OF TREASURER.

Below I beg leave to submit the annual report of my account with you as Treasurer:

HOWARD COLLEGE BUILDING FUND.

Jun. " 3	5 0	**	Int. paid on M't'ge bonds Balance on hand	1604 688		2483	99
		F	IOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMEN	IT FUN	D.	,	
1893. Nov. 1894.	1	To	Balance last report	\$801	78	·	
			Loan collected	668			_
Jun. 2 1894.	29	••	Interest collected	56	00-	1526	73
Jan. 3	20	By	Loan on mortgage	1400	00		
			Balance on hand Respectfully submittee	d,			
			EUGENE F. E	NSLEN	, Tre	asurer	•

The above report of the Treasurer has been examined and found correct. J. M. DAVIDSON, Auditor. Birmingham, Ala., June 29, 1894.

12. M. M. Wood, Statistical Secretary, presented his report, which is bound elsewhere with these proceedings.

13. Vacancies in standing committees were filled, and committees to report at this session were appointed, as follows:

Collections-J. L. Thompson, I. A. White, Geo. T. Lee.

Finance-J. K. Milner, A. A. Couric, R. F. Manly.

Nominations-T. W. Palmer, J. W. Dunaway, D. S. Martin, L. Law, J. F. Gable.

Time and Place-D. W. Ramsey, A. J. Thames, J. P. Hunter.

14. The President of the Board, W. C. Ward, read the

# REPORT OF HOWARD TRUSTEES.

It is gratifying to be able to report that the operations of Howard College for the scholastic year 1893-94 were, in many respects, under attending circumstances, most successful. Considering the fact that at no time in the history of the country has there existed such depression in business and so great scarcity of money, the attendance was large and satisfactory. One hundred and fifty-two students were enrolled. There were nineteen young men who graduated, and of under graduates a large number won distinction. The discipline maintained was excellent, and good order prevailed. The relations existing between the mem-

bers of the faculty and the students, were cordial, friendly and most pleasant. Faculty and students worked well and accomplished a great deal in the studies found in the curriculum. Indicative of the pleasant personal relations existing, immediately preceding the commencement exercises, the students, learning that the president desired the college grounds put in order, went to work of their own motion and removed all the pines, digging them up, and carrying trees and stumps without the campus; and graded and made walks. This was done cheerfully and largely because it was seen that it would give great pleas-ure to the president. Through the efforts of Rev. W. A. Whittle, some very necessary brick work has been done in front of the main building, making a beautiful terrace, and the wooden buildings were repaired and beautifully painted. The college is very much improved in appearance and in fact.

#### BIBLE STUDY AND RELIGIOUS WORK.

A new feature in the college course was introduced. The Bible has become a part of the college course and the study of it conducted under the direction of Dr. McGaha. In this the students became very much interested; and when, in the early spring, Rev. L. O. Dawson and Rev. J. H. Foster began a series of services in the college church the ground was already fallowed for planting and a great harvest was gathered. As a most gratifying result all the young men, except one, in the barracks, who were not religious, were converted. So, if never before, the college became the Lord's.

#### FINANCIAL STANDING.

It was ascertained in the beginning of the year that the college was in arrears with persons who had supplied what was necessary in the operation of the college about the sum of \$2,000. This was in addition to the sum contributed to meet the apprehended deficit, and was paid out of the receipts of the early months of the session. While the receipts of the college and the amounts unpaid were suffi-. cient to defray the expenses of the college, yet because of the payment of the arrearages for the preceding year, it will be necessary to carry to the debit of next year, this deficit which is owing to the faculty. From boarding department and all other sources since 1st June 1893 to close of scholastic year, in the operation of the college, there was collected the sum of \$13,373.44. There has been expended in the operation of the college and payment of salaries since 1st of June, 1893, the sum of \$13,380.12.

#### THE BUILDING AND MORTGAGE DEBTS

Remain practically unchanged.	
Mortgage debt for main building is	\$40,000
Notes hypothecated amount to	43,550
Less collected on same	26,550
Leaving notes on hand	17,000
Interest paid	12,832
Loaned on mortgage	13,000
Cash on hand	688
Because of the failure to pay the Union Tru	ist Com-
pany, it has been necessary to use money already	
to pay interest.	
The Dormitory debt is substantially as follow	s:
Due to Mr. Averett\$	
(Secured by mortgage on Walker land)	
Note due M. T. Richards	4,000
Note due Jefferson County Savings Bank	484
(Collaterals attached \$2,339.25)	
Note due Calvary Williams	300
(Collaterals attached \$2,212.17)	
Note due D. I. Purser	1,200
(Collaterals attached \$1,237.23)	
Dormitory notes not collected amount to	7,788 65
Debt due for heater (interest to be added)	1,500
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It will be readily seen that if the brethren who have made subscriptions will pay what they owe, it will be easy to manage the college debts. The balance that will remain can be easily funded, and if necessary to do so, and Baptists are loyal, from present indications growing out of the present management, the faculty may be able to pay the interest on the funded debt. Many, and some of our best people, refuse to pay, because they say the college must fail. Such men, if the Lord did not prevent, make failure. If there is failure, the defaulters will be chargeable. Will not all help tide over the shallows threatening us?

#### AFFILIATION.

The trustees after investigation advise that further discussion of the proposition to affiliate with the University of Chicago be postponed. It is proper, however, that it be known that we cannot expect aid as long as the college is burdened with a building debt. Pay off the building debt, and great prosperity will come to the college.

#### CO-BDUCATION.

The Board of Trustees recommends that the conven-

tion authorize that young women may be admitted to all the privileges of the college, beginning with the jumor class and thence forward completing the college course. This is suggested by what has already been done by other schools offering higher education in Alabama and other An opportunity will in this way be given to young States. women who have completed the courses prescribed in female colleges, and the young women in the immediate neighborhood of the college to obtain more advanced schol-Such a measure cannot affect female institutes arship. under Baptist patronage and will extend the usefulness of the Howard.

#### FUNDING THE DEBT.

Before another session of the convention the mortgage debt of \$40,000 will have matured. The convention should instruct some one to fund the debt and execute a mortgage to secure the same. Acting promptly in the premises, better terms may be secured. The title to the property mortgaged is vested in Rev. D. I. Purser, D. D., by a deed from the East Lake Land Company empowering him to execute a mortgage to secure the obligations of the Howard College.

Of the Board of Trustees, there were present-W. H. Wood, F. M. Wood, R. W. Beck, Dr. Sam. W. Welch, M. B. Neece, Dr. J. C. Jones, Hon. J. M. Arnold, Hon. E. H. Cabaniss, S. P. Fowlkes, Hon. T. G. Bush, Hon. Jno. M. Mc-Kleroy, Dr. W. C. Cleveland, E. F. Enslen and W. C. Ward.

Brethren G. R. Farnham and J. C. Bush have tendered their resignations as members of the Board of Trustees and their places must be filled. Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. WARD, Pres't Board of Trustees.

The report was discussed by A. W. McGaba, W. A. Whittle and L. O. Dawson, and the convention adjourned with the question pending.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

15. The report of the Howard College Trustees was further discussed by W. C. Ward, E. B. Teague, P. H. Mell, and W. A. Whittle, whereupon the recommendations in the report were unanimously adopted.

