

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

BETHEL CHURCH TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, ALA.,

Commencing October 6th, 1891.

Deacon W. G. Robertson, Moderator, Carrollton, Ala.

Elder M. G. Lofton, Clerk, Gregory, Ala.

The next session will be held with Spring Hill church, Lamar County, Alabama, commencing on Tuesday before the 2nd Sabbath in October, 1892.

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MINUTES.

The Fifty-Sixth Annual Session of the UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION was held with the Bethel Baptist church, Tuscaloosa Co., Ala., commencing Tuesday, October 13, 1891, at 10 o'clock a. m. The former Moderator and Clerk being absent Deacon J. P. Barnett was chosen Moderator and M. G. Lofton Clerk pro tem. The body was then formally called to order, and the session opened with devotional exercises. Brethren W. G. Robertson and J. G. Apsey read the letters, and the names of delegates present were enrolled, as follows :

FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—D O Baird, W P Huff, J R Cox. Liberty—J B Small.
Mt. Pleasant—J S Free, A D Jones. Fellowship—J W Kerr, W Pearson, A P Hodo
Spring Hill—L H Hendrix, J T Blalock.
Millport—W C Williams. Kennedy—S W Vice. New Salem—J A Estes.

SECOND DISTRICT.

McBee———. Arbor Springs—J R Abrams, A C Richardson, W C Branch.
Mineral Spring—J W Cox, L C Abrams. Oak Ridge—Not represented.
Spring Hill—Not represented. Hebron—J A Pearson.
Big Creek—J N Mullins, A J Allen. Cross Roads—E Herrell, W T Leonard.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Pickensville—T P Chapman, E P Ezell, J E White.
Carrollton—W G Robertson, M B Curry. Ebenezer—C W Free, A T Wood, T H.
Noland. Unity—J E Corder, W W Maughan. Enon—A A Ball.
Mt. Zion—Cal Upchurch. Prairie—R D Leavell, T W Gray.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Forest—M C Hudgins, J W Upchurch. Shiloh—Not represented.
Chalcedony—J D Hamner, J T Burroughs, J W Channeil.
Nazareth—Not represented. Beulah—J G Apsey, J T Smith, A P Smith.
Bethel—R D Lucius, A C Robertson. New Hope—J M Smith, J P Barnett,
Zion—J H Pate, T M Pate. Grant's Creek—N G Holley, R H Foster.

The Association was organized by electing W. G. Robertson Moderator, and M. G. Lofton Clerk. The address of Brother Robertson on assuming the chair was clear, terse, and struck the key note of the meeting—work for the Master.

On motion, adopted Order of Business provided by the committee on program. On motion, of Bro. M. B. Curry, suspended order of business and passed a resolution expressive of the sentiment of this body for Elder S. Hildreth, the retiring Moderator.

Resolved, That we, the Union Baptist Association, tender our hearty thanks to Elder S. Hildreth for his faithful services as Moderator of this body, and that we deeply deplore the fact that his health is such as to render his being present at the meeting

of this body an impossibility; and that we desire to express the hope that God will be a refuge and strength to his declining years, and that his last days may be his best.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by the appointee, M. G. Lofton. Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and engaged in devotional exercises. On a call for Correspondence the following messengers from other bodies presented themselves and were cordially welcomed by the Moderator, namely:

Sipsey Association—A M Mills, J W Mitchell, J W Shirley, J. Smith.

Tuscaloosa Association—Elder J H Curry.

State Mission Board—W B Crumpton, Cor. Sec.

Home Mission Board—John G. Apsey.

As a resolution, "That any member of this body be authorized to represent us by bearing a copy of our Minutes," was adopted at our last meeting, no formal appointments were made.

Appointed the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—L C Abrams, A J Allen, W F Leonard, Pastor and Deacons of Bethel church.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—J E White, A A Ball, A C Robertson.

On Publications—J M Smith, J E Corder, