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# Alabama Baptist State Convention

Seventy-Eighth Session

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### COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT CONVENTION OF 1900.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—H. W. Provence, W. M. Blackwelder, J. M. McCord, J. H. Creighton, J. G. Lowrey, W. R. Ivey, A. A. Hutto, W. S. Griffin.

HOME MISSIONS—J. G. Dickinson, W. G. Curry, N. C. Underwood, J. R. Stodghill, J. B. Appleton, T. W. Palmer, S. O. Y. Ray, W. S. Brown.

PROGRAM—L. O. Dawson, T. W. Palmer, J. H. Curry, W. B. Crumpton.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—T. W. Ayers, J. B. Merrill, J. M. Solley, J. G. Apsey, W. J. Ruddick, J. W. Sandlin, J. F. Pace, Paul Carson.

TEMPERANCE—A. J. Preston, C. S. Johnson, F. M. Woods, W. T. Murphree, T. M. Callaway, B. H. Crumpton, J. E. Barnard, J. E. Barnes.

WOMAN'S WORK—W. Y. Quisenberry, J. F. Purser, N. S. Jones, W. J. Boykin, Geo. W. Ellis, P. H. Mell, A. J. Dickinson, D. W. Bosdell.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK—Rutherford Brett, J. H. Longcrier, A. W. Briscoe, C. J. Bentley, H. C. Risner, A. W. Bell, W. D. Gay, J. I. Kendrick.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Arnold S. Smith; alternate. J. H. Foster, Jr.  
NEXT SESSION—At Tuskaloosa, Tuesday, October 30, 1900.



# Alabama Baptist State Convention,

Seventy-Eighth Session—1899.

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THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION met in its seventy-eighth session with the Gadsden Baptist Church on Wednesday, November 8th, 1899, at 9:30 A. M., and was called to order by J. G. Harris, Second Vice-president, the former President, W. C. Cleveland, having died during the year. Wm. A. Davis acted as Secretary.

2. J. G. Lowrey conducted the opening devotional exercises.

3. Delegates were enrolled as on list at end of these proceedings, the roll including all the names reported during the session.

4. Officers were chosen as follows by a unanimous vote:

*President*—H. S. D. Mallory.

*First Vice-President*—A. C. Davidson.

*Second Vice-President*—R. E. Pettus.

*Secretary*—Wm. A. Davis.

5. The President addressed the Convention, returning thanks.

6. The Program as reported by J. W. Willis, Chairman of the Committee, was adopted after several amendments.

7. An Address of Welcome was delivered by W. T. Murphree and response was made by Paul Carson.

8. Visitors were introduced as their names appear following roll of delegates, the list embracing all presented during the session.

9. On motion of R. E. Pettus, the courtesies of the floor were extended to representatives of religious and secular press.

10. G. G. Miles, its President, read

## REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The situation as your Board found it in the beginning of the year was anything but encouraging. We found ourselves confronted with an embarrassing debt. On the first of January, Dr. W. C. Bledsoe retired from the Secretaryship of the Board, and with a view to economy, we attempted to dispense with the services of a corresponding secretary altogether. Brother J. L. Thompson, one of our busy pastors, was elected office secretary. He administered the office as faithfully as it could have been done under the circumstances, but it was soon discovered that to do the work effectually we must have a man whose whole time should be given to it. In casting about for a suitable man for the place, we were led

by the Divine Hand, as we believe, to the choice of Brother W. B. Crumpton, a man known in the State as the successful manager of the Board's affairs for ten years of its history. This was accomplished by the co-operation of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards in his employment. He entered upon his duties on May first and has everywhere been met with the most cordial favor. Coming at the time he did, as the movement to pay the debts of the denomination had just been inaugurated, it looked as if Providence had led, as he proved so potent a factor in bringing to pass this wonderful achievement in our denominational history. Our relations with the Home and Foreign Boards are most cordial and fraternal. The co-operation plan of the three boards is approved by the Brethren, and removes an objection entertained heretofore by some. The Secretary of the Sunday School Board at Nashville has shown himself willing to co-operate with us in every way within his power.

#### DR. W. C. CLEVELAND.

By the death of Dr. W. C. Cleveland this Board has lost one of its oldest and most faithful members, and the denomination a great leader. He was among the first to advocate the organization of a State Mission Board, and its interests were always upon his heart. Unless sickness prevented, he never missed its sessions, and his wise counsel carried it over many of the hard places in the years of its history. It is eminently fitting that a memorial service has been arranged for in connection with this convention.

#### VACANCIES FILLED.

The places made vacant by the death of Dr. Cleveland and the resignations of M. F. Brooks and R. E. Pettus have been filled by the election of P. H. Mell, J. B. Graham and George G. Miles. The place of J. J. Taylor, removed, remains for the convention to fill, besides the following whose time expires this year: George B. Eager, H. S. D. Mallory, A. E. Burnes, W. J. Elliott, W. G. Curry and John P. Shaffer.

#### FINANCE.

The financial exhibit we regard as very encouraging. The receipts for State Missions are quite up to the average, and for the Home and Foreign Boards largely in excess of a year ago. The grand total receipts for the year including what went to Atlanta and Richmond direct, are \$22,884.79, no mean sum for a year beginning with so many discouragements. It will be seen that we have nothing on hand for State Missions. We are confident, however, that the small indebtedness brought over will be liquidated in a few weeks, and that the regular monthly contributions which will come from the churches will replenish our treasury, and enable us to undertake some new work in the State. The wise plans suggested by our Secretary, which we hope will be carried into effect by the churches, will result in greatly increasing the contributions for all our Boards. His report is the result doubtless, of much prayerful meditation, hence we suggest that it is the part of wisdom, particularly at this juncture in our work to submit it to the Convention for consideration and adoption.

#### NINETEEN HUNDRED MOVEMENT.

Every Baptist in Alabama should feel a just pride in the forward movement already inaugurated for the closing year of this Century. The plan adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, a programme of which will be furnished by a committee appointed for this purpose, if carried out by every church in the State, would create a lively interest in all of our departments of work, and when we wind up our next Conventional year, the results would be unprecedented in our history.

## OUR RETIRING EVANGELISTS.

We have but words of praise for our retiring evangelists, Brethren A. J. Preston and J. W. Sandlin, whose relations to the Board terminate at this time. It was arranged at our last Convention, that the former should operate in the southern portion and the latter in the northern portion of the State, as district evangelists. We are assured that they have been faithful in the services rendered, and no doubt the results of their labors have been helpful and will result in much good to the denomination.

## OFFICE OF THE BOARD.

We are pleased to report that we have secured at a reasonable cost excellent quarters for the Board, situated in the Pollak building, Room 1, on South Perry street in Montgomery, where the meetings of the Board can be held, and the brethren will be cordially received at all times, when they visit the Capital City.

Notwithstanding the heavy afflictions, in the rulings of an all-wise and merciful Providence, that have come upon our beloved Secretary, his work has been of the most telling effect, and he has merited our sincerest and most cordial sympathy and co-operation. He will continue to need our enthusiastic and sympathetic support in the prosecution of his arduous labors.

## CONCLUSION.

We have every reason to be grateful to God for the abundant blessings that have come to us this year, and we should be faithful and consecrated to His service, and endeavor to be as we can, a great power for good. The future was never more promising, and the demand for a broader and more extended operation than now.

G. G. MILES,  
President.

## REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

*To Geo. G. Miles, President of the State Board of Missions:*

MY DEAR BROTHER:—Following what I believe to be the leadings of Providence four years ago I resigned my work and moved to the State of Kentucky. I trust the same kind Providence has led me back to my native State and to my old work.

I entered upon the duties of my office May first. Finding a movement already inaugurated to pay all the denominational debts, which included \$2,700.00 due by your Board, I threw myself into the movement and for ten weeks gave myself wholly to it. On July 14th, the glad news went out that the work was accomplished. The results of that campaign are far reaching in their influences. I doubt if the Baptists in any State have ever accomplished so much in so short a time. Surely God's good hand led us and his Spirit moved upon the hearts of his people. It was a surprise to the Baptists and won the admiration and applause of all denominations. It has been frequently remarked: "If a small handful of Baptists can do so much in so short a time, what could not the great denomination do if it were aroused and united?" What I lost one week after the close of that brilliant effort, and what I have suffered since, is known only to Him whom I serve.

It was a great mercy to me that the associational period was so near at hand. Continued travel and constant change of scene, together with hearty hand shakes and tender words of sympathy from brethren beloved, have brought great refreshment to my crushed spirits.

The campaign was a season of great religious enjoyment to me, and I never felt more thoroughly consecrated to the work of the Master than now. I have attended the meetings of eighteen associations; but for sickness in my family, I should have taken in four more. These have been usually meetings of great power and enthusiasm. At many of them a forward movement was determined upon and a twenty-five per cent. increase was asked of the Churches. In all my travels I have not heard a discordant note. I believe the Baptists of the State are now more heartily united in their great Missionary and Educational enterprises than I have ever known them to be.

I understand there are some who are inclined to co-operate with the so-called Gospel Mission Movement. For the most part, in Alabama as elsewhere, these are from among those who have given next to nothing to Foreign Missions in the past. If they will give something for Missions by any plan we should rejoice. Everywhere Baptists are, and always have been, free to give to whatever objects they desired, through whatever agency they chose.

I have spent but little time in the office since I took up the work, but have traveled almost incessantly, covering many thousands of miles and delivering quite one hundred sermons and addresses. The brethren who love to figure on the per cent. of expenses to receipts would do well to remember that the labors of a Secretary are as really Missionary, as the work of any other man in the Board's employment, and his salary, while it is put down to the expense account, might justly be put in the amount paid Missionaries.

In the beginning of the State Mission work in Alabama it was necessary for the Secretary to spend most of his time in travel. That policy has continued to the present and must continue for a time at least, though the wisdom of its continuance may be questioned. There is much in the way of correspondence which must be neglected so long as the Secretary is on the go. In my interviews with the brethren I have sought to inaugurate a campaign of hopefulness. Certainly we have enough to inspire such a campaign. The Baptists in Alabama are a great power and have before them grand possibilities if they will lay hold with a determined grip to do great things. This good year especially we should be encouraged. The four chief products of the State—Iron, Coal Cotton and Timber, are bringing more money to the producer than for many years past. Our preachers should talk of poverty and hard times no longer. Our poor fallen natures are prone to see the dark side of things and many find their chief enjoyment in talking about it. We need no encouragement from our leaders along these lines. The Gospel is a Gospel of hope and good cheer and God's blessings will attend the preacher who preaches it, and the people who hear it will feel like undertaking something for the advancement of the Kingdom. One of our greatest needs is to have some great object persistently put before our churches. It is no wonder that so many of them are torn with dissensions; that Mormonism and other hurtful heresies so disturb and divide them—they are doing nothing, they have a name to live while they are dead; their pastors seem to have no aim except to fill their appointments regularly, hold the annual protracted meeting and, just before the Association, get up something for Minutes and sometimes a little for Missions.

These Churches need the inspiration that comes from the carrying out of a great purpose. Many a church has been raised from deadness to life by undertaking to erect a new house of worship or a home for the pastor, and many a preacher has been saved from ministerial dry rot or death by having born within him a great purpose to lead his people through an undertaking which taxed them to their utmost. No work for Jesus will

strike deeper, or so stir the hearts of people and preacher as an abiding interest in Missions which takes shape in liberal contributions.

Some of our Associations keep up the old practice, inaugurated and so successfully worked many years ago, of apportioning to the churches certain amounts which they are asked to try to raise; other Associations call upon the messengers to make pledges for the next year; but the majority put nothing definite before the churches. I have known a few churches to be in advance of the Association; but as a general rule the reforms must begin in the larger bodies and work back to the churches. When an Association asks for nothing it generally gets what it seemed to expect.

I am persuaded from my observation that we frequently make serious blunders in our appeals for money. It is almost invariably the practice to dwell much on the prosperity which will attend the liberal giver. We present it as if it would inure to his personal pecuniary advantage to give.

I believe God's word warrants the teaching, in a hundred passages, but if we give undue attention to that, our appeal may arouse a mercenary motive which will rob the giver of the blessing and be hurtful to the cause. This sort of teaching is responsible for much of the trouble we are having now.

In traveling among the associations one hears remarks like these: "We have no young minister in our bounds to educate and there is no need for us to give for Ministerial Education," or "We have no old ministers in our bounds and there is no need of our giving for Indigent Ministers," or "We have no Missionary in our bounds and there is no need of our giving to Missions." Or if they have a Missionary, some times the church letter will say, "Our Missionary did not visit our church so we send nothing for Missions." If they see a hope of getting it back in some way, that furnishes a reason for giving.

Some of the Associations are asking: "What can we get from co-operation with the Board?" They see no reason for co-operation except to get something from the Board. The Board and denomination are looked upon as a wealthy parent dispensing bounty to starving children. The blessedness of giving consists not in putting down a dollar and having \$2.00 returned, but in the consciousness of duty done, selfishness overcome and the Master glorified in the good which the gift may accomplish. I call your attention to a serious question before our State Mission Department. Money contributed for State Missions by the churches ought, by right, to come into our treasury as money contributed for Home and Foreign Missions goes to those Boards. But as a matter of fact, it does not, except as the churches forward it direct to the Board. In most of the Associations money for State Missions, if sent up to the annual meeting by the hand of the messengers, is under the control of the body or the executive committee and any part of it or all of it, if needed, may be retained for use in their work. Some of them have their Treasurers and all moneys are sent to them and disbursed by them—the State Mission Fund being held subject to the order of the executive committees.

Much of the State funds used in this way could be more wisely spent. It is often voted away in a shamefully careless manner—often no reports are required from the men employed and nothing is required of the churches to which aid is extended. Contributing churches, seeing the way the money is used, and not approving the method, either refuse to give for State Missions or send it direct to the Board so as to prevent its falling into the hands of the Association. This looks ugly to say the least of it, and the cause of State Missions suffers. To obviate this difficulty, the associations should be encouraged to raise an associational fund to be used in the local work. Where this fund is not sufficient to meet all the requirements of their field the State Board could be appealed to for assistance. Once it becomes understood that all money raised for State Mis-

sions will go into the treasury of your Board the amount you will get for State Missions will be greatly increased. Unless something of this kind is done, you will be forced out of the business of State Missions entirely. The following associations consume all the State Mission funds in their own bounds: Birmingham, Bigbee, Conecuh, Muscle Shoals, Union, Tuskegee and Central. The Mobile gives us 25 per cent. of the State Mission funds. It should be said, however, that all these bodies are entirely friendly to the Board and most of them report through the Board.

From some of our strong churches we hear but seldom and from many associations we have no report. It will be seen that from much of the best territory in the State we get nothing for the general work in the State. There are strong associations in which there are large and growing towns with struggling churches unable to maintain preaching as their new conditions require. These churches look naturally to the associations for the needed aid; but they look in vain. Not only will they not assist them but when the State Board heeds the cry for help it is severely criticised by the Association. We dare not neglect the centers. There is some destitution in country districts; if it cannot be supplied by the pastors, we should join forces with the Associations to supply it; but the greatest destitution, undoubtedly, is in our towns and cities. The factory population is rapidly increasing in Alabama. Coming from the country they are largely Baptist when they are anything. We cannot afford to neglect them. Every educational centre in the State ought to have the very best talent of the denomination in its pulpit. If the church is not able to command it, the State Board ought to be in a position to assist. If the pulpits there are neglected or are poorly manned, we need not be surprised if the children of Baptists are led away from the faith of their fathers. Mining camps and saw mill settlements are numerous in Alabama. Many times the population is tough, unpromising and shifting, but some of the Lord's elect are among them and we are here to look after their spiritual needs. There are new towns starting in some sections. The denomination first on the ground has greatly the advantage. For Baptists to allow others to occupy them now and twenty-five years later attempt to gain a foot hold; would be most unfortunate. We have had some sore experiences along that line in the past.

#### AS TO FUTURE POLICY OF THE BOARD.

Is there any need of declaring a policy beyond this: to increase as far as possible the contributions from the churches; use it to the best possible advantage and avoid in the future debts that will embarrass the denomination. The money put in our Board's hands for State missions will not be a large sum for a few years. The contributors have confidence in us and will be perfectly satisfied for us to expend it in any way that seems best for the general good. Sometimes it will be wise to employ an evangelist for a season in certain sections; pastor's salaries at important points will need to be supplemented and occasions may arise for colportage work. It may save us from embarrassment to be free from any fixed policy publicly set forth.

#### THE DEPARTMENT IN THE ALABAMA BAPTIST.

I have tried to use wisely and the proprietor has generously given me, besides our page, as much space as needed in other parts of the paper. I feel sure it has greatly benefitted the work of the board and its continuance would be wise. I have sent out many thousands of circulars. I doubt not that thousands of them are never read, yet other thousands are read and do great good. Many times a thousand circulars costing all told, ten or fifteen dollars, will bring back a single contribution which more than pays for the whole, and the educational value of the circular cannot be es-

timated. I believe this a wise expenditure of money. I am seeking to revive interest in the indigent ministers fund. We need at least one thousand dollars a year for careful distribution among the old soldiers of the cross who gave the strength of their young manhood to advancing the Kingdom of our Lord. To neglect them would show the basest ingratitude.

As I have had opportunity, I have given some time to Addresses on Education. The School teacher and the Missionary must go together if our Baptist hosts are to be developed into broadminded, world-wide Missionaries. There is great need of an educational campaign to stir the ambition of the young and to arouse parents to the importance of giving their children, as a legacy, mental training rather than money or lands.

I am gratified to find that some of our strong associations have established Baptist Academies. Unfortunately they are some times called Colleges, and so they must remain for a while; but this trouble will right itself in time. This movement should be encouraged; it will add students to the Howard and Judson, and they will do more creditable work by having the Academy training. I believe a good motto for us to adopt for the year 1900 and for the future, would be this: "A contribution from every church in Alabama and every member of every church a contributor." This ought not to be a hopeless task. Our people are reasonable and a common sense proposition ought to strike them, if persistently and plainly put before them.

Every institution in the world; all fraternities, orders and federations of men require something from their membership in the way of material support. The Churches of Jesus Christ alone of all the organizations in the world attempt to run without requiring money from their members.

Christ has laid off a great work for us to do; to evangelize the lost world. It requires money and a lot of it. Each individual composing the churches, in the day of Conversion, made a complete surrender of all, talents, time, business and money. Yet thousands squander everything on themselves and pay not one cent into the church treasury for any purpose, and one of the saddest features is, they have never been asked.

The preacher, from the pulpit has said many a time, in a sort of general way, they ought to give, but no systematic business method has ever been adopted to pursue every member and secure a contribution. Every difficulty in the way of evangelizing the world has disappeared, *except one*. There is no need to pray God to open any more doors or to incline any more messengers to go—the doors are all open and thousands of consecrated, well prepared men and women are ready to enter the open doors; but alas, the money is not forthcoming to send them! *Here is the problem and the only one*, it confronts us wherever we turn. We had as well face it now. We are beating along with our annual meetings, State and District, after the same old sort.

We make about the same speeches, the reports are the same, the arguments are the same, the same old objections are replied to, as thirty years ago when I first began going to Associations. We have made some advance to be sure, but how shamefully slow it has been! We should cease to mince matters, but in Christ's name make a bold strike for the money. God's people have it, they ought to give it, and the pastors and deacons and Boards and Secretaries ought not to be satisfied until it is poured into the treasuries in sufficient quantities to enable us to do the good work God has put before us. Blessings untold will rest upon our Churches and homes, Boards and Missionaries when the offerings of God's people are flowing regularly into our treasuries. If we would do the thing that would bring on the greatest revival this earth ever saw, let us under the lead of God's Spirit bring his people to the realization of the blessedness which comes from giving. Cary, with the few untaught Baptists, giving

grudgingly a meagre sum might exhort "to attempt great things for God and expect great things from God;" but how can we, with the hundreds of thousands of Baptists, many of them wealthy, who are supposed to be behind the Missionary movement today, with their wretchedly meagre gifts "attempt great things?" In the presence of the pitiful sums we are giving we feel mean and cowardly when we speak of them and the enemy is quick to see our embarrassment and attack us. If we will multiply the sum ten or twenty fold the result will be fifty fold and the objectors and fault finders will sneak away never to be heard of again. God give us courage to take a bold, decided stand in advance of the old lines and with heavier guns and improved tactics attack the strongholds of Anti-Missionism and sin.

This year of our Lord the work ought to begin. Next year will be the last of the Century; if we can make the hills and valleys ring with a common sense proposition to God's people to bring all the tithes into the store house—in other words, to increase the money for Missions tenfold, the opening year of the Century will witness such an awakening as the old State never knew.

W. B. CRUMPTON,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### SUMMARY OF WORK.

Not including the work of Corresponding Secretary.

Men employed directly by the Board .....	14
Associational Missionaries as far as reported to this Board:	
Birmingham (1), labors and money expended, reported.	
Union (2) labors and money reported.	
Tuskegee (5) money reported but not labors.	
Central (1) money and labors reported.	
South Bethel (4) money and labors reported in part.	
Mobile (5) money reported, but not labors.	
East Liberty (3) money and labors reported in part.	
Parker Memorial Church, Anniston (1) money reported, not labors.	
Making.....	22
Total .....	36
Days of service.....	2,016
Miles traveled.....	14,921
Sermons and addresses.....	1,344
Churches constituted.....	3
Received by baptism.....	80
Baptized by others.....	105
Received by letter.....	217
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized.....	3
Churches visited.....	168
Collected for all purposes.....	\$4,074 39
Prayer meetings held.....	115
Visits to families.....	3,694

This is really a report for only a part of the year. By confusion in office from frequent changes and removals, some reports were lost and it was not discovered until too late to get duplicates.



## STATE MISSIONS.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	22 07	
To receipts.....		8,824 07	—\$8,846 14
Exchange.....		2 67	
Postage.....		90 91	
Office expenses.....		274 70	
Telegrams.....		9 55	
Stationery and printing.....		157 36	
Traveling expenses, Sec.....		342 10	
Traveling expenses, members of Board....		114 39	
Traveling expenses, Agents.....		215 79	
Rev. W. C. Bledsoe.....		515 35	
Rev. J. L. Thompson.....		166 66	
Cor. Sec. S. M.....		304 69	
“ “ H. M.....		200 01	
“ “ F. M.....		300 00	
Office Secretary.....		94 90	
Central committee.....		222 94	
Convention minutes.....		31 00	
*State Mission Journal ...		189 24	
Insurance Greensboro House.....		10 00	
Evangelists and Missionaries.....		5,549 01	—\$8,791 07
Balance—	\$	55 07	

\*This amount was paid by Secretary Bledsoe to wind up the affairs of the Journal.

## BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

To Receipts.....	\$	8 35	
By amount to debit last report.....		6 45	
Balance on hand—	\$	1 90	

## ORPHANAGE.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	15 55	
Receipts.....		270 93	
Total—	\$	286 48	
By amount paid Rev. J. W. Stewart.....		196 51	
Balance on hand—	\$	89 97	

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	140 63	
Receipts.....		104 87	
Total—	\$	245 50	
By amount paid.....		230 98	
Balance on hand—	\$	14 52	

## GREENSBORO FUND.

To receipts.....	\$	643 01	
By amount paid.....		634 20	
Balance on hand—	\$	8 81	

## BAPTIST DEBT.

To receipts.....	\$2,468 20
By amounts distributed to several interests.....	1,940 34
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Balance on hand—\$	527 86

## INSTITUTE BOARD.

To receipts.....	38 15
By amount paid.....	29 05
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Balance on hand—\$	9 10

## HOME MISSIONS.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 90 97
“ Receipts.....	2,194 03
“ Frontier Missions.....	5 00
“ Cuba.....	48 90
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Total—\$	2,338 90
By amount paid.....	1,933 62
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Balance on hand—\$	405 28

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 137 30
“ “ “ “ “ Sunbeam Missions.....	4 03
“ “ “ “ “ Miss Kelly.....	15 92—157 25
To Receipts China.....	\$ 2 35
“ “ N. China.....	1 45
“ “ Sunbeam Missions.....	2 00
“ “ Maynard House.....	5 00
“ “ Birmingham Missionary.....	171 50
“ “ Miss Kelly.....	152 80
“ “ Foreign Missions.....	3,350 01
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Total—\$	3,842 36
To amount paid.....	2,907 18
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Balance on hand—\$	935 18

## THE JUDSON.

To receipts.....	\$ 3 00
By balance on hand.....	3 00

## SEMINARY.

To receipts.....	\$ 5 00
By balance on hand.....	5 00

## HOWARD COLLEGE.

To receipts.....	\$ 25 45
By amount paid.....	25 45

## EVANGELISM COLORED PEOPLE.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 10 00
By amount transferred to State Missions.....	10 00

## BIBLE WORK.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	20	65
To receipts .....		10	25
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	Total—\$	30	90
Balance on hand—\$		30	90

## COLLEGE BUILDING.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	9	40
By amount transferred to Howard College account.....			40

## CHURCH BUILDING.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	5	35
By balance on hand.....		5	35

## AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	252	55
To receipts.....		1	00
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Balance on hand—\$		253	55

## WEAK CHURCHES.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	40	30
To receipts.....		25	00
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	Total—\$	65	30
By amount paid.....	\$	65	30

## CHILDREN'S DAY.

To receipts.....	\$	11	20
By balance on hand.....	\$	11	20

## JOHN G. HARRIS.

By balance on hand .....		56	50
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## RECAPITULATION.

## Receipts at Montgomery Office.

State Missions.....	\$	8,824	07
Home " .....		2,247	93
Foreign " .....		3,685	11
Judson Institute.....		3	00
Seminary .....		5	00
Howard College.....		25	45
Bible Work.....		10	25
Aged and Infirm Ministers.....		1	00
Weak churches.....		25	00
Bible and Colportage.....		8	35
Orphanage.....		270	93
Ministerial Education.....		104	87
Greensboro House.....		643	01
Baptist Debt.....		527	86
Institute Board.....		38	15

Total—\$16,419 98

## COMPLETE AMOUNTS FROM THE STATE FOR THE YEAR.

Home Board, amount cash received at office in Atlanta.....	\$ 2,962 86
Balance to be added.....	405 28
Merchandise from Alabama.....	1,604 05
Total—	\$ 4,972 19

## FOREIGN BOARD.

Amount received in Richmond office.....	\$ 6,490 38
Balance to be added.....	935 18
Total—	\$ 7,425 56

Receipts for other purposes.....	\$10,486 94
Grand total—	\$22,884 69

## TRIAL BALANCE.

State Missions.....	\$	55 07
Bible and Colportage.....		1 90
Orphanage.....		89 97
Ministerial Education.....		14 52
Greensboro.....		8 81
Baptist Debt.....		527 86
Institute Board.....		9 10
Cuba.....		9 50
Frontier Missions.....		5 00
Home Missions.....		390 78
North China.....		1 45
Sunbeams Missionary.....		2 00
Birmingham Missionary.....		131 50
Miss Kelly.....		98 20
Foreign Missions.....		702 03
Children's Day.....		11 20
Judson Institute.....		3 00
Seminary.....		5 00
Howard College.....		25 45
Bible Work.....		30 90
Church Building.....		5 35
Aged and Infirm Ministers.....		253 55
Bills receivable.....	\$	301 50
Cash.....	\$2,137 14	
J. G. Harris.....		56 50
	\$2,438 64	\$2,438 64

We hereby certify that we have examined the within report of W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers. We also counted the cash, \$2,137 14, as reported on hand, and find it correct.

GEO. W. ELLIS,  
W. B. DAVIDSON,  
JAS. C. POPE,  
Auditing Committee.

November 7, 1899.

On motion of A. J. Dickinson, that portion of the report referring to "The Alabama Baptist," was referred to a special committee consisting of A. J. Preston, F. M. Woods, H. W. Provence, J. G. Apsey, T. W. Palmer, and J. R. Stodghill, and the remainder to a committee composed of J. H. Foster, Jr., J. F. Purser and T. M. Callaway. (See items 17, 27 and 41).

11. G. S. Anderson, Superintendent, read

#### REPORT OF INSTITUTE BOARD.

It is with pleasure and profound gratitude to God that we, your Institute Board, are permitted to submit to you this our second annual report. To us the year has been fraught with mixed pleasure and pain—with joy over enlarged work and sadness over some disappointed hopes. The former stimulates us to press forward in the great work committed to our fostering care, while the latter admonishes us to diligent circumspection in the future. During the year three men have been in the employ of the Board: Rev. G. S. Anderson as Superintendent of Institutes, Rev. F. C. David as Lecturer in Scripture doctrine, and Rev. G. A. Hornady as Financial Secretary. The latter resigned in July and in consequence the entire field work of the Board devolved upon the Superintendent. The following outline of facts bearing upon this interest will, we trust, give to this body a clear conception of the work

1. ITS SPHERE is help for the unhelped ministry. Of the 1000 Baptist preachers in Alabama about 130 have been helped by the denomination through its schools of learning. More than 850 remain unassisted by any effort put forth. Five-sixths of our ministry, comprising the great volume of our denominational strength now struggling on the field caring for the flocks of God and preaching Christ to a dying world, have therefore never been the objects of the denomination's benefactions. They are the called of God to the solemn work to which they are devoted. They are performing a service, make sacrifices, and are subjected to trials equalled by but few and known only by them and the Master who sees their strait betwixt the two woes of a failure to feed the family and a failure to preach Christ. Two-thirds of the pastors of the State receive less than \$250.00 salary. We concede it our duty to help our young preachers at the Howard and the Seminary. Is it not our duty to help this the larger element of our strength also? We have more than 1000 unenlisted churches and 100,000 unenlisted members in the State. This denominational paralysis must continue till this element of our ministry is helped.

2. THE RELATIONS OF THE WORK TO OTHER INTERESTS. This Board was created at the instance of the State Board of Missions, that Board being encumbered with its own specific work. The spirit of the Board in its work is that of good will toward every other interest with which organic relations bring it into touch. It supplies vital reinforcement to every denominational agency. It seeks to enlist the personal efforts of all in its work. It seeks the direct uplift of men as contrasted with other efforts which have for their direct object and end the denomination's uplift. It supplies both method and material as contrasted with Institute work done in other States which is mostly limited to material. Our methods of work individualize the effort, supply the essential basis of organization which differentiates it from all similar work. Thus defined in relations, all occasion for discord is obviated.

3. ITS NECESSITY. The necessity for the work is found in our wide spread want of organization. For the most part our ministers are not

organized in thought, as it touches the word of the Lord and the work of the ministry, nor in the home habit of study. This is the fruitful source of our confusion. A want of organization largely prevails in our churches. The elements of church life touch each other lightly and often grind in confusion for want of disciplined strength and lose their vitality for want of effort. The result is a paralysis of the spiritual body, a loss of prestige and force and a failure to do the Master's will. A want of organization is felt in our pastorates. As compared with the large number of pastors and churches in the State we have but few permanently organized pastorates. The one pastoral head should bring into vitalized union and co-operation all the membership of the several churches to whom he ministers. Past failure to achieve this result should not deter us from a renewed determination to accomplish it. We are disorganized also in our church polity. It is true that we are making Baptists of Methodists in doctrine, for the truth, as we hold it, is gradually and surely permeating American thought, but they in return are converting us to their practice in church polity. The idea of the itinerant ministry has taken deep root in both our church and ministerial life. The annual call is the rule. The pastor has given place to the supply and the Scripture doctrine of the permanent relation of pastor and church is lost to the denomination. The inevitable fruit of this practical heresy must be the degradation of the ministry and the vitiation of church life. Our Associational gatherings also are often confused by the prevalence of disorder which measurably defeats their prime purpose, and leaves the churches void of needed plans, means and methods by which to successfully prosecute the Lord's work. The prevalence of this disorganization in the vital forces of our denominational life appeals to our effort.

4. HOW THE MINISTRY ARE HELPED. In coming together in the Institutes they are brought into touch one with another and thus discover in each other the excellencies which the Lord saw in making the call, otherwise the littleness and obscure side of ministerial life are often seen instead. It is good for men to see the better side of ministerial life. In the Institutes the men are fed. In the community of thought thus connected each becomes the feeder of the rest, imparting his peculiar gift. They are trained to the systematic study of the word, which is the basis of ministerial strength. To know the truth in detail and apprehend it in clear outlines, to grasp its issues and solve its problems, is to be organized in it. This mastery in the truth is the secret and strength of spiritual manhood and supplies the vital element of ministerial efficiency. Fresh impulses for a higher life and a nobler work comes with this and have often been witnessed in the work. Methods of study and plans of work which give ministerial effectiveness are imparted and thus the personal organized uplift comes to those absorbed in the effort.

5. FRUITS OF THE WORK. The first conspicuous result of the work is unity with the ministry. The spirit begets unity with those who abide together in the truth. One in spirit, one in doctrine, one in plans and methods of work, and one in effort. It thus institutes harmony. It conserves denominational interests. It holds divergent tendencies and irrelevant issues intact and tends to merge them into vital compact. Though paralyzed in effort we are without the sound of a discordant note in our ranks. Our harmony was never more conspicuous than today. Liberality is the normal result of such conditions. This was recently witnessed in the single stroke which swept away the entire indebtedness from all our enterprises. With the honors nobly accorded by you to others, we gratefully mention the names of Lowrey and Lewis, without whom our burden and sadness must have remained. Not the least of the fruits of the work is that we reach and affect the source of Baptist strength. The country

is God's home for the Baptists. The country supplies in a great measure the brain of city business and the heart of city religion. From age to age it makes contribution of this leadership. To control the cities and towns therefore we must train the country. The city social mill with its ball room, card table, theatre and bar room, grinds Baptist religion round and wears off its corners of conviction. Country preachers and churches must train the Baptists of the future. This work therefore, addresses the source of real strength and has its vintage in the fountain of influences. It is the solution of the problem of reaching the masses.

6. **DIFFICULTIES MET.** Our first and greatest barrier to progress has been our meagre finances. Our desire from the beginning has been to broaden the work but we were circumscribed by limited means. The first process of broadening the effort is to broaden the finances. The men doing the work have made straw as they have made brick. No less than half their time has thus been diverted from the real work to the finances. Such conditions will forestall the best results in any enterprise. Another difficulty is the fundamental character of the work attempted. It grapples prime wants and vital necessities. Such efforts are imbedded so far beneath the surface and so far removed from the sensational and incidental that only time and effort will make merit apparent. Some fail to co-operate in the movement and thus lose the opportunity for usefulness and rob others of the blessing they are able to bestow.

**METHODS OF WORK.** The most prominent phase of method is the holding of Institutes on the field. They are organized by the local brethren in the different sections of the State and usually embrace all or a part of the following features:

1. Sermonic study, which is the leading course. In it the law of discourse is taught and applied in the exposition of Scripture texts and in the development of sermons. This meets the prime need of every preacher. It alone commands a hearing from the ministry and therefore supplies the essential basis of organization. To this is added the cardinal principles of Scripture truth, church organization for church work, the preacher's duty and issues of local interest. The exercises of each Institute vary in accordance with the needs of the members and the equipment of the speakers. No iron bound rule is adhered to but full liberty is had in discussing those questions most profitable. Preaching is usually blended with the exercises and the community is thus repaid for the free hospitality bestowed. No fees are charged but a collection is taken at each meeting for the Board. Real enthusiasm usually prevails in these meetings and deepens till they close. They usually continue from Sunday till Friday. Fourteen have been held during the year attended by 188 preachers. Last year we held 10 Institutes attended by 132 preachers.

2. The correspondence course is the second phase of method used. By it brethren on the field in every part of the State are reached and helped through the mails. In it both the technical principles of discourse and Scripture exposition are taught. No fees are charged but the cost of postage and stationery, which is about \$1.00 per term. The term begins November 15 and concludes May 1st. Blanks and equipment are issued from the office, the exercise is rendered by the student and then criticised and returned from the office. The work is technical and comprehensive and is accompanied by the most substantial and satisfactory results. The course covers two years. The second year is devoted to a criticism of Pendleton's Sermons. The last term numbered 45, with 57 additional names from the different parts of the State to take the course the next term. This feature of the work should not be underestimated.

3. The paper is the third phase of our method. Last year our own paper was used. This year we have had a place in the columns of the

State paper. This is the vehicle of the work and puts us in touch with the people and advertises the interest with the public.

This three-fold method of work with the work itself supplies an organized influence unsurpassed for an important service for the Master which as yet is but upon the threshold of the great possibilities which lie out before it.

**ENCOURAGEMENTS FOR THE WORK.** The increase in the volume of our work in Institutes held, in the attendance upon the meetings, in the number for correspondence course and in contributions, is nearly fifty per cent. in advance of last year. The organization of Institutes and the preparation for organization on many unoccupied fields notes the widening effort. The cordial endorsement and support of the work by those attending the Institutes, the favor accorded it, the contributions made and the apportionment of funds for it for another year by the many Associations reached greatly encourage the effort. Not the least encouragement is a direct proposition made by the large hearted philanthropist, D. L. Lewis, to this convention at its present sitting to endow this work for another year with the gift of \$1,000 cash on December 1st, upon the condition that this convention place an equal amount of \$1,000 in the treasury of our Board by that date or at the farthest limit by the first of January next, said combined sum to meet the needs of the next year without cost to the denomination for agency work. This proposition the Board submits to this convention for definite action.

**FUTURE OF THE WORK.** 1. We recommend that no less than 20 Institutes distributed and suitably located in the different sections of the State be held during the ensuing year and to this end earnestly solicit the co-operation of the entire brotherhood.

2. We earnestly recommend a book purchasing department through which the ministry may be able to obtain at lowest cost the necessary helps for the study of the Scriptures.

3. We recommend the holding of a general Institute to continue from two to four weeks for the benefit of the ministry of the whole State.

#### FINANCE.

To amount of total cash contributed for the year.....	\$1,896 23
“ “ of reliable subscription.....	161 34

Total amount of cash and subscription.....	\$2,057 57
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To amount incidental expense.....	\$ 452 10
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“ “ paid on salaries.....	1,444 13
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Total amount expended.....	\$1,896 23
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To amount of indebtedness.....	\$1,016 80
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The Board asks the Convention to make provision for this debt at its present meeting.

#### WORK DONE.

Institutes held.....	14
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Number of preachers in attendance.....	188
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“ Institutes being organized not less than.....	20
Most of the Associations reached.	

Number students in Correspondence Course last term.....	45
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“ new names enrolled.....	57
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“ sermons preached.....	188
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Addresses.....	—
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Respectfully submitted,

G. S. ANDERSON,  
Superintendent.



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE INSTITUTE BOARD

Of the Alabama Baptist State Convention for the year 1899. Rendered  
at Gadsden, Alabama, November 7th, 1899.

## RECEIVED FROM NOVEMBER 20TH TO DECEMBER 20TH, 1898:

Lanette Church, J. L. Gregory.....	\$ 2 00
Rock Mills Church, J. M. Veatts.....	4 68
Farmville Church, J. P. Hunter.....	3 25
Five Points Church, J. L. Hilt.....	50
Albertville Church, J. M. McCord.....	1 00
Rock Mills Association, Wm. Mathews.....	15 25
Camp Hill Church, J. P. Shaffer.....	15 00
A. E. Burns, personal.....	7 10

## FROM DECEMBER 20TH TO JANUARY 20TH, 1899.

Ashland Church, C. J. Bentley.....	2 45
South Bethel Association, J. H. Creighton.....	5 00
Albertville Church, J. P. Emmett.....	2 30
Sycamore Church, D. L. Lewis.....	51 50
Notasulga Church, G. E. Brewer.....	1 77
Deatsville Church, J. I. Lamar.....	2 23
Hurtsboro Church, M. L. Long.....	2 20
Loachapoka Church, J. L. Wise.....	1 29
Crawford Church, J. D. Benton.....	1 75
Cedar Bluff Church, C. S. Johnson.....	5 00
Evergreen Church, J. W. Crook.....	5 00

## FROM JANUARY 20TH TO FEBRUARY 20TH, 1899.

Salem Church, E. W. Solomon.....	1 00
Providence Church, T. M. Nelson.....	1 25
Center Church, J. A. Glenn.....	6 00
Warrior Church, J. G. Lowrey.....	7 50
New Bethel Church, J. I. Caddell.....	7 37
Alexander City Church, W. E. Lloyd.....	9 61
Gurley Church, J. M. McCord.....	1 30

## FROM FEBRUARY 20TH TO APRIL 1ST, 1899.

Ashland Church, C. J. Bentley.....	13 68
Fellowship Church, C. C. Heard.....	75
Pleasant Grove.....	56
Letohatchie Church, C. W. Powell.....	5 41

## FROM APRIL 1ST TO NOVEMBER 7TH, 1899.

Luverne church, T. W. Shows.....	6 39
Centerville church, J. C. Suttle.....	5 75
Prattville church, J. W. Mathews.....	4 44
Providence church, C. J. Bentley.....	88
Mill Town church, " ".....	2 12
Mt. Calvary church, C. C. Heard.....	1 00
Ramah church, B. W. Mathews.....	3 12
Falkville church, D. F. Green.....	6 33
Damaris church, J. S. Watt.....	11 80
Daviston church, S. D. Fargason.....	4 22
Lineville church, R. H. Moore.....	12 00
Cubahatchie church, C. J. Bentley.....	3 63

Sheffield church, A. J. Ivey.....	5 50
Flomaton church, A. Stewart.....	9 46
Hartsells church, J. H. Hargrove..	12 41
Lanette church, J. L. Gregory.....	4 78
Fredonia church, " ".....	2 75
Center church, " ".....	35
Roanoke church, W. J. D. Upshaw.....	3 70
Mt. Carmel church. T. T. K. Postelle.....	75
Fackler church, W. W. Roach.....	8 25
Albertville Sunday School, L. S. Emmett.....	1 07
Albertville church, " ".....	4 35
Roanoke church, W. J. D. Upshaw.....	4 00
Evergreen church, W. J. Ruddick.....	2 61
Stanton Institute, F. M. Woods.....	9 10
Sycamore church, J. G. Lowrey.....	53 06
Liberty church, C. P. Austin.....	20 00
Wedowee church, C. A. Prescott.....	2 00
Verbena church, H. W. Caffey.....	3 00
Luverne church, M. W. Rushton.....	35 40
Providence church, C. J. Bently.....	1 45
Valley Creek church, J. R. Wells.....	1 25
Enon church, J. R. Wells.....	1 05
South Bethel Association, J. H. Creighton.....	17 00
Bethel Association, W. K. Thomas.....	27 11
Bethel Association, J. Pritchard.....	5 00
Bethel Association, J. B. Williams.....	1 00
Deep Creek church, J. F. Nichols.....	10 05
Centennial Association, F. D. Berkley.....	4 05
Alabama Association, W. B. McQueen.....	4 25
Cuncord church, R. N. Edwards.....	2 50
Selma Association.....	7 50
Salem Association W. A. Parker.....	6 15
Henderson church, " ".....	3 85
Spring Hill church, " ".....	2 25
Troy Association, W. F. Beard.....	4 71
Fellowship church, J. W. Mitchell.....	2 50
Cahawba Association, J. C. Lawrence.....	20 15
Mrs. D. I. Purser, J. G. Lowrey.....	10 00
Midway church, S. O. Y. Ray.....	20 00
Eufaula Association, G. B. Davis.....	10 00
Harmony church, D. F. Avant.....	10 57
Loachapoka church, J. L. Wise.....	2 00
New Providence Association, H. C. Loard.....	3 00
Dr. B. H. Crumpton, S. P. Lindsay.....	5 00
Alabama Baptist, J. G. Harris.....	50 00
D. H. Marbury, personal.....	50 00
Wilsonville church, A. E. Burns.....	20 00
Sylacauga church, A. E. Burns.....	10 00
Troy church, A. B. Campbell.....	50 00
South Bethel Association, J. H. Creighton.....	2 75
Lineville church, J R. Stodghill.....	4 00
Unity Association, F. M. Woods.....	34 61
Verbena church, F. M. Woods.....	4 05

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Total Anderson's collections to November 7th, 1899—\$1035 72

## Amounts received during 1899 for Institute work by the Treasurer,

J. F. Purser:

Pleasant Ridge church, W. E. Brown.....	\$ 2 75
Hiram church, J. H. Bush .....	1 32
Bethlehem church, F. W. Shanks.....	6 00
Roanoke church, W. J. D. Upshaw.....	10 07
Fredonia church, J. L. Gregory.....	2 22
South church, J. L. Gregory.....	2 00
Center church, J. L. Gregory.....	71
Newbern church, G. W. Pollard.....	6 75
Dadeville church, J. P. Shaffer.....	2 92
Hopewell church, C. H. Miner.....	5 00
County Line church, J. L. Gregory.....	5 55
Fredonia church, J. L. Gregory.....	1 11
South church, J. L. Gregory.....	88
Alexander City church, W. E. Lloyd.....	9 61
Fellowship church, C. C. Heard.....	1 25
Clanton church, W. L. Sampey.....	3 33
Immanuel church, J. E. Barnes.....	5 31
Siloam church, L. L. Lee.....	25 00
Columbia church, J. F. Falkner .....	4 59
Union Springs church, W. B. Crumpton.....	3 03
Hopewell church, C. A. Miner ...	2 70
Salem church, E. W. Solomon .....	2 53
Cusseta church, J. M. Vernon.....	20 00
Alexander City church, T. C. Russell.....	8 85
Loachafoka church, J. L. Wise.....	1 62
Eline church, I. L. Taylor.....	5 00
Bessemer church, M. Ivey.....	10 10
Perdue Hill church, W. E. Broughton.....	5 00
Friendship church, J. B. Coleman .....	10 00
Fellowship church, C. C. Heard.....	1 50
Alexander City church, T. C. Russell .....	6 18
W. B. Crumpton .....	13 00
Pine Barren church, S. P. Lindsay.....	1 50
County Line church, S. B. Fears.....	10 00
Alexander City church, W. E. Lloyd.....	2 15
Alexander City Sunday School .....	5 00
Opelika Sunday School, J. F. Purser.....	50 00
Opelika Ladies' Aid Society.....	10 00
Coosa River Association, J. F. Pope.....	5 00
Columbia Association, A. A. Jones .....	30 75
Evergreen Association, S. P. Lindsay.....	15 09
Tuskegee Association, A. M. Cameron .....	28 76
East Liberty Association, W. C. Bledsoe.....	93 44
Pleasant Grove church, J. R. Stodghill.....	5 00
Carey Association, J. A. Bell .....	54 74
Columbia church, J. S. Falkner.....	1 72
Northport church, J. T. Bealle .....	3 00
Dadeville church, W. B. Crumpton .....	10 00
Shiloh church, J. H. Wallace. ....	1 26
Sardis church, J. W. Brooks.....	6 00
New Bethel church, J. E. Creel.....	6 40
Opelika church, J. F. Purser .....	40 00
Cusseta church, J. F. Vernon.....	12 60
Mulberry Association.....	2 00
County Line church, W. R. Adams.....	72

Camp Hill church, J. P. Shaffer.....	10 00
Elmore church, A. M. Cameron.....	2 31
Ramah church, T. M. Reeves.....	5 88

Total Purser's collection to Nov. 7th, 1899—\$ 602 20

Amounts collected on the field during the year by G. A. Hornady for Institute work:

LaFayette church.....	\$ 10 00
Roanoke church.....	7 69
Farmville church.....	6 41
Tuskegee church.....	2 00
Auburn church.....	2 43
Alabama Baptist.....	25 00
Dadeville church.....	12 07
Evergreen church.....	9 55
Bozeman church.....	31 97
Brewton church.....	3 66
Flomaton church.....	1 60
Atmore church.....	2 15
Bay Minette church.....	2 70
Mobile church.....	47 50
Newbern church.....	6 00
Selma church.....	5 00
Forest Home church.....	8 00
Phoenix City church.....	2 50
Girard church.....	2 50
Tuskegee church.....	31 45
Bozeman church.....	26 76
Dadeville church.....	9 05
Mill Town church.....	3 70
Union Springs church.....	15 00
Pratt City church.....	25 00
Dadeville church.....	4 65
Bessemer church.....	3 00
Dothan church.....	6 00
Adams Street, Montgomery.....	4 50
Tallassee church.....	3 15
Georgiana church.....	4 50
Alabama Baptist.....	25 00
Columbia church.....	10 00

Hornady's total collections—\$ 360 49

## SUMMARY.

### AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTIONS.

G. S. Anderson.....	\$1,035 72
J. F. Purser.....	602 20
G. A. Hornady.....	306 49
F. C. David.....	174 95
A. J. Dickinson.....	160 00

Total contributions—\$2,333 37

## AMOUNT PAID OUT.

To salary G. A. Hornady.....	\$ 625 00
“ “ F. C. David.....	309 95
“ “ G. S. Anderson.....	603 96
“ “ A. J. Dickinson.....	160 00
Expense account.....	634 45
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Total—	\$2,333 36

Remaining debt.....\$1,059 02

This debt is provided for.

P. S.—The amounts from Purser, David and Dickinson and other late receipts were not included in the report as read before the convention which will account for the apparent discrepancy.

The report was referred to a committee consisting of Arnold S. Smith, R. G. Patrick, L. O. Dawson and J. I. Kendrick. (See item 30.)

## 12. John W. Stewart, its Financial Secretary, read

### REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

In a spirit of profound gratitude to God and sincere thankfulness to all the generous hearted friends throughout the State who have so often and so kindly remembered our helpless charge during the past year we beg to submit this our Seventh Annual Report.

Since our last report we have received into the Home, in all 20 children, as follows:

	Boys.	Girls.
Received into Home.....	7	13
Sent out by adoption.....	3	3
Returned to their people.....	5	7
Died.....		2
Irregularly discharged.....		1

Leaving in the Home now 22 boys and 37 girls, making a total of 59. Since the Home started we have received in all 53 boys and 69 girls, making a total of 122.

Our field and garden crops for the current year were badly damaged by a severe hail storm in the month of June and later by a protracted drouth, so that our expenses in the way of provisions have been somewhat greater.

A large current debt was made during the dull season but the same has been paid up in full and we come to the Convention out of debt.

During this year the children have been put in uniform which adds much to their appearance, gives them a marked identity, and is no more expensive than their former clothing. It takes about ten dollars a day to support the Home besides what we get in goods, clothing, and other things. The children now in the Home came from 26 counties as follows:

Antauga.....	2	Hale.....	3
Barbour.....	8	Henry.....	4
Bibb.....	2	Jefferson.....	15
Bullock.....	1	Marengo.....	4
Butler.....	3	Mouroe.....	4
Chambers.....	1	Morgan.....	3
Conecuh.....	2	Montgomery.....	7
Covington.....	8	Pike.....	2
Elmore.....	2	Russell.....	1
Escambia.....	11	Talladega.....	10
Lee.....	10	Tallapoosa.....	2
Limestone.....	1	Tuskaloosa.....	9
Lamar.....	1	Walker.....	6

### OUR NEEDS.

We are in great need of additional improvements in the way of a sick ward so that we can separate the sick children from the well ones especially in cases of epidemic, contagious and infectious diseases, and long protracted cases of sickness.

We also need a complete outfit for a Dairy and a Bakery, both of which would be of great benefit to the Home on the score of economy, as a means of manual instruction to the children, as well as a source of profit and additional comfort and healthfulness. We would be very glad to have a suitable library for the children and would be thankful for any books, periodicals and newspapers that may be donated to us for that purpose. The moral and religious training in the Home is kept up in the same manner as heretofore and we rejoice to say that 7 of the children, 3 boys and 4 girls, united with our church during the present year.

We desire to make special acknowledgments to Brother W. H. Moore and the Baptist church at Jasper for their generous donation of ninety-one good dining room chairs which we greatly needed.

We beg to call attention to the fact that the State has established a Reformatory School for Boys, and to suggest to brethren throughout the State, that when they find orphan boys of the criminal class, it would be far better not to recommend that they be sent to our "Home," but let them be sent to said school. We have found from experience that it is very bad policy to send children of that class to this Home because their bad influence has a very deleterious effect upon the discipline and morals of the entire Home, and we cannot be too careful along this line. We beg to further suggest that in all cases when children are sent to the Home those who recommend them will inform the Manager or Matron whether or not the child has any interest in any property present or prospective, so that we may look after it and protect the child's interest if necessary. We are the legal guardians both of the persons and the property of the children placed in the Home and our experience in two cases has convinced us of the importance of this suggestion.

A detailed statement of our receipts and disbursements for the year will be set forth in the statement of the Financial Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. R. FARNHAM,

President Board of Trustees.

JNO. W. STEWART, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH LOUISE SHORT  
BAPTIST WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' HOME OF ALABAMA.

Nov. 1st, 1898.	To balance (corrected).....	\$ 35 81
	To contributions.....	4,840 00—\$4,875 81
	Credit.	
	By amount paid out for all purposes.....	\$4 929 31
	Overdrawn .....	\$ 53 50

The report was referred to a committee consisting of Geo. W. Ellis, T. W. Palmer, and W. R. Ivey. (See item 54).

13. F. H. Kerfoot, Secretary of the Home Mission Board, addressed the Convention regarding its work. (See item 26).

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

14. Devotional exercises were led by N. S. Jones.

15. Committees to report at this session were announced as follows:

*Collections*—L. Law, F. M. Woods, P. G. Newton, J. O. A. Pace, W. B. Earnest.

*Nominations*—P. H. Mell, C. J. Bentley, Geo. W. Ellis, J. H. Foster, Jr., J. R. Nowlin, J. B. Appleton, J. H. Creighton. (See item 33).

*Time, Place and Preacher*—J. B. Merrill, N. C. Underwood, J. L. Gregory, W. A. Whitworth, N. S. Jones. (See item 32).

16. W. M. Blackwelder read

### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The condition of our Sunday Schools in the State is such as to put us to thinking, planning and praying.