16. The following resolution was introduced by Wm. A. Davis and adopted:

## RESOLUTION REGARDING HOWARD COLLEGE DEBT.

RESOLVED. That the Alabama Baptist State Convention hereby authorizes Eugene F. Enslen and W. A. Whittle, under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Howard College, to fund and extend the mortgage debt of the Howard College by the execution of new bonds and a mortgage; aud to have the trustee in the deed conveying the land mortgaged execute the mortgage. The president of the Board of Trustees of the college is authorized to execute the necessary bonds.

RESOLVED 2, That, if it can be done, enough money be borrowed to pay the debts for which there is no security.

17. J. B. Lovelace, President of the Board, read the

### REPORT OF JUDSON TRUSTEES.

We have the honor to submit the report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute.

The fifty-sixth annual session closed the 31st day of May last, having been in successful operation since the 28th day of September, 1893.

Seven literary teachers including the president and the governess, had been engaged. By the resignation of one of them in November, the entire work of the literary and administrative departments of the school devolved upon four teachers and the two officers mentioned, for the greater part of the session.

For the music department four teachers had been elected. From the 20th of January three teachers had charge of the pupils and the studies of music. The art department employed one teacher. The exhibition of the work of all the departments of the school, which lasted for four days during the recent anniversaries, has not in our judgment been surpassed during our term of office. This fact is thus briefly stated as our hearty endorsement of the work done by the teachers and pupils for the entire session. Large numbers of visitors greatly enjoyed the exercises; and the pupils manifested enthusiastic devotion to the school.

The home department was under the efficient management of the officers to whom we had committed it for several years past.

The number of pupils on the roll is one hundred and three--comprising seventy-nine literary students, nineteen irregulars, five post graduates, sixty-three piano pupils, sixteen students of vocal music, eighteen students of elocution, and thirteen in art. There were sixty-one pupils that boarded in the Judson. The attendance is one-fourth smaller then the average attendance for the past seven years. So far as we were able we have reduced the expenses of operation. It would be expected, generally, that a policy of retrenchment in expenses would produce dissatisfaction in a school. On the contrary the teachers accepted an extraordinary amount of work with alacrity. The students also cast about in their minds for what they could do to provide against the recurrence of similar difficulties and organized a plan for the payment of the salary of the teacher of languages for the next session and for the permanent endowment of the chair of languages.

Since the session has closed the Alumnae Society, as we learn, has undertaken a larger and similar effort. Such a spirit of devotion springs not often from a difficult situation. Mention is made of it as an attestation to the excellence of the work that is done at the Judson, with the thought in our minds also, that it would afford you pleasure to hear of these things.

The last Convention authorized us to raise \$9,000, or as much as possible, by an appeal to the denomination, and to issue new bonds at as low a rate of interest as possible to retire the remainder of the maturing bonds. The trustees have been desirous of carrying out your instructions in this matter. We have been advised by the best and wisest brethren in different parts of the state that it would not be well to put an agent in the field for the purpose of soliciting for this fund. We have been assured that in the difficult times that have followed since your last session such an agent would not make his expenses. There are brethren in the pastorate in every part of the state who have been willing to help us raise money for the Judson. These brethren too have informed us that it will not be possible to raise money on their fields before next fall.

Therefore we have made no appeal through the pastors and we have appointed no agent to visit the people in this interest. We did however appoint the President of the Judson our agent for some special work in raising funds. He received the same advice from wise and liberal brethren that the board had received. Through his efforts and the generosity of certain brethren, the sum of \$3,000 was obtained as a loan to provide for a part of the deficiency of the past two sessions.

This loan is a part of the debt to be reported further on. We have made repeated efforts to provide for the bonded debt according to your instructions. We have not as yet been able to do so satisfactorily, but we shall continue our efforts nevertheless.

At your last session we reported to you that the current expenses of the scholastic year were greater than the income. This was true also of the session preceding the last. The floating debt amounts to \$6,746.65. This will be reduced by assets believed to be good \$2,186.29, leaving a balance to be provided for of \$4,560.36.

We would submit some facts for your consideration in explanation of the existence of this debt. These facts have been derived from a careful examination of the books, the investigation beginning with Dr. Averett's adrinistration June 14, 1887, and ending with the date of his report. We have expended between the dates mentioned, as follows:

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For permanent additions to property:	
10 pianos delivered	\$ 3,010.82
Two plants, water and gas works, 1887-89, for	• •,•••••
part of cost and repairs to date.	4,147.99
Furniture for kitchen, dining room, living	.,
rooms and school rooms in addition to	
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first purchase	1,688.36
Apparatus, including two typewriting machines	336.53
Repairs on hotel and rent June to Oct. 1889	95.50
General repairs and improvements on building	
and premises for seven years	3,543.55
	\$12,822.75
Interest on borrowed money and bonded debt	9,308.41
Fire insurance	1,096.00
Part of the bonded debt	1,000.00
	\$24,227.16
LESS	
Balance after paying liabilities session	
1886-7 left in treasury 630.71	
Rec'd from building committee's fund	•
and collection from subs. to same 2,583.65	- 3,219.36
	\$21,007.80
This balance shows the amount actually pair	d from 'the
school's income for items above stated.	
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The amount of interest paid is	9,308.41
The amount paid on principal of bonded debt	1,000.00

\$10,308.41

The floating debt, after deducting cash on hand and ac-

counts and notes believed to be good, as stated above, is \$4,560.36; the difference is \$5,748.05.

Thus it is shown that but for having to pay so large an amount of interest and \$1,000 on bonded debt, the Board would owe no floating debt, but would have a surplus, having paid current expenses, kept up annual repairs and insurance, and added largely to the property of the school.

We do not however consider the acquisition and preservation of property for the school to be the greatest work that God has enabled us to do during the period under review. In that time there have been enrolled 973 students. Of this number 649 received each a share of the benefits derived from the peculiar training of the home life in the school. The average annual attendance has been 139, and the average attendance of boarders 93. In conclusion, we must ask your attention to the floating debt reported above. At the last annual meeting of the trustees no one was able to propose a plan for organizing the work for the session 1894-5 with this debt unprovided for. We ask for the assistance and instruction of the Conventon in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVELACE,

Pres. of the Board of Trustees Judson Inst. T. T. DAUGHDRILL, Secretary.

P. S.—At the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees the Executive Committee were directed to examine the charges existing in the Judson, and, if in their judgment any reduction could be made from present rates, to make the same. After careful consideration and comparison made of charges of other institutions of like grade, the Judson's charges were found to be as low as any. Yet we have made some changes. One is a reduction of \$40.00 in favor of ministers of the Gospel actively engaged in their calling. Board and tuition are furnished to the daughters of such ministers for \$100, per session. Ornamental branches are furnished to them at the regular rates for all pupils.

That portion of the report regarding the bonded and floating debt was, on motion of Geo. B. Eager, referred to a committee consisting of B. D. Gray, A. J. Dickinson, J. J. Taylor, J. W. Minor, and A. A. Couric. The report was then discussed by Geo. B. Eager, W. B. Crumpton, J. B. Lovelace, J. T. Caine, B. H. Crumpton, and H. R. Schramm.

#### WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

18. The convention sermon was preached by P. T. Hale from the text: "He that winneth souls is wise." Proverbs 11:30.

19. The committee on the indebtedness of the Judson reported through B. D. Gray, as follows:

### INDEBTEDNESS OF THE JUDSON.

Your committee find that there is a floating indebtedness of \$4,560.36, which must be provided for before the bonded indebtedness can be satisfactorily handled.

With the floating indebtedness at once provided for, we are assured that the bonds can be carried at a reduced rate of interest, and the institution can proceed without embarrassment. We therefore recommend that this floating debt of \$4,560.36 be provided for here and now.

Respectfully submitted,

B. D. GRAY,

A. J. DICKINSON,

J. J. TAYLOR,

J. W. MINOR,

A. A. COURIC, Committee.

The report was discussed by A. J. Dickinson, W. T. Smith, and S. W. Averett, and subscriptions for the floating debt of the Judson Female Institute were taken amounting to about \$4,500, and the report was adopted.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

20. Devotional exercises were led by W. A. Parker.

21. J. J. Taylor, Chairman of the Committee, read the

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REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

The Board of Managers of The Louise Short Baptist Widows and Orphans' Home submits the following report of the management of the home since the last convention, towit:

Immediately after the meeting of the convention in November last at Greenville, a special committee appointed for that purpose, visited Evergreen to inspect certain pieces of property which had been offered for sale as a permanent location of the Home.

After inspecting the property and carefully considering the advantages and disadvantages of the several parceis and the buildings thereon, together with their susceptibility to future improvement and enhancement in value, the committee wisely decided to purchase the Rabb residence with eighty acres of land attached at \$5,000, payable in three annual installments, the first of which was due and paid on the first day of January last or soon thereafter, when possession was given and the children moved in.

This residence contains ten rooms and is a substantial brick structure with some brick outbuildings and walls containing about 200,000 bricks which can be utilized in such extensions to the main building as may be hereafter decided upon. The property is adjacent to the new school property known as the Southwestern Alabama Agricultural College, and that portion which may not be necessary for the use of the Home, will find a ready market as residence property to those who may move there to secure the advantages of the school.

When we moved into the Home, there were twentythree children under the supervision of the matron and two assistants. Since that time we have received eleven children and have let out by adoption two boys and one girl, leaving now in the Home thirty-one children.

Taking into consideration that these children were picked up here and there, as they were left in destitution from various causes, it is remarkable how tractable, bright and smart they are.

#### TRAINING.

The training within the Home is intended to be, as far as practicable, similar to that of a well-regulated Christian family, the children being required to perform such allotted duties as are suited to their ability and capacity, to go to school, observe family worship, attend Sunday school and church.

#### BOARD OF VISITORS.

At the request of the Board of Managers, a Board of Visitors, composed of ladies of the Evergreen church, was organized for the purpose of visiting the Home at least once a week to inspect its internal management and make such suggestions as to improvement in methods, procuring needed supplies of clothing, furniture and other things, as they might deem proper.

This Board has been faithful and helpful in the performance of its duties and, in addition to other needed work, it has raised about \$75 with which to purchase a much needed cooking range.

#### IMPROVEMENTS.

We are in need of additional rooms and especially a com-

modious dining room and kitchen, and we appeal to the denominatiou to adopt the plan in every church and Sunday school of taking up a monthly collection for the Orphanage which will enable us to begin and continue such needed improvements as may be required from time to time. It is our judgment that we had better build according to a definite p'an and in a substantial manner, rather than in a haphaz, rd and temporary way, which will be unsatisfactory and ultimately result in loss.

APPRENTICESHIP AND ADOPTION.

Under our charter we have two ways of disposing of the children, to-wit: Apprenticeship and adoption.

We have suitable blanks for this purpose, carefully prepared as provided for in the charter and so guarded that we can exercise a proper supervision of each child we let out, and take them back in the event of improper treatment or other sufficient reason. We have let out by adoption two boys and one girl and have other applications now pending.

#### TRUST PROPERTY.

At the last State Convention, Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson, who had previously donated certain property in this State and in Florida to the Home on certain conditions, retaining the use and management thereof during her natural life, decided to make an immediate gift of the property in Florida, the same being ar orange grove, and to turn over the rents, incomes, profits and management thereof to the Board of Managers. A proper conveyance was prepared by us and executed by her, and we now have charge of that property, a detailed account of which will be given in the report of our Financial Secretary.

#### CHARTER.

We call attention to the charter of the Home and its need of simplification and amendment. We recommend that a committee of three be appointed to revise the charter and have the same changed by the next general assembly. A simple reading of the present charter will convince any one conversant with such matters of the importance of this recommendation.

#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Rev. J. W. Stewart was appointed Financial Secretary of the Orphanage soon after the last convention, and at once entered upon his duties which have been diligently performed by him with fair success, considering the stringency in financial matters. His report will give in detail what has been done. In conclusion we desire to thank all who have so generously contributed money, clothing, furniture, provisions and other things to aid us in the work and we pray God's blessings upon them and all others whose hearts may be open to the orphans' cry and the widows' need. Our needs are great and numerous, but they are not greater than God's promises or more numerous than his blessings, neither are they beyond the power of willing-hearted Christians to meet and satisfy.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. FARNHAM, Prest. Board M'g'rs.

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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Balance on hand Nov. 1st, 1893..... \$ 328 22 Am't collected Nov. 1st to June 30th... 3,164 93-3,493 15

" paid on the Home......\$ 1,667 00

" " current expense account... 1,693 35---3,360 35

Balance on hand.....

Of this there is a special fund of \$78.50 for the purpose of buying a cooking range, leaving for general use \$54.30, against which there is due employes \$11.00, and for firewood, poultry and cows \$46.70, leaving the treasury practically empty. There have also been gifts of clothing, goods, provisions, quilts, furniture, etc., valued at \$264.85 and similar gifts not valued that were, perhaps, worth \$75-making in such gifts \$339.85. At the convention last November Mrs. Woodson signified her purpose of turning over to the trustees her Florida property which she had before generously deeded to the denomination. The transfer was made in December. That property being remotely located, and in condition not to yield income enough to secure the services of a competent agent, it was thought best to lease it for a term of years; the President of the Board of Trustees has, therefore, executed a lease upon it for eight years, by the terms of which we are to have the place taken care of, improved, and the taxes paid.

The home purchased by the trustees last fall will in a few years be the most desirable piece of property of the kind that any denomination possesses. We have a small crop growing that gives promise of bread to the eater, as well as it has already furnished training to the producer. It is not corn that we are trying to make by farming so much as it is men. On the farm we greatly need a horse and wagon. About the house we need a large dining room and kitchen, and especially some means of raising water for the purpose of drainage. This need is the more urgent for the perpetuity of the excellent health we have been enjoying. 1. I recommend that the pastors take collections regularly for the Orphange, as for missions or other purposes, as some of the churches do now.

2. That in December every church in the State and all the friends who are willing to help send us a contribution toward making the second payment, which will amount to about \$1,80C.

