

MINUTES
ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

—OF THE—

EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Troy Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

ORION CHURCH, PIKE COUNTY, ALA.

August 7th, 8th and 9th, 1891.

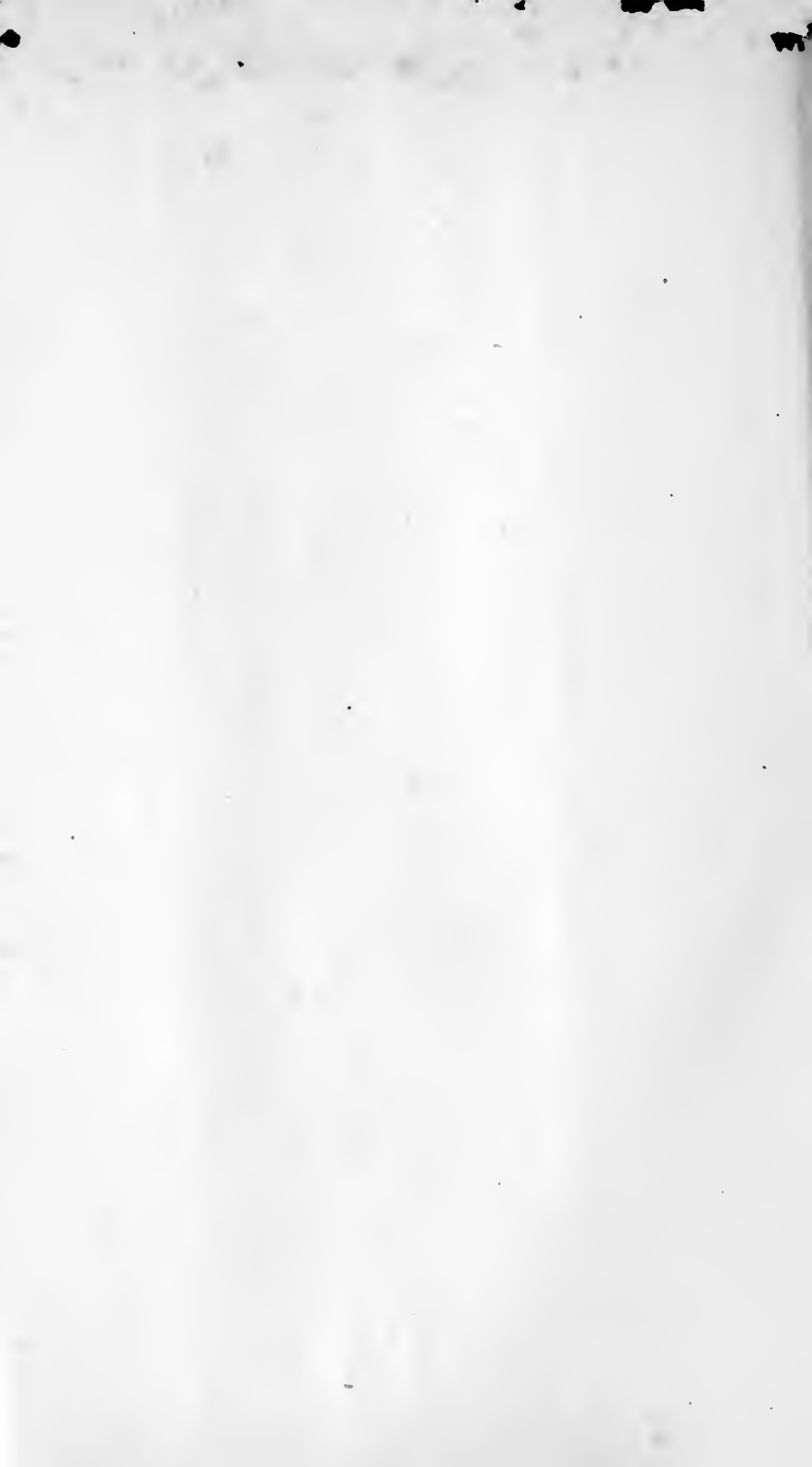
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MINUTES.

