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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

East Liberty Baptist Association of Alabama,

HELD WITH

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALABAMA,

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 18, 19, 20, 1889.

OFFICERS:

JNO. P. SHAFFER, MODERATOR.....Roanoke, Ala.
W. C. BLEDSOE, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.....LaFayette, "

*The next session will be held with the County Line Church,
beginning on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in
September, 1890. Introductory sermon
by Eld. Z. D. Roby, D. D.*

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BORN FEB. 17, 1792; DIED APRIL 4, 1864.

PROCEEDINGS.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, }
CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALA., Sept. 18, 1889. }

1. The East Liberty Baptist Association assembled in fifty-fourth annual session with the New Hope Baptist Church, on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 1889.

2. At 11 o'clock a. m. the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder C. J. Burden. Text. "Thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of my heart," Jer. 15:16.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

3. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder J. P. Shaffer. Elder W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary.

4. After reading the Scriptures and singing a hymn, prayer was offered by Bro. J. G. Harris, of Montgomery, Ala.

5. The letters from the churches were received by Bros. N. D. Denson and J. W. Hamner.

6. The Secretary enrolled the following delegates from the churches:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Beulah--A. C. Bennett, J. R. Bradfield, Hugh Wallace, W. H. Betts.

Bethel (Chambers)--T. N. Jones.

Bethlehem--F. W. Shank, A. J. Ward.

Cusseta--John M. Vernon, -- Busby.

Providence--J. L. B. Barrow, W. H. Webb, I. T. Morgan.

New Hope--C. Cook, B. F. Anderson, W. H. Reynolds, Jesse Johnson, M. V. Maley.

Hickory Flat--J. F. Breed, O. D. Worthly.

Roanoke--W. L. Hill, Joe Howe, W. A. Stewart, G. W. Hill.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Milltown--W. P. Mathews, W. N. Harris, W. M. Woodall.

Lystra--W. H. Bachus, B. T. Foster.

Liberty--F. M. Handley.

Shiloh--J. D. Leverett.

Lebanon--J. L. Gregory, B. J. Vines, J. L. Humphrey, W. Y. Harrison.

Mt. Zion--A. F. Duffey, C. W. Haralson, W. J. Smith.

THIRD DISTRICT.

LaFayette--James E. Scarbrough, N. D. Denson, W. L. Hood, E. W. Scarbrough, T. J. Jones.

Antioch--T. J. Gilliland, J. A. Carlisle, W. B. Bledsoe, J. S. Wooddy, S. R. Wooddy.

Rock Springs (Chambers)--G. W. Newman, W. W. Still, W. Webb, J. C. Webb, W. E. Davis.

County Line--L. L. TeBow, J. M. Langley, W. G. Jarrell, T. J. Langley.

Mt. Pleasant--W. R. Dawson, J. P. Seroyer, W. E. Shealey, B. H. Walker.

Farmville--J. I. Bedell.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Dadeville—J. B. Stroud.

Camp Hill—W. H. Johnson.

Tallapoosa—Chas. Henderson, J. J. Phillips.

Eagle Creek—W. Madden.

Sandy Creek—By Letter.

Pleasant Ridge—W. C. Roeck, O. P. Sanford.

Bethel (Lee)—Not represented.

Fellowship—J. W. Dabbs, J. A. Sanders, G. M. Key, J. C. Morgan.

Rock Springs (Tallapoosa)—Clark Duffee.

7. Elder John P. Shaffer, Roanoke, Ala., and Elder W. C. Bledsoe, of LaFayette, Ala., were re-elected by acclamation Moderator, and Secretary and Treasurer.

8. Correspondents were called for and the following names enrolled :

From the Tuskegee Association—Elders W. E. Lloyd, E. F. Baber, F. T. Hudson.

From the Carey—Elder J. C. Motley.

From the Central—James Walker.

From the Centennial (Ga.)—Bro. J. K. Jenkins.

9. Elder C. W. Hare, of the ALABAMA BAPTIST, Elder D. I. Purser, D. D., agent for Howard College, Bro. J. G. Harris, representing the Board of Ministerial Education, Elder E. F. Baber, representing the State Board of Missions, Elder C. J. Burden, representing the Home Mission Board, Elder W. C. Bledsoe, Vice President for Alabama of the Foreign Mission Board, representing the Foreign Mission Board, were each recognized in their official relations to the denomination.

10. On motion, Dr. Purser was given the floor for the purpose of presenting the claims of Howard College. His address was a most earnest appeal for the College, resulting in securing \$2,000.00 in negotiable paper, payable in four annual payments.

11. The Moderator announced the following committees to report at this session:

On Finance—W. R. Dawson, Chairman; J. E. Scarbrough, F. M. Handley, W. G. Jarrell.

Nominations—W. C. Roeck, Chairman; Jno. P. Seroyer, W. L. Hood.

Religious Services—Pastor and delegates of New Hope church.

12. The Association adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow.

13. Prayer by Bro. J. K. Jenkins, of Georgia.

NIGHT SERVICES.

14. At 7:30 P. M. Eld. Z. D. Roby preached at the church to a very good congregation. Text: "The unsearchable riches of Christ." Eph. 3, last clause of verse 8.

THURSDAY MORNING.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

15. After devotional exercises, the Association was called to order and prayer was offered by Dr. D. I. Purser, of Birmingham, Ala.

16. The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None presented.

17. On motion, the reports on State Missions, Home Missions and Foreign Missions were read in order that all should be discussed under the general topic of Missions :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board is designed to push forward missionary interest throughout the State. Yet, it does not conflict with local mission work. Her Secretary is agent for the Home and Foreign Boards, and much of the money contributed for the support of all the enterprises of the denomination passes through his hands. This indicates the harmony existing throughout our whole line of work, and the friendly relationship sustained among the different boards.