We have many applications to take children in the Home which we must decline, and about as many to take them out that we cannot afford to fill.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. W. STEWART, Financial Secretary.

The subject was discussed by J. W. Stewart, J. G. Harris, W. P. Harvey, and Harvey Hatcher, and the recommendations adopted. The President announced as the committee to secure amendments to charter G. R. Farnham, C. S. Rabb, and J. A. McCreary.

22. The subject of State Missions was discussed as to Missionary and Colportage work by W. A. Parker and W. B. Crumpton.

23. J. J. Taylor, Chairman, submitted

REPORT ON STATE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

For economy, practicability and permanent results the Colportage work commends itself to the judgment, sympathy and practical support of Alabama Baptists. Your committee call attention to and cordially endorse the expressed purpose of the Board to enlarge operations in this direction until the permanent fund shall be increased to \$2,000, and a suitable man shall be employed in every association in the State. We recommend that at their earliest convenience, pastors in this convention be requested to present the claims of this work to their churches, and that the Board take such steps as shall seem best to bring associations and churches in sympathetic co-operation.

We recommend that the Board be entrusted to act at discretion in the matter of paying for extra papers of the Missionary number of the Alabama Baptist, and also in the matter of locating the store in Montgomery.

The proposal of the Board to decrease the number of the missionary pastors and increase the number of the evangelists and missionary colporters involves a change in methods which should not be adopted without deliberation. But in the opinion of your committee such a change would be wise: it is therefore endorsed. The enlargement here contemplated will require enlarged contributions. We recommend, therefore, that the State Board in consultation with the three Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention adopt, as far as practicable, the system of "rallies" and "missionary meetings" which proved so helpful during the Centennial Year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. TAYLOR,

- J. G. LOWREY,
- D. W. RAMSEY, Committee.

The report was discussed by W. C. Cleveland (W. C. Ward, Second Vice-President, in the chair), J. J. Taylor, A. J. Dickinson, B. H. Crumpton, Geo. B. Eager, and W. Wilkes, and the report was adopted.

24. The subject of Ministerial Education was discussed by J. R. Sampey.

25. Harvey Hatcher, as agent for the American Baptist Publication Society, offered one thousand pages of tracts free to each minister in the convention.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

26. The subject of State Missions was further discussed by H. R. Schramm.

27. The convention unanimously adopted the

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

State Board of Missions-W. C. Cleveland in place of W. G. Curry, removed from the State; W. C. Bledsoe in place of B. J. Skinner, removed from the State.

Trustees of Howard College—B. H. Crumpton in place of G. R. Farnham, resigned; J. A. French in place of J. C. Bush, resigned.

Trustees of Orphanage-C. L. Gay in place of Geo. B. Fager, resigned; P. M. Bruner and C. S. Rabb, additional.

Delegates to American Baptist Education Society-J. G. Harris, J. B. Graham, J. M. Dewberry, W. C. Ward, W. A. Whittle, A. F. Redd, W. M. Burr, Virgil Bouldin, Geo. B. Eager, W. G. Robertson, and Oscar Haywood.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention-Jonathan Haralson, W. C. Cleveland, R. C. Jones, W. C. Ward, Wm. A. Davis, E. B. Teague, B. H. Crumpton, J. J. Taylor, J. C. Bush, H. H. Shell, J. W. Stewart, G. R. Farnham, W. M. Harris, J. H. Foster, Sr., A. J. Thames, W. M. Flowers, S. J. Catts, Geo. B. Eager, T. L. Jones, J. G. Harris, W. D. Gay, G. W. Townsend, R. H. Harris, L. M. Bradley, P. L. Moseley, W. M. Burr, N. C. Underwood, J. G. Bow, M. P. Reynolds, G. W. Dalby, W. A. Bellamy, W. B. Carter, J. W. Hammer, H. R. Schramm, Z. D. Roby, W. E. Hudmon, P. H. Mell, W. C. Bledsoe, A. S. Smith, J. P. Hunter, J. P. Shaffer, Geo. E. Brewer, D. S. Martin, W. Wilkes, J. A. French, L. Law, S. C. Clopton, Geo. D. Harris, J. G. Lowrey, J. W. Dunaway, A. J. Dickinson, W. B. Crumpton, J. L. Lawless, S. W. Averett, J. T. Yerby, L. O. Dawson, J. H. Curry, B. D. Gray, M. M. Wood, P. T. Hale, R. F. Manly, J. H. Foster, Jr., Geo. T. Lee, J. L. Thompson, A. E. Burns, W. S. Brown, Oscar Haywood, R. M. Hunter, I. A. White, W. J. Elliott, J. G. Apsey, W. A. Parker, J. H. Creighton, A. W. McGaha, W. M. Blackwelder, D. W. Ramsey, J. A. Glenn, J. B. Small, W. T. Smith, J. T. Murfee,

Fraternally submitted,

T. W. PALMER, D. S. MARTIN, LEALIS LAW, J. W. DUNAWAY, J. F. GABLE, Committee.

(The remainder of the report appears in proper places on second page of cover of these proceedings,

28. J. H. Curry, Chairman of the Committee, submitted the

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

True education is the best legacy we can give our chil-Ships may sink, stores may be burned, money dedren. posits may be lost with breaking banks, but that character which has been molded into beautiful symmetry by the artistic hand of education, is ever a source of revenue to its possessor, and its dividends are declared with absolute certainty. Right education is not simply storing the mind with the subject matter of school books; neither is it the honorable completion of college curriculums; but such a development of the body, such a cultivation of the mind, and such a training of the affections, that the whole being, with fully and uniformly developed powers, is made capable of discharging his duty to himself, to his fellowmen, to his country, and by divine grace to his God. True education is not confined alone to mental development, but it is the building of character, the manufacture to a very great degree, of destiny. We need to be educated; we need religious education; education in the pulpit and in the pew; in the church, and in the home. Think of the rising ministry who are struggling to acquire a knowledge of divine truth; see their need of assistance to make those intellectual preparations by which they may be workmen that need not be ashamed. The present state of society calls for, the church needs, and God requires a ministry with a pure heart and a sound head, richly stored with everything that may assist in the proclamation of the gospel.

To accomplish this we have the most abundant facilities. We have the Howard College and our Theological Seminary, which are adequate to supply every want in this direction. As to other schools under Baptist control, we have the Judson Institute, the Marion Military Institute, and the Alabama Central Female College, schools of which we are justly proud and which are in every way worthy our patronage and support.

J. H. CURRY, A. E. BURNS, J. M. SOLLEY, W. WILKES,

W. M. BLACKWELDER, Committee.

The report was discussed by B. H. Crnmpton, W. C. Ward, J. J. Taylor, E. B. Teague, W. B. Crumpton, R. H. Harris, and J. H. Curry, and adopted.

29. On motion of W. B. Crumpton, it was ordered that no standing committee be hereafter appointed on Education, other reports covering the subject.