The Eighth Annual Session of the TROY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with Orion Church, Orion, Ala., Aug. 7, 1891, and was called to order by the Moderator, bro. W. H. Barnett, of the Olustee church. A few minutes were consumed in devotional exercises. Bro. P. H. Baker was elected Clerk, pro tem.

First order of business was the reading of letters from the several churches as follows :

LETTER FROM TROY BAPTIST CHURCH.

To the Troy Baptist Association to be held with the Orion church, Pike county, Ala., on Friday before the Second Lord's day in August, 1891.
The First Baptist Church at Troy sendeth greetings :

BELOVED BRETHREN:—We send as Messengers to aid you in your deliberations these brethren, whom we endorse to you as faithful servants of the Lord, viz : Elders John F. Purser, John L. Youngblood, L. H. Bowles, and A. N. Worthy ; also Brethren W. S. Coleman, J. S. Carroll, J. D. Murphree, P. H. Baker, A. Campbell, J. F. Pickett and J. P. Wood, whom we trust will be profitable unto you. With joy and gladness we are permitted to communicate to you the cheering intelligence, that since the last meeting of your body, this church has been most graciously revived and many precious souls have given themselves unto Christ. "Oh ! that men would praise the Lord for His wonderful goodness to the children of men !" In the richness of His grace we will thank God and persevere.

Brethren, pray for us, as we earnestly unite our prayers with yours for the peace and prosperity of our common Zion.

Our church work, while it may be regarded as satisfactory, yet it is far below that high standard of Christian endeavor and attainments to which all churches should aspire.

Our Sunday School is comparatively good and the church is justly proud of it. Its efficiency might be greatly enhanced, were it not for the delinquency of some of the Sunday School teachers. Upon the devoted and qualified teacher depends the success of the Sunday School. Our School has contributed during the past Associational year :

For General Purposes.....	\$171 24
" Missions.....	30 00

Making a Total of.....\$201 24

Since your last meeting our church has completed and furnished a Pastorium or preacher's home, of rare beauty and adaptiveness, on the church lot : thus relieving our Pastor of the vexatious trouble of provid-

ing a home for himself and family. The Scale of the church is as follows :

Baptized.....	27
Received by Letter.....	30
Dismissed by Letter.....	13
Excommunicated.....	1
Dead.....	5
Whole Number in Fellowship.....	342
Contributions for Missions, Foreign and Home.....	\$ 210 00
Associational Purposes.....	10 00
Pastor's Salary.....	1,500 00

By order of the Church Conference, this 5th day of August, 1891.

JOHN F. PURSER, Moderator.

W. F. BEARD, Clerk.

LETTER FROM SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH.

Baptist church of Christ at Shiloh to the Ministers and Messengers composing the Eighth Annual Session of the Troy Baptist Association sendeth greeting :

DEAR BRETHREN :—We hail with pleasure the time of meeting you in another Association. While we have nothing very cheering to communicate, we have the Gospel preached to us by brother P. L. Moseley, whose labor, we trust, God is blessing. We have a very good Sabbath School. We have delegated brethren M. A. Wood, S. Fleming, T. J. Shepard, C. J. Mahoney, G. W. Carlisle, R. B. Parks and J. C. Parks as messengers ; brethren W. H. Kelly, J. R. Turner and J. R. Shepard as alternates to sit with you in your deliberations. We send \$5.00 for missions and \$1.00 for minutes. We cordially invite the body to hold its next session with us, praying that God may abundantly bless your labors.

Done by order of this church, in conference, July 25th, 1891.

P. L. MOSELEY, Moderator.

C. J. MAHONEY, Clerk.

— STATISTICS. —

Baptized.....	7
Received by Letter.....	1
Restored.....	1
Dismissed by Letter.....	9
Excommunicated.....	1
Dead.....	0
Total Number.....	161

LETTER FROM ORION BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Orion Baptist Church extends to the Troy Baptist Association, by her messengers, a warm welcome into our midst. We send as messengers Elder J. S. Yarbrough and brethren D. Graham and N. A. Adams to aid you in your deliberations. Bro. P. L. Moseley is our faithful Pastor. Congregations good. Prayer meetings and Sunday School medium. Our church mourns the loss, by death, of our much esteemed young brother, J. Byron W. Yarbrough. We would like to have a suitable tribute to his memory printed in our minutes. We send.