During the fifteen years the State Mission Board of Alabama has been in existence, great good has been accomplished through her instrumentality. As new towns have sprung up and as the tide of immigration has swept an increased population into our borders, she has sent out missionaries to teach the people the way of life. She has been the means of leading many souls to Christ, and establishing many churches. While eternity alone can reveal the good accomplished by this board, yet much more could have been done had the churches supplied her with necessary funds.

The summary of the work done by the State Mission Board for twelve months, ending June 30, is as follows:

Days of service.....	4,957
Miles traveled.....	26,301
Sermons delivered.....	2,746
Addresses made.....	983
Churches constituted.....	12
Number of persons baptized.....	211
Sunday schools organized.....	47
Sunday-school addresses made.....	180
Ladies Missionary Societies organized.....	8
Prayer meetings organized.....	78
Prayer meetings held.....	817
Number of churches visited.....	338
Number of visits made.....	7,431
Subscribers to the Alabama Baptist secured.....	77
Subscribers to the Foreign Mission Journal secured.....	53
Number of Bibles donated.....	181
Number of Testaments donated.....	205
Number of books and pamphlets sold.....	1,297
Pages of tracts distributed.....	7,512
Meeting houses commenced.....	20
Meeting houses completed.....	5
Money collected for meeting houses.....	\$ 8,670 56
State Missions.....	1,433 37
Foreign Missions.....	102 20
Ministerial Education.....	47 85
Indigent Ministers.....	1 50

RECEIPTS OF THE BOARDS.

State Missions.....	\$ 7,511 27
Home Missions.....	2,408 45
Foreign Missions.....	2,300 42
Indigent Ministers.....	187 98
Ministerial Education.....	353 18
Church buildings.....	50 60
Church Building Board.....	7 00
Bible work of A. B. P. Society.....	33 34
Tract fund.....	2 75
Bible and colportage.....	106 72
Permanent.....	1 00
Judson buildings.....	676 48
Howard College.....	49 02
Total.....	\$14,688 21

The State Board asks for \$15,000 next year; of this amount the East Liberty Association has apportioned \$850, only 55 cents per member.

In view of the fact that the prosperity of all our mission work is largely dependent upon well developed States, let us, in the name of God, take Alabama for Christ. The material resources God has given us, together with our growing towns and cities, fast increasing population, importance of the work and the spirit of the Christian religion, demands that we do more for State Missions. Let us see to it, brethren, that we honor the Lord with our substance.

Respectfully submitted,

A. S. SMITH, Ch'n.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee find, from the report of the Home Mission Board at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, that the number of missionaries has been increased from 283 to 328. Of this number only three have been employed in Alabama. There have been employed in the State of

Arkansas.....	22
Cuba.....	20
Florida.....	28
Georgia.....	13
Indian Territory.....	15
Kentucky.....	1
Louisiana.....	26
Maryland.....	3
Mississippi.....	2
Missouri.....	3
Texas, State and Sunday-school Conventions.....	147
Western Arkansas and Indian Territory.....	17
Western North Carolina.....	15
West Virginia.....	2
Virginia.....	1
Total.....	318

The fields of ten missionaries are not named.

These missionaries have labored 12,409 weeks; visited 1,134 churches and stations; delivered 35,216 sermons and addresses; attended 8,419 prayer meetings; baptized 4,837 believers; received by letter 3,565; organized 343 Sunday-schools, which contain 10,170 teachers and pupils; made 51,190 religious visits; built 58 houses of worship; organized 328 churches; distributed \$50,000 pages of tracts; distributed 5,000 Bibles and Testaments.

Great as has been the work of these missionaries, there are yet, in the State of Texas alone, 450,000 souls destitute of gospel privileges.

The work in Cuba is still continuing with unabated, unflinching zeal. Bro. Diaz, who has been aptly styled the Paul of Cuba, is, with his noble band of co-laborers, doing a great work for the Master. They baptized, during the conventional year just passed, 300 professed believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Havana now has a splendid house of worship, in the centre of the city, that will seat 3,000 persons; \$20,000 have already been paid on it, and in March, 1890, \$22,500 more will have to be paid; and likewise in March, 1891, \$22,500 more will have to be paid, making the house cost \$65,000. To some this may seem to be great waste, but not so. Before, only the poor had the gospel in Cuba, except, perhaps, now and then a rare case. But now the religion of Jesus Christ in Havana is regarded as a fixture, a certainty, a reality; hence, rich and poor, high and low, are flocking to hear the gospel. Havana is being taken for Christ; the influence is widening; and 'ere long Cuba will be a land "Whose God is the Lord."

The Board received last year \$69,398 83, an increase of \$21,376 66; of this increase Alabama paid \$817.43. For church building on the field the Board paid \$27,103.20. Home Board asks for \$6,000 from Alabama.

J. W. HAMNER, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention has organized mission work in Mexico, South America, Italy, Africa, Northern, Southern and Central China, and will soon begin operations in Japan. The Board expended in the work during the Convention year ending April 30,

1889, \$102,119.67; of this amount Alabama contributed \$4,532.22. The Liberty Association contributed to Foreign Missions last year \$369.46.

Rev. W. D. Powell, the general evangelist for Mexico, says:

"Those who support us want facts as to what good we have done and are doing. After seven years devoted to spying out the country, I am prepared to herald forth to Israel's hosts that "Truly this is a goodly land, flowing with milk and honey, where every prospect pleases and only man is vile."

WHY PREACH THE GOSPEL IN MEXICO?

"We are often asked, 'Why establish Christian Missions in a Catholic country when so much heathen territory remains unoccupied?' We answer:

"1. Because Romanism is the Apostate Church. It is a medley of Paganism, Judaism, with a small amount of Christianity—about as Mexicans put tinsel in their gew-gaws to make them sell. The priests foment every vice, and rarely or never denounce sin. Three centuries of loyalty to the see of Rome entailed upon this people a measure of ignorance, corruption, superstition, and poverty which is truly revolting. A true history of convent and home life during that sad period would be blood-curdling, and too shocking to put within reach of our children. Americans do not see Romanism in its true character until they visit a Catholic country.

"2. Because, owing to Romish teaching, the Bible—our only rule of faith and practice, written by men divinely inspired—is the most despised book on earth.

"3. Because Christianity teaches the sinner to come to Jesus for light, life, and salvation; Romanism teaches him to come to 'The Holy Mother Church.' Christianity requires absolute obedience to Christ; Romanism, to the Church. Christianity teaches salvation by grace through faith; Romanism, like paganism, by the law. Christ says: 'Believe and live;' Romanism, 'Do and live.' Christianity gives man a new life-regeneration; Romanism ignores the work of the Holy Spirit and proposes to regenerate the sinner in the act of christening an unconscious babe.

"4. Because Romanism encourages open violation of the second commandment, and exalts the Virgin Mary above our Lord Jesus Christ.

"5. Because Romanism destroys manhood and patriotism, making its subjects swear allegiance to a foreign monarch. It is opposed to progress, education and the amelioration of the condition of suffering mankind. It is an organized enemy to the fundamental precepts and principles of the gospel. These are some of the reasons why we should preach the pure word of God in Mexico and every so-called Catholic country.

"All of our churches and mission stations report progress and prosperity. Our force of workers is insufficient to occupy the territory already open to us. We have eighteen American missionaries and fifteen native workers. There are eighteen organized churches and some 600 members. 'Truly this is the Lord's doing, and marvellous in our eyes.'"

In South America the work is in charge of Rev. W. B. Bagby. He says:

"We have reason to look forward with great expectancy, for we see indications of a work of grace among the people, and of increased faith and activity and spirituality in the membership.

There are great numbers of people from every grade of society anxiously inquiring the way of life and truth. There seems to be an awakening throughout the Empire, even among men who have never heard the gospel."

The hardest of fields is Africa, yet God is blessing the gospel there. Bro. Eubank, speaking of himself and his co-laborer, makes the following appeal:

"We are two men, separated by the whole breadth of the Yoruba country, and trying to hold all between us till help comes. We are forced to feel that the work must depend on Americans for some years to come. Our field is enlarged and our force is reduced. I have felt not a little concern for brother and sister Smith, as I have thought of them, ten day's journey from the nearest Europeans and fifteen days from us, in the midst of a great heathen population, where not even our own members are friendly toward them, and some of them are doing all they can to annoy and perplex them.

If one of them should die or be so sick that they should need my help, you could go to San Francisco and back to Richmond before I could receive the news; and you could repeat the journey before I could reach them. They must have another man with them before another year rolls around. I do not make this as a request. It comes as a demand from the Lord, expressed in his providences. Dare the Board and the brethren neglect it? Nor is this all. We must break the long march between here and Ogbomoshaw by stationing men at Awyaw and Iselim. But first of all, we must supply Abbeokuta, deserted now for the sixth time in thirteen years. I have more work in Lagos than I can do alone, but I am willing to go on, doing the best I can till the interior is supplied. But don't let it be long. Our immediate demands are eight new men. We need more, but we must have eight. Now, I ask—it is reasonable, and I can't see why it is not practicable—that four men be sent within the present year and four next year. It is surely Africa's turn by this time.

"Yet we are not discouraged. So long as we obey God's commands we know he will be with us. The blessing will come in his time. But I confess that in the coldness of my own heart and the low ebb of spiritual life within me, is to be found part of the explanation of our barrenness. We grow so cold here! and our work gets to be dull routine. Pray for us for a revival of the Spirit in our hearts."

The work in China is progressing; within the year past many converts are reported and the hearts of our missionaries greatly encouraged because of God's blessings. The following statistics are presented for the year ending April 30, 1889:

North China Missi n—Baptized, 3; members, 137; churches, 2; stations, not including churches, 2; out-stations, 22.

Central China Mission—Baptized, 6; members, 109; churches, 4; ordained and unpaid preachers, 4; contributions, \$40.60, \$236.00—\$276 60.

Southern China Mission—Baptized, 70; members, 507; native helpers 28; stations, not including churches, 13; scholars, 317; contributions, \$563 97.

The work in Italy is in charge of Rev. G. B. Taylor. There are 350 Baptist members in Italy. From Dr. Tupper's report we make the following extract:

"Throughout the year Dr. Taylor's letters have breathed a spirit of quiet hopefulness. Baptisms have been frequent, new stations have been opened, persecutions have been endured and, in some cases, lived down; in some places congregations have been large and attentive, and the preaching of the Word has not been in vain. A new evangelist has been received and stationed at Torre Pellice and Signor Paschetto has been transferred to Rome. The Testimonio has been published regularly, and is more and more proving itself an important factor in our work as Baptists.

"It is more and more felt that chapels are a growing necessity in Italy, and again we earnestly appeal to the Board and to the churches to supply this pressing need."

