

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MT. HEBRON BAPTIST CHURCH, ELMORE, ALA.,

AUGUST 16-18, 1899.

OFFICERS.

G. G. MILES, MODERATOR..... MONTGOMERY, ALA.
J. C. POPE, CLERK & TREASURER..... MONTGOMERY, ALA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

GEO. W. ELLIS, Chairman, Montgomery, Ala.
R. H. HUDSON, Milbrook. A. H. EUBANK, Pine Level.
CABOT LULL, Wetumpka. J. B. COLLIER, Montgomery.
W. B. DAVIDSON, Montgomery.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION.

ON STATE MISSIONS—T. J. Porter, Chairman, J. I. Lamar, J. D. Wright.
HOME MISSIONS—Cabot Lull, Chairman, R. H. Hudson, R. B. James.
FOREIGN MISSIONS—W. D. Gay, Chairman, E. E. Gresham, J. G. Mills.
INSTITUTE BOARD—W. J. Elliott, Chairman, J. R. Caldwell, C. W. Buck.
SUNDAY SCHOOLS—A. J. Preston, Chairman, W. R. Meadows, W. R. Waller.
DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION—J. G. Harris, Chairman, W. V. Bell, C. A. Gunn.
MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—B. A. Jackson, Ch'man, J. M. Black, M. A. Pyron.
NEW AND WEAK CHURCHES—A. H. Eubank, Ch'man, R. L. Dillard, D. Donovan.
ORPHANS' HOME V. H. Bell, Chairman, A. D. Henderson, B. W. Gresham.
TEMPERANCE—C. A. Gunn, Chairman, P. S. Cilley, J. W. Dickson.
WOMAN'S WORK A. F. Dix, Chairman, J. R. Rogers, N. A. Walker.
BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION—H. W. Provence, Chairman, W. J. Birch,
T. J. Scott, Jr.
INDIGENT MINISTERS.—Geo. W. Ellis, Chairman, P. F. Dix, W. B. Davidson.

The next session will be held with Prattville church, Prattville, Ala.,
August 22-24, 1900.

Also Minutes of Woman's Missionary Union, held at Mt. Hebron
Church, Aug. 17, 1899.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS.

Geo. B. Eager.	Montgomery, Ala.
W. D. Gay	" "
W. J. Elliott	" "
H. W. Provence	" "
J. F. Gable	" "
G. W. Townsend	" "
C. Johnson	" "
E. F. Faber	" "
W. N. Gunter	" "
A. F. Dix	" "
C. W. Buck	" "
B. A. Jackson	Ramer, "
J. R. Caldwell	Deatsville, "
W. G. Sullivant	Raif Branch, "

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Association called to order by Moderator.
2. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
3. Fix time of meeting and adjourning.
4. Introductory sermon.
5. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Receive correspondents and visitors.
7. Receive petitions from Churches desiring membership.
8. Appoint committees to report during session —
 - On Religious Exercises.
 - On Finance and Auditing.
 - On Nominations.
 - On Apportionment.
9. Read rules of order.
10. Hear reports from Committees and Treasurer.
11. Return correspondence.
12. Appoint committees to report at next session—
 - On Home Missions.
 - On Foreign Missions.
 - On Sunday Schools.
 - On Temperance
 - On Institute Board.
 - On Denominational Education.
 - On State Board of Missions.
 - On Ministerial Education.
 - On Indigent Ministers.
 - On Woman's Work.
 - On Orphans' Home.
 - On Baptist Young People's Union.
 - On New and Weak Churches.
13. Hear miscellaneous business.
14. Call roll and erase absentees.
15. Arrange for printing minutes.
16. Correct minutes and adjourn.

MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1899.

MORNING SESSION.

The Montgomery Baptist Association assembled in its Eighteenth Annual Session with Mt. Hebron Baptist church, near Elmore, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 16-18, 1899.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. I. N. Langston, pastor of Luverne Baptist church, who read the 116th Psalm. Song.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Credentials—Geo. W. Ellis, H. W. Provence, C. A. Gunn.

On Finance—A. H. Eubank, J. M. Black, J. W. Dickson.

On Religious Exercises—R. H. Hudson, R. B. James, J. R. Rogers.

On motion, the programme as prepared by the Executive Committee was adopted. Song.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. J. Elliott, who read the 84th Psalm. Text, Song of Solomon 6:10. Prayer by Rev. A. F. Dix.

The Committee on Credentials made the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

We, your committee, find the following delegates entitled to seats in the Association:

Adams Street—W. D. Gay, J. C. Pope. Visitors: Mrs. F. M. Keating, Miss Katie Wilcox.

Bethany—J. J. Clifton.

Bethel—T. J. Porter, C. A. Gunn, V. H. Bell, J. M. Black.

Bethesda—Not represented.

Clayton Street—H. W. Provence, Geo. W. Ellis, R. L. Dillard, A. J. Preston. Visitor: Mrs. H. W. Provence.

Coosada—R. H. Hudson.

Deatsville—J. I. Lamar, M. A. Pyron, D. Donovan. Visitor: Mrs. J. I. Lamar.

First, Montgomery—A. F. Dix, J. G. Harris, G. G. Miles, W. J. Elliott.

Visitors: Mrs. J. C. Stratford, Mrs. F. G. Bennett, Mrs. A. F. Dix.

Friendship—C. C. Freeman.

Hayneville—Not represented.

Letohatchie—J. W. Dickson.

Lowndesboro—W. R. Meadows. Visitor: Mrs. Frank Gordon.

Mt. Hebron—A. D. Henderson, J. R. Rogers, R. B. James.

Mt. Lebanon—Not represented.

Mt. Zion—J. G. Mills.

Pine Level—A. H. Eubank, J. D. Wright.

Prattville—E. E. Gresham, B. W. Gresham, J. R. Caldwell, N. A. Walker.

Ramer—B. A. Jackson, W. V. Bell, W. R. Waller.