For Missions.....	\$7 50
.. Indigent Ministers.....	1 50

— STATISTICS. —

Number of Male Members.....	36
.. Female Members.....	40
Total.....	76
Value of Church Property.....	\$100 00
Pastor's Salary.....	200 00

By order of the Church, July 14th, 1891.

T. L. McCULLOUGH, Clerk.

P. L. MOSELEY, Moderator.

LETTER FROM OLUSTEE BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Church of Christ at Olustee to the Troy Baptist Association.
Greeting:

DEAR BRETHREN :—We send as delegates brethren W. H. Barnett and J. A. Dennis; alternate, brother J. M. Carter.

REMARKS.

Our church at last conference, decided to move our church organization to Ansley, on the Alabama Midland, some twelve miles above Troy, and will have our meetings in future at that place.

Done in conference this . . . day of June, 1891.

J. S. YARBROUGH, Moderator.

J. M. CARTER, Clerk.

— STATISTICS. —

Increase by Baptism.....	1
Decrease by Letter.....	2
Exclusion.....	1
Present Membership.....	16
Number who take Denominational Papers.....	3

FINANCES.

Foreign Missions.....	\$4 00
State Missions.....	6 00
Minutes.....	1 00

MONEY EXPENDED AT HOME.

Pastor's Salary.....	\$475 00
Value of Church Buildings.....	300 00

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Pastor.....	J. S. Yarbrough.
Post Office.....	Orion, Ala.
Clerk.....	J. M. Carter.
Post Office.....	Olustee, Ala.
Preaching.....	Second Sabbath.
Church Building.....	In Pike County, Ala.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of Officers was the next order of business, and on motion the present incumbents, brethren W. H. Barnett, Moderator; M. A. Wood, Treasurer; P. H. Baker, Clerk, were elected to fill their respective positions during the ensuing year.

The Committee on Credentials was appointed, which resulted in the selection of brethren J. S. Yarbrough, of Orion, J. A. Dennis, of Olustee, and J. P. Wood, of Troy.

The following Committees were appointed to report at this session, viz:

On Finance.—Brethren M. A. Wood, J. A. Dennis and D. Graham.

On Documents.—Brethren A. N. Worthy, W. S. Coleman and J. M. Carter.

On Nominations.—Brethren J. D. Murphree, J. S. Carroll and J. L. Youngblood.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Correspondence with sister Associations was called, and

brethren Moseley, James C. Moore and C. N. Mallett responded from Salem Association, and brother Newman, of East Liberty, all of whom were welcomed and asked to take part in our deliberations.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENCE.

Bro. N. C. Underwood being an anticipated member of the Eufaula Association, extended a cordial invitation to this body to attend its session which meets———. Bro A. N. Worthy arose and in a very feeling and impressive manner urged upon the body to meet and mingle with one another. Volunteers were called.

Brethren John F. Purser and M. A. Wood were appointed to attend the Eufaula Association.

Bro. W. H. Barnett to Montgomery Association.

Brethren J. P. Wood, John F. Purser, Joel D. Murphree and J. S. Carroll to Salem Association.

Bro. John L. Youngblood to Centennial Association.

The following vacancies and Committees supplied, to-wit :
Home and State Missions.—J. L. Youngblood, J. A. Dennis and M. A. Wood.

Foreign Missions.—A. N. Worthy, J. S. Yarbrough and A. Campbell.

Sunday Schools.—W. S. Coleman, J. P. Wood, J. F. Pickett.

Temperance.—J. D. Murphree, J. P. Wood and P. H. Baker.

Education.—J. F. Purser, M. A. Wood and J. S. Yarbrough.

Bible and Colportage.—J. F. Purser, J. F. Pickett and N. A. Adams.

Indigent Ministers.—A. N. Worthy, J. L. Youngblood and J. S. Yarbrough.