The problem of the Sunday School grows in magnitude and seriousness when we consider the grandeur and sacredness of its mission, the field it preempts and the call it pretends to answer.

The following figures, given in round numbers, present a glimpse of the status of our work: Churches, 1,700; Sunday Schools, 800; enrollment in Sunday Schools, 40,000; enrollment of church members, 125,000. It is apparent that there confronts us a problem demanding earnest and most careful consideration.

Less than one-half of our churches have Sunday Schools, and the entire number in attendance in the Sunday Schools is less than one-third the membership of the churches.

How to put in operation the church school agency in this wide, untouched territory, and how to make more effective where it is already in operation is the task facing us.

We dare not shut our eyes to the imperative demand upon us to make the most of this potential agent in our church growth and power.

The world is advancing in intelligence, energy and practical wisdom, and it is only so far as the church is alive and efficient, only so far as it meets the expanding, practical demands of this aggressive age, that it is respected, believed in, followed, or supported.

Our public schools are passing through uninterrupted evolution of improvement, and we must improve our Sunday Schools in methods, equipment and practical efficiency.

More and more our children comparing their day school privileges with those which our churches afford, will regard attendance upon the Sunday School as a perfunctory exercise, a superfluity, a Sunday pastime.

Let it be remembered that the Sunday School is almost exclusively the recruiting force of the church of today.

Sixty per cent. of our church members join before twenty years of age. All the efficient force, probably nine-tenths, enter the church during the years embraced by the average Sunday School scholar.

Also, for most lives it is the soul's exclusive seed-time. Impressions of truth, conceptions of God, spiritual aspirations, must be obtained here or nowhere, at this time or never.

We mention one or two prominent factors that work evil to our schools.

One is lack of wise directorship. In most churches the school is left to run itself. It should be under the special direction of the church and under the personal supervision of the pastor.

Another is, woeful ignorance of the needs and requirements of the modern Sunday School on the part of pastors and church members generally.

Another, inefficient teaching. One needs but to observe and he will find in the ordinary school a dearth of real teachers.

Toward the improvement and awakening interest in the Sunday School cause of the South our Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as the Convention's agency for fostering the Sunday School power, is doing a vast work and rendering a timely and far-reaching service.

Your committee recommend to all our churches the periodicals published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville. These periodicals are to be commended for the emphasis they put upon the missionary enterprises of our Southern Convention, as well as fostering the spirit of world-evangelization.

All orders for Sunday School literature should be sent direct to Nashville. In so doing time and trouble is saved and greatest help is rendered to the Board.

The Bible Fund of the Board should receive support from the churches and Sunday Schools. Money contributed to this fund is made to do double work, one dollar enabling the Board to put two dollars' worth of Bibles in circulation.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. M. BLACKWELDER, Chairman,  
A. J. PRESTON,  
J. H. CREIGHTON.

After remarks by J. M. Frost, the report was adopted.

17. A copy of "Parliamentary Law" by F. H. Kerfoot was presented to the Convention by the Sunday School Board and accepted with thanks. A motion of A. J. Dickinson to adopt it for the government of the Convention was referred to Committee on Denominational Literature. (See items 10 and 41).



18. Memorial exercises in honor of W. C. Cleveland, recently President of the Convention, were held, Second Vice President R. E. Pettus in the chair, and the convention was addressed by B. H. Crumpton on "Dr. Cleveland as a man;" by J. G. Harris on "Dr. Cleveland as a pastor and preacher"; and by H. S. D. Mallory on "Dr. Cleveland as a presiding officer", and on motion of W. B. Crumpton a page in our proceedings was set apart to his memory.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

19. The convention sermon was preached by W. J. McGlothlin from the text: "Thy will be done." Mat. 6:10.

20. W. S. Brown, Chairman, read

### REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

The Baptist Young People's Union as an organization has just passed its eighth anniversary, but young people organized for service in some form, date far back of that event. The B. Y. P. U. naturally grew out from the undenominational movement, from the necessity, first, of giving our young church members the doctrines of the Bible, as we believe and teach them, and next of familiarizing them with our denominational history and missionary operations, then lastly, to give them a broader, deeper, and more thorough preparation and culture for altruistic service in the church, in the world and for Christ, than could possibly have been afforded in any other young people's organization. In this educational undertaking the B. Y. P. U. is just that much in advance of anything so far attempted in the young people's movement, outside of the denomination. "Nothing in the history of modern Christianity," writes Prof. Vedder, "is more clearly Providential in origin and in guidance than this movement." Its distinctive features are expressed in the stated object of the Union to be, "The unification of Baptist young people; their increased spirituality; their stimulation in Christian service; their edification in Scripture knowledge; their instruction in Baptist history and doctrine; and their enlistment in missionary activity through existing denominational organizations." The rallying cries from nine great conventions; organization, inspiration, education, consecration, evangelization, co-operation, stewardship, fellowship, discipleship, indicate the history and trend of the movement among us, as well as the principles, aims, methods and scope of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, of which our State Union is a part.

While the B. Y. P. U. in its expansion has gone into every State and into nearly every Association in our State, and while it has reached our larger and more progressive churches, still there remains a large number of churches that are missing the blessings it brings, by not organizing their young people under this banner of progress and development. While we rejoice at the extensive growth of the Union, we urge and commend its continued progress until it shall have reached every cross road church in our whole State. But it is this educational feature, culture for service, which differentiates our young people's society from all others and arouses a commendable feeling of pride in the distinctive feature of the B. Y. P. U., which should receive from all leaders a more intensive study and application, for the development of internal resources.

The comparatively small attendance upon the B. Y. P. U. State conventions, while bubbling over with good things and filling all who attend with enthusiasm, still it reveals a difficulty that must be studied and met. It is this: The Union has come upon the State in organic form instead of growing out of the separate smaller beginnings coming together and forming the larger body or convention. It has been like a delightful matured fruit tree transplanted into our soil. The elements are here, native, for its growth and fruitage but it must take time for its smaller, tender roots to put out and take hold upon the soil as feeders before the tree will show signs of vigor and growth. This present appearance should not discourage any but stimulate all to greater patience and diligence to remove the difficulty by closer study and personal application to all its lines of service, faithfully caring for its social and devotional meetings, prayerfully studying its Christian culture courses and diligently practising its missionary teaching and consecration ideals.

The times and the occasion demand of us as Baptist churches of Jesus Christ, as well as individual Christians, that we awake and arise to an acute sensibility of our great responsibility as custodians of the truth of revealed religion, and seize, for the Master's glory, this grandest of up-to-date opportunities, of preparing ourselves and the rising generation around us for getting and doing good, by being thoroughly informed, indoctrinated and consecrated for the service before us.

We cannot easily overestimate the power of this young people's movement if the opportunity is made use of properly. It has been with us all the time, like our great mineral wealth or the powers of electricity, yet the methods of mining the one and of harnessing the other are new. If we, Baptists, do not make use of the B. Y. P. U. idea others will, and the Baptists be set aside as were the Jewish people and the opportunity and reward of spreading the gospel given to others.

We recommend that our State Board of Missions, through its missionaries, and the Associations, through the pastors, seize every opportunity and use the means at their command to instruct and urge upon the younger members the importance of making every possible use of the B. Y. P. U., its methods of work, and its Christian culture courses for development and service.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. BROWN,  
W. R. IVEY,  
J. M. McCORD,  
H. W. PROVENCE.

After discussion of the subject by W. M. Blackwelder, T. W. Ayers, L. O. Dawson, D. W. Bosdell, and A. J. Dickinson the report was adopted.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

21. Devotional exercises were led by Richard Hall.

22. Geo. B. Eager, a member of the Board, read

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF JUDSON INSTITUTE.

The Trustees of the Judson, in presenting this their annual report, desire to make most grateful mention of the continued mercy and goodness of God as manifested in His never ceasing care for the growth and development of this beloved Institution.

We note with especial thankfulness at present the steady, substantial and continuous growth of the last three years. Every year saw more pupils than the year before, more teachers and more numerous and satisfactory equipments. So we gratefully believe that the Judson is more firmly fixed in the affections of the people of Alabama, and better prepared for successful work than ever before. On all sides we hear expressions of satisfaction from patrons at the character of the work done.

### THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

closed June 1, 1899, and was the most prosperous in the recent history of the Judson. Twenty-six officers and teachers, representing all departments of a finished education, were employed. The enrollment of pupils reached 186, of whom 135 were boarders. The average of work and attainment among the pupils was the highest during the present administration, and the work of the teachers gave the greatest satisfaction. The many improvements made in equipments and facilities for work proved a great incentive to both teachers and pupils.

### HEALTH.

The health of the school last year was most excellent. There were no serious cases of illness during the session.

### THIRTY-ONE GRADUATES.

At the Commencement, there were graduated 31 young ladies; 24 in the Literary Department, of whom 18 were full graduates, and 7 in the School of Music.

### FINANCIAL SHOWING.

The financial showing for the past session was excellent. The receipts were the largest for many years, and the affairs of the Institution were wisely and economically administered. The last one thousand dollars due Brother J. C. Bush were paid, and almost every department of the school was improved by valuable additions paid for out of the current receipts.

### RELIGIOUS INTEREST.

We would also call attention to the excellent religious interest among the pupils of last year. Several professed conversion and were baptized, and at the close of the session, there were very few in the school who were not professing Christians. Along Missionary lines the Aun Hasseltine Missionary Society is doing good work.

### THE SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION.

During the summer a vigorous canvass for pupils was made by the President assisted by others, and as a result, the sixty-second session opened with an attendance of pupils even larger than usual. Already there are in attendance 174, of whom 137 are boarders. Not only our own State, but other States are largely represented, notably Mississippi and Louisiana. These pupils, with a large faculty, occupy almost all the room in our commodious building, and there is room for only a few more without unduly crowding the pupils.

### MORE RECENT IMPROVEMENTS.

During the summer the Senior Hall and a considerable portion of the building was refurnished with new furniture, parts of the building were repainted, a new fence erected, and the old benches taken from the Chapel which was reseatd with opera chairs. Indeed everything was put in excellent order for the opening of the session.

Our great need now is more buildings and an endowment. Where shall we get them?

We would respectfully direct attention to the fact that the term of office of the following trustees expires at this session of your body: B. F. Ellis and Ernest Lamar. The place of Brother J. A. Frazier, who has removed from our state, must be filled also.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVEFACE,

President.

T. T. DAUGHDRILL,

Secretary.

On motion of A. C. Davidson, it was referred to committee on Judson and Howard Endowment. (See item 43.)

### 23. F. M. Roof, President of Howard College, read

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

It will be remembered that a plan was adopted by this convention at its last session looking to the liquidation of the Howard College indebtedness. The college trustees were instructed to carry out the recommendations, and to raise the money and settle the indebtedness if possible between the months of January and October of this year.

The work of circulating literature and organizing our forces in the State was begun as soon as possible after the Opelika meeting. After considerable headway had been made along these lines and considerable enthusiasm created, a meeting of influential laymen and ministers of the State was called to convene in Montgomery. It was agreed at this meeting to include with the Howard College debt the indebtedness of the State Mission Board and that of the Board of Ministerial Education. A committee composed of D. L. Lewis, A. C. Davidson, F. M. Roof and B. D. Gray, with the last named as chairman and F. M. Roof, Secretary, was appointed with instructions to push the work of collection as rapidly as possible.

Even an epitome of the subsequent work, or a bare mention of those well deserving of honorable mention, would make this report too long. It is sufficient to say that by the help of the Lord and the loyalty of the brethren the money was raised and the aforementioned debts were wiped out of existence on the 14th day of last July. The Howard College bonds were cancelled and turned over to the Board of Trustees. The college owes not a dollar today.

#### COLLEGE PROPERTY.

You have now, unencumbered by debt, about 100 acres of land, including the lots in front of the College, long a matter of contention, but to which we now hold an undisputed title, and all this land becoming more valuable every year because of its proximity to Birmingham. The improvements on the land cost at least \$75,000. The lady friends of the college, since the last session, have had the dining hall much improved by having it painted, frescoed and furnished with new chairs. The faculty have refurnished the tables with new china, silverware, etc.

#### STUDENT BODY.

The number matriculated last session was 134. The matriculation for the present session already equals that of the entire session of last year, with many more yet to come, while the boarding department has nearly twice as many as it had at this time last year, there being now 84 boarders.

Graduates last session .....	13
Ministerial students enrolled last session....	27
Ministerial students enrolled this year to date.....	25

The moral aspect of the student body is of the highest order.

### THE FACULTY.

The faculty is composed of scholarly, Christian men, who have their hearts in the work. Progress is their watchword. They are constantly improving the courses of study, and they have not only kept up all necessary repairs, but have added many improvements at great sacrifice to themselves. This year they have employed a matron for the dining hall, Mrs. Helen Stone, and an instructor in athletics, Prof. Harry Mills, who is an expert in his profession.

### THE MATTER OF ENDOWMENT.

One of the great objects in removing the Howard debt was to get the institution in condition to be endowed. We had had offers of contributions to endowment if only the indebtedness could be removed. Is not the time now ripe to begin? Other denominations are endowing, and State institutions are receiving still larger annual appropriations. Can we afford to rest upon what we have done and thus fall behind by comparison? But as to plans for this work we must look to the Committees of this convention on Endowment and on the educational campaign of 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

On behalf of the Board.

B. D. GRAY,

Chairman Board Trustees H. C.

On motion of F. M. Roof, the report was referred to committee on Judson and Howard Endowment. (See item 43.)

24. W. A. Hobson, President of Board of Trustees, read

### REPORT OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

#### AN EDUCATED MINISTRY A NECESSITY.

The necessity for ministerial education is apparent to every thoughtful mind. Although a chosen vessel, he is none the less an earthen vessel. If education be a necessary factor in the highest success of men of other vocations, it is no less needful for the preacher. If he be a man of ordinary endowments, his only hope of a successful career lies in a good use of the opportunity for education; and if possessed of extraordinary gifts, his usefulness will be all the greater for having made thorough preparation. Even the lamp of genius shines brighter through a polished globe. "He that soweth sparingly shall also reap sparingly."

The preacher's high and sacred calling does not stilt him above the ordinary means of knowledge. If Timothy would show himself "approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," he must study. Moses in Media, Israel in the Wilderness, the schools of the prophets, and the disciples following the great Teacher, are God's lessons to us on the importance of preparation.

The character of the preacher's environment makes it all the more needful that he should be educated. As a denomination it would be suicidal to neglect the education of our young ministers. The pastors are the divinely appointed leaders in the church, and the character of their leader-

ship, more than any other human element, will determine the power and dignity of the church. As Baptists, we have much to be thankful for in our rapidly increasing number of educated ministers and the remarkable growth and development of our denomination; but, with the spirit of education which characterizes all evangelical denominations, how soon we would be left behind if we should neglect the education of our sons in the ministry.

The conditions which confront the ministry, without as well as within the church, force upon them the necessity of being well equipped.

Moses was "instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians." A wise general knows the enemy's ground. Many of the evils that threaten the spirit and genius of Christianity are so artfully woven into our religious fabric that even the "very elect" are in danger of being deceived. Our adversary does not always "walk about as a roaring lion." He is often "a wolf in sheep's clothing," or "an angel of light." The old serpent has lost none of his cunning. The enemies of the cross do not fight with dull weapons. If these subtle evils are to be eradicated, these crafty foes overcome, and the kingdoms of this world made the kingdom of our God and his Christ, the Christian ministry must have acuteness of intellect as well as piety of heart; they must be men of brain power as well as heart power. Wherefore, brethren, "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."

The character and scope of the preacher's work emphasize the necessity of his education. What calling is more worthy the best there is in a man than the gospel ministry? "He that desireth the office of a bishop desireth a good work." Should he who teaches the science of this life be educated? Much more he who is to teach the science of eternal life. If he should be skilled who is to give relief to the body, should he have less skill who is to "bind up the broken in heart?"

Think, too, of the scope of the preacher's work. His message is one of universal interest. Christianity was instituted to touch and uplift human life at every point. It extends a beneficent hand to the individual, the family, society, the nation. The pastor of a church is no less a citizen of the commonwealth, and the true preacher should be as his Lord, who not only taught in the temple, but went about doing good. Who is sufficient for these things? If Paul, with a mind trained by Gamaliel and illuminated by the Holy Ghost, shrunk from the responsibility of so high a calling, shall we content ourselves with anything less than the best possible preparation?

#### THE ADVANTAGES OFFERED FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The time was when the ministry of this country were compelled to do the best they could with little or no school training. God bless the pioneer preachers! Many of their names, like the seventy, were never written save in Heaven's register. But that day is past. With Howard College at East Lake and the Seminary at Louisville, no young man who is called of God to preach the gospel need to go to work with a dull axe.

The number of ministerial students at Howard College last session was 27.

The number enrolled in Howard College, present session..	25
Number boarding in Barracks.....	21
Number paying their own expenses..	8
Number depending upon the Board for aid.....	17
Number of students at the Seminary .....	16

## A RECOMMENDATION.

The Board of Ministerial Education would recommend to the Convention that after the present session of Howard College, assistance to ministerial students be in the nature of a loan, and in no case to exceed \$50.00 to the same student for one session, and

Further, that it shall be expected of the beneficiary to give his personal note without interest for the amount received, the same to be refunded within three years from the time of leaving school.

W. A. HOBSON,

President Board.

C. C. JONES, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH STATE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

	Dr.	Cr.
To amount on hand last report, Nov. 1, 1898.....	\$162 95	
To amount received from all sources since.....	835 49	
Total.....	\$998 44	
Paid out to date.....		\$998 11
Balance in Treasury .....	33	
Credits distributed as follows:		
For postage, stationery, printing, traveling expenses....		17 52
For deficit on past year.....		200 00
To students in Seminary .....		52 40
To students in Howard.....		45 05
To students in Walnut Grove.....		4 50
To Treasurer of Seminary.....		10 00
To Treasurer of Howard.....		668 97
Respectfully submitted,		\$998 44
	C. C. JONES,	Treasurer.

It was referred to a committee consisting of J. F. Purser, W. G. Curry, C. S. Rabb and W. S. Brown. (See item 48.)

25. M. M. Wood, Statistical Secretary, read

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

Three new Associations, the Bessemer, with seven churches; the Cleburne County, with twenty churches; and the Clay County, have been organized during the year, making the number of Associations seventy-nine. I have succeeded in getting returns for 1899 from forty-four of the Associations. From these returns, from the minutes of 1898 of twenty-four others, and from the minutes of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1899 for eight others, I have gathered the following statistics, viz:

Number of Churches.....	1,733
Number contributing to objects fostered by this Convention.....	1,077
Number of ordained ministers.....	1,117
Number Baptized.....	6,571
Number received by letter.....	5,081
Number restored.....	537
Number received on voucher.....	164
Total received.....	12,353
Present membership.....	127,190

From evidence now in my hands, I am sure the above figures are all far below the correct ones.

The cost of gathering these statistics has been \$7.30, the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee, having done my printing free of cost.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. WOOD,

Statistical Secretary.

## 26. T. M. Callaway, Chairman of Committee, read

### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

This has been one of the most eventful years in the history of our Home Board. Great political changes, the enlarging of our borders, the agitation of the doctrine of expansion, the great influx of a foreign population, the new isms that are spreading among our people, the crying needs on every hand, have suggested an enlarged policy on the part of our Board, the entering of new doors, the appeal for greater help from our churches, and the preaching with a greater enthusiasm the doctrine of religious expansion.

The Home Board, which may be considered to be included under the all-embracing passage: "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," finds its field of action in "Jerusalem," the home city, in "all Judea," the home country, and in "Samaria," the next door neighbor.

The Board is pushing the work as best it can with present facilities, first, in *our mountain region*, which comprises part of the States of Georgia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia; second, among *our negro population*, about eight millions in number; third, *on our frontier*, a field roughly estimated as being one thousand miles long, and five hundred miles wide; fourth, *in Cuba*, whose suffering and down-trodden people have recently been delivered from a terrible political bondage. It is ours now to deliver them from a more terrible enslavement, the bondage of sin, of superstition, and priest-craft, by preaching unto them Christ who will make them free indeed.

What has been accomplished in these different sections of our Home Field the following facts will partially show:

The Board during the past conventional year employed 653 missionaries, 14 less than the year preceding, but there were 6,552 baptisms, against 4,739 the previous year.

The total additions to the churches during the past year were 12,983, against 9,509 the preceding year.

Alabama, in co-operation with the Board, had 22 missionaries and 220 baptisms.

The amount raised and expended on the field for Home Missions during the past year was \$65,818.81, an increase of about \$1,500 over the preceding year.

The total amount raised on the field, including amount collected and expended in building houses of worship is \$115,869.14, against \$110,636.50 the previous year, an increase of \$5,232.64.

The total cash received by the Board from the States is \$61,794.58, an increase of \$7,744.17 over the previous year. Of this amount Alabama contributed \$9,704.46.

Twelve of the States show an increase in contributions of from \$100 to \$2,000 over last year, while only four show a slight decrease.

We would call special attention to the noble work of our women in their co-operation with the Board. Their total contributions for the past conventional year amounted to \$36,696.73, which shows an increase of more than \$1,000 over the previous year.



During the past summer our beloved and honored Secretary, Dr. I. T. Tichenor, who has held the responsible position of Corresponding Secretary of the Home Board for many years, resigned, and Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, one of our worthy professors in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was elected to take his place.

Our former Secretary laid broad foundations and had planned for a noble superstructure. The one upon whose shoulders his mantle has fallen is to carry on the work under God with our help and sympathetic co-operation. We believe that he is the man of God raised up for this responsible position, one equipped in mind and heart, "full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom."

We would urge a larger sympathy, a more hearty co-operation, a more loyal support, in this grand work of evangelizing our home people. From this country as a center, radiating influences are going out into the uttermost part of the earth.

*Support Home Missions and thus you help Foreign Missions. Give to Home Missions and thus you cultivate the spirit of giving for Foreign Missions. Pray for Home Missions and you cannot keep back the prayer that will inevitably spring up in the heart for the complete evangelization of the whole world.*

Respectfully submitted,  
T. M. CALLAWAY,  
Chairman.

The report was adopted. (See item 13.)

27. J. H. Foster, Jr., submitted

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We, the committee to whom is referred the report of State Board of Missions, submit the following: We commend the Board for the good showing made under so many disadvantages.

Having confidence in the good judgment of the Board and its Secretary, we would leave them unhampered by any recommendations from the convention, asking them to do the best they can and assuring them of the hearty sympathy and support of the churches composing the convention.

J. H. FOSTER, JR.,  
JNO. F. PURSER,  
T. M. CALLAWAY.

The report was amended, on motion of A. B. Campbell, by adding :

*Resolved*, That the State Board of Missions be instructed to revive the plan, abandoned a few years ago, of apportioning among the Associations the amount needed for Missionary purposes and urge them to apportion the amount among the churches.

The subject of State Missions was discussed by W. B. Crumpton and R. E. Pettus, and the report, as amended, was adopted. (See items 10 and 41.)

28. The convention was addressed by L. O. Dawson regarding Howard College.

29. R. G. Patrick and A. J. Battle spoke concerning the Judson Institute and the Anniston College.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

## 30. Arnold S. Smith read

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSTITUTE BOARD'S REPORT.

Your committee to whom was referred the report of the Institute Board beg leave to submit the following:

We are gratified at the number of men reached and at the good accomplished by this agency of the convention.

As to the number and character, time and places, of Institutes to be held, and methods and means to be employed, we think it would be best to leave the Board untrammelled, with the earnest hope that they shall meet with the hearty co-operation of the brethren everywhere on the field.

We recommend that this convention take care of the present indebtedness of this work, and meet the proposition of Brother D. L. Lewis so as to invest the Board with \$2,000.

We further recommend that every salaried office of the Board be discontinued except the superintendent of Institutes, believing that there are numbers of pastors who would gladly render valued service upon the condition that their traveling expenses be paid.

Your committee fails to see the need of establishing a book-selling department in connection with this Board, believing that most efficient agencies of the kind already exist, and would be glad to be freely used, for the good of the brethren, by the superintendent or any other member of the Institute Board.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD S. SMITH,  
L. O. DAWSON,  
R. G. PATRICK,  
J. I. KENDRICK.

The convention was addressed by J. G. Lowrey and a collection in cash and pledges, amounting to \$521.59, was taken. and the report was adopted. (See item 11.)

## 31. A. B. Campbell submitted

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman's Work, as the terms signify in the program of this convention, presents two aspects to which we invite attention in this report.

First, the opportunity it affords the Christian woman for personal activity in the Lord's Kingdom. That every renewed heart yearns for such activity will scarcely be questioned. Nor will it be denied that the word of God accords the privilege to every believer, and enjoins it as a sacred duty. It is not sufficient for the soul to know that the work is going on, and that many thousands are giving it their full strength, and that it triumphs everywhere. It is not sufficient for the believing soul to approve, to pray for, to commend, to rejoice in it. The word, the Holy Spirit, the heart itself, demands personal participation in it. Nothing less is Christian living. Nothing less brings peace to the soul. Nothing less brings the inestimable reward, spiritual growth; nor that inestimable reward, the consciousness that "I" am by grace serving the Lord's cause with my own faculties; nor the still other reward, the gracious Lord's public plaudit on that great day for personal faithfulness in His service. It is not satisfactory to the Christian heart in woman any more than in man, to shut itself up to the narrowest sphere of thinking, longing, caring

acting, and refer consideration of the cause at large to somebody else. A heart dominated by divine love desires to have thoughts, pantings, designs, a field of endeavor as wide as the great commission, including "all the world," "every creature." Such liberty is indispensable to the highest spiritual culture, an end to be promoted by every scriptural means. "Woman's Work" provides for such liberty, and stresses the use of it by every female member of our churches, without in the least degree infringing the privacy of life prescribed in the Scriptures for Christian women.

Secondly, the vast force it enlists in effective Christian service. If to the individual it is a boon, to the cause it is an invaluable gain. Women, it is trite to say, compose a large majority of the membership of the churches. It must be admitted that by the policy too long prevailing, their efficiency, their power to influence others, their control over the family expenditures, their influence in moulding the religious sentiments and conduct of the home and its several inmates, have not been sufficiently invoked for furtherance of the Lord's cause. Godly womanhood has been too much left to sue for permission to act out the constrainings of its love for Christ, and not sufficiently countenanced and elicited by Christian manhood; too much left to the guidance of worldly manhood, whereby the beauty, the tact, the wit, the self-sacrificing enthusiasm of woman has often shone in affairs pertaining to earth rather than in the Lord's service, and in intensifying the spirit of worldliness rather than promoting the reign of the gospel. This condition is chargeable not chiefly to the Christian woman, but rather to the Christian man on whom she has ever been taught to wait with modest deference for an invitation to enlarge her sphere of action. "Woman's Work" as advocated by this convention, proposes to remove all unwarranted restrictions of her liberty of service to the Redeemer. It asks the female members of the churches to join hands with one another in a whole hearted activity for the advancement of Christ's kingdom on earth; in a demeanor not less modest, in a course not less womanly than that which the world has approved in her heretofore, but a demeanor far more modest, a course far more womanly than she could ever pursue at the world's behest, a demeanor and course of conduct precisely such as Jesus would enjoin on his mother, and does enjoin on all his sisters. The scheme does not ask woman to become less contented, less helpful, less sweet and less loved in the home circle, but to have all her worth in that sphere enhanced a hundred fold by a deeper experience of transforming grace, and whenever she does move beyond the sacred boundaries of home life, to go forth shining more brightly, as we believe she desires to do, in the radiance of service for her divine Lord.

We have hundreds of women in our churches who are ready to incur as great hardships in Christ's service among their own countrymen as the wives of foreign missionaries have endured in idolatrous lands, if they have the same inspiration from Christian husbands, and the number of such spirits is increasing every year under the influence of the movement. The progress of the work among women alone is a result to be hailed with utmost gratitude. But when such zeal becomes so widely diffused among them as to be characteristic of the female element of our churches, we may be sure that a corresponding improvement will take place in the sentiments of husbands, children and churches, and in the religious tone of society in general and the effect will be seen alike in the more generous support given to our denominational enterprises and a far greater Christliness in all departments of religious life. The rich results already gathered from this source are but the first fruits of a boundless harvest of benefits yet to be obtained.

The receipts of the three Boards of the Southern Baptist convention through the central committee of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Southern States, as reported by the corresponding secretaries last May for the preceding twelve months are as follows:

Foreign Mission Board, cash.....	\$24,152 92
Home Mission Board, cash.....	\$14,129 67
boxes, .....	22,567.06—\$36,696 73
Sunday School Board .....	280 10
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Total—\$61,129 75	

Of this amount the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama is credited with \$3,881.38, including cash and boxes. These figures are confessedly a very imperfect statement of the means raised and expended by their societies, as large sums are applied to local objects and still other large sums are accounted for through such channels as not to find recognition in the reports of the Boards. If local organizations would so direct their operations and their reports as to have them appear in the minutes of our conventions, the information would greatly help to stimulate the zeal of the sisters in all the churches.

The moneys raised by no means represent the whole work done by the Union. Every year they write thousands of letters and postals, distribute tens of thousands of leaflets, pamphlets, envelopes, mite boxes, mite barrels and papers in the interest of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention, carry on a regular system of efforts for the organization of the women's societies and sunbeam societies in all parts of our territory, and some of their best writers keep the denominational press constantly supplied with original communications abounding with information, argument and appeals for the awakening of a more extensive interest in the Lord's cause. Yet the Union pays its officers not one cent of salary. In view of these statements it seems needless to add that the work deserves the unstinted praise and co-operation of every one who loves our Lord.

It is the belief of the officers of the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama, that the observance of "the monthly concert of prayer for missions" by the churches would greatly increase the interest of the female members and indeed of all classes in the work. Acting upon this suggestion your committee recommend this matter to the immediate attention of pastors throughout the State. For the sake of giving prominence to the idea of "concert" of effort in this great cause, we suggest that the mid-week meeting of the last week in each month be devoted by all the churches to this purpose.

A. B. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

After remarks by John W. Stewart, the report was adopted.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT.

32. J. B. Merrill, Chairman of Committee, read the report of Committee on Time, Place and Preacher. After discussion by L. O. Dawson, favoring Tuskaloosa, C. S. Rabb favoring Brewton, and W. D. Hubbard favoring Eufaula, the convention voted for Tuskaloosa as the place, and after further changing the day of week and time of month, adopted

## REPORT ON TIME, PLACE, AND PREACHER.

The Committee recommends that the next session be held with the church at Tuskaloosa, on Tuesday before first Sunday in November, 1900; that the Introductory Sermon be preached by Arnold S. Smith, or J. H. Foster, Jr., alternate; and that L. O. Dawson, T. W. Palmer, J. H. Curry, and W. B. Crumpton, be the committee to suggest program for the Convention.

J. B. MERRILL,  
Chairman.

33. P. H. Mell, chairman of committee, read

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, (AS AMENDED).

The Committee on Nominations recommends the election of the following persons for the places respectively assigned to each:

*Statistical Secretary*—M. M. Wood.

*Treasurer*—E. F. Enslen.

*Auditor*—R. F. Manly.

*Directors*—See second page of cover.

*Institute Board*—See second page of cover.

*Board of Ministerial Education*—See second page of cover.

*Central Committee on Woman's Work*—See second page of cover.

*State Board of Missions*—T. W. Ayers, J. S. Carroll, H. S. D. Mallory, Geo. B. Eager, W. J. Elliott, W. G. Curry, G. G. Miles, for term ending in 1902; J. F. Purser to succeed J. J. Taylor, removed from State; P. H. Mell to succeed R. E. Pettus, resigned; J. B. Graham to succeed M. F. Brooks, resigned; A. E. Burns to succeed Jonathan Haralson, resigned.

*Howard Trustees*—S. P. Fowlkes, D. L. Lewis, Paul Carson, J. B. Ellis, J. G. Lowrey, John T. Davis, A. C. Davidson, C. C. Jones, for term ending in 1905; W. J. E. Cox to succeed W. T. Smith, resigned.

*Judson Trustees*—Ernest Lamar, B. F. Ellis, for term ending 1913; Joseph Norwood to succeed J. A. Frazier, removed from State; B. M. Lide to succeed C. C. Huckabee, retired.

*Orphans' Home Trustees*—J. W. Stewart, C. S. Rabb, C. L. Gay, for term ending in 1905.

*Delegates to American Baptist Education Society*—T. W. Palmer, R. G. Patrick, Geo. B. Eager, A. J. Battle, L. O. Dawson, B. D. Gray, A. C. Davidson, A. J. Dickinson, J. G. Harris, H. S. D. Mallory, F. M. Roof, T. M. Callaway, J. F. Duggar.

The committee recommends that the Board of Directors appoint delegates to Southern Baptist Convention and fill vacancies, if any, in delegation to American Baptist Education Society.

P. H. MELL,  
J. H. FOSTER, JR.,  
J. H. CREIGHTON,  
GEO. W. ELLIS,  
C. J. BENTLEY,  
J. R. NOWLIN,  
J. B. APPLETON,  
Committee.

On motion of H. W. Provence, the Board of Directors was substituted for State Board of Missions as the body to appoint delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, and the report was then adopted. (See item 15.)

## 34. J. F. Watson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Board of Directors hereafter meet quarterly, and that Howard College, Judson Institute, Orphans' Home, State Mission Board, and Institute Board, be required to make quarterly reports of actual business conditions to the Board of Directors.

It was referred to a committee consisting of J. F. Watson, J. L. Thompson, J. H. Foster, Jr., J. E. Barnes and W. R. Ivey. (See item 46.)

## 35. Paul Carson offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That this Convention does hereby authorize and empower the Alumni Association of Howard College to elect two trustees for Howard College in addition to the regular number of trustees of said College.

*Be it further resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the President of the Convention, said committee to be authorized, empowered and directed to take such action, amending the charter of said College, or otherwise, as may be necessary to give the Alumni Association the permanent power of electing said trustees. Said trustees shall hold office for two years, one of whom shall be elected at each annual meeting of said Alumni Association.

The resolution was referred to a committee consisting of Paul Carson, L. O. Dawson, B. H. Crumpton, J. F. Watson, Geo. W. Ellis and J. H. Holcomb. (See item 49.)

## 36. R. G. Patrick submitted

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE GREENSBORO HOUSE OF WORSHIP.

Your committee appointed to raise the funds and superintend the erection of a house of worship at Greensboro, would respectfully report:

1. That we have used our best efforts to secure the necessary means for the erection of a creditable church house, and that the response from individuals and the churches has been sufficient to enable us to make a contract for a handsome frame house to cost \$2,100, which will be ready for dedication about December 15th.

2. That there has been paid to date the sum of \$1,300, which leaves but little in the treasury. If all pledges made are paid we shall lack but little of paying in full for the house when completed. It is evident, however, that some considerable amounts pledged will not be paid, and we shall need more money if we dedicate free of debt.

3. That in our efforts we have been greatly assisted by Bro. J. T. Fitzgerald, of Marion, who generously advanced the money necessary to take up the mortgage on the lot without interest, and who has also contributed liberally toward the house of worship.

4. That we have decided to make the house memorial to Rev. A. R. Hardy, who laid the foundation for the success of the important work, and who was called to his reward before this cherished object was accomplished.

ROBERT G. PATRICK,  
A. J. DICKINSON,  
Committee.

37. L. O. Dawson addressed the Convention regarding the Alabama Central Female College at Tuscaloosa. (See item 45.)

38. W. J. McGlothlin, a Professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, addressed the Convention regarding that institution and a collection for the Students' Fund was taken, amounting in cash and pledges to \$1,018.

39. J. F. Purser, Chairman of Committee, read

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The work of Foreign Missions has greatly prospered during the past year. The number of new Missionaries appointed has equaled that of any previous year. Nearly all of those on sick leave have recovered their health, and returned to their posts of duty, fired with fresh courage and renewed consecration. From the statistical table of the Foreign Mission report of last year I get the following facts. We have in foreign fields 100 churches, and 140 stations; 35 male, and 47 female missionaries, not including native helpers; communicants 5,347; of these 845 were baptized during the past year. Contributions to Foreign Missions were \$103,037.51.

The schools also have done, and are doing a great work. Brother Bryan writes of the schools of the Chinese Missions, "They are like Sunday schools, running all the week." In these schools the young are nurtured in the fear and admonition of the Lord; and these children will eventually become powerful factors in the conversion of their heathen relations and associates. There are 43 of these schools, with 1,165 pupils in attendance.

Now what part have Alabama Baptists taken during the last year in this work of evangelizing the world for Christ? Great are our advantages, great are our resources; consequently, great are our responsibilities. Our people have shown what they can accomplish under the leadership of a few wise, earnest workers in liquidating our State indebtedness, but we cannot afford to stop here. We have from Alabama three missionaries in foreign fields: Miss Willie Kelly in China, and Brother and Sister McCollum in Japan. Brother W. W. Lee who has received his appointment has, owing to bad health, not gone out. Alabama's contributions to date have been about \$7,000 from the 126,000 white Baptists in the State. We hope that the next six months will greatly increase our gifts to the cause.

It is authoritatively stated that the Board would have fifty new missionaries, if it had funds with which to send them out. This pertinent question is asked by Dr. Willingham, "What do we need in our churches?" This is his answer, "More prayers in faith; more pastors in earnest for Missions; more people giving liberally for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world." Brethren, let us be "pastors in earnest for missions." We must lead as well as preach. Few churches come up to the standards of their pastors; and I know of not one which has gone beyond them. It follows, that we must, as leaders, have high ideals. We dream before we act. We must see in visions before we strive for realization. Like the musician our soul must hear the melody imprisoned in the harp strings, before we loose the harmonies, to ravish the ears of men. Paul, as he stood on the Asiatic shore, looked across the waters to the isle-fringed coast of Europe; and his great heart went out to the unknown millions of that foreign land. And as he slept that night at Troas by the sea, he dreamed, and in his dream he saw a vision of a man of Macedonia.

Who was this man of Macedonia? It was the voice of God to Paul calling him to the Mission work in Europe. Phillips Brooks has beautifully said: "This mysterious man was an utterance not only of the conscious want, but of the unconscious need of those poor people—the heart and essence of Macedonia; the profoundest capacities of truth, and goodness, and faith, and salvation, which Macedonia itself knew little of, but which was its real self." The unconscious needs of man are all appeals and cries to Him. "We love him because he *first* loved us." Praise be to God that this vision was revealed to Paul, and that the wants of fallen humanity are supplied through his children who truly desire to do his will. Let us remember that Jesus held constant communion with God because of his perfect obedience. Do we not read, "The Father hath not left me alone for I do always those things that please Him?" He was obedient unto death—even the death of the cross. To us, His followers, He has given the commission "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." These words are as binding now as they were on the Ascension morn. When we catch the spirit of his obedience we will become missionaries indeed—emptied of self, filled with the gospel of helpfulness and love. Then we will look on every man as our neighbor. Then too we will see not the heathen steeped in superstition and ignorance, bound by passion, prejudice and indifference, but the real man, made in the image of God, with all noble attributes and possibilities though hidden under the filth of environment, and heredity, and sin, which we may—nay, we must, by God's help, arouse and develop. Every man's need will cry to us for help, every soul's hunger will be to us a demand for full supply of spiritual food.

Then too we must be heroic. No great victory has ever been won, no great cause has ever triumphed, which has not hinged on one central idea, some pivotal principle which to its followers was dearer than all else, for which they would gladly lay down their lives. So the keynote of the missionary spirit, the beginning and the end of the whole gospel is, *the boundless love of God for lost sinners*. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him might not perish but have everlasting life." Oh that we had more of the spirit of love, more of the spirit of sacrifice which is true heroism. Since the day when the brethren fasted and prayed at Antioch, and the Holy spirit commanded that Paul and Barnabas be separated to the work whereunto they were called, we have had two great divisions of Christian workers—those who stay at home and those who go forth. Each has his God appointed work. James and Peter in Jerusalem preached the word, cared for the church, and strengthened the brethren. Paul and Barnabas went out to carry the gospel to the Gentiles, to tell the blessed news of salvation to the islands of the sea, to bear the glad tidings to those who sat in darkness. There are those who stay at home and hold the fort; there are the others who charge the enemy and storm the strongholds of sin.

It is our duty to see that those who go forth as standard bearers of the Cross, shall suffer no lack. We must train our people to love missions. God prospers a church in proportion as it has the missionary spirit. This spirit should permeate and saturate every Christian heart. May the day soon come when a part of every collection, of every church, on every Sabbath will be devoted to missions. Then we will hear no more of two per cent., or five per cent. per capita from the Baptists of Alabama, but the coffers of God's house will overflow with thank offerings, our souls will know the blessedness of giving, and scores of missionaries will go forth gladly to the fields already white unto the harvest. When we give to the work our money, our sympathy, our prayers, ourselves, then to us will come the beautiful vision of Sir Launfal, and we too will hear the voice saying



"Not what we give but what we share,  
For the gift without the giver is bare.  
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three,  
Himself, his needy neighbor, and Me."

We recommend that we enter heartily into the advanced movement ordered by the Southern Baptist Convention last May, in Louisville, Ky., and that we, as pastors and laymen of the churches, pledge ourselves to try to raise our proportion of said increase of funds.

JNO. F. PURSER,  
C. J. BENTLEY,  
J. L. GREGORY.

The convention was addressed by R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, and the report was then adopted.

### FRIDAY MORNING.

40. Devotional exercises were conducted by W. Y. Quisenberry.

41. A. J. Preston submitted

### REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Your Committee beg to report:

1. That there is now being produced and issued by our Board in Nashville literature of which Baptists may well feel proud, and which is doing a great work in toning up, quickening, and educating our people throughout this Southland. Its most excellent Sabbath School series, which ought to be used by all of our churches, should be ordered direct from J. M. Frost, Nashville, Tenn. But besides this literature already presented in another report, the Board publishes (1) a "Life of Yates," a book that is probably the greatest out-put of Baptist literature in our generation and ought to be in every home. (2) "The Great Trio," a presentation of Yates, Jeter and Fuller, men who have grown too great to let their personality ever grow dim among Baptists. (3) A treatise on "Baptists, Why and Why Not," which gives a brief, clear and good spirited presentation of the peculiar doctrines and practices of Baptists. (4) A treatise on "Parliamentary Law" by Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, recently professor in that school in our Seminary, a most useful book for our churches, associations, and conventions. Besides these the Board publishes "Kind Words," a most helpful children's paper.

We would call special attention to the system of Book Endowment, recently inaugurated, and which has won and is winning cordial appreciation and co-operation of our benevolently disposed people. By this wise devise \$500 will become a perpetual agency in developing our people in the knowledge of the Bible and History of our denomination.

We call attention also to the Home Field, and Foreign Mission Journal of the Boards of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Your committee is persuaded that our people have not as yet awakened to the value of the press as a missionary agency of the truth of Christ. It is more than anything else the educator of the masses. If the Baptists of Alabama consider it worth their while to devote their energies and money to the amount of hundreds of thousands of dollars to educate three hundred girls and boys in branches of secular learning and have instituted the Howard and the Judson for that purpose, is it not worth while

for us to have a strong, aggressive paper which will be a mighty agency for educating the masses of our people in the word and work of God? Nine-tenths of the Baptist people can never get in touch with our Colleges, but a good paper will visit them with religious truth fifty-two times a year. Increased efficiency in our denominational organ is greatly to be desired. We therefore recommend the appointment of the following committee: J. L. Thompson, A. B. Campbell, T. G. Bush, L. O. Dawson, Geo. W. Ellis, R. E. Pettus, D. L. Lewis, W. G. Curry, W. E. Hudmon, W. E. Lloyd, H. S. D. Mallory, and Geo. B. Eager, with discretionary power to organize a stock company to endeavor to purchase the "Alabama Baptist" and operate it as the organ of the Baptist State Convention, or make such other arrangement as may seem to them best for the interests of the denomination of the State.

As to the book on "Parliamentary Law," which was referred to us, we recommend that the President of the Convention be requested to compare this with the one now in use and report to the next session of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. PRESTON,  
JOHN G. APSEY,  
T. W. PALMER,  
H. W. PROVENCE,  
Committee.

J. R. Stodghill offered

#### THE MINORITY REPORT.

As a minority report, a part of your committee beg to dissent from that of the majority because the latter does not relieve the denominational organ from the fatal compromise of private ownership. Private ownership of the denominational organ secularizes our press, and through it subsidizes the whole denominational influence to private gain. This difficulty which we seek to displace still obtains with the majority report.

We recommend that the paper question be referred to the State Board of Missions and the Institute Board with discretionary power to act as these Boards may deem wise.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. STODGHILL,  
F. M. WOODS.

Remarks were made by G. S. Anderson, P. H. Mell, J. R. Stodghill, J. G. Harris, A. J. Preston, H. W. Provence, J. F. Watson, J. W. Sandlin, W. Y. Quisenberry, L. O. Dawson, W. R. Ivey, C. S. Rabb, H. Hawkins and W. A. Hobson, and then, on motion of Arnold S. Smith, as a substitute for the minority report and that portion of the majority report referring to the State newspaper, it was

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse our State organ, "The Alabama Baptist," and earnestly recommend it to our people.

The report, as amended, was then adopted. (See items 10, 17, 27.)

42. T. M. Callaway read, for the chairman,

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

There can be no doubt in the mind of any reasonable person, that the whiskey traffic is the most powerful agent for evil now operating in human society. It encourages vice, dishonors God, destroys soul and body. It represents the most heartless, gigantic and cold-blooded traffic in blood that the world has ever known. It is evil, only evil, and that continually. This business is of hell, comes from the devil, leads to the devil, is condemned of God, and of all good people, a curse forever more. It cannot base its right to exist on a single claim of usefulness. It supplies no natural demand, but is an active and tireless agency in the creation of an unnatural demand for that which is only ruinous in its effects.

Every Christian should be against this business in every reasonable and proper way, and should never give a vote or voice for any man or measure that favors this traffic in human blood. The wonder of wonders is, that Christians have not long since combined and concentrated all their forces, instrumentalities and agencies, and hurled them with resistless fury against this most relentless, insatiable, pitiless, horrible, soul destroying enemy of all good. This business is now, and has ever been opposed to Christianity, and is defiant and persistent in its opposition. Its business is to destroy. It destroys all that is best in man; it debases his character; renders him wretched; poisons the fountain of all the streams of life. Is it possible that we can stand idly by and see this fearful destruction of our fellow beings, see them degraded and ruined in soul and body, and not make every proper effort to stop its ravages? The moral and physical ruin wrought by it are so wide-spread and so evident; the anathemas of the Scriptures against the drunkard and the drunkard-maker so terrible, that any man who endeavors to live in the spirit of the Gospel faith and to pattern his life after its precepts, is by the very nature of his Christian profession impelled to take a firm and unequivocal stand against this enemy of all good. Is there not enough of manhood among us to save Christendom from the cruel and destructive influences of this business? If Christianity has not the power to save Christendom from the grasp of this monster evil, where is our hope?

This business exists today, not of necessity, but because Christians have not the courage to apply the remedy to stop it. In our associations and conventions we pass temperance resolutions with great unanimity, and tremendous enthusiasm, but we go home and work for, and vote for men and measures that license and protect the saloon business. Are we so deaf that we can not hear the tramp of this mighty horde of drunkard-makers and drinkers, the heart-rending wail of suffering humanity that follow in the wake of this business? All honor and praise for what Christians *have* done, and are now doing. More than all other agencies combined has the Church of Christ antagonized the whiskey traffic, and rescued perishing inebriates. Nevertheless, before the church can fully accomplish her God-given mission, she must take a much longer step in advance and strike far heavier blows. Not a saloon would be found in our State today but for the indifference of Christian voters. Saloons confront us everywhere, they occupy the most prominent corners in our towns and cities. They present themselves with boldest effrontery. They are hideous ulcers on the very face of Christendom, the blistering shame on the fair countenance of our Christian civilization. And our Christian civilization has authorized by law and by sanction of the State, the creation of this frightful plague on our body politic; permitting twenty persons, black or white, good or bad, if only they are house-holders and free-holders, to force a saloon or saloons on a city while there may be several thousand opposed to it.

We need that a sentiment must be vocalized into organic expression which will make the temperance sentiment felt in our legislative halls. There is but one way to put a stop to the saloon business, and that is by the united effort of all good people, and Christianity must assume the role of leadership for the extirpation of this evil. This is the supreme duty which rests upon Christianity, and if Christians do not exercise their influence to stop this traffic, then, whatever results may come from it, they are responsible; they could have prevented them, but would not.

J. H. CURRY.

W. Y. QUISENBERRY,

Committee.

Remarks were made by W. R. Ivey, W. Y. Quisenberry, G. S. Vann and Geo. B. Eager, and the report was adopted.

43. Geo. B. Eager read (Vice President Pettus being in the chair)

#### REPORT ON ENDOWMENT OF THE JUDSON AND HOWARD.

Your committee on the Endowment of the Judson and the Howard beg leave to report as follows:

We take it for granted that there is entire agreement among the Baptists of Alabama as to the importance and desirability of securing an adequate endowment for each of these cherished institutions. They can never be lifted above the embarrassment and peril of popular capriciousness, hard times and financial fluctuations and made capable of doing the work contemplated by their wise founders and faithful supporters until they are generously endowed.

The questions of order and method and time of undertaking the much needed work, then, are *the* questions of the hour.

We venture, therefore, to give it as our judgment:

1. That, in view of the late effort in behalf of the Howard, the Judson should have the pre-eminence at present so far as public collections for adequate equipment and endowment are concerned.

2. That said effort should be primarily and principally a quiet effort to reach the friends of the institution whom God has blessed with wealth—to get them to give liberally to this end.

3. That a popular canvass also be made, chiefly for its educative influence, to awaken our people to a keener sense of the value of higher education and to secure such gifts as will give some practical expression to this awakened appreciation and interest.

4. That under these limitations we recommend that the year 1900 be set for the inauguration of such an effort for the better equipment and endowment of these schools, and that a committee be appointed by this body to co-operate with the Presidents and Trustees of these institutions in planning for and prosecuting the work.

5. The committee desires to express its heartiest appreciation of the great work that the Howard and the Judson are doing for our denomination and for the cause of Christian education and to say that nothing in this report is to be construed as intending to put either one in the background or to interfere in the least with any plan for their better equipment or endowment which the Trustees may deem it wise to adopt.

GEO. B. EAGER,

Chairman.

After discussion by Geo. B. Eager, R. G. Patrick, J. G. Apsey, and F. M. Roof, the report was adopted, and the committee provided for therein was made to consist of Geo. B. Eager, B. D. Gray, L. O. Dawson, W. B. Crumpton and G. G. Miles. (See items 22, 23, 44.)

44. B. D. Gray presented the cancelled bonds and other obligations of Howard College, all of which had been paid, and the convention united in singing the Long Meter Doxology, after which he offered

#### REPORT ON OBSERVANCE OF 1900.

Your committee on the observance of the year 1900, would recommend, first, that we co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention in the celebration of the closing year of the 19th century.

2. We would recommend further, that the Judson and the Howard be made the special objects of our benefactions during 1900.

3. We recommend that the committee already appointed for the better equipment of the Judson and the Howard, take charge of and press this matter in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

Respectfully,

B. D. GRAY,  
F. M. ROOF,  
R. G. PATRICK,  
W. B. CRUMPTON,  
Committee.

The report was adopted and the same committee appointed as for the promotion of the Judson and Howard Endowment. (See item 43.)

45. L. O. Dawson addressed the convention regarding the Central Female College at Tuskaloosa and secured pledges for that institution amounting to \$800. (See item 37.)

46. J. F. Watson presented

#### REPORT ON QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF DIRECTORS.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the Board of Directors hold a business meeting the first of each quarter of the year.

2. That the Presidents of Howard College and the Judson Institute, and the Secretaries of the Orphans' Home, the State Board of Missions, the Board of Ministerial Education and the Institute Board, be required to submit quarterly reports of the actual financial and business condition of said Institutions and Boards, with such suggestions for the welfare and progress of those Institutions and Boards as they in their official capacity deem wise.

3. That the Board of Directors carefully examine said reports and offer advisory counsel and make such endeavor as is within their power to make these Institutions and Boards self-sustaining and that shall look toward their substantial growth and enlarged usefulness, thus bringing

these Institutions and Boards into closer unity and increase confidence in the business management of these Institutions and Boards.

J. F. WATSON,  
J. L. THOMPSON,  
W. R. IVEY,  
J. H. FOSTER, JR.,  
J. E. BARNES,  
Committee.

After remarks by J. F. Watson, W. B. Crumpton and Wm. A. Davis, the report was laid on the table, on motion of T. M. Callaway. (See item 34.)

47. On motion of P. H. Mell, it was

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this convention that the Woman's Missionary Union should hereafter elect its own officers, reporting the same for confirmation by this body.

48. W. S. Brown submitted

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL BOARD'S REPORT.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Board of Ministerial Education, beg leave to say that we are grateful for the work that has been done during the past year and approve of the recommendations made in their report.

J. F. PURSER,  
W. G. CURRY,  
W. S. BROWN,  
C. S. RABB.

After discussion by W. A. Hobson, W. Y. Quisenberry, J. W. Stewart, J. W. Willis, R. E. Pettus, W. B. Crumpton and W. B. Ernest, the report was adopted. (See item 24.)

49. Paul Carson read

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE REGARDING TWO ADDITIONAL HOWARD TRUSTEES.

Your committee beg leave to report that they favor and endorse the within resolution.

Respectfully submitted,  
PAUL CARSON, Ch'm'n,  
L. O. DAWSON,  
B. H. CRUMPTON,  
J. F. WATSON,  
GEO. W. ELLIS,  
J. H. HOLCOMB,  
Committee.

The report was adopted. (See item 35.)

The committee provided for in the report consists of Paul Carson, Ray Rushton and H. R. Dill.