South Montgomery—W. J. Burch. Visitors: Mrs. J. C. Cheney, Misses Daisy Gallaspy, Willie Lewis.

West End, Montgomery—J. P. Stevens.

Wetumpka—Cabot Lull. Visitors: Misses Lucy and Alice Lull.

Respectfully submitted,

Geo. W. ELLIS,
H. W. PROVENCE,
C. A. GUNN.

A motion by R. H. Hudson, that the Association receive ladies as delegates at this meeting, was so amended by W. D. Gay, that in future when churches elect ladies as delegates to this body the Association shall receive them as such. Adopted.

On motion of H. W. Provence, G. G. Miles was re-elected Moderator.

On motion of Geo. W. Ellis, J. C. Pope was re-elected Clerk and Treasurer.

Received correspondents as follows:

Eufaula Association—A. H. Pruett.

New Providence—I. N. Langston.

Weogufka—J. M. Holley

San Joaquin Valley Association, California—J. M. Greene.

State Board of Missions—A. J. Preston.

A motion by Geo. W. Ellis, that all ladies present, members of the churches in the Association, be invited to seats as visitors, prevailed. (Names printed with list of delegates from the churches.)

On motion of Bro. Ellis, all members of other denominations who are attending the meetings, are invited to seats with us.

On motion of R. H. Hudson, the hour of convening was changed from 3:00 to 2:30 p. m.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. T. J. Porter.

AFTERNOON.

The Association assembled at 2:30 p. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by Geo. W. Ellis. Prayer by brethren Greene, Worrell, Porter. Song.

A petition as follows, from West End Baptist church, Montgomery, was presented, and, on motion of Geo. W. Ellis, the Association received the church into its membership, the Moderator extending the delegate the hand of fellowship:

LETTER OF APPLICATION.

WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH,
MONTGOMERY, ALA., Aug 9, 1899.

To Montgomery Association—Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN—We, the members of West End Baptist Church of Christ, at West End, Montgomery Ala., became an organized church on the first Sunday in May, 1899, and adopted the articles of faith as contained in Hiscox's Directory. We now ask for admittance into the Montgomery Association, trusting we may find favor with you and a place in your love and affection. Brethren, pray for us, that we may not remain infants, but that we may become strong in the Lord and a light to the world.

J. P. STEVENS, Moderator.

T. B. HOWARD, Church Clerk.

On motion of Bro. Ellis, the reading of the letters from the churches was dispensed with, except that portion under the heading of "Remarks."

Brethren Gay, Lull and Porter were appointed and read the letters.

Friendship church was granted a letter of dismission to join Troy Baptist Association.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by H. W. Provence, in absence of Frank Allen, Chairman. Discussed by Brethren Porter, Gay, Jackson, Miles, Caldwell, Preston, Gunn.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

On Nominations—H. W. Provence, A. H. Eubank, V. H. Bell.

On Apportionment—Cabot Lull, G. W. Ellis, W. V. Bell.

Adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. Benediction by W. D. Gay.

EVENING.

The Association met at 8 p. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. M. Greene. Song.

Resumed discussion of report on Sunday Schools. Remarks by Brethren Lull, Preston, Hudson, Porter, Wright, Enbank. Report adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The primary object of the Sunday School is to teach God's Word. Whatever else may be accomplished, if it fails in this task the Sunday School cannot be called a success. In this day of multiplied lesson helps fresh emphasis needs to be laid upon the importance of the Bible in the Sunday School, for there is reason to fear that the quarterlies are too largely taking its place. This is not said in disparagement of lesson helps, for they are indispensable to a well-conducted and efficient school; but these should not be allowed to supersede the Bible. With all our facilities for study of the Bible it is a fact full of warning to the churches that the majority of children know very little of it. Even among the regular attendants upon the Sunday School there is an amazing amount of ignorance of the Word of God. We believe this is due very largely to the failure of the parent to support the efforts of the Sunday School teacher. Too many are content to leave the religious training of their children entirely to the teacher. As long as this is done the Sunday School will never accomplish its best work. Despite all this however it is doing a vast amount of good. The work is growing larger every year. An increasing number of children are being brought into the Sunday School. The report of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention made last May shows a rapidly increasing business. This means that a larger number of Bibles and lesson periodicals are being used each year. We would heartily commend to the schools in this Association the periodicals published by the Sunday School Board, and express it as our conviction that they are the very best for our purposes. They foster as no others do the work of our Southern Baptist Convention.

Your committee has made diligent effort to determine the extent to which the churches in this Association are doing Sunday School work, but the failure to get responses to their letters of inquiry renders it impossible to present any figures.

FRANK ALLEN, Chairman.

Benediction by Geo. E. Brewer.

THURSDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Association met at 9 a. m. Devotional exercises conducted by C. A. Gunn. Song.

The following correspondents were received :

State Board of Missions—W. B. Crumpton.
 Alabama Baptist—J. G. Harris
 Tuskegee Association—Geo. E. Brewer.
 Institute Board—G. A. Hornady.
 Central Committee Woman's Work—Mrs L. F. Stratton.
 Orphanage—John W. Stewart.

Letters were received from Deatsville and Wetumpka churches and read by the Clerk.

The report of the Treasurer, J. C. Pope, was read, and referred to the Finance Committee for auditing.

The report on State Missions was read by W. J. Elliott, Chairman.

The report on Home Missions was read by W. D. Gay, in absence of W. Y. Quisenberry, Chairman.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by H. W. Provence, Chairman. Reports discussed by Brethren Elliott, Gay, Crumpton, Caldwell, Preston.

Adjourned with benediction by John W. Stewart.

 AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. W. Stewart. Song.

Returned correspondence as follows:

Tuskegee Association—J. G. Harris, G. G. Miles.
 Central—A. J. Preston.
 Centennial—A. F. Dix, Geo. W. Ellis, W. D. Gay.
 Coosa River—W. J. Elliott.