30. Robert H. Harris, Chairman of Committee, read

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We are a great people (we Baptists), in many respects -especially in resolutions. We need to be greater stillin REvolutions. TO RESOLVE is good-sometimes. TO RE-VOLVE is better-oftentimes. It is easy to collect and compile statistics and then frame elaborate resolutions, on the strength of them. Over a thousand millions of dollars spent yearly in the United States on liquor, against eighty odd millions for education and ten or twelve millions for Christian missions. It is right to report such figures as these, when authentic, and to study them. It is also the proper thing to contemplate, from time to time, the ghastly spectacle of a hundred thousand (more or less) dead drunkards per annum in our country; four times that number, perhaps, of rum-cursed souls; the thousands upon thousands of ruined, desolated homes; the pale swarms of wailing widows and misery-maddened mothers, the myriads of demon-driven and hell-bound children-all because

of drink! There can be no objection to the passage of resolutions condemning the liquor habit and denouncing the liquor traffic. But we want more than all that. We want to go forth from this place an army of temperance crusaders, every man of us in the spirit of Peter, the Hermit, to stir up our churches and communities, determined on "war to the knife and knife to the hilt" against liquor and liquor dealing in all its forms.

Resolved, that by the grace of God we will do it.

ROBERT H. HARRIS, JOHN T. BEALLE, JAS. HOGAN, D. GILLIS,

J. W. HAMNER, Committee.

The report was discussed by W. C. Ward, A. J. Dickinson, M. M. Wood, W. B. Crumpton, and on motion of Wm. A. Davis was amended by adding:

Reaffirming our conviction that total abstinence for the individual and total prohibition for the State is the end to be striven for in all temperance agitation,

RESOLVED, That the standing committee on temperance to be appointed at this session shall confer with other church organizations and temperance societies within the State with a view to securing from the General Assembly amendments to the existing statutes which shall provide that no liquor shall be sold to be drunk on the premises where sold; nor sold in the night time; nor sold without the consent of a majority of the householders, who are freeholders, living in the ward or precinct affected; nor sold in any town where a State or denominational college is located.

After remarks by W. A. Bellamy and J. R. Caldwell, the report was adopted, as amended.

31. The convention yielded one hour to the Historical Society and a meeting of that society was presided over by A. W. McGaha, its President.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT.

32. P. T. Hale, Chairman of Committee (First Vice-President Jones in the chair) submitted the

#### **REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.**

The Home Mission Board makes a most gratifying showing for the year. It has had in its employ during the last convention year, ending April 30, 1894, more than 300 laborers, 4,470 have been baptized and 4,039 added by letter: total addition to the churches, 8,509. Besides this work, 429 Sunday schools have been established, 52,197 religious visits were made; 633 new churches were constituted; 67 houses built; 1,150 Bibles and Testaments distributed, and 390,750 tracts distributed. More than \$70,-000 have been raised, of which, sad to say, Alabama has raised less than \$4,000.

The Woman's Mission Societies of the churches have contributed \$21,613 to the work of Home Missions.

Work among the foreign population is slow and difficult, but substantial when accomplished. Fifty thousand emigrants from foreign shores annually enter the port of Baltimore. So in Kansas City and among the Mexicans in Texas, as well as in many other places, effective work is being done.

Among the Indians we now have 301 churches with an aggregate membership of 13,844. Many whites moving into this territoy need the attention of this Board.

In behalf of the negroes, the Board has not neglected to extend a hand of help. Work has been especially done for the training of the colored preachers. Dr. J. M. Brittain, in Georgia, and Rev. W. H. McAlpine, in Alabama, have done good work.

The Board needs the sympathy, prayers and enlarged contributions of all our people. What a vast work it is possible for this Board to accomplish, if the Baptists of the South would only place the means in its hands, which they are fully able to do!

This year closes the half century of the existence of our Southern Baptist Convention. What advancement has the grace of God enabled us to make? Our numbers have increased from 450,000 to 2,500,000, an increase of 600 per cent. in a half century. The increase in the growth of our peculiar principles, in the social position of our people, education of our ministry, and growth of our institutions has been commensurate with our increase in numbers. In all this marvellous work the Home Board has had an honorable part. P. T. HALE, Chairman.

33. H. H. Shell, for the committee, submitted

# REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Baptists of Alabama are asked to sustain by their sympathy, prayers and money the work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Without an intelligent conception of the magnitude and importance of that work, we cannot hope that our people will give such co-operation as its greatness demands. The object of this report, therefore, is to present as briefly as possible, facts and figures gathered from the last report of the Foreign Mission Board reviewing the work for the year ending April 30, 1894.

Our Papal Missions embrace Italy, Brazil, and Mexico. Brother Taylor's latest report of the work in Italy indicates considerable progress in one or another direction. Number of baptisms, 38; members, 372. While obstacles are great where Romanism has reigned for ages, and while our missionaries have many seasons of grief they also have times of rejoicing. Wide seed-sowing is being done in Italy and the time of harvest will surely come. Brother Eager says: "In looking back over the year, we feel that we have reason to thank God and take courage."

In spite of the war in Brazil, which greatly disturbed the work there, we have much for which we can praise God. Baptisms, 159; members, 519.

In Mexico a comparatively large force of Missionaries under the direction of Brother W. D. Powell, are earnestly at work. The year has been one of great blessing on this field. These statistics are full of interest and encouragement:

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In Japan, Brother McCollum (our McCollum), Mrs. McCollum and Brother E. N. Walne and Mrs. Walne, with four native assistants, constitute our force in this this great empire. The work was begun in 1889. One church and six stations. Baptisms, 9; members, 31. Brother McCollum writes: "The seeds sown have hardly had time to bear fruit, but there is much in the work to encourage us. I ask you to say to the brethren of the South that we do not plead for houses for ourselves, nor for school buildings, nor even for church buildings; but we do plead for men-men to help us preach the gospel to nine million heathen at our very doors." In Africa we have 9 missionaries, 7 assistants, 5

churches, 166 members, 24 baptisms; contributions \$123.50.

Brother Newton says: "The Lord is greatly blessing our work. To His name be all honor and praise. Pray for us that we may be full of the Spirit and power to succeed in saving souls."

The China Missions are divided into three: Northern, Central, and Southern. Brother Pruitt, of Northern China, says: "God has blessed us and we give thanks to his Holy Name." One has said of Central China: "We feel that God has not withheld His blessings from us." Of Southern China it may truly be said: "The Lord is with us— His cause is advancing." In the China Missions—churches, 13; baptisms, 222; membership, 1,068.

Alabama Baptists contributed to Foreign Missions for the year ending April 30th, 1894, \$7,847.68—a fraction over seven cents per member. In addition to the above, it is pleasant to note that Women's Mission Societies contributed \$1,170.00.

In presenting this report to the convention, the following is offered in conclusion:

As has been stated in so many of our recent Baptist assemblies, the most important of all questions connected with our Mission Work at home and abroad, is the question of "Ways and Means." How may we reach the rank and file of our membership so that every one may be induced to do something to advance the cause of our Redeemer among the nations of the earth? How may the over one hundred thousand of Baptists in Alabama be reached and caused to contribute to missions? This is the great problem, and to reach its solution may God's Spirit guide us in our deliberations.

W. C. BLEDSOE, H. H. SHELL, J. H. CREIGHTON, GEO. T. LEE, W. J. ELLIOTT, Committee.

The convention was addressed by L. O. Dawson, and the report adopted.