The Committee on Credentials reported, after discussion pro and con, that the following were entitled to membership in this body ; those whose names appear in each letter, as follows :

Troy Church.—John F. Purser, John L. Youngblood, L. H. Bowles, A. N. Worthy, W. S. Coleman, J. S. Carroll, Joel D. Murphree, P. H. Baker, A. Campbell, J. F. Pickett and J. P. Wood.

Shiloh Church.—M. A. Wood, S. Fleming, T. J. Shepard, C. J. Mahoney, G. W. Carlisle, R. B. Parks and J. C. Parks.

Orion Church.—J. S. Yarbrough, D. Graham and N. A. Adams.

Olustee Church.—W. H. Barnett, J. A. Dennis and J. M. Carter.

During our deliberations we were made to rejoice to see come into our midst, Dr. J. T. Murfee, of Marion, a member of the Cahaba Association ; Dr. Averett, President of the Judson, and Brother J. M. Walier, Representative of the different Boards, to whom was offered a cordial welcome.

Reports of the several Committees were postponed until to-morrow, the one on Home and State Missions being set for 10 o'clock A. M.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev.

N. C. Underwood would preach the Introductory Sermon to-night.

Brother Newman, representing the Colportage, being invited, gave a short account and result of his labors in this part of the State. Adjourned until to-morrow morning 8 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Association met according to adjournment, and after spending a few minutes in devotional exercises, during which time Dr. Murfee kindly made some timely remarks, by which we hope all were edified, the Association was called to order by the Moderator. Minutes read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Documents was read and adopted, as follows :

DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee on Documents report that the attention of this body has been called to consider the sad dispensation of Providence in removing from earth to heaven, our young brother, Byron Yarbrough. We recommend the appointment of a special committee to prepare suitable resolutions, also an obituary notice for publication in our minutes. They also find in the letter from Shiloh church an invitation to entertain this body at its next session. We recommend that this body shall hold its next Annual Session with the Shiloh church. Respectfully submitted.

A. N. WORTHY, Chm'n.

Committee on said resolutions was appointed by the Chair, and consisted of the following: Brethren J. F. Purser, D. Graham and P. L. Moseley, who were directed to report. Shiloh having a petition that the Association hold its next session with them, the invitation was accepted.

The report of Committee on Indigent Ministers was read and adopted.

INDIGENT MINISTERS.

Within the bounds of this Association your committee reports that we have no Minister whose wants should be supplied by this body. When such an one shall appear, let us be prompt in affording relief.

A. N. WORTHY, Chm'n.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on nominations submit the following report: To preach the Introductory Sermon at our next Association, Bro. J. F. Purser, with Bro. L. H. Bowles as alternate.

To attend the State Convention: Brethren J. F. Purser, J. S. Yarbrough, L. H. Bowles, J. M. Carter, W. L. Hendrick, J. L. Youngblood, W. H. Barnett, A. N. Worthy, M. A. Wood, J. A. Dennis, Sam. Fleming, T. L. McCullough and J. D. Murphree.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention: J. F. Purser: alternate, J. D. Murphree.

Your committee recommend the appointment of Bro. J. F. Purser to arrange the time and place for a meeting of delegates from the different churches of the Association, when the question of Missions will

be debated, and arrangements made to have our Association represented at the Baptist Centennial Gathering of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. MURPHREE, Chm'n.

The report of the Committee on Bible and Colportage was then read and adopted.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

Your committee on Colportage and Literature beg leave to submit the following report :

There have been rapid strides taken in this work since our last meeting. Brother G. Newman, a devout and earnest young man, has been giving all his time to the dissemination of Bibles and religious books and tracts, in this and neighboring Associations, for some months past. He has been scattering the seeds of truth with great zeal and fidelity, and we feel assured that God, who commands us to "Sow beside all waters," will greatly bless his labors. We feel that this is a step in the right direction; such Christian heroism, as manifested by our young brother, should be encouraged. The *Alabama Baptist* is still doing a noble work. Bro. J. M. Dewberry has been added to its staff of editors, and the paper has been greatly strengthened. The Southern Baptist Convention has created a board whose duty it is to furnish Sunday School Literature to all churches that desire it. This is our board in a peculiar sense. It is now located at Nashville, Tenn., and it is the hope of the Convention that the churches of this Association will stand by its own Sunday School series. These papers with any religious books can be had of J. B. Collier, Opelika, Ala. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. PURSER, Chm'n.