The Institute Board was represented by G. A. Hornady, Secretary, who urged the importance of the work of that Board. (Bro. Hornady was to have furnished the Association with a report of the work, to be included in the Minutes, but after waiting on him several weeks the Minutes go to press without the report.)

On motion of Geo. W. Ellis, the Committee on Apportionment was instructed to apportion \$250 00 among the churches for the Institute Board.

The report on Ministerial Education was read by A. F. Dix, Chairman, who spoke to the same. Remarks by Brethren Gay, Provence, Hornady, Preston, and adopted as follows:

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee would respectfully submit that it would seem to them that a report on Ministerial Education would require some statement in regard to the demand therefor, and the supply. The definition given to Ministerial Education will very materially affect both. If the definition be allowed that it contemplates such acquisition and development as enables one possessed of the grace of salvation and a call to the ministry, to preach more effectively the gospel to the poor, the demand is universal and far in excess of the supply. If otherwise the definition obtains, either expressed or implied, that the education of the ministry is acquisition and development for the benefit of the minister and of those who are able to pay for his more desirable service, the demand is very great and the supply upon the increase.

We shall consider the matter of ways and means in reference to the supply under the former definition: that the poor may have the gospel preached unto them: for the rich will be kind unto themselves, and provident.

That the mark of Theological Seminaries, either aimed at or hit, is to afford directly an educated ministry to the poor, few will contend. That other worthy objects are attained through such means is not denied, nor is it denied that secondary influence on the ministry to the poor is accomplished through strictly theological schools, but less ambitious means must be resorted to for the supply of the masses with an educated ministry. Witness the failure of those Christian denominations who insist on such qualifications in their ministers, in reaching the masses of the people.

This brings us to consider our College and our Institute work. For the first time in their history have the Baptists of Alabama an unencumbered, properly located, well equipped college. The prayers of two generations thus answered, were offered largely in the interest of an educated ministry. It is to be hoped that the churches will avail themselves of the excellent opportunity now offered at Howard College, to secure for their young ministers, and through them to themselves, the advantages prayed for.

For many years a much-felt want has been urging forward a movement toward the organization of effort at ministerial study in a sphere between college and seminary on the one hand, and on the other, between the private study and college. This want of organized opportunity, in this sphere, had given rise in turn to the fifth Sunday, district, ministers and deacons' meetings, congresses, and about ten years ago to a summer school for preachers under the supervision of the lamented D. I. Purser. The Moody schools at Northfield and elsewhere are on this line. The quickening of ministerial life has eventually manifested itself among the Baptists of Alabama in the birth of a new Board of our State Convention. The Institute Board is now in its second year, and is, in a large measure, satisfying the "felt-want" referred to above. The work of this Board is well in hand, under efficient management, combining attendance upon institutes, with correspondence, and dealing most helpfully with the matter and manner of the sermon.

For statistical information, reference must be had to the published catalogues of our schools, the minutes of our conventions, and the reports of our boards; an examination of which cannot fail to convince that we have abundant cause of gratitude and thanksgiving to the great Head of the Church for the excellent educational advantages afforded his church and her ministry. Nevertheless, it is not from the seminary, or the college, or the institute, that the minister of Christ must expect to come forth prepared to speak to the people as the prophet of God; but from

the inmost recess of his own study, his closet, his shrine of secret sacrifice, his holy of holies, whence from converse with the sacred Three, before the mercy seat, of things foreshadowed in the ark, he brings the revelations of conscious experience as the interpreter of the written word.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. Dix, Chairman.

The Moderator appointed the committees to report at the next session of the Association (see front page of cover).

The report on Nominations was presented by H. W. Provence, Chairman, and adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee would recommend that the next meeting of the Association be held with the Prattville Baptist Church, Aug. 22, 23 and 24, and that Rev. T. J. Porter be appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Rev. W. J. Elliott to preach the missionary sermon.

Delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Geo. W. Ellis; alternate, W. D. Gay. Delegates to the State Convention, W. J. Elliott, G. G. Miles, C. A. Gunn, W. R. Meadows, J. C. Pope, Cabot Lull, J. M. Black, W. V. Bell.

H. W. PROVENCE,
V. H. BELL,
A. H. EUBANK.

Adjourned to meet at 8 p. m. Benediction by Dr. Provence.

EVENING.

The Association met at 8 o'clock. Devotional exercises conducted by R. G. Patrick. Song.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. A. J. Preston. Text: John 10:16. Collection for missions amounting to \$7.23

The Association was addressed by R. G. Patrick, President of the Judson Female Institute, in behalf of that institution.

Dismissed with benediction by Dr. Patrick.

FRIDAY.

MORNING SESSION.

Devotional exercises conducted by R. H. Hudson. Song.

The reports on State, Home, and Foreign Missions were adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Board began this conventional year with a debt of more than \$2,000. But the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad. On July 14th, the denominational debt was cancelled, and the Board is once more free from all encumbrance. We are thankful for this and feel disposed to congratulate ourselves upon what has been accomplished. We can say with the Psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

We feel that God is giving us success and victory in a way which should cheer and strengthen every heart.

In the line of evangelistic work, Brethren Preston and Sandlin have been traveling here and there, preaching among the churches, striving to awaken a deeper interest in the cause of Missions at home and abroad.

More than a dozen Missionary Pastors are now employed by the Board, doing good service, and there is no department of our work that promises greater results for the future than this.

The department of the Board in the Alabama Baptist will, no doubt, be a factor for good in connection with our work. Information always begets interest. If we could get our people to read about State Missions our receipts would be greatly increased.

In looking over the records we find that from November 1st, 1898, to August 1st, 1899, the Board has received for State Missions \$2,850.00, Home Missions \$1,152.99, Foreign Missions \$1,861.08, Baptist Debt \$2,103.20, Greensboro Building Fund \$643.01, Ministerial Education \$173.48, Orphanage \$48.62, making a total of \$8,832.38.

Our hearts have been encouraged and gladdened by the return of our former Secretary, Brother W. B. Crumpton. Looking at the tangible evidence furnished, it is reasonable to believe that our State Mission work is on a good solid foundation and promises great things for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

AMENDMENT (by W. D. Gay.)