Your committee would urge the necessity of circulating the Foreign Mission Journal. The following are the rates per annum:

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18. These reports were discussed by Bro. J. G. Harris, of

Montgomery; Dr. W. E. Lloyd, of Auburn; Dr. D. I. Purser, of Birmingham; Eld. C. W. Hare; Dr. Z. D. Roby, of Camp Hill.

19. Adjourned to 2 o'clock P. M., with prayer by Dr. Lloyd.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

20. The Association was called to order by the Moderator; prayer by Rev. Geo. L. Bell, of Jackson's Gap.

21. The Moderator announced that discussion of the Reports on Missions was still in order.

22. Discussion was continued by Bros. W. I. Hood, G. W. Hill, J. R. Stodghill, W. C. Roeck, Jas. Walker, J. K. Jenkins, A. J. Ward, Eld. Geo. L. Bell, Dr. Purser, Eld. J. W. Hamner, Dr. Lloyd, Dr. Shaffer, L. L. TeBow, Rev. C. J. Burden.

23. The churches made pledges for next year. (See close of Minutes.)

24. On motion, the Reports on Missions were adopted.

25. The Association adjourned to 8:30 A. M. to-morrow.

26. Prayer by Dr. Roby.

NIGHT SERVICES.

27. At 7:30 P. M., Dr. D. I. Purser, of Birmingham, preached to a large and attentive audience. Text, "Through the precepts I get understanding." Ps. 119:104.

FRIDAY MORNING.

8:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

28. The Association met at 8:30 and was called to order by the Moderator.

29. Prayer by Eld. A. S. Brannon, of Tehopeka.

30. The report on Temperance was read by the chairman of the committee, as follows :

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following: The foulest and most to be dreaded enemy of the church of to-day is the sin of intemperance in the use of alcoholic drink as a beverage. The man who gives way to his appetites and passions is standing on the lowest platform of humanity, lifting high the banner of revolt against God, the church, and peace, and urges the battle and shouts the onset against sobriety, virtue and the court of heaven. Intemperance in the use of whiskey is the foul cess-pool from which issues the immoral malaria that contaminates the good morals of our young men, that destroys the peace and happiness of thousands of good women and brings to dire want hundreds of thousands of innocent and helpless children. It is an incubus on our body politic, debauching our public men, the fruitful source of needless and burdensome taxation, filling our jails and state prisons to more than their capacity to hold. Says Dr. Strong in Our Country: "The great underlying evil which paralyzes every effort to get good laws and secure the enforcement of such as we have, is the system of local politics, which gives the saloon-keeper more power over government than is possessed by all the religious and educational institutions in the country." It is the bane of every mother, the

dread of every father, the curse of the community, and the burden of the church. How to get rid of the curse is the question. Local prohibition does not entirely prohibit, but wherever there is a strong tendency on that side it is nearly or quite effectual. What we need is State, or better still, National prohibition. Let the foul, inebriating stuff be wiped from our borders and the white winged angel of peace and plenty will hover over our people, and the Church of Christ will have divested herself of the most destructive element to her highest achievement. The time has now come when church members cannot afford to make or vend the foul stuff, nor should they in any way lend their aid to the traffic by signing petitions for license to sell it, or by whiskey drinking and its dire results, drunkenness and want. It should be the highest aim of the church to so mold public opinion as that we would have a higher, bolder and stronger moral sentiment in favor of absolute prohibition. Moral suasion will do more to bring about that reformation on the whiskey question than any or all enactments of law made in the face of that higher, moral sentiment. We would therefore beg and entreat the members of the churches, and all good, moral citizens to endeavor to get on that higher plane, and by united action to dispel the foul demon from the entire country.

THOS. B. FARGARSON, Ch'n.

31. Upon motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Elds. T. B. Fargason, J. T. Hudson, Dr. T. W. Tison, Bro. J. T. Jones, Eld. J. C. Motley, Eld. John Cumbee, Bro. L. L. TeBow, Eld. E. F. Baber.

32. The report was adopted.

33. The report on Deceased Ministers was read and adopted, as follows :

It affords your committee pleasure to report that none of our ministers have deceased since our last association.

GEO. W. HILL, Ch'n.

34. The report on Education was called for, but never was presented. The subject was, however, opened for discussion in connection with the report on Religious Literature which was read, as follows :

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The circulation of religious literature is one of the prime factors in the formation and growth of religious sentiment. This fact is sufficient argument for all Christians to enter heartily upon every measure that promises a result so much to be desired. Upon every parent especially, does there rest a serious responsibility to furnish to their children the purest and best books and papers in their reach. The times in which we live are prolific of bright, charming religious books and papers of high grade, and this literature is so cheap as to be within the means of the poorest. The household in which is found no good books and no religious paper, is a household in which influences for the highest good are lost.

Your committee specially commend our home paper "THE ALABAMA BAPTIST." This excellent paper is devoted to the interests of the Baptists in Alabama. If we read its pages we keep in touch with the great enterprises of our denomination in the State, besides learning much of the doings of the great Baptist family in the world. No Baptist family should be without this exponent of our principles.

We commend the Sunday School literature of the Kind Words series, as well as the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society.

Your committee rejoices in the continued success of our colporteur, Eld. T. B. Fargason. As he moves among the people he scatters broadcast many good books, tracts, etc. In this work he deserves, as he doubtless receives, the support and sympathy of our people.

We call special attention to the Foreign Mission Journal, published by

the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., and the Home Field, published by the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga. These papers ought to be extensively circulated among our people.

N. D. DENSON, Ch'n.

35. On motion to adopt the report, discussion was invited upon the subject of Education in connection therewith. President McNeill, of LaFayette College, was invited to address the body, and on being presented made some appropriate remarks on the subject.