34. The following resolution was offered by Geo. B. Eager, and adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED. That this convention has noted with hearty interest and satisfaction that the young people's movement in connection with our churches in this State has grown up in loyal relation to the pastors and churches, and as a helper to existing denominational institutions and activities.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

35. Standing Committees to report at next session were announced by the President, as they appear on second page of cover.

36. J. K. Milner, chairman of Committee on Finance, presented the report of that committee, which was discussed by him and by W. B. Crumpton, and on motion of the latter, amended, and then adopted, as follows:

## REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

We have examined the vouchers and papers submitted to us, and find the same in proper form, and duly balanced, and certified to as having been examined and found correct by Bro. J. M. Davidson, auditor; and from the best information obtainable to-day, we presume the loan of the endowment fund of Howard College, for fourteen hundred (\$1,400) dollars, is properly secured.

J. K. MILNER,

A. A. COURIC,

R. F. MANLY,

Committee.

37. On motion of W. B. Crumpton, it was ordered that no committee on Finance be appointed hereafter.

38. M. M. Wood, chairman of committee, read

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We have in Alabama about sixteen hundred churches, and over 109,000 communicants. We ought to have seventeen hundred Sunday schools and an enrollment of 125,000. As a matter of fact, we have only about seven hundred schools with an enrollment of about 30,000.

As Christians, and as Baptists, we cannot afford for this state of things to continue. How can it be most easily corrected?

Let our pastors and live laymen determine that there shall be a school in every church in Alabama. Look out for the schoolhouses remote from churches, and where at all practicable organize a school. Let our associations organize Sunday school conventions and get the Sunday school workers together occasionally. This work, earnestly, patiently and persistently followed, will bring gratifying results, substituting knowledge for ignorance, power for weakness, love for hate, life for death. There is a slow but healthy growth along these lines.

The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is doing a great deal to stimulate Sunday school work throughout the bounds of that body, especially in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Western North Carolina, and Florida. The literature which it is publishing is unsurpassed by any similar periodicals. In addition to its many other excellent features, it has added a missionary training feature, which makes it the best for our schools.

The Board has begun work in Bible distribution, the necessity for which has been made manifest by constant and pressing appeals from many places. Its Bible and missionary work is carried on out of its own funds, no collections having been taken for this work.

The success of the Board has been wonderful, its receipts last year amounting to over \$50,000.

We most heartily and enthusiastically commend the Board, its periodical and missionary work, to our brethren throughout the State.

We recommend that our schools order their literature through the State Board of Missions at Montgomery, which, while it adds nothing to the cost of the literature, puts some money into the hands of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. WOOD. L. M. BRADLEY. R. E. PETTUS. W. A. PARKER, Committee.

The report was discussed by T. P. Bell, M. M. Wood, J. J. Taylor, J. B. Hawthorne, Harvey Hatcher and B. H. Crumpton, and adopted.

39. L. O. Dawson, chairman of committee, read

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The excellent reports of the secretary and treasurer of the W. M. U. of Alabama, which are herewith appended, make another report on this work unnecessary, except in so far as it may commend this work to the brethren, and render thanks unto God that our sisters are proving themselves to be not only auxiliaries in name but powerful allies in fact.

We may well rejoice, not only because of the work actually done, but for the greater reason that in the Union we have the hope of a continually increasing power for good.

> L. O. DAWSON, J. A. FRENCH, J. B. POWELL, W. A. BELLAMY, P. H. MELL, Committee.

The report was discussed by J. G. Bow, A. J. Dickinson, and J. A. French, and adopted. (The reports of W. M. U. appear in proceedings of Woman's Missionary Union published elsewhere.)

40. D. W. Ramsey, Chairman of Committee, submitted report of Committee on Time and Place. After discussion by W. B. Crumpton, the report was amended, and adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

We recommend that the next session of the convention be held at Selma, on Wednesday (13th) before the third Sunday in November, 1895, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m.; that A. W. McGaha preach the introductory sermon, with R. H. Harris as alternate; and that the program be arranged by A. J. Dickinson, H. S. D. Mallory, Geo. B. Eager, J. E. Barnes, and T. T. Daughdrill.

D. W. RAMSEY, A. J. THAMES,

J. P. HUNTER, Committee.

41. Geo. B. Eager made a statement regarding officers and plans of Judson Female Institute, to which E. B. Teague, T. T. Daughdrill, A. J. I. Dickinson, W. B. Crumpton, and W. C. Cleveland added some remarks.

42. On motion of Lealis Law. the convention unanimously adopted by a rising vote the following:

## RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the citizens of Marion for the kind and hospitable reception and treatment experienced by us during the sitting of this body;

RESOLVED, 2D, That the Secretary is authorized to extend to Mr. L. A. Bell, D. P. A., the thanks of this body for the courtesy of a special train by the E. T. V. & G. R. R., and to all railroads which granted reduced rates; and to the press for printing and full reports.

43. Harvey Hatcher addressed the convention regarding work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

44. W. B. Crumpton made some remarks regarding a church building at Greensboro.

45. On motion of B. D. Gray, the following resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote, to-wit:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING W. A. WHITTLE.

RESOLVED, That this convention heartily endorses the action of the Board of Trustees of Howard College in the appointment of Rev. W. A. Whittle as Vice President of the institution, and we cordially commend him and hiswork to the brotherhood of our State.

46. Remarks were made by A. W. McGaha, W. P. Harvey, J. C. Lawrence, and J. B. Hawthorne.

47. A closing address was made by the President, the benediction was pronounced by E. B. Teague, and the convention was then declared adjourned, the next session to be held at Selma, commencing on Wednesday, November 13, 1895.

WM. A. DAVIS, Secretary. W. C. CLEVELAND, President.

## DELEGATES.

#### FROM CHURCHES.

ANNISTON, PARKER MEMORIAL-Wm. A. Davis. ASHVILLE-J. A. Glenn, AUBURN-P. H. Mell, J. W. Willis. AVONDALE -Geo. T. Lee, S. E. Tomlinson. BETHEL, BIBB COUNTY-U H. Thompson. BETHESDA, COOSA COUNTY-W. E. Balley, D. S. Mortin. BIRMINGHAM, FIRST-B. D. Gray. BIRMINGHAM, SECOND-J. F. Savell. BIRMINGHAM, SOUTHSIDE-P. T. Hale. BOZEMAN-J. M. McCord. BREWTON-B. H. Crumpton. BRUNDIDGE-L. M. Bradley. CLANTON-J. G. Lowrey. CLINTON-W. L. White. COLUMBIA-W. C. Cleveland. CONCORD, DALLAS COUNTY-J. M. Roden. CONCORD, PERRY COUNTY-John S. Bolling. DEEP CREEK, MARENGO COUNTY-W. H. DeWitt. EAST LAKE-A. W. McGaha. EUFAULA-J. G. Bow, A. A. Couric, Geo. B. Davis. EUTAW-John G. Apacy. EVERGREEN-John W. Stewart.

FELLOWSHIP, BUTLER COUNTY-J. E. Kutght.