That we request our pastors to do State Mission work, and to volunteer to go into destitute places as the Secretary of the State Board may direct.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Every thinking man will immediately see that it is a thoroughly sensible thing that churches should have a co-operative committee to receive money from the churches in the South to assist those who are giving their lives to work in destitute places throughout the Southern States and large cities.

The Home Mission Board has done a wonderful work in these States, as well as in Cuba. The late secretary, I. T. Tichenor, was one of the greatest religious statesmen in the whole world; and now he is succeeded by a worthy brother, in fact there are few men better fitted to be secretary than brother F. H. Kerfoot. We recommend the work and him in the most hearty terms.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm. D. GAY.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The last convention year was one of the most prosperous and encouraging in the history of our Foreign Mission work. For the first time in several years the Board began the year free of debt. Thus encouraged, our brethren felt that the time had come to respond to some of the many appeals for help that came from every field, and in the course of the year nearly all the missionaries who were in this country were returned to their fields of labor. In addition to these, sixteen new missionaries were sent out. So that our mission stations were probably never better manned. Yet the needs are far from being met. Several important fields are badly in need of good strong men, and some of our old and faithful workers are asking that young men be sent to help bear the burdens that are becoming too great for their aged shoulders.

The work of the year was greatly blessed. Our missionaries reported 845 baptisms, an increase of about 140 over any previous year. There was a slight falling off in receipts; but this was probably due to the reaction following the special efforts formerly made to pay off the indebtedness of the Board, and also to the partial demoralization incident to our war with Spain. The total amount contributed during the year was \$109,267.43, of which Alabama gave \$5,818.89. This is an average of a fraction less than seven cents a member for the entire South, and four and a half cents a member for Alabama. Surely this is no fair indication of our ability.

Notwithstanding the smaller contributions and the number of missionaries sent to the field, the Board again came to the Convention with all debts paid. Then the minds of the brethren naturally turned to the question of enlargement, and the Convention by a hearty and unanimous rising vote authorized the Board "to lay out its work for this year on the basis of an income of twenty-five per cent over last year." This means that the Baptists of the South are to raise twenty-five per cent more for Foreign Missions this year than last. We can easily do this if we will. Our people will give to missions if they are informed about the work and its needs are laid upon their hearts. The Foreign Mission Journal is full of information, and it costs but thirty-five cents a year, or twenty-five cents in clubs of ten; it ought to be in every Baptist home in the South. Your committee would earnestly recommend that at least every pastor and deacon in this association take and read the Journal. In addition to this the Board keeps on hand a supply of bright, helpful tracts which may be had free of charge by applying to the Corresponding Secretary in Richmond, Va. With these facilities for learning about the work, there is no excuse for our people's remaining in ignorance. One of our greatest needs is an extension of interest in missions. The reason for the small average contribution is that so many give nothing at all. Let each pastor make an earnest effort to get a contribution, even if it be a small one, from every member of his church. Thus the interest of our people will be widened and deepened, and we shall accomplish greater things than ever.

We would conclude our report with these words from the Corresponding Secretary: "The glorious success of our work the past year, the hundreds of conversions, the large number of men and women begging to be sent to the mission fields, the wide-open doors and wonderful facilities for work, with God's command to us, constitute such a clear and ringing call to Southern Baptists for foreign mission work as should awaken every pastor, every church, every lover of the Lord, to renewed zeal and activity. To falter or hesitate is to neglect plain duty and urgent opportunity."

H. W. PROVENCE, Chairman.

On motion of Bro. Provence, Dr. Patrick was asked to write the report on Denominational Education, same to be offered during the morning session.

The report on Orphans' Home was read by W. R. Meadows, chairman, Discussed by brethren Stewart, Harris, Gay, Porter, Gunn and Miles and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

The Louise Short Baptist Widows and Orphans' Home has been in existence for a little more than six years. During the past fiscal year, 8 boys and 20 girls have been received, making a total of 49 boys and 69 girls since the Home was established. Out of it have gone 28 boys and 27 girls, leaving in the institution 21 boys and 42 girls.

Situated at Evergreen, a place noted for its healthfulness, the Home en-

oys good moral surroundings and excellent school advantages free of tuition. The boys work on the farm, while the girls do house-work. Those of suitable age attend school. Earnest efforts are made to inculcate a proper regard for religion and quite a number of the children have been converted and have joined the church. Thus we see the children are prepared for the duties of life by a systematic training of hand, mind and heart. Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy was elected matron to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Clara W. Ansley. During the past year the children have been put in uniform. This adds much to their appearance and is conducive to family life, while it is no more expensive than ordinary clothing.

This orphanage was dedicated on October 20th, last. It is the property of the Baptists of Alabama. It has no source of revenue except donations made to it by friends. The receipts during the summer months have been less than the expenses incurred for necessaries of life, consequently a debt has been made. Will the Montgomery Association not help to liquidate this debt? As Baptists we ought to support our Orphanage, knowing that "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord."

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. R. MEADOWS, Chairman.

A cash collection of \$9 69 was taken for the Home, and one voucher for \$5.00 from Mt. Zion church, payable Oct 1, 1899.

The report on Denominational Education was offered by Dr. Patrick, President of the Judson Female Institute. Discussed by Presidents Roof, of the Howard; Patrick, of the Judson; Miles and Gay, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

It is gratifying to bring to the Association the encouraging report that the Howard and the Judson, our denominational colleges for young men and young women respectively, are in a very prosperous condition. During the present year the Baptists of the State have raised all debts upon the Howard, and now both of these institutions, unhampered by debts, are in a position to do better work than ever in their history. During the past session there were in attendance upon the Howard 135 students, of whom twenty-two were preparing themselves for the ministry; nine officers and teachers, each a specialist in his department, were employed, and the work of the session was highly satisfactory in every way. Under the present administration the course of study has been recast to meet the demands of the times, and it is safe to say that the quality of work done was equal to the best.