36. Pending the discussion the Association adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

37. Prayer by Eld. Thos. B. Fargarson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

38. The body was called to order and prayer was offered by Rev. R. T. Bentley.

39. The report on Religious Literature was adopted.

40. The report on Sunday Schools was read :

Your committee on Sunday Schools beg to submit the following report: We have not been able to get the exact statistics from the letters sent up to this session, but feel encouraged to believe that the increase of schools, teachers and pupils is far in advance of any preceding session. We believe that the Sunday School is an important work of the church and Baptists should see to it that these schools are kept up in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. L. BELL, Ch'n.

41. After discussion by Eld. E. F. Baber the report was adopted.

42. The report on Bible and Colportage was read, as follows :

Committee on Colportage and Bible Work submit the following: There is no more important work than the circulation of the Scriptures of Divine Truth and good and sound religious literature. And it is a source of congratulation that our people are the only denomination of Christians that are doing anything in that department of Christian work in this part of the country. We are proud to say to you that the work, as conducted by Bro. Fargarson has been, and is quite a success as the following summary of his work will show, and we recommend that this work be continued:

Days of service, 350; miles traveled, 2,464; sermons preached, 85; addresses made, 30; baptized by others in connection with his labors, 10; received by letter, 12; Sunday Schools addressed, 12; prayer meetings held, 1; churches visited, 56; families visited, 935; families destitute Bible, 65; Testaments donated, 39; Bibles donated, 14; value Bibles and Testaments donated, \$6.05; number books sold, 853; value books sold, \$579.65; Sunday Schools organized, 2; pages tracts distributed, 2,348. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. C. ROECK, Ch'n.

43. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Elds. T. B. Fargarson and John Cumbee.

44. The report was adopted.

45. The report on State of Religion was called for, but was not presented, and the topic was passed.

46. On motion, it was determined that union meetings, to partake of the character of "Ministers and Deacon's Institutes,"

should be held during the next association year as follows, the pastor and deacons of each church named to prepare and publish thirty days before the meeting, at their respective churches, a program :

At Dadeville; beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1890

At Camp Hill, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1890.

At Bethlehem, beginning on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1890. (It is the design of these meetings that ministers and deacons within our bounds, regardless of districts, be members of the meeting, and that members in good standing of any of our churches be recognized and enrolled as delegates. It is earnestly desired that these meetings be largely attended)

47. On motion, it was ordered that any member in good standing in any church within the bounds of the Association, be authorized to represent this body as a correspondent to any sister Association.

48. Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Fort Worth, Texas, on Friday, May 9th, 1890, were elected as follows : Elds. W. C. Bledsoe, John P. Shaffer, C. J. Burden.

49. Delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention to meet at Selma, Ala., on Friday, Nov. 8th, 1889, were elected as follows : Elds. John P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, Thomas B. Fargarson, J. P. Hunter, Z. D. Roby, C. J. Burden, John Cumbee, Bros. N. D. Denson, W. L. Hood, James Walker.

50. The report of the Committee on Nominations was read and adopted, as follows : Eld. Z. D. Roby, D. D., to preach the next Introductory Sermon; Eld. J. P. Shaffer, D. D., alternate. Executive Committee—W. D. Bulger, Chairman ; J. P. Shaffer, W. H. Payne, R. T. Parker, W. H. McIntosh, James Johnson.

51. The report of Finance Committee was read and adopted. (See close of proceedings.)

52. On motion, the Moderator was allowed to prepare and forward to the Secretary the standing committees to report at session of 1890. (See close of proceedings.)

53. On motion, it was decided to hold the session of 1890 with County Line Church.

54. On motion, the Secretary was allowed \$25 out of the Minute Fund for his services.

55. The following resolutions were adopted :

1. Resolved, That the churches are urgently requested to send up to the next session of this body a special contribution for Howard College.

2. Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the New Hope Church and the citizens of Fredonia and vicinity for their kind and generous hospitality.

56. The Association, on motion to adjourn, joined in singing "Sweet Bye and Bye" and in extending the hand of parting.

57. Prayer was offered by Eld. Thomas B. Fargarson.

58. The Moderator declared the East Liberty Baptist Associa-

tion adjourned to meet with County Line Church on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1890.

J. P. SHAFFER, MODERATOR.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Secretary.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

To our Sister Associations: We have gladly received your messengers and enjoyed their presence. We have authorized any of our members in good standing who may find it in their power to attend your meetings, to bear our fraternal greetings to you and to assure you of our sympathy and prayers on your behalf. Our session has been one of great harmony and we rejoice in the continued prosperity of the Master's cause within our bounds. May He bless the labors of His servants everywhere.

JOHN P. SHAFFER, Moderator.

PLEDGES FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

Antioch.....	\$ 75.00
Beulah.....	5.00
Bethlehem.....	60.00
Bethel (Lee).....	No pledge
Bethel (Chambers).....	No pledge
Cusseta.....	100.00
County Line.....	75.00
Comp Hill.....	60.00
Dadeville.....	125.00
Eagle Creek.....	20.00
Farmville.....	25.00
Fellowship.....	20.00
Hickory Flat.....	15.00
Lystra.....	No pledge
Liberty.....	15.00
Lebanon.....	25.00
LaFayette.....	200.00
Milltown.....	65.00
Mt. Zion.....	10.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	100.00
New Hope.....	60.00
Providence.....	100.00
Pleasant Ridge.....	25.00
Roanoke.....	125.00
Rock Spring (Chambers).....	50.00
Rock Spring (Tallapoosa).....	10.00
Shiloh.....	10.00
Sandy Creek.....	25.00
Tallapoosa.....	30.00
Total.....	\$1460.00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee makes the following report. The churches have sent up to this Association, as follows:

For Home Missions.....	\$ 198.20
For Foreign Missions.....	368.50
For State Missions.....	657.98
For Bible and Colportage.....	17.40
For Ministerial Education.....	128.69
For Aged and Infirm Ministers.....	51.65
For Church extension.....	29.07
For American Baptist Publication Society.....	17.90
For Howard College.....	256.50
For Judson Institute.....	25.00
For Minutes.....	67.80

Total.....\$1831.69

We have examined your Treasurer's report and find it correct.