FOREST HOME -- J. B. Powell, FRIENDSHIP, GREENE COUNTY-M. W. Hand. GEORGIANA-A. J. Thames. GREENSBORO-T. J. Kinnalrd. GURLEY .-. J. L. Thompson, HEPHSIBAH-PERRY COUNTY-A. C. Hazard. HOPEWELL, LOWNDES COUNTY-J, J. Hagood. HOPEWELL, PERRY COUNTY -James W. Dickinson. HUNTSVILLE, DALLAS AVENUE-R. E. Pettus. HUNTSVILLE, FIRST-J. C. Hudson. JASPER-V. H. Morris, LIVINGSTON -A. R. Hardy. MARS HILL, PERRY COUNTY-T. J. Lester. MIDWAY, BULLOCK COUNTY-M. P. Reynolds, MONTEVALLO-J. F. Gable. MONTGOMERY, ADAMS STREET-W. D. GAy. MONTGOMERY, FIRST-Geo. B. Eager, W. J. Elliott, J. G. Harris. MOBILE , PALMETTO STREET-H. H. Shell. MOBILE ,ST. FRANCIS STRRET-J. J. Taylor. NEW HOPE, HALE COUNTY-J. W. Haggard. NORTHPORT-Jno. T. Bealle, J. H. Curry. ORION-A E. Pinckard. ORRVILLE-B. F. Ellis, I. A. White, PERDUE HILL-S. I. Lindsey. PHIENIX CITY, FIRST--H. R. Schramm, Frank Young. PINE FLAT, PERBY COUNTY-W. B. Alexander, E. E. George. PINETUCKY-J. A. McCrary. PISGAIL, WILCOX COUNTY-W. B. Shamburger. PRATT CITY .-- W. S. Eubank, M. M. Wood. PRATTVILLE-E.E. Gresham. SEALE - W. A. Bellamy, J. W. Hamner. SELMA-J. E. Barnes, A. J. Dickinson, H. S. D. Mailory, W. P. Welch. SILOAM -- B. W. Averett, W. B. Crumpton, T. T Daughdrill, J. L. Lawless, L. L. Lee J. T. Murfee, A. F. Redd. TALLADEGA-J. A. French. THOMASVILLE-Wm. A. Parker. TROY-Robert H. Harris. TUSCALOOSA-L. O. Dawson, J. H. Foster, H. F. Hill, Bichard C. Jones, Thomas W. Palmer, J. T. Yerby. TUSCUMBIA-A. E. Burns. UNION, HALE COUNTY-II. T. Stringfellow. UNIONTOWN-J. G. Dickinson. FROM ASHOCIATIONS. BETHEL-J. T. Caine, F. M. Dunaway. BETHEL BOUTH-J. H. Creighton, Wm. A. Parker. BIRMINGHAM-M. T. Branham, James Hogan, J. W. Minor, H. A. Schimmel, W. A. Whittle, W. C. Ward. CAIIABA ... John S. Bolling, J. P. Harris, J. R. Wells, CONECUH-B. H. Crumpton. CONECUH-B. H. Crumpton. COOSA RIVER-Lealis Law, J. M. Solley, W. Wilkes. JUDGON...D. Gillis. LIBERTY, KAST...J. P. Hunter. LIBERTY, NORTH...R. E. Pettus. MONTGOMERY...John R. Caldwell. MUSCI.E SHOALS...A. E. Burns. PINE BARREN--O. A. Brown, D. W. Ramsey. SALEM ... D. C. Allen. SHELBY-J. F. Averyt, J. K. Milner, E. B. Teague, Thos. J. Williams. TROY-Robert H. Harris, A. E. Pinckard.

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UNION-J. B. Small,

# THE MINISTERS' MEETING.

The Ministers' Meeting preceding the State Convention assembled at 8:15 p. m., July 2, 1894, in Siloam Church, to hear the introductory sermon by J. J. Taylor, from Luke 17:20, 21. Subject: "The Inner Kingdom."

In the absence of W. M. Blackwelder, devotional exercises at 9 a. m., July 3, were conducted by J. H. Curry. Officers were elected to serve until next meeting, as follows: J. H. Curry, President; J. F. Savell, Secretary.

A. J. Dickinson read a paper on "Why are the Scriptures the Sole and Sufficient Rule of Faith and Practice?" The subject was discussed by Geo. B. Eager, J. F. Gable, J. J. Taylor, A. J. Dickinson and J. B. Hawthorne.

Because of the absence of the brethren appointed to discuss the question, the subject, "The Ideal Church," was omitted.

E. B. Teague read a paper on "Baptist Pioneers in Alabama," and was followed with remarks by W. Wilkes and J. B. Hawthorne.

At 4 p. m., Robert H. Harris spoke on the subject, "Duties of the Ministry of Alabama towards the Evangelization of the State," and was followed by W. C. Cleveland, J. J. Taylor, A. J. Dickinson, S. O. Y. Ray, H. R. Schramm, J. A. Glenn, S. P. Lindsey, J. G. Dickinson, W. B. Crumpton, J. M. Solley and J. T. Caine.

"Inter-Church Comity" was not discussed, because of absence of those appointed to open discussion.

At 8:15 p. m., J. A. French read a paper on "The Relation of the Pulpit to Politics," and the subject was discussed by B. D. Gray, A. J. Dickinson and J. B. Hawthorne.

The following, offered by A. J. Dickinson, was adopted:

WHEREAS, This meeting has proven so helpful and encouraging to those who have been privileged to share it; and,

WHEREAS, We are persuaded that this mingling together of those whom God has called to preach his word and minister in spiritual things will continue to be a source of mutual edification and promotive of a more thorough sympathy and fellowship between us: therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That a committee of three be appointed to provide for ministers' meetings in the several sections of the State as may seem to them practicable; also, to provide for a meeting of the ministers of the whole State in connection with the next meeting of the State Convention.

B. D. Gray, M. M. Wood and A. W. McGaha were appointed to arrange program for next meeting.

The benediction was pronounced by B. D. Gray, and meeting adjourned until next session of State Convention.

> J. H. CURRY, President.

J. F. SAVELL, Secretary.

## WOMAN'S BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION.

The Second Annual Meeting of the Woman's Baptist Missionary Union of Alabama convened at the Presbyterian Church in Marion, Alabama, on July 4, 1894, at 9 o'clock a. m., the President, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Willie Kelly.

Hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," was sung, followed by reading Romans 8.

Prayer by Miss Daniels.

Address of welcome made by Miss Amy Vary, Marion. Responded to by Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston; and words of thanks from the Central Committee, by Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham, followed by a hymn.

The annual address was made by the President, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Reports from Secretary and Treasurer of Central Committee were read by Mrs. Mellen, acting secretary, as follows:

## REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Alabama Central Committee was created by the Alabama Baptist State Convention at its session in Selma, November, 1839. The object sought was the organization of our women.

The Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama aims at nothing short of the enrollment of every Baptist woman in the State. Gathered into mission and aid societies, all should be actively engaged studying His word and all the great enterprises of the denomination, arousing a missionary spirit, scattering information, leading the children to Christ, and training them for His service.

These are labors of love, and in them will be found a joy the world can neither give nor take away.

The following report embraces a half year only. It by no means comprises all the work done by our womenonly that reported to us. Sisters, allow us to beg you to report to us everything you do. We are satisfied that if all your good deeds were regularly reported, Alabama women would stand forth as they deserve to stand, second to none in self-sacrificing devotion and in loving service to the master.