The Howard faculty is composed of men who have devoted their lives to teaching, and who are embracing every opportunity to equip themselves for the work in their several departments. During the present summer some of the professors are taking courses at the Chicago University, and these men who have charge of the school for young men may be relied upon to do their work with the greatest efficiency. The denomination in Alabama owes to them a debt of gratitude for remaining with the institution in its darkest days, which may be repaid by hearty co-operation in turning our boys to the Howard and in every way giving their support to this Institution, which in the past has graduated as many men who are now taking leading positions in the educational, political and religious world as any other college.

About the Judson the following facts may be stated: Faculty for the past session, 26 officers and teachers; pupils 187, of whom 135 were board-

ers. The quality of work done is excellent. The members of the faculty represent the best culture to be had in our country, and in several instances the teachers have studied abroad. The friends of the institution are rallying about it as never before, and the outlook is truly hopeful. For the quality of work done the Judson point with pride to the thousands of women who have received their training at the school, who are exerting a potent influence for good in almost every refined community in the South.

In this day when so much attention is being given to education, when such large appropriations are being made by the State schools, it is of the utmost importance that Baptists should stand by their colleges and give them the support which is necessary to make them a greater power for good than they have ever been.

We believe that advantages unexcelled in this State are to be had at our schools, in an educational way, and that the religious impress upon the students is superior to that found in other than denominational colleges.

With thankfulness for the blessings that have rested upon these, our schools in the past, we heartily commend them as worthy of the patronage of the people, not only because they are ours, but because in the faculties, equipments, and facilities for work, they are equal to the very best.

Respectfully submitted,

R. G. PATRICK.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the report on Temperance was referred till this afternoon.

The report on Woman's Work was read by the Clerk, in the absence of the Chairman, and, on motion, adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee on Woman's Work beg leave to report that during the year ending April 20, 1899, the Woman's Missionary Union, acting as auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, has fully met the expectations of the Convention in the amount and character of the work accomplished.

To say that the Southern women composing the organization, have done well and faithfully discharged the duties incident to the performance of the task undertaken by them, is but tamely giving expression to the facts in the case.

The work of spreading information on Missions broadcast all over the land has been so deftly managed by the adroit and ready hands of women as to overshadow all previous efforts of experienced experts along that line, and to arouse an earnest desire to help in the great work of evangelizing the world.

Of course, this resulted in a considerable increase in contributions to each of the three Boards to which these contributions are assigned.

The reasonable expectations from the work done in the Sunday Schools has been fully justified by the present interest manifested among the children in all that pertains to mission work; while the prospective influence on the minds and character of the men and women to be developed out of the children now in the Sunday Schools, who but God can estimate?

Does anything lift the child-heart nearer to Christ than the consciousness that he is a helper in the great work of salvation?

The operations of the Woman's Union has disclosed the fact that under a little judicious training women become pre-eminently expert as executive officers and compel respect for their ability, dexterity and inflexible honesty in the offices of trust, as well as for their aptitude to do hard and persistent work.

Miss Armstrong, the Corresponding Secretary of the Union, says in her

last report to the Convention: "Helpfulness to the Boards, was the avowed purpose of Woman's Missionary Union, but God has led in more paths of usefulness than was at first contemplated.

"He has broadened opportunities of service and caused it to be a unifying power, bringing closer together than ever before the various missionary forces of the Convention.

"During the past year, He, who is the inspiration for missions, has inclined the hearts of Woman's Mission Union workers in the various States to labor faithfully; and to Him we would accord the honor for whatever good has been accomplished."

In view of the efficient work done, and the amount secured (\$64,112.73) at so insignificant an expense (\$2,071.33), your committee feel constrained to commend to your confidence the Woman's Mission Union, and to bespeak for it your cordial support. Respectfully submitted,

P. N. CILLEY, Chairman.

The report on Indigent Ministers was read by J. G. Harris, Chairman, and adopted:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee to whom was referred this benevolent enterprise of the Baptists of Alabama, are pleased to report, that so far as your committee can ascertain, there does not live within the bounds of the Montgomery Association any one who is a beneficiary of an indigent fund. In other parts of the State, there are aged ministers and infirm ministers and widows of deceased ministers, who need assistance, and therefore we urge upon the pastors of churches in this Association to preach a special sermon during the next Associational year on the caring for our indigent and infirm ministers and the widows and orphans of deceased ministers in this State, and take a collection for the same.

JOHN G. HARRIS, Chairman.

The following resolution was offered by H. W. Provence, and adopted:

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has recommended that each District Association within the bounds of the Convention hold an extra session during the year 1900 to celebrate the progress of the Baptists within the past century and to secure the better organization and equipment of our forces for the work that lies before us; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to co-operate with the committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, which has this matter in hand, and to arrange for a special session of the Association, as recommended.

Resolved, That all the pastors and churches in the Association be urged to give their hearty sympathy and support to this celebration of the closing century.

Dismissed with benediction by Dr. Patrick.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Cabot Lull. Song.

The report on Temperance was read by J. I. Lamar, Chairman. Discussed by brethren Porter, (V. H.) Bell, Jackson, Gunn, Stewart, Howard, Gay and Miles, and adopted with amendment offered by J. C. Pope, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The time has passed by when labored arguments are needed to bring to light the dreadful consequences of the rum traffic.

The advance made in the Temperance Cause under the guidance and blessing of Heaven, has so far succeeded in enlightening public sentiment, that, throughout a large portion of our country, the saloon is fast becoming a thing of the past, and with its abolition has gone, to a great extent, the many accompanying evils that follow in its train. It is a source of gratitude to know that not only is the church taking bold and scriptural ground in enlightening mankind upon the doings of this monster and putting forth her best efforts to stop its ravages. The medical profession, which has not been as outspoken in condemnation of the use of it as a medicine, has placed itself side by side with the advocates of Temperance and thrown much light upon the subject. Many of its experienced and learned members adopt the sentiments of Dr. E. H. Greene, of Boston, who in a recent article, says:—"It needs no argument to convince us that, upon the medical profession to a great extent the rum seller depends to retain the respectability of the traffic. As the result of professional experience and observation of thirty years, I feel assured that alcoholic stimulants are not required as medicine and believe that many, if not a majority, of physicians of today of education and experience, generally have overcome the force of habit and prevailing fashions, to adopt the more excellent way, when they will look with wonder and surprise to find that they as members of an honored profession have been so compromised."