50. J. W. Willis called the attention of the convention to the memorial window in memory of W. C. Cleveland in the

church building in which the convention is in session to be paid for by friends of the late president of the convention from all parts of the State.

51. The President appointed the standing committees to report at next session as the list appears on second page of cover of these proceedings.

52. On motion of F. M. Purifoy, it was

*Resolved*, That this Convention extend fraternal greeting to the B. Y. P. U. of America and Alabama B. Y. P. Union and commend each and every local Union or Society for the educational work being accomplished for our denomination.

53. On motion of T. M. Callaway, it was

*Resolved*, That we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Methodist and Presbyterian churches for the use of their houses of worship and to all denominations of the city of Gadsden for the cordial hospitality we have received at their hands; to the railroads for reduced fare and other courtesies; and to the newspapers which have published reports of our proceedings.

54. The Secretary read

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS' HOME REPORT.

Your committee on report on Orphans' Home recommend that this Convention endorse the suggestions named in said report, and authorize the Trustees to adopt such plans and methods as will carry them into effect.

GEO. W. ELLIS,  
THOMAS W. PALMER,  
W. R. IVEY,

Committee.

Remarks were made by J. W. Sandlin, J. H. Longcrier and J. W. Stewart, and a collection amounting to \$26.31 was taken, and the report was then adopted. (See item 12.)

55. A. B. Goodhue, a delegate to the convention of 1847 was presented to the convention.

56. After the adjournment of the convention the Secretary received

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. F. ENSLEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

HOWARD COLLEGE ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

Credits.

1898.

November 1st. Balance.....	\$ 39 56
“ 2nd. Interest collected.....	20 00

<i>Forward</i> .....	\$ 59 56
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<i>Brought forward</i> .....				\$ 59 56
1899.				
February	25th.	Interest collected.....	22 00	
March	15th.	“ “ .....	9 60	
April	11th.	Collected on loan.....	100 00	
“	11th.	“ “ interest.....	20 80	
“	22nd.	“ “ loan.....	500 00	
“	22nd.	“ “ interest.....	20 00	
August	3rd.	“ “ .....	20 00	
October	10th.	“ “ loan.....	100 00	
“	22nd.	“ “ interest.....	10 00—	\$800 40
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				\$859 96

## Debits.

1899.				
January	18th.	Paid on account of catalogues.....	\$ 42 85	
April	27th.	“ “ “ of new loan.....	250 00	
July	17th.	“ “ “ “ “ .....	250 00	
October	22nd.	“ “ “ “ “ .....	300 00—	\$842 85
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Balance.....				\$ 17 11

There is now loaned out on first mortgage, at 8 per cent., the sum of \$1,420 00.

Respectfully,

E. F. ENSLEN,  
Treasurer.

57. The convention listened to a solo by H. A. Wolfsohn, “I Shall Know Him;” the song, “How Firm a Foundation,” was sung; prayer was offered by R. B. McAlpine, and the convention adjourned.

H. S. D. MALLORY,  
President.

WM. A. DAVIS,  
Secretary.



## DELEGATES.

## FROM CHURCHES.

*Albertville*—J. M. McCord, J. W. Sandlin.

*Alexander City*—Arnold S. Smith.

*Anniston, First*—J. E. Barnard.

*Parker Memorial*—J. W. Abercrombie, T. W. Ayers, A. J. Battle, A. W. Bell, P. B. Brown, Wm. A. Davis, J. H. Foster, Jr.

*Ashville*—J. A. Glenn.

*Auburn*—P. H. Mell.

*Bessemer*—W. R. Ivey.

*Bethel*—H. G. B. Bynum.

*Bethlehem*—Leander Copeland.

*Bethsaida*—Jas. I. Kendrick.

*Birmingham, First*—B. D. Gray.

*South Side*—A. C. Davidson.

*Bremen*—J. H. Harbison.

*Calera*—J. W. Day.

*Centre*—J. G. Moon.

*Clanton*—F. M. Woods.

*Cropwell*—Lealis Law.

*Deep Creek*—W. N. Nichols.

*Demopolis*—J. G. Dickinson.

*Dyke*—G. E. Jones.

*East Lake, Ruhama*—W. B. Crumpton, W. A. Hobson, T. V. B. Moor, F. M. Roof.

*Eufaula*—W. D. Hubbard.

*Eutaw*—J. G. Apsey.

*Evergreen*—C. S. Rabb.

*Florence*—H. C. Gilbert, Richard Hall.

*Friendship*—J. K. Abernathy.

*Gadsden*—A. B. Goodhue, J. H. Holcomb, R. B. Kyle, W. T. Murphree, J. R. Nowlin, Geo. S. Vann, J. W. Willis.

*Harmony*—W. L. Elison.

*Hawkinsville*—Hiram Hawkins.

*Hoke's Bluff*—K. S. Steele.

*Howell's Cross Roads*—W. T. Lasseter.

*Huntsville, Dallas Avenue*—R. E. Pettus.

*First*—Rutherford Brett.

*Jasper*—J. H. Longcrier.

*LaFayette*—J. L. Thompson.

*Livingston*—W. G. Curry.

*Marion, Siloam*—P. V. Bomar, J. A. Howard, Robert G. Patrick.

*Montgomery, Adams Street*—Wm. D. Gay.

*Clayton Street*—Geo. W. Ellis, A. J. Preston, H. W. Provence.

*First*—Geo. B. Eager, John G. Harris, G. G. Miles.

*Mt. Carmel*—E. B. Moore.

*Mt. Pisgah*—W. Y. Adams, W. A. Alexander.

*Mt. Vernon*—J. P. Gillespie.

*New Decatur, Central*—F. A. Bloodworth, C. E. Malone, Jr., E. L. Simpson, W. Y. Quisenberry.

*New Harmony*—C. W. C. Tucker.

*Northport*—John T. Bealle.

*Opelika*—John F. Purser.

*Orrville*—J. F. Watson.

*Oxford*—C. S. Johnson.

*Roanoke*---H. C. Risner.  
*Round Mountain*---M. J. Copeland.  
*Russellville*---W. H. Austin, A. W. Briscoe.  
*Selma, First*---A. J. Dickinson, L. Lamar, H. S. D. Mallory.  
     *Second*---J. E. Barnes.  
*Sycamore*---J. M. Solley.  
*Talladega*---T. M. Callaway.  
*Tuscumbia*---T. F. Hendon.  
*Tuskaloosa*---L. O. Dawson, Thomas W. Palmer, Francis M. Purifoy.  
*Tuskegee*---T. Y. Conner.  
*Trussville*---D. H. Vann, M. R. Vann.  
*Warrior*---J. G. Lowrey.  
*Whistler*---D. W. Bosdell.  
*White Springs*---P. G. Newton.  
*Woodlawn*---W. M. Blackwelder.  
*Wylam*---W. B. Ernest.  
*Yales Chapel*---John A. Davis.

## FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

*Bethlehem*---B. H. Crumpton.  
*Birmingham*---W. S. Brown, A. A. Hutto, P. S. Montgomery, M. M. Wood.  
*Calhoun County*---W. S. Griffin, A. H. Mynatt.  
*Carey*---C. J. Bentley, C. T. Culpepper, J. R. Stodghill.  
*Cedar Bluff*---J. A. C. Sims, W. A. Whitworth, John B. Appleton.  
*Cherokee*---E. Burns, E. Crawford, C. C. Davis, R. T. Ewing, J. L. Pace,  
     A. Pope, H. W. Roberts.  
*Cleburne County*---J. B. Merrill.  
*Coosa River*---S. A. Austin, A. E. Burns, W. M. Hall.  
*Conecuh*---M. F. Brooks, John W. Stewart.  
*Cullman*---B. E. Jackson.  
*East Liberty*---J. L. Gregory.  
*Etowah*---W. L. Culbertson, T. H. Stephens, J. R. Trotter.  
*Eufaula*---C. L. Guice, S. O. Y. Ray.  
*Gilliam Springs*---M. R. Taylor.  
*Harris*---W. J. Boykin.  
*Marshall*---A. J. Cagle, Joseph Creel, J. H. Haley.  
*Muscle Shoals*---J. O. A. Pace.  
*Selma*---Paul Carson.  
*Shelby*---N. S. Jones.  
*South Bethel*---J. H. Creighton.  
*St. Clair County*---N. A. Hood.  
*Troy*---A. B. Campbell, N. C. Underwood.  
*Tuskegee*---G. S. Anderson, J. H. Wallace.  
*Unity*---W. J. Ruddick.  
*Warrior River*---G. A. Chunn.

## VISITORS.

*American Baptist Publication Society*---H. Hatcher.  
*Argus*---J. E. Gwalkin.  
*Christian Index*---I. J. Van Ness.  
*Florida Convention*---E. A. Burton.  
*Foreign Mission Board*---R. J. Willingham.  
*Home Mission Board*---F. H. Kerfoot.  
*Georgia Convention*---Joshua Lee, W. J. Simmons, S. J. Whatley, H. A. Wolfsohn.  
*Kentucky Convention*---W. M. Murray, J. C. Wright.  
*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary*---W. J. McGlothlin.  
*Sunday School Board*---J. M. Frost.

IN MEMORIAM.

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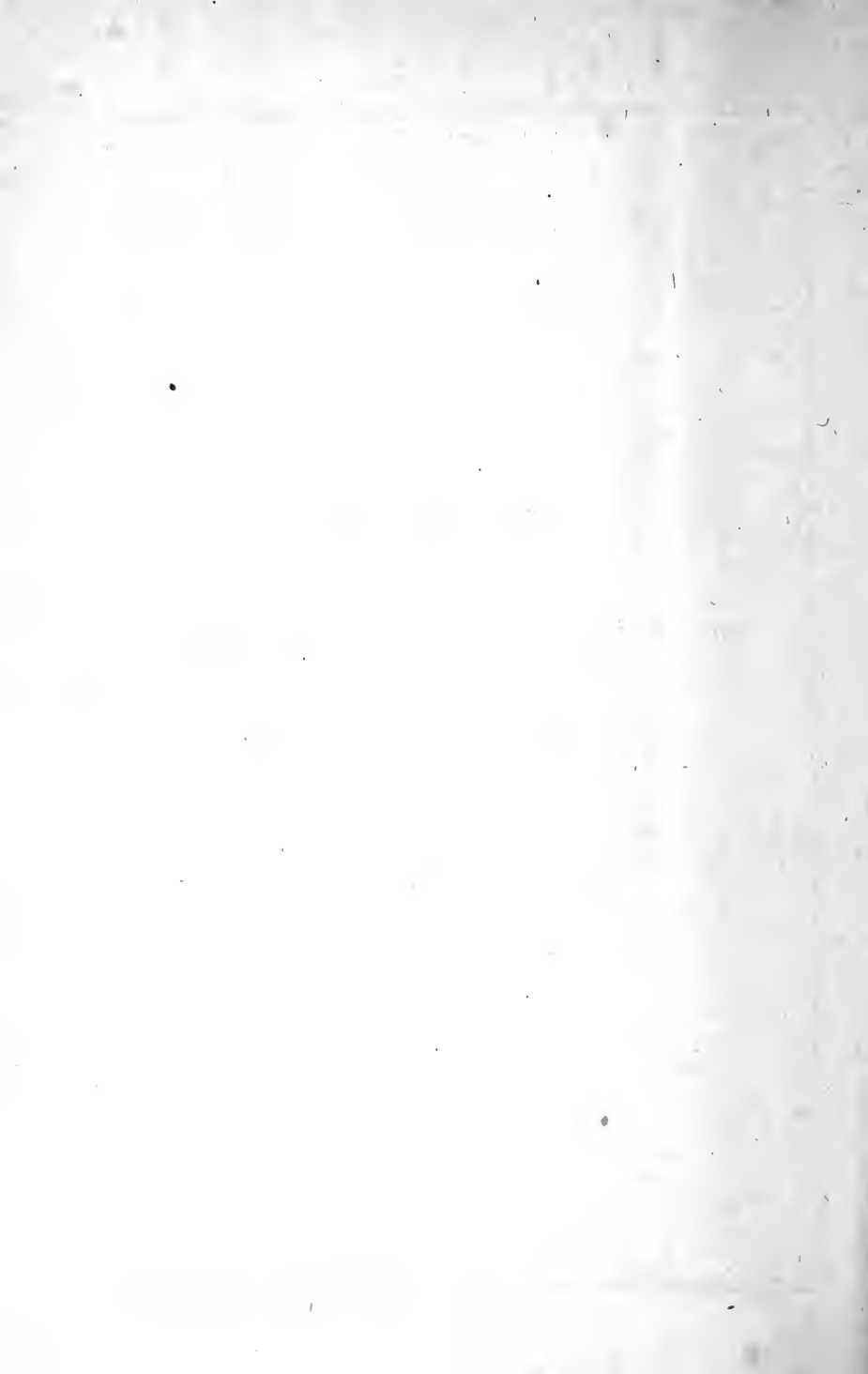
WILLIAM CALLAWAY CLEVELAND

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Born near Selma, Ala., June 22, 1834;  
Died in Talladega, Ala., Feb. 17, 1899.

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PRESIDENT OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE  
CONVENTION, 1892 TO 1898.



## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

The seventh annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union was held in the Presbyterian Church of Gadsden, on the morning of Nov. 8th, 1899, and was called to order by the President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, of Anniston. Scripture reading, 103rd Psalm; prayer by Mrs. H. L. Mellen.

A most beautiful address of welcome was given by Mrs. George S. Vann.

The President prefaced her address by responding to the cordial welcome.

(The Secretary has made a great effort to incorporate in the minutes the address of the President, knowing that it would be an inspiration to every woman to read the words of this consecrated, untiring worker.)

The choir sang, "Saviour Again to Thy Dear Name."

The President appointed the following committees:

*Committee on Enrollment*---Mrs. Geo. S. Vann, Gadsden; Mrs. I. W. Hill, Gadsden.

*Committee on Resolutions*---Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston; Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Anniston.

### REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

#### CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

PRESIDENT---Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham.

VICE PRESIDENT---Mrs. B. D. Gray, Birmingham.

VICE PRESIDENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE---Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston.

LEADER YOUNG PEOPLE'S MISSION WORK---Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham.

TREASURER---Mrs. George M. Morrow, Birmingham.

SECRETARY---Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake.

LEADER BABY BRANCH---Mrs. Florence Harris, Montgomery.

#### ASSOCIATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS.

Antioch Association.....	Mrs. J. B. Hamberlin, Healing Springs
Bethel Association.....	Mrs. M. A. Lee, McKinley
South Bethel Association.....	Mrs. J. F. Savell, Thomasville
Bessemer Association.....	Mrs. W. R. Ivey, Bessemer
Bigbee Association.....	Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston
Birmingham Association.....	Mrs. William Franklin, Pinson
Cahaba Association.....	Miss Hattie Pollard, Newberne
Cahaba Valley Association.....	Mrs. G. W. Hodges, Ashville
Calhoun Association.....	Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Anniston
Central Association.....	Mrs. A. L. Harlan, Alexander City
Columbia Association.....	Mrs. B. L. Stapleton, Dothan
Conecuh Association.....	Mrs. G. R. Farnham, Evergreen
Etowah Association.....	Mrs. J. H. Holcombe, Gadsden
Eufaula Association.....	Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton
Florence Association.....	Mrs. B. G. Eastburn, Florence
Harris Association.....	Mrs. J. T. Nickolls, Fort Mitchell

East Liberty Association.....	Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Cusseta
North Liberty Association.....	Mrs. M. B. Neece, Huntsville
Mineral Springs Association.....	Mrs. A. Barnwell, Morris Station
Montgomery Association....	Mrs. J. C. Cheney, Montgomery
Newton Association.....	Mrs. A. N. Jones, Newton
Pine Barren Association.....	Mrs. S. M. Kendrick, Furman
Selma Association.....	Mrs. J. E. McMullen, Selma
Shelby Association.....	Mrs. L. H. Lyman, Montevallo
North River Association.....	Miss Ella Duffee, Jasper
Tennessee River Association.....	Miss Maggie Beard, Scottsboro
Tuskaloosa Association.....	Mrs. L. O. Dawson, Tuskaloosa
Tuskegee Association.....	Mrs. W. E. Hudmon, Opelika
Union Association.....	Mrs. L. E. Robertson, Carrollton
Zion Association.....	Mrs. M. Riley, Andalusia

### REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The Central Committee feel that this has been a very successful year for the work. There has not been much *marked* improvement, but our women are beginning to realize more fully the grandeur and beauty of this labor of love.

Vice Presidents have been secured for the Associations of South Bethel, Bessemer, Cahaba, Columbia, Montgomery, North River, Tuskaloosa and Tuskegee. We are sorry to report Mobile and Elim without Vice Presidents.

The same objects have been fostered by our Societies as heretofore. The Weeks of Prayer and Self Denial have been observed. A Christmas offering was made for China. Children's Day and Missionary Day were celebrated by Sunday Schools and Sunbeam bands.

Thirty-three boxes were sent to Frontier Missionaries, who sent in return the most grateful words of thankfulness and praise. The reports from the boxes that are being sent now are most encouraging. The valuations are much larger than last fall.

Boxes of clothing have also been sent the Orphans' Home twice a year by Churches, Societies, Sunbeam bands, B. Y. P. U.'s and Sunday Schools.

The amount apportioned Alabama was exceeded in Home Missions but not reached in Foreign Missions. If all the money that has been given had been reported to the Central Committee, there is hardly a doubt that the amount for Foreign Missions would have been raised. Our apportionment now is \$1,600 for Foreign, and \$2,500 for Home Missions.

Miss Willie Kelly, Alabama's Missionary, and Miss Anna B. Hartwell, Missionary for Birmingham Association, are still beloved and supported.

Our women have helped nobly in liquidating the debt of Howard College and the denomination.

Mrs. L. J. Harris, of Montgomery, has been appointed to take charge of the Baby Branch, a new and attractive feature of the Woman's Missionary Union.

It is the intention of the Central Committee to visit Societies during the year, and to attend as many of the Associations next fall as possible.

Letters written by Secretary, 610.

Postals, 60.

Leaflets, pamphlets, etc., distributed, 4,890.

Envelopes, 3,500.