Bro. Newman, a representative of this work being present, made a talk as to his labors. Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions was read and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"This Gospel of the Kingdom shall first be preached to all nations, kindreds and tongues, and then shall the end come."

By virtue of the great commission the churches stand charged with the duty and responsibility of having the Gospel preached to every creature throughout the whole world. This commanding obligation rests alike upon the churches in the aggregate and the individual members of every church. These cannot, if they would, avoid, evade or shift their responsibility to aid in the great work of evangelizing the world. "The kingdoms of this world must become the kingdom of our Lord, and His Christ," through the power of the Gospel.

How can they hear without a preacher, and how can he preach "unless he be sent" and sustained by the churches? The churches will be lamentably derelict and censurable, should they withhold the necessary contributions, to enable the Missionary of the Cross to preach the Gospel in the regions beyond. The spirit of Missions is the spirit of Christ, and "except we have the spirit of Christ we are none of His."

It is a pleasing truth which your committee can report, that the religious world is waking up to the importance of this subject, and doing more to spread the knowledge of gospel grace amongst the heathen than at any other time in the past. According to the reports from our Southern Baptist Mission Board, it has, in answer to prayer, been able to send out to foreign fields, a large number of consecrated men and women to show the heathen the way of salvation.

To support these and a large number who preceded them, the Board has been furnished with the handsome sum of *One Hundred and Nine Thousand Dollars*, by the Baptists of the Southern States during the

year ending May 1st, 1891, and let it be remembered, that the contributions of this little Association were counted and applied as you intended them. From the same source we learn the soul stirring fact that more than four hundred were converted and buried with Christ in baptism; and further, several of the churches in foreign fields are self-sustaining, and yet again, these native churches contributed last year for their Home Mission work the neat little sum of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars. These facts should rejoice the hearts of God's people, and spring their energies to accomplish still greater gospel triumphs and "never stand still till the Master appears."

A project has been devised, which if it proves a success, will place one hundred missionaries in the field as a memorial of the centennial of modern missions. Of course this can be carried out only by our increased contributions, and in answer to the fervent and effectual prayers of the righteous. And may God inspire his people to live in the use of the means which will surely bring about that happy result. God speed the gladsome time, when the "Glory of the Lord shall fill the whole earth, as the waters do the sea." Respectfully submitted.

A. N. WORTHY, Chm'n.

The report of the Committee on Home and State Missions, was read and adopted.

HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

The duty of carrying the Gospel to those who have it not, comes down as an inheritance to every Christian from the first Apostles, upon whom it was enjoined by our blessed Saviour, when he ascended to the right hand of the Father.

The only argument, therefore, necessary to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of Christians in the work, is the destitution in our own State, our neighboring States and foreign lands.

It matters not by what name we may call these benighted regions whether Christian or Pagan, if they need the light of the Gospel, they are all destitute alike, and demand our help. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature" was just as applicable to Jerusalem as it was to Rome, Athens or the Isles of the Sea, and to-day we find just as great heathenism in our great centers of civilization as in Africa. Home and State Missions, therefore, demand our attention as positively as do Foreign Missions.

The one hundred thousand white Baptists of the State of Alabama, notwithstanding we constitute about one-eighth of the entire white population of the State, find the "fields white unto the harvest," for the ingathering of precious souls for the Master. Are our efforts commensurate with our members? and if not, why not.

By reference to the report of the State Mission Board we find that they employed during the last year, forty-eight men and expended about \$9,000.00 in this work, and as a result of this direct work, they constituted fifteen churches and were instrumental in bringing into the Baptist church and other denominations, by experience, letter and restoration, 1,083 persons, besides doing good service in the Sunday Schools and building churches and homes for pastors. God be praised! say we, for such glorious results from such feeble efforts.