The science of chemistry, too, is giving its aid to the good cause. The Boston Journal of Chemistry says: "The banishment of alcohol would not deprive us of one indispensable agent which modern civilization demands. Neither would chemical science be retarded by its loss."

By the united and untiring efforts of the friends of the cause, both men and women, with aid from on high, we have almost reached the long desired period when the manufacture of the article will be abolished and by legal enactment, its use entirely prohibited.

The last and perhaps the greatest advance made, as shown by reports made in localities where legally carried out, is the dispensary. Although not entirely in full accord with the ultimate wishes of the advocates of Temperance, yet it is accomplishing much good in the way of closing many saloons in our fair land.

We would most earnestly recommend to the churches connected with this Association, that they enforce scriptural teaching along this line, that they "be not partakers of other men's sins," but so act that the time will soon dawn when there will be "peace on earth and good will to men," accomplished by the hearty co-operation of the advocates of Temperance with the glorious work of the Gospel.

Respectfully,

J. I. LAMAR,
Chairman.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That the Montgomery Baptist Association heartily commends the course of Bethel (Fort Deposit) Church in dealing with those who have signed applications or petitions to sell whiskey, in withdrawing fellowship from them for violating the rules of the church, believing that evil and evil alone will be the result of Christians signing such petitions.

Revs. Davis, of the Methodist Protestant church, and McFadden, of the Episcopal church, were invited to seats with us.

The report on B. Y. P. U. work was read by the Clerk, in absence of the Chairman, and adopted;

REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

During the past year there have been no startling developments in the Young People's Work, but there has been a steady, perceptible growth and deepening of the interest in the movement that is very encouraging. The possibilities that are before our young people now, in our Association and in our State, are greater than they have ever been before, and our people are recognizing them as they never have before. I cannot give any definite statistics, and can say but little except of the general work in the State, and our own local work. The State Convention lately held at Woodlawn, while not showing the numerical growth to be what we might have hoped, did show a remarkable spiritual growth on the part of the majority of the young people enlisted in the work. It showed that at last, the movement in our State has reached the point in culture for service, where we can begin to realize some of the hopes for the accomplishment of great good to the cause of Christ. One of the drawbacks to our work is that the movement in its full force has not reached the churches in the country and small towns. We believe that its possibilities are as great or greater there than in the cities, and to remedy this, our State work has been reorganized, and during the coming year some real effort will be made to spread the work more in the country and town churches. On behalf of our Young People, I would bespeak for them in our Association, real help and encouragement, when any effort is made to organize this work in our several churches who do not have it now. Your pastors will find it to be a source of help unequalled by any other organization in the church and there will be an infusion of youthful strength and enthusiasm in all the church work that will be helpful, and in spite of what some may say, to the glory of God. The work of organizing new Unions will begin in our Association soon, we hope, and again I bespeak for those who will be engaged in this work, and for the general work, your prayers, your co-operation, and your encouragement.

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL F. DIX,
Chairman.

The report on Religious Literature was read by the Clerk, the Chairman being absent, and adopted, as follows:

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

Perhaps there is no religious agency more effective and powerful in molding and shaping Christian thought and practice than the orthodox religious newspaper and periodical.

Each visit they make to the home they carry some new thought or idea, some words of warning and encouragement.

Every family should take a religious paper. The home is not complete without one. Experience and observation teaches this truth, that the Baptist who takes and reads his denominational paper makes a more active, devoted, intelligent member of his church. He is prompt in his duties, and is a helper to his pastor. This being true, every pastor ought to urge his members to take a religious paper, of course we mean a Baptist paper.

If the pastor wants to have an easy time, let him get his State paper into the homes of all his flock and all will go well.

We most heartily recommend the Alabama Baptist. It has always been good, but it is far better now in its new form; we also commend the Foreign Mission Journal, the Home Field, and our Sunday School series published at Nashville, Tenn.

W. P. DAWSON, Chairman.

The report of the Finance Committee, in the absence of A. H. Eubank, Chairman, was read by the Clerk and adopted. (See page 17 of Minutes.)

The Report of the Finance Committee on amount received at this session, 1899, and on the report of the Treasurer of the Association was read by the Clerk, and adopted:

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report the following amounts in cash collected and disbursed at this session, 1899:

DR.	
To State Missions	\$ 15 43
Home Missions	7 70
Foreign Missions	10 75
Collected at Association	7 23
Associational Purposes	1 25
" Bethany Church	5 25
Minutes	28 00—\$75.61
CR.	
By Missions	\$ 41.11
Associational Purposes	6 50
Minutes	28.00—75.61

We have examined the following report of J. C. Pope, Treasurer, for 1898, and find same correct, as per vouchers attached:

J. C. POPE, Treasurer, in account with
Montgomery Baptist Association.

1898	
DR.	
Aug. 4—To cash, Minutes	\$32.00
" Missions	82.91—\$ 114.91
CR.	
Aug. 4—By cash, Minutes	32 00
" Missions	82 91— 114.91

ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES, FOR 1898-99.

DR.	
To balance on hand last report	\$ 14.21
CR.	
By programs . . . . .	.50
By Associational letters and postage . . . . .	.75— 1 25
Balance on hand	\$ 12.96

J. C. POPE, Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. EUBANK,
J. M. BLACK,
J. W. DICKSON,

Com. on Finance.

ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES, 1899.