Societies have pursued their usual objects—contributions to foreign, home and State missions, Christmas offering, boxes to frontier missionaries, the care of four girls in the Havana school, the education of Pura Cova, help to the Havana hospital for women and children, and aid to the local churches in every good word and work.

Ernest Borocio, the Mexican youth educated by the Anniston Sunbeams, is preaching the gospel in Mexico; and that model Sunbeam band is now educating a girl in this country.

The Southside Sunday School, Birmingham, continues to sustain a girl in the Madero Institute.

Miss Hartwell is supported in Canton by the women of the Birmingham Association.

This year the Christmas offering is asked for China.

At the recent meeting in Dallas of the Southern Baptist Convention, a request was made of the women connected with that grand organization, to help lift the heavy debt from the Foreign Mission Board. The response from the Woman's Missionary Union, then in session, was most hearty; and a resolution was passed asking our women to raise \$5,000. Of this amount \$500 was apportioned to Alabama.

This action of the Union has been cordially endorsed by our Alabama societies, and many have already liberally responded.

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Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GRO. M. MORROW, Treasurer of The Central Committee.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

The Secretary read reports from several associations, and a communication to the Union from Mrs. Vernon, Cusseta, Ala., also a leter from Miss Lula Greer, LaFayette, Ala.

Recommendation of Foreign Mission Board in regard to the debt of the Board was read, followed by singing "Just As I Am."

The President read a very interesting letter from Miss Hartwell, missionary in China.

In the absence of Dr. R. J. Willingham, Rev. L. O. Dawson, Tuscaloosa, spoke on the debt of the Foreign Mission Board and the \$500 to be raised by the women of Alabama.

The following amounts were subscribed :
McKinley church\$ 2 00
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A half hour was given for social meeting.

With Mrs. Ansley's permission, the subject of the Orphanage was deferred until Thursday. After singing a hymn the meeting adjourned until 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

#### SECOND DAY.

Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama re-assembled at 8 o'clock, a. m., July 5th, 1894. Mrs. T. A. Hamliton in the chair.

Devotional exercises conducted by Miss Margaret Lackey. Hymn, "Come all ye Saints of God," was sung, followed by reading a Psalm. Hymn, "Come we that Love the Lord;" prayer offered by Miss Lackey; minutes read and approved. A report from the Ann Hasseltine Society of the Judson, was read by Miss Ellis, of Orrville. Ala.

Mrs. Ansley offered this resolution: That the Ann Hasseltine Society be invited to a life-time membership in the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama, and a delegate be present at each annual meeting. This was adopted.

Mrs. Hamilton told the story of a young girl, Miss Miller, who is being trained in Montgomery, for a medical missionary, and urged that the ladies remember her.

Mrs. Lovelace, Marion, presented Mrs. Eager's paper on the "Expense Fund," which was highly approved by the ladies.

Mrs. Ansley spoke of the work and the needs at the Orphanage, after which a collection was taken, amounting to \$4.30. The support of four orphans in the Home was assumed by societies and individuals. Hymn, "Holy Ghost with Light Divine," was sung.

Dr. T. P. Bell, Nashville, addressed the ladies on the importance of instructing our young people in Mission Work.

Mrs. H. L. Mellen gave a report of the meeting of the Woman's Mission Union at Dallas, Texas.

The work of the Home Mission Board was presented by Dr. I. T. Tichenor.

Miss Lackey read Mrs. Stratton's paper on "The Duty of Associational Vice-Presidents." Mrs. Ansley emphasized some of the suggestions made by Mrs. Stratton.

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

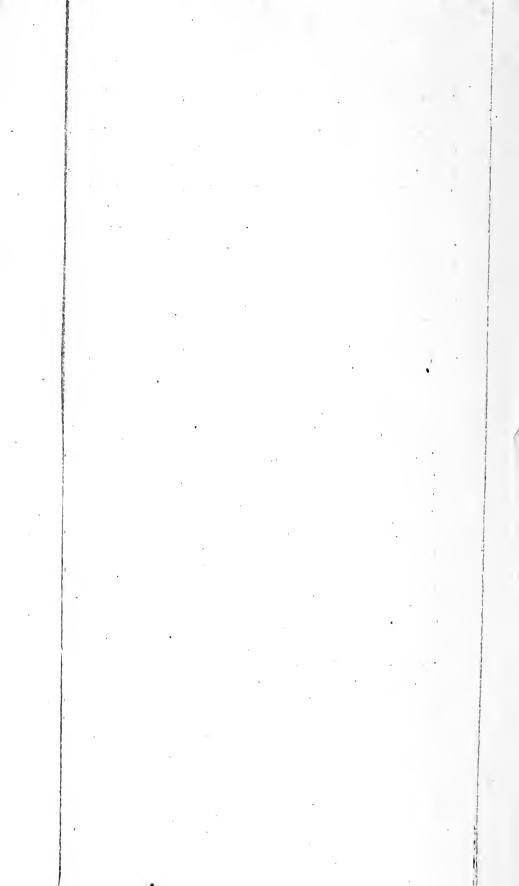
That we extend hearty thanks to our sisters in Marion for their cordial and abundant hospitality; to the pastor and members of the Presbyterian church for the use use of their very commodious house of worship; to the young ladies who have so kindly aided in the singing, and the little girls who have served as pages; to committee on decorations for the beautiful floral designs.

Sung, "Blest be the Tie that Binds," and Mrs. Hamilton offered the closing prayer.

Mrs. H. L. MELLEN,

Acting Secretary.

Mrs. T. A. HAMILTON, President.

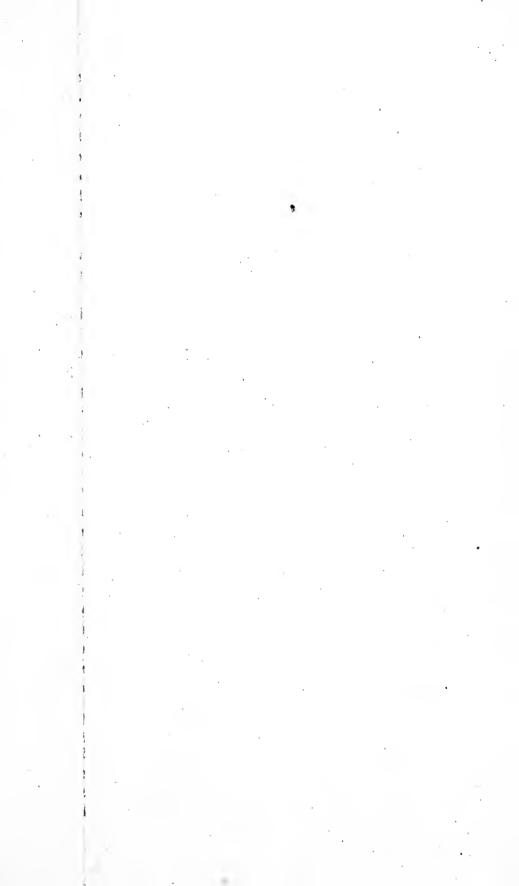


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