MRS. D. M. MALONE,  
Secretary.

Adopted.

Report of Treasurer was read by Miss Alice Hale, of Birmingham, and adopted:

# ANNUAL REPORT OF TREASURER OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

## AMOUNT REPORTED FOR ALL PURPOSES DURING YEAR.

Antioch Association.....	\$ 1 85
Bethel Association.....	15 80
Bigbee Association.....	594 31
Birmingham Association.....	2,644 23
Cahaba Association.....	65 82
Conecuh Association.....	145 80
Calhoun Association.....	1,145 25
Central Association.....	58 20
Columbia Association.....	145 37
Eufaula Association.....	196 17
East Liberty Association.....	307 15
Etowah Association.....	87 00
Harris Association.....	571 37
Montgomery Association.....	799 55
Newton Association.....	94 25
North River Association.....	34 60
North Liberty Association.....	62 45
Pine Barren Association.....	152 85
South Bethel Association.....	102 20
Selma Association.....	705 15
Shelby Association.....	186 39
Troy Association.....	70 91
Tennessee River Association.....	25 94
Tuscaloosa Association.....	35 00
Tuskegee Association.....	1,242 95
Unity Association.....	16 39
Union Association.....	92 55
Zion Association.....	106 75--\$9,706.25
Total Amount Contributed, Foreign Missions.....	1,122 91
Home Missions.....	2,808 91
State Missions.....	1,119 29
Sunday School Board.....	184 60
Church Aid.....	4,185 24
Mercy Home.....	198 00
Charities.....	82 80
Colored M.....	4 50--\$9,706.25

Dr. J. M. Frost spoke on the work of the Sunday School Board, and answered many questions propounded by the ladies.

Dr. F. H. Kerfoot, the newly elected Corresponding Secretary of the Home Mission Board, was introduced to the Union, and his earnestness made a deep impression on his hearers.

Reports from Associational Vice Presidents were heard as follows:

Bigbee Association--Mrs. Mellen, Livingston.

Calhoun Association--Mrs. Reynolds, Anniston.

Etowah Association--Mrs. J. H. Holcombe, Gadsden.

Bessemer Association--Mrs. W. R. Ivey, Bessemer.

Birmingham Association--Mrs. William Franklin, Pinson.

Cahaba--In the absence of the Vice-President, the Association was represented by Miss Amelia Whatley.

BY LETTER.

Eufaula Association---Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton.  
 East Liberty---Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Cusseta.  
 Selma---Mrs. J. E. McMullen, Selma. (Read by Mrs. Kahle.)

Report of Sunbeam Work was made by Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Leader.

REPORT ON SUNBEAM WORK FOR 1898-1899.

Number of bands.....	80
Number organized 1898-1899.....	21
Letters written.....	300
Letters received.....	100
Programs issued.....	5,000
Packages literature issued.....	200

AMOUNT RAISED.

Foreign Missions.....	\$ 187 64
Home Missions.....	180 88
State Missions.....	138 87
Sunday School Board.....	14 00
Church Aid.....	60 10
Total.....	\$ 581 49

Missions.....	\$ 521 39
Church Aid.....	60 10

In submitting this report your attention is directed to the increase in number of Bands during this Conventional year, over that of 97-98; also to the increased per cent. of money raised for missions over that for church aid; and again with keenest pleasure to the additional fact that the contributions for *Foreign Missions* lead in the scale of giving. This indicates a long stride being taken in both intelligence and consecration.

The sending out of programs monthly by the Central Committee has simplified the work for leaders of the Sunbeam Bands, and has added interest to their meetings. The continuance of the Sunbeam column in the Alabama Baptist also gives impetus to the work. Those engaged with the children in mission work heartily agree that the present is replete with pleasure and the future full of promise. To leave this report with you at this point would be, perhaps, to make us more comfortable than to go further, but all true history presents both sides of a question, and the view not so encouraging is that the *contributions of this year are not equal to those of the last year*. Why is this when renewed and strenuous efforts for interesting and instructing our children have been made, and when there is a larger number of societies upon our roll than ever before? That the work is being enlarged we are persuaded, for reports of Sunbeam work that have not been sent to our Treasurer often appear in "The Foreign Mission Journal," "The Home Field," and in letters from the churches in our State papers. The reason then that our record for raising money is this year behind that of the last, is simply this, *the impossibility to secure the quarterly reports from the Societies*. Shall this be laid to Baptist modesty or shall it be credited to Baptist mismanagement?

It is in no spirit of vain glory that we beg the Secretary of a Society to make reports of *all* the work of her band; for when we, as a State or as Sunbeams, are *requested* and *agree* to raise a certain proportion of a needed sum for Missions, and *seemingly fail to do so*, we appear exceedingly careless as to fulfilling our promises. *This should not be*. We are told to "avoid even the appearance of evil." The one request we make



for the coming year, the first bright, unwritten page of the new century, is that the quarterly reports be sent in to the Treasurer of Central Committee.

MRS. T. A. HAMILTON.

Adopted.

Mrs. L. Lamar, of Selma, made an interesting talk on the Sunbeams.

A discussion was opened by Mrs. Mellen as to the best method to be used by Societies in reporting to the Central Committee.

Mrs. W. R. Ivey, of Bessemer, made a motion: "That all reports be sent *quarterly* to the *Vice Presidents* of the various Associations, and they forward them to the Treasurer, Mrs. G. M. Morrow." The motion was carried.

A collection of \$4.20 was taken, which was given the local Society to be used by them as they deem best.

After a song, the President dismissed the meeting with prayer.

## SECOND DAY.

The Woman's Missionary Union reassembled at 9:30 a. m.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. W. R. Ivey.

Prayer by Mrs. Hamilton.

Solo, "God's Peace," by Miss Penelope Crocheron.

A delightful talk was given by Miss Alice Hale on Sunbeam Work. Many questions followed, and several short talks. By request Mrs. Hamilton spoke, helping and encouraging all present.

Committee on Enrollment of Delegates submitted the following:

Mrs. G. W. Hodges, Ashville; Mrs. P. H. Mell, Auburn; Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Mrs. Wm. A. Davis, Anniston; Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Miss Alice Hale, Mrs. A. W. Mitcham, Birmingham; Mrs. W. R. Ivey, Bessemer; Mrs. John W. Rabb, Mrs. M. F. Smith, Brewton; Mrs. A. B. Scarborough, Choccolocco; Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, Evergreen; Miss Mary Apsey, Miss Hallie Apsey, Miss Mary Horton, Eutaw; Mrs. D. M. Malone, East Lake; Mrs. J. H. Holcombe, Mrs. J. W. Willis, Mrs. Geo. S. Vann, Mrs. I. W. Hill, Mrs. J. W. Ware, Mrs. A. E. Goodhue, Mrs. R. B. Kyle, Mrs. P. T. Cunningham, Mrs. M. J. Allison, Mrs. James Aiken, Gadsden; Mrs. R. G. Patrick, Marion; Miss Sadie Weir, Mrs. James Crook, Mrs. Margaret Green, Jacksonville; Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston; Mrs. Florence Harris, Montgomery; Mrs. D. B. Fitzgerald, Oxanna; Miss Bettie Ledbetter, Rome, Ga.; Mrs. L. Lamar, Mrs. F. M. Kahle, Selma; Miss Amelia Watley, Steele Station; Mrs. Wm. Franklin, Pinson; Mrs. M. K. Vann, Trussville.

Mrs. Hardy in her own sweet, pathetic way made a plea for the Orphans' Home. Some furniture and a few conveniences were greatly needed for the dear little ones. Her audience was greatly affected.

Mrs. Stewart also came before the ladies in the interest of the Home and pledges for the proposed improvements were given.

#### CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE ORPHANAGE.

Southside Society, .....	\$ 10 00
Bessemer Society.....	5 00
Livingston Society, furniture for the sitting room....	
Jacksonville Society. ....	5 00
Gadsden Society .....	5 00
Attalla Society .....	5 00
First Church, Birmingham.....	10 00
Judson Girls.....	5 00
Selma, First Church Society.....	5 00
Anniston, Parker Memorial .....	10 00
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Eutaw Society.....	11 00
Trussville Society.....	3 00
Brewton.....	5 00
Eutaw Sunbeams.....	3 00
Cash collection .....	5 00

\$92 00 and

the furniture for the sitting room.

Foreign Missions—Dr. R. J. Willingham.

The Union rose in a body pledging their earnest co-operation.

The Star Card of Miss Willie Kelly was presented by Mrs. Mellen.

A letter from Miss Kelly was read by the Secretary, after which a motion was made by Mrs. Hamilton that the Secretary send a response to Miss Kelly in answer to the loving message sent the sisters and refer her to Num. 6:24-25-26.

Our Baby Branch—Mrs. Florence Harris.

Cities and small towns—Mrs. I. W. Hill.

Our Colored People—Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

A poem “An Appeal to the ladies of the Baptist Missionary Societies”—Mrs. M. J. Allison.

Frontier Missions—Mrs. Mellen.

Frontier Mission Boxes—Mrs. Reynolds.

Mrs. Stratton pleaded for a Frontier Missionary, whose letter she had. The family was taken by the Gadsden Society.

Miss Hallie Apsey gave an interesting account of the packing of a box by her little Sunbeams.

Report on Resolutions presented by Mrs. Reynolds and adopted:

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama extend our most heartfelt thanks to the pastor and members of the Presbyterian Church for the use of their delightful sanctuary, to the members of the choir for their inspiring music, and to the kind people of Gadsden for their gracious hospitality.

The Secretary enrolled 10 subscribers for the Foreign Mission Journal.

A few minutes were devoted to words from workers. Mrs. Margaret Green and Mrs. Franklin gave stirring accounts of their work.

The President requested that after being dismissed the ladies linger and meet one another.

After singing "Blest be the tie that binds," Mrs. Stratton closed with prayer.

MRS. D. M. MALONE,	MRS. L. F. STRATTON,
Secretary.	President.

### THE MINISTERS' MEETING.

The ministers' meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock, November 7, 1899, by pastor Willis in the First Baptist Church of Gadsden.

After singing, and prayer by John F. Purser, the meeting was duly organized by electing A. B. Campbell, president, and T. M. Callaway, secretary.

The following question was discussed: "What is revealed in Scripture in regard to the inter-dependence of New Testament churches?"

The discussion was led by A. C. Davidson.

The following brethren took part in the discussion: J. M. Frost, W. J. McGlothlin, A. S. Smith, J. F. Watson, W. R. Ivey and J. W. Willis.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting opened with prayer by J. R. Stodghill

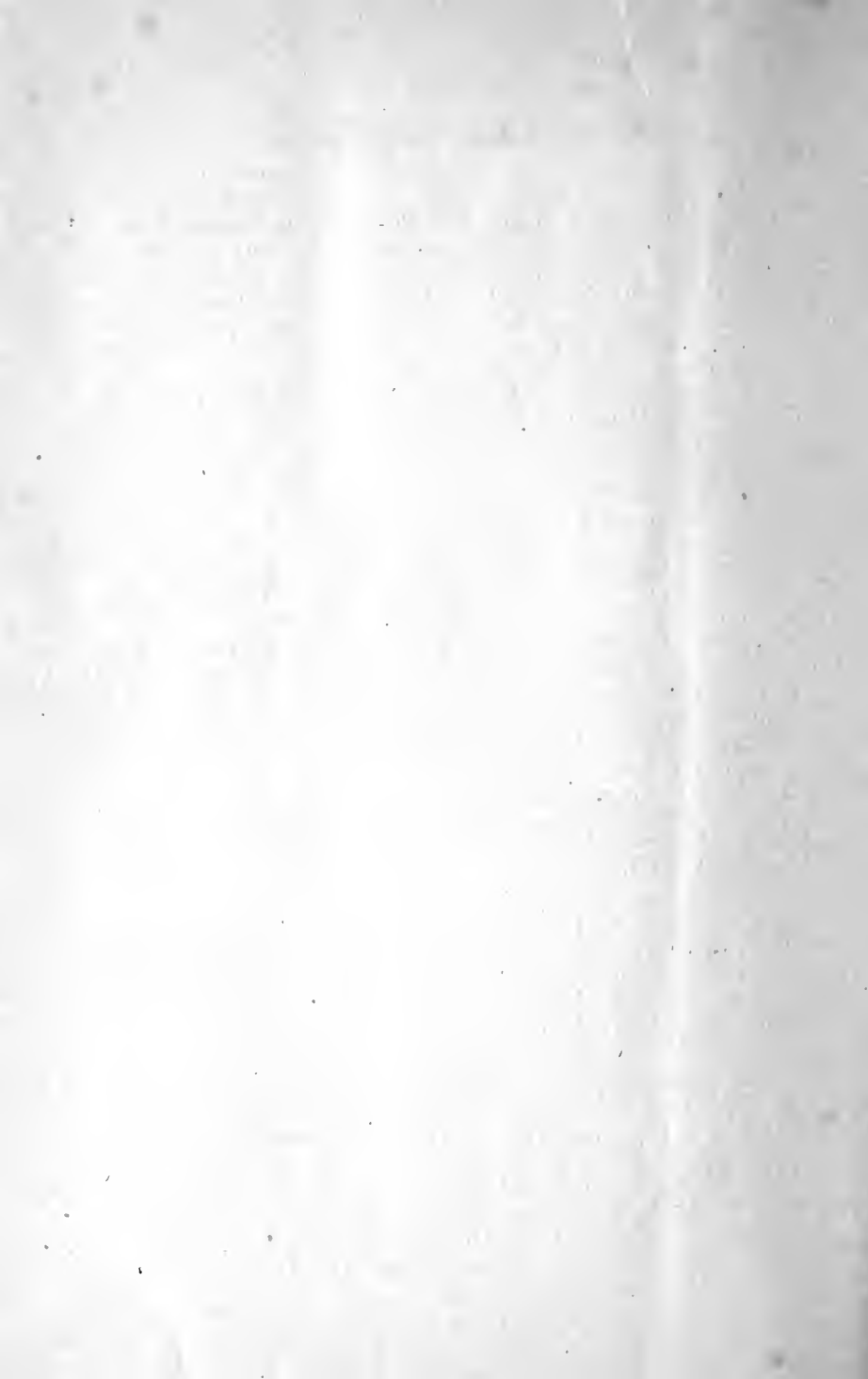
The appointed speaker being absent, W. J. McGlothlin, by request, discussed the question: "What is the true Bible doctrine of 'the baptism of the Holy Spirit?'" J. M. Frost also took part in the discussion. Adjourned.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

The regular appointees being absent, Paul V. Bomar was requested to preach. He selected as a subject, "Joseph, the Dreamer." Text: Gen. 37:20—"We shall see what will become of his dreams."

Inasmuch as there had been such a small attendance the past three years, on motion of A. C. Davidson, it was decided to discontinue the Ministers' Meeting.

T. M. CALLAWAY,  
Secretary.



## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

In order to perfect the list of ordained ministers in this State it is absolutely necessary that copies of the minutes of the associations be sent to me. An earnest request is herewith made of the Clerks to send me these minutes promptly. Corrections are also desired from any others.

M. M. WOOD,

Statistical Secretary,  
Huffman, Ala.

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Adams, W. Y., Walnut Grove	Baker, L. H., Toledo
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Adams, S. M., Clanton	Ballinger, C., ———
Adams, W. R., Hattie	Bane, J. Y., Sydney
Adamson, S. M., Louina	Barksdale, E. J., Mt. Hope
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Allen, D. C., Brundidge	Bartlett, J. T., Sand Rock
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Allen, J. D., Frescoe	Battle, A. J., D. D. Anniston
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Almon, W. U., Heflin	Bealle, J. T., Northport
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Andress, S. W., Daisy	Bedell, W. H., Waverly
Ansley, S. I., East Lake	Bell, G. L., Jackson's Gap
Appleton, J. B., Homer	Bell, V. A., Farill
Apsey, J. G., Eutaw	Benson, R. R., Lower Peach Tree
Archer, P. M., Stanfield	Benson, R. K., Nettleboro
Archie, D. D., Madison X Roads	Bentley, O. P., Goodwater
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Ashcraft, Wm., East Lake	Billingsley, C. C., Billingsley
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Ashcraft, R. C. A., Dingler	Bishop, J. J., Somerville
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Atkins, R. M., Moulton	Blackman, J. R., Courtland
Austin, S. A., Talladega	Blackwelder, W. M., Woodlawn
Austin, W. H., Russellville	Blake, R. H., River Bend
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 Blair, Thos., Center  
 Blansit, W. C., Rosalie  
 Bolen, James, Beaver Valley.  
 Bolling, John S., Sprott  
 Bomar, P. V., Marion  
 Bone, W. J., Kincheon  
 Bookout, W. L., Pea Ridge  
 Boole, J. H., York  
 Bothe, D. O., Deer Park  
 Boozer, G. S., Mink  
 Borden, Jesse, ———  
 Borroughs, E. P., Geraldine  
 Bosdell, D. W., Whistler  
 Bottoms, J. M., Logan  
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 Bowline, J., Cottage Hill  
 Bowling, J. S., Cottage Hill  
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 Gregory, J. L., Dudleyville.  
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 Hale, W. P., Shelby.  
 Hale, I. N., Sandrock.  
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 Hardin, C. W., Josie  
 Harbinson, J. H., Bremen  
 Hare, C. W., Tuskegee  
 Hare, S. J., Ashville  
 Hare, M. J., Andalusia  
 Harmon, W. B., Good Hope  
 Harper, J. D., Salitpa  
 Harris, George D., Piedmont  
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 Harris, L., Ozark  
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 Harrison, T. K., Pleasant Grove  
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 Hatcher, W. J., Hatcher  
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 Hearn, W. H., Rodenton  
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 Higdon, L. A., ———  
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 Hinson, J. H., Geneva  
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 Hobson, W. A., D. D., East Lake  
 Hodge, S. E., Humphreys  
 Hodnett, L. P., Christiana  
 Hogan, James, Birmingham  
 Holcombe, T. D., Country  
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 Hopkins, W. C., Elk River Mills  
 Hopper, W. C., Poplar Creek  
 Horn, D., Church Hill  
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 Hornady, G. A., Tuskegee  
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



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