DR.	
Balance on hand, above report	\$12.96
Collected at Association	6.50—\$ 19.46
CR.	
To sup. minute fund	10.00
wrappers, postage, etc.	3.50— 13.50
Balance on hand	\$ 5.96

The report on Apportionment was read by Bro. Ellis, in absence of Chairman Cabot Lull, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

To the Montgomery Baptist Association:—

Your Committee on Apportionment beg leave to submit the following report:

CHURCHES.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Bible Fund.	Institute Work.	Orphanage.	Total.
Adams Street.....	\$250 00	\$ 30 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 35 00	30 00	\$355 00
Bethany.....	25 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	42 50
Bethel (Ft. Deposit,)...	85 00	15 00	10 00	15 00	10 00	135 00
Bethesda.....	15 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	32 00
Clayton Street.....	200 00	30 00	10 00	35 00	30 00	305 00
Coosada.....	10 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	20 00
Deatsville.....	20 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	37 50
First Montgomery.....	600 00	100 00	25 00	80 00	100 00	905 00
Hayneville.....	20 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	37 50
Letohatchie.....	10 00	2 50	2 00	3 00	2 50	20 00
Lowndesboro.....	50 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	10 00	85 00
Mt. Hebron.....	15 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	25 00
Mt. Lebanon.....	15 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	3 00	25 50
Mt. Zion.....	40 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	57 50
Pine Level.....	40 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	57 50
Prattville.....	100 00	15 00	5 00	15 00	10 00	145 00
Ramer.....	25 00	5 00	2 50	5 00	5 00	42 50
South Montgomery.....	10 00	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50	20 00
Wetumpka.....	85 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	25 00	135 00
West End Montgomery.	5 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	13 00
Total.....	\$1,620 00	\$ 259 50	\$101 00	\$ 250 00	\$ 265 00	\$2,495 50

The Committee recommend that the Church letter in the matter of the number of members, should in future show not only the number upon the roll of each church, but should indicate separately the number of resident members, of non-resident members, the number of male and the number of female members. The reason for this suggestion is that this statement will enable the Committee on Apportionment to act with a clearer knowledge of the situation.

Respectfully submitted,

CABOT LULL,
W. V. BELL,
GEO. W. ELLIS,

Committee.

The following resolution of thanks was offered by the Clerk and adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the pastor and members of the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, the members of the Methodist Church, and other good citizens of the community for their bountiful hos-

pitality during the meeting of the Association; also to the L. & N. R. R. for reduced rates and for stopping the trains at a convenient point to the church.

On motion of J. G. Harris, the usual amount for printing and distributing the Minutes and fee for Clerk was allowed.

On motion of Bro. Ellis, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Words of thanks were offered by the brethren to the Mt. Hebron Baptist Church and to the people of the community by brethren Porter, Gay, Gunn, Stewart, Hudson, Bell, Ellis, Howard, Jackson, Harris and Provence.

On motion of Bro. Ellis, adjourned with singing "God be with you till we meet again," and giving the parting hand.

Benediction by Rev. B. A. Jackson.

J. C. POPE,
Clerk and Treasurer.

G. G. MILES,
Moderator.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, FOR YEAR 1899.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.			EDUCATION.			HOME EXPENSES.				WOMEN'S, YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					
	State.	Home.	Foreign.	Associational—Year.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial.	Howard College.	Orphan's Home.	Minutes.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, Etc.	Sunday School.	Missions.	Education.	Home Expenses.	Orphan's Home.	Missions.	School Expenses.	Orphan's Home.	Value of Church Property.
Adams Street.....	\$55 87	80 87	\$55 87	.....	.....	\$14 00	30 00	\$18 00	\$3 50	\$120 00	\$49 05	.....	201 00	.....	.....	.....	114 37	.....	\$15,000 00
Bethany.....	3 28	2 80	4 00	\$1 50	\$2 05	1 62	35 00	21 20	1 35	600 00	5 00	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	31 52	.....	6,000 00
Bethesda.....	50 08	32 07	2 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 13	600 00	135 11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	700 00
Clayton Street.....	86 39	50 00	39 07	.....	.....	50 00	.....	.....	3 00	331 50	.....	30 00	.....	164 20	28 00	29 55	93 00	23 81	5,000 00
Coosada.....	3 25	70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	80 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 85	.....	800 00
Deatsville.....	5 07	1 50	1 50	2 23	2 88	4 37	3 33	2 00	100 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	2 37	8 00	2 50	800 00
First, Montgomery.....	60 00	200 00	200 00	.....	.....	1726 50	.....	.....	5 00	2500 00	1219 00	.....	146 00	.....	.....	51 69	97 89	82 51	35,000 00
Friendship.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,200 00
Hayneville.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mt. Hebron.....	3 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 56	75 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	750 00
Lefloatchie.....	3 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 65	.....	.....	75	200 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47 50	.....	1,000 00
Lowndesboro.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	5 00	.....	2 00	250 00	10 00	15 00	.....	.....	8 64	5 00	8 53	.....	2,500 00
Mt. Zion.....	15 95	.....	.....	1 25	.....	.....	6 50	.....	1 25	250 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00
Pine Level.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Prattville.....	21 00	23 04	18 50	3 25	.....	7 75	21 00	.....	50	125 00	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	9 00	.....	1,000 00
Ramer.....	5 00	5 00	15 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	.....	.....	15 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	3 41	11 50	2,000 00
South Montgomery.....	30 10	7 65	35 00	.....	.....	10 00	76 50	.....	1 50	572 69	283 99	22 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	500 00
West End, Montgomery.....	65	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41 19	.....	2,000 00
Wetumpka.....	2 00	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	13 40	.....	1 50	350 00	34 75	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	49 04	.....	1,500 00
Totals.....	\$558 00	\$405 63	\$374 40	\$8 23	\$9 93	\$93 39	\$1862 50	\$97 06	\$8 00	\$7485 19	\$2215 00	\$22 00	\$411 00	\$1 00	\$306 47	\$61 25	\$89 64	\$56 89	\$119 99	\$863,250 00

Respectfully submitted, A. H. EUBANK, J. M. BLACK, J. W. DICKSON, Chairman.