W. R. DAWSON, Ch'n.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.

	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Col- portage.	Ministerial Education.	Aged and In- firm Ministers.	Church Extension.	American Bap- tist Pub. Society.	Howard College and Judson In- stitute.	Minutes.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Total.
Antioch.....	7 50	7 56	25 00	2 90	5 00	5 00		5 00		2 50	38 41	17 95	55 96
Beulah.....	11 75	10 11	10 75		1 54					1 70	3 65	20 20	32 85
Bethlehem.....	6 70	10 00	27 90		5 00			2 90	6 50	3 00	39 09	22 91	62 00
Bethel (Cham.).....		9 00								2 00		11 00	11 00
Bethel (Lee).....													
Cusseta.....	23 88	32 89	52 25							1 50	52 07	49 43	101 50
County Line.....	10 00	55 00	26 00	2 50	7 50	10 00			30 00	4 00	36 00	169 00	145 00
Camp Hill.....	7 30	7 86	30 20	2 00	20 00	4 65	15 07		20 00	5 00	30 20	9 86	40 06
Dadeville.....	4 00	20 00	56 30	2 00						1 25	101 32	46 00	150 32
Fagle Creek.....	3 90	3 90	33 30		3 90					3 00	26 90	21 10	48 00
Farmville.....	3 00	8 00	6 00							1 85	18 85	18 85	18 85
Fellowship.....	5 00		10 00							1 65	16 65	16 65	16 65
Hickory Flat.....	28 27	47 03	85 12		10 00	5 00			15 00	3 00	86 16	107 26	198 42
LaFayette.....		3 50	5 00		3 00	5 00				1 50		15 00	15 00
Lystra.....	1 00	4 00	10 00	2 50	3 00	2 50	2 00			3 00	4 00	11 00	15 00
Liberty.....	2 00									3 00		28 00	28 00
Lebanon.....	5 00	25 00	10 00		15 00					3 00		58 00	58 00
Milltown.....										1 50		5 50	5 50
Mt Zion.....	10 00	15 95	53 15		15 00	4 00		10 00	50 00	3 00	103 15	57 95	161 13
Mt Pleasant.....	10 00	40 00	10 00							2 00	5 81	56 19	62 00
New Hope.....	29 00	16 35	67 85	5 00	6 30	5 00				3 00	31 05	91 08	123 03
Provident.....		5 00	12 00		1 50	1 50				2 00	9 45	12 55	22 00
Pleasant Ridge.....	20 00	50 00	57 00	2 50	122 50	10 00	12 00		\$160 00	5 00	278 65	320 35	309 00
Roanoke.....	4 90	25 35	24 62		14 45					1 00	4 27	67 03	71 22
Rock Spring (G.).....	4 00		4 00							1 00		11 50	11 00
Rock Spring (T.).....	5 00		5 00							1 80		11 50	11 50
Shiloh.....		3 00	10 00		6 00	6 00				1 85	6 00	30 35	30 35
Sandy Creek.....		5 00	15 00							1 50		26 30	26 30
Talapooza.....		5 00											
Totals.....	\$ 198 20	\$ 368 50	\$ 657 98	\$ 17 40	\$ 138 69	\$ 54 65	\$ 29 67	\$ 17 90	\$ 281 50	\$ 67 80	\$ 856 21	\$ 975 48	\$ 1,881 69

\$25.00 of this amount for the new Judson building. \$2.50 of this amount for education of colored preachers.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Membership.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.
Antioch.....	3	1	7	6	1	184	10	90	
Beulah.....	16	1	5	7	1	125	7	70	
Bethlehem.....	24	8	6	1	1	113	.....	.....
*Bethel (Lee).....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	.....
Bethel (Cham.).....	1	9	1	4	1	95	.....	.....
Cusseta.....	2	5	1	1	1	65	4	30	
County Line.....	7	9	14	3	2	232	10	48	
Camp Hill.....	.....	16	1	1	.....	41	4	53
Dadeville.....	9	.....	7	.....	.....	114	7	110
Eagle Creek.....	10	2	5	1	1	107	2	60	
Farmville.....	5	5	45	.....	.....	94	4	30
Fellowship.....	4	4	8	4	1	110	4	55	
Hickory Flat.....	5	2	2	.....	.....	27	.....	.....
Lystra.....	1	.....	3	2	.....	61	.....	.....
Liberty.....	5	.....	18	.....	.....	56	2	25
Lebanon.....	7	9	1	.....	1	127	4	46
La Fayette.....	4	11	1	9	1	126	11	80	
Milltown.....	5	5	1	10	7	151	4	75	
Mt. Zion.....	1	.....	7	3	.....	50	.....	.....
Mt. Pleasant.....	4	3	1	8	.....	91	4	30
New Hope.....	10	10	1	8	1	151	4	45	
Providence.....	15	2	4	.....	.....	90	4	35
Pleasant Ridge.....	.....	1	9	1	2	71	4	40
Roanoke.....	7	26	2	2	2	164	8	96	
Rock Spring (C.).....	29	3	1	8	3	237	7	50	
Rock Spring (T.).....	10	1	1	1	.....	41	3	50
Shiloh.....	3	.....	5	1	.....	36	.....	.....
Sandy Creek.....	.....	2	6	9	3	90	3	50
Tallapoosa.....	14	5	1	5	.....	90	5	50
Totals.....	188	109	15	235	49	22	3,013	115	1,218

*Last year's figures.