We find from the report of the Home Mission Board that they had in the field last year, four hundred and seven missionaries, distributed throughout the United States, Indian Territory and Cuba, and that they expended in all about \$210,393.40, and that Alabama contributed \$5,762.12 of this amount. As a result of their labors we find that there were added to the churches 9,987 members, two hundred and forty-four churches constituted and one hundred and forty-three houses of worship built. We further learn from the statistics that the Southern Baptist Convention

represents a membership of 1,235,765. What a vast army enlisted under the banner of King Immanuel, and what victories over ignorance, sin and degradation we might gain under His leadership, if—There's the rub, and that is the vital question we have under consideration now. What are our duties in the premises? How are we to "preach the Gospel to every creature," and what are we really doing in this work? Under our peculiar conditions of church organization, each and every question refers itself back to the individual membership, and having no earthly hierarchy to whose orders we are subject, we must as individuals decide for ourselves. If every Baptist in these Southern States, and in the State of Alabama would in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, with Bible in hand, on bended knees, ask the Allwise for instruction as to his or her duty in the matter, and then in simple trust and faith obey the dictates of conscience and the promptings of the Holy Spirit, our Home and State Boards would no longer be put to the necessity of making so many appeals for help.

With these suggestions your committee leaves the subject with you.

Most respectfully submitted:

L. H. BOWLES, Chm'n.

These reports were spoken of by Bro. J. M. Waller, Dr. S. W. Averett, Bro. Purser, and others. We would especially mention the soul stirring talk made by Bro. Waller, by which we were made wiser, and we hope and trust our faith was strengthened by him being with us. In consequence sixteen dollars and eighty-five cents were raised for his work, which will be added to by contributions on the Sabbath. Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 1:30 P. M., and the exercises were opened by singing. A cordial welcome was given to brethren T. J. Carlisle, of the Salem Association, and T. F. Bledsoe, S. J. Townsend and T. P. Bledsoe, of the Centennial, who were present as correspondents of their respective bodies. The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee beg leave to submit the following: We cannot attach too much importance to the Sabbath School as a means of grace in shaping the lives of our children. Although this great truth seems to be acknowledged, still many of us fail to avail ourselves of it as we should. Your committee would most humbly urge upon parents the great importance of bringing up their children in the way that they should go, and not so submissively leave them to the care of others. They should go with them and see to it that they are properly instructed in God's word. Respectfully submitted,

W. S. COLEMAN, Chm'n.

We were again made to feel our duty by an interesting talk from our good brother Waller and others, who feelingly spoke of the work. The report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted.

EDUCATION.

The Schools have been prosperous this year. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., enrolled one hundred and fifty students; The Howard College, at East Lake, two hundred and six; The Judson Institute, Marion, one hundred and eighty-six. The board of ministerial education report forty-four students from Alabama to be preparing for the ministry. Other good schools, under the principalship of

Baptist teachers, both male and female, are doing efficient service in our State. As Baptists and as citizens we rejoice in their prosperity also. The denomination throughout the country is alive to the importance of Education. The Baptists have, of late years, come nobly into the front rank of those public benefactors, who show their philanthropy by founding universities and colleges. Respectfully submitted.

J. F. PURSER, Chm'n.

The foregoing report was very eloquently, encouragingly and practically spoken of by Drs. Averett and Murfee, and in consequence the thanks of the body were tendered them. The report of the Committee on Temperance was called for, read and adopted. It was spoken of impressively by brethren Murphree, Waller and others, which was highly appreciated.

TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance, appointed yesterday evening, havn't had the time to prepare such a report as the importance of the subject demands. The evils of Intemperance are of greater magnitude than any other one thing with which the religious world and lovers of sobriety have to contend. Therefore the necessity for all the force that possibly can be brought to bear against the use of intoxicants. Your committee regards the church as the most potent factor that can be employed to further the cause of Temperance among the people, and to inculcate a sentiment in opposition to the sale and use of ardent spirits, as a beverage. The people should be educated to fully comprehend the great wrong that is being inflicted upon them morally, socially, financially and otherwise, by allowing dram shops to be established in their midst. We therefore recommend that a fund be raised by each church in the Association, for the purchase and distribution of Temperance literature among the people.