STATISTICS OF MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1899.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK AND POST-OFFICE.	Increase by										SUNDAY SCHOOL.					Reports Prayer-Meetings.	Reports Sabbaths.				
				Membership Last Reported.	Baptism.	Letter.	Offer.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Ersure.	Death.	Present Membership.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.	Baptized from S. Library.	Volumes in Library.			Periodicals Taken	SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND POST-OFFICE.		
Adams Street	Montgomery	Wm. D. Gay	J. C. Pope, Montgomery	510	5	39	2	26	2	2	2	4	524	15	197	115	16	200	160	W. L. Chandler, Montgomery	Ev.	Yes	Yes	
Bethany	Elmore	Geo. E. Brewer	J. S. Turner, Ware	80									70	5	20	10				W. P. Dawson, Ware	2nd	Yes	Yes	
Bethel	Lowndes	T. J. Porter	T. J. Hairston, Sandy Ridge	178	15	13		21	4	3	3	281	14	168	85					C. H. Priester, Ft. Deposit	Ev.	Yes	Yes	
*Bethesda	Montgomery	J. T. Boyd, Ada	J. T. Boyd, Ada	37				37				37	37	113	2	236	19	135	225	Frank Allen, Montgomery	Ev.	Yes	Yes	
Clayton Street	Montgomery	H. W. Providence	W. J. Maxwell, Montgomery	289	5	10		5	3	2	2	37	7	37	24					R. H. Hinson, Millbrook	2nd	Yes	Yes	
Coosada	Elmore		D. J. Moore, Millbrook	65				6				67	8	37	24					J. L. Lamar, Deatsville	Ev.	Yes	Yes	
Deatsville	Elmore		J. I. Lamar, Deatsville	65				10				28	8	37	24					K. H. Hinson, Millbrook	2nd	Yes	Yes	
Friendship	Montgomery	Geo. B. Eager	Maxie Pepperman, Mont'g	628	7	26		33	2	1	2	61	54	37	15					M. Cody, Jr., Montgomery	Ev.	Yes	Yes	
*Hayneville	Lowndes	J. H. Howard	J. M. Sullivan, Raif	61				1				61	6	27	15					J. B. Andrews, Raif	3rd	Yes	Yes	
Letchawatchie	Lowndes	J. N. Langston	J. T. Varner, Hayneville	23				1				22	7	40	25					J. W. Dickson, Letchawatchie	2nd	Yes	Yes	
Lowndesboro	Elmore	W. J. Elliott	C. W. Powell, Letchawatchie	39				1				34	7	37	30					P. N. Gilley, Lowndesboro	1st	Yes	Yes	
Mt. Hebron	Elmore	L. H. Hastie	John Hogan, Spigners	93				7				86	6	25	20					W. H. Kendrick, Elmore	4th	Yes	Yes	
*Mt. Lebanon	Montgomery		W. F. Niblett, Woodley	42				1				42	2	27	15					J. W. Dickson, Letchawatchie	3rd	Yes	Yes	
Pine Level	"	N. C. Underwood	J. G. Mills, Chambers	29				1				27	1	85	7	40	30	1	40	W. C. Davis, Pine Level	4th	Yes	Yes	
Prattville	Autauga	J. W. Dickinson	T. J. Terry, Pine Level	86				1				85	1	193	18	104	129	8		R. M. Anderson, Prattville	2-3	Yes	Yes	
Ramer	Montgomery	A. T. Stubs	R. M. Anderson, Prattville	163	11	27		6	2	1	1	159	5	69	33	10				10 B. A. Jackson, Ramer	2nd	Yes	Yes	
South Montgomery	"	B. A. Jackson	J. I. Melendou, Ramer	43	12	7		1				51	7	30	30					I. B. Collier, Montgomery	Ev.	Yes	Yes	
West Montgomery	"	A. C. Swindall	Maek Bazer, Montgomery	117	4	13		15	1			34	5	60	38					H. C. Smith, Montgomery	Ev.	Yes	Yes	
Wetumpka	Elmore	W. J. Elliott	T. B. Howard, Montgomery	106				6				102	2	40	45					W. E. Lacy, Wetumpka	2-4	Yes	Yes	
Total				2872	67	173	2	3	177	28	13	26	2776	169	1477	431	265	597						

*Not represented.

†Statistics of former year given.

‡Incorrectly reported.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

On Thursday, August 17th, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, of Birmingham, President of the Central Committee, called a meeting of the ladies for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Montgomery Association.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Stratton. After singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," Mrs. J. C. Cheney, of Montgomery, led in prayer for God's blessing on the meeting. After the singing of another hymn, Mrs. Cheney was introduced by Mrs. Stratton as Vice-President of this associational union. Mrs. H. W. Provence, of Montgomery, was elected Secretary.

The enrollment of delegates then took place, resulting as follows:

Adams Street—Represented by letter.
 Clayton Street—Mrs. H. W. Provence.
 Deatsville—Miss Annie Pyron, Miss Mollie Worrell.
 First, Montgomery—Mrs. J. C. Stratford, Mrs. A. F. Dix.
 Lowndesboro—Mrs. F. V. Gordon.
 Mt. Hebron—Mrs. Geo. Harrison
 Prattville—Mrs. M. B. Henry.
 South Montgomery—Mrs. J. C. Cheney.

Contributions for the year were reported, as follows:

Clayton Street.....	\$ 73 41
First Montgomery.....	319 52
Prattville.....	83 00

Mrs. Stratton made a talk on the work of the Central Committee, especially urging each society to send quarterly reports to that committee.

Mrs. Cheney read an article on Foreign Missions, after which Mrs. Dix talked on frontier mission work.

Pledges to the expense fund were made by the following churches:

Clayton Street.....	\$ 1 00
First Montgomery.....	2 00
Prattville.....	2 00
South Montgomery.....	1 00

After singing "Stand up for Jesus," the meeting adjourned.