RECAPITULATION.—Baptized, 188; By Letter, 109; Restored, 15; Dismissed by Letter, 235; Excluded, 49; Dead, 22; Total Membership, 3,013; S. S. Teachers, 115; S. S. Scholars, 1,218.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS AND POST-OFFICES.	CLERKS AND POST-OFFICES.	MEETING DAYS.
Antioch.....	Chambers	E. F. Baber, Natusluga, Ala.....	E. R. Clark, LaFayette, Ala.....	4
Beulah.....	Jac.....	E. T. Hudson, Auburn, Ala.....	W. M. Bass, Beulah, Ala.....	3
Bethlehem.....	Chambers	J. W. Hamner, Fredonia, Ala.....	B. T. Smith, Ossaminga, Ala.....	4
Bethel.....	Lee.....	W. H. Bedell, Waverly, Ala.....	J. W. Phinell, Waverly, Ala.....	1
.....	Chambers	J. C. Motley, Daviston, Ala.....	T. N. Jones, Welsh, Ala.....	2
.....	Chambers	W. E. Lloyd, Auburn, Ala.....	A. F. Stanley, Cusseta, Ala.....	2k4
County Lake.....	Chambers	C. J. Burden, Dudleyville, Ala.....	W. G. Jarrell, LaFayette, Ala.....	2
Camp Hill.....	Tallapoosa.	Z. D. Roby, Camp Hill, Ala.....	J. H. Mayne, Camp Hill, Ala.....	3
Dadeville.....	Tallapoosa.	J. P. Shaffer, Roanoke, Ala.....	W. C. McIntosh, Dadeville, Ala.....	2k4
Eagle Creek.....	Tallapoosa.	W. S. Brannon, Tehopeka, Ala.....	J. T. Shappard, Tehopeka, Ala.....	1
Farmville.....	Lee.....	E. F. Baber, Natusluga, Ala.....	J. I. Bedell, Auburn, Ala.....	2
Fellowship.....	Tallapoosa.	C. J. Burden, Dudleyville, Ala.....	W. C. Hunter, Butston, Ala.....	3
Hickory Flat.....	Chambers	M. J. Sorrells, Stroud, Ala.....	O. D. Worthy, Hickory Flat, Ala.....	3
Lystra.....	Chambers	John Cumbee, Stroud, Ala.....	W. H. Bachus, Five Points, Ala.....	2
Lebanon.....	Chambers	J. W. Hamner, Fredonia, Ala.....	F. M. Handley, Louisa, Ala.....	1
Milltown.....	Chambers	Geo. L. Bell, Jackson's Gap, Ala.....	Z. F. East, Dudleyville, Ala.....	2k4
.....	Chambers	W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala.....	G. E. Burnett, LaFayette, Ala.....	2
.....	Chambers	J. P. Hunter, LaFayette, Ala.....	J. W. Smith, Milltown, Ala.....	1
.....	Chambers	D. S. Duffey, Denver, Ala.....	J. W. Haralson, Denver, Ala.....	1
.....	Chambers	Z. D. Roby, Camp Hill, Ala.....	R. H. Bledsoe, Camp Hill, Ala.....	1
.....	Chambers	J. P. Hunter, LaFayette, Ala.....	H. A. Wimbush, Fredonia, Ala.....	4
.....	Chambers	W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala.....	J. R. Askew, West Point, Ga.....	1
Pleasant Ridge.....	Tallapoosa	W. A. Robertson, Dudleyville, Ala.....	W. C. Roek, Dudleyville, Ala.....	1k3
Roanoke.....	Randolph.....	J. P. Shaffer, Roanoke, Ala.....	H. M. Mick, Roanoke, Ala.....	1k3
Rock Spring.....	Chambers	W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala.....	J. C. Webb, LaFayette, Ala.....	3
Shiloh.....	Tallapoosa.	W. S. Brannon, Tehopeka, Ala.....	John Boon, Jackson's Gap, Ala.....	3
Sandy Creek.....	Tallapoosa.	M. J. Sorrells, Stroud, Ala.....	J. K. Carroll, Milltown, Ala.....	1
Tallapoosa.....	Tallapoosa.	C. J. Burden, Dudleyville, Ala.....	J. H. Sikes, Camp Hill, Ala.....	2
.....	Tallapoosa.	W. Wilkes, Sylvauga, Ala.....	J. M. Berry, Jackson's Gap, Ala.....	2

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Burden, C. J.	Dudleyville,	Ala.
Bledsoe, W. C.	LaFayette,	"
Bell, G. L.	Jackson's Gap,	"
Brannon, W. S.	Tehopeka,	"
Cumbee, J.	Stroud,	"
Duffee, D. S.	Denver,	"
Fargarson, T. B.	Dadeville,	"
Hamner, J. W.	Fredonia,	"
Hunter, J. P.	LaFayette,	"
McCarley, J. A.	LaFayette,	"
Moon, D. S.	Milltown,	"
Roby, Z. D.	Camp Hill,	"
Robertson, W. A.	Waverly,	"
Smith, A. S.	East Lake,	"
Sorrells, M. J.	Stroud,	"
Shaffer, John P.	Roanoke,	"