The people must be taught to hate drunkenness and love sobriety, before any substantial good can be accomplished. It is no easy matter to reform a drunkard. We need and what the country needs is to remove the cause of drunkenness. The Legislation necessary to close the dram shops, cannot be had or enforced until the sentiment of the people is prepared for it. Every church member should feel it incumbent upon him to raise his voice against drunkenness. If church members will do their part in this warfare against whisky, we may reasonably expect great good to come of our labors. Respectfully submitted.

J. D. MURPHREE, Chm'n

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. A. WOOD, Treasurer.

In account with TROY ASSOCIATION.

From Troy Church for Missions, Vouchers.....	\$ 70 00	
" " " " Quarterly, "	12 00	
" " " " S. S. Miss'ns "	30 00	
" " " " Cash.....	100 00	
" " " " Minute Fund.....	8 00	—\$220 00
From Orion Church for Missions, Vouchers.....	\$ 7 50	
" " " " Minutes "	1 50	— 9 00
From Olustee Church for Foreign Missions, Cash...	4 00	
" " " " State " "	6 00	
" " " " Minute Fund " "	1 00	— 11 00
From Shiloh Church for Missions, Cash and V'chers	40 00	
" " " " Minutes "	3 50	— 43 50
Total.....		\$283 50

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to this community for the generous and hospitable manner in which they have entertained this body. A motion was made

and carried that Bro. J. F. Purser prepare a suitable obituary notice on the death of our beloved brother, Byron Yarbrough. Adjourned until Sunday morning, for the purpose of holding memorial services.

SUNDAY MORNING SESSION.

Pursuant of the object contemplated to hold a memorial service before adjournment, with reference to the demise of Elder Yarbrough, the Association met Sunday morning, and the Moderator opened the meeting with devotional exercises, inviting the large assemblage of the friends of the deceased to participate with us on this occasion. The following paper was read and several appropriate and feeling addresses were made, after which it was unanimously adopted.

IN MEMORIAM.

BYRON W. YARBROUGH was born at Orion, Pike county, Ala., October 23rd, 1863. In this refined and cultured community, amid the endearments of a Christian home, he grew to manhood; and there, June 30th, 1891, surrounded by those he loved best, he sweetly fell "asleep in Jesus." "Not as those without hope" do the stricken parents and weeping friends mourn, but with "full assurance" do they await the glad reunion of the Resurrection morn. Byron Yarbrough was converted when sixteen years of age, and baptized August 30th, 1882; to the end he was a consistent, humble follower of his Master. Feeling called to preach Christ, and having given satisfactory evidence of his fitness for the holy office, he was ordained at Orion church, July 30th, 1887. Desiring to fit himself more fully for the work of the ministry, he entered Howard College, and for several years was a student of that Institution, having just returned from East Lake, when seized with his fatal sickness. At college he was beloved by teachers and students. His docile, tractable disposition, his amiability, his passion for music, his love for all that was refined and ennobling, and his upright Christian walk and conversation won him friends everywhere, who sincerely mourn his untimely end. He has been cut down in the strength of his young manhood, when life seemed full of promise, of hope and usefulness, and in his home is left a void, which only the gentle ministrations of a loving Heavenly Father can heal. May He, who is too wise to make a mistake, and too good to be unkind, be very near to the dear parents and relatives in this hour of their sorest bereavement

JOHN F. PURSER, Chm'n.

At the conclusion the following resolution was passed.

WHEREAS, Since the last meeting of this body, an inscrutable Providence has removed by death, from the walks of men, our well beloved young brother, Byron Yarbrough, at the very threshold of a life giving the highest evidence of usefulness, and great promise in the Master's cause on earth; and Whereas, it is meet and altogether proper that this body shall, on account of our disappointed hopes and the loss sustained by this church give this public expression of our grief and profound sorrow over his early demise: therefore

Resolved, That this Association begs to blend its sorrow with the afflicted and sorrowing father, mother, brothers and sisters of their beloved dead, and likewise with his church, that he, in life, loved so well; and hereby extend to each one of the bereaved our unfeigned condolence, well knowing that his Saviour called him home, because He regarded His servant as far too good for uncongenial earth. And may God, in mercy, incline us all to bow in humble submission to His holy will.

Association adjourned *sine die*.

W. H. BARNETT,
Moderator.

P. H. BAKER, Clerk.