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Stroud, L. B.	Sturdevant,	"
Stodghill, J. R.	Chappell Hill,	"

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Berry, J. M.	Jackson's Gap,	"
Cook, C.	Fredonia,	"
Cooper, J. N.	Opelika,	"
Denson, N. D.	LaFayette,	"
Gann, T. J.	Camp Hill,	"
Handley, F. M.	Louina,	"
Humphrey, G. L.	Dadeville,	"
Hill, Geo. W.	Roanoke,	"
Hood, T. J.	LaFayette,	"
Johnson, J. H.	Dadeville,	"
Rotton, J. M.	Miltown,	"
Roeck, W. C.	Dadeville,	"
Shealey, C. A.	West Point,	Ga.
Shealey, Geo. W.	Cusseta,	Ala.
Talbot, I. T.	Dudleyville,	"
Walker, B. H.	Camp Hill,	"

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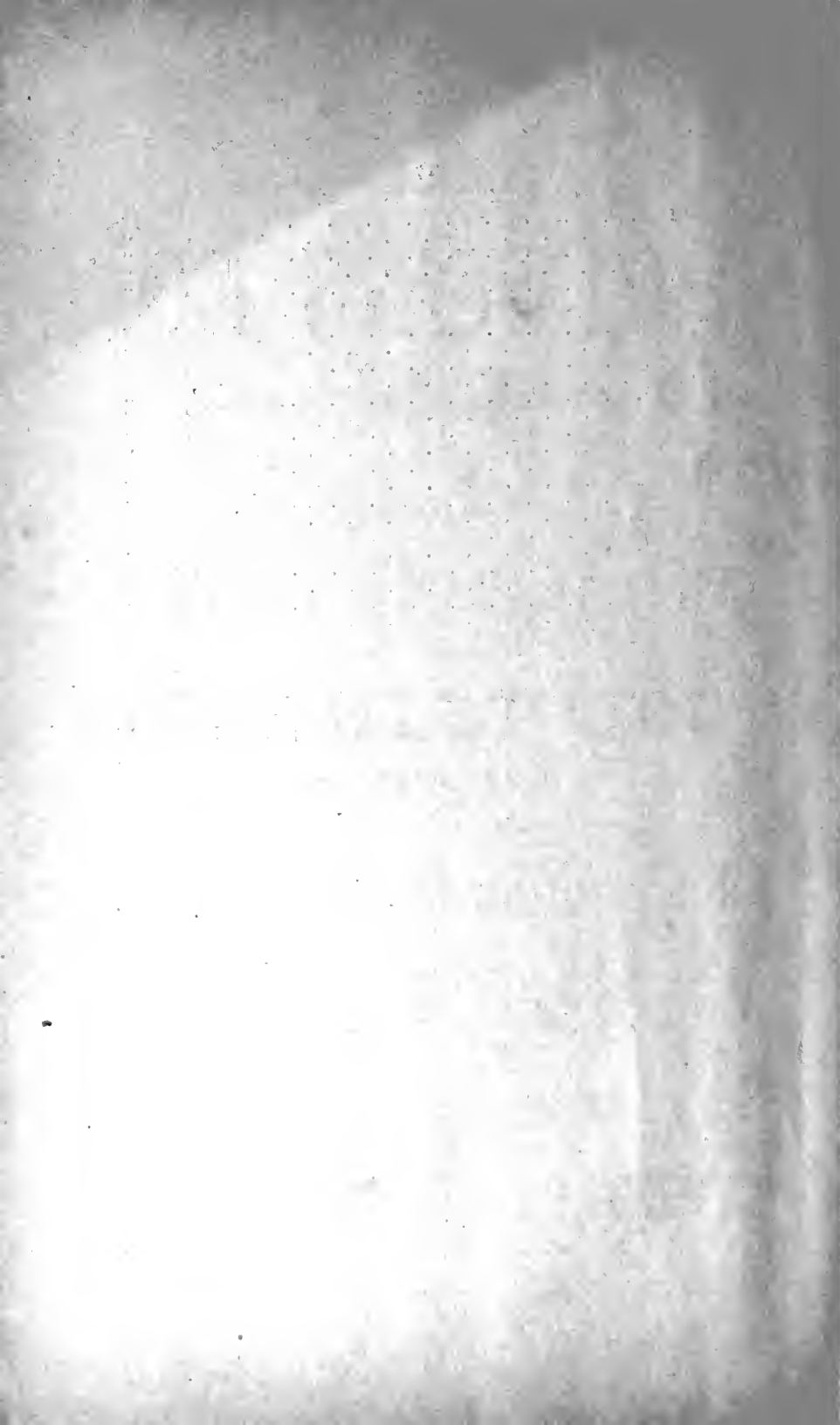
NOTES FROM THE LETTERS.

A careful reading of the letters show that the general condition of our churches is better than ever before in our history. New houses of worship have been, or are in process of building, or repairing, by the churches at LaFayette, County Line, Sandy Creek, Mt. Zion, Fellowship, Rock Spring (Tallapoosa,) and the Camp Hill brethren hope to build within the coming year. Prayer meetings and Sunday Schools are reported from more churches than ever before. Sunday School statistics are, however, incomplete. The Ladies' Aid Societies at Roanoke, LaFayette and County Line are doing good work. Interest in education and mission is surely increasing.

(At next session churches are entitled to send up vouchers for all money paid Howard College or Judson Institute. A column will be put in the blank letters for that purpose.)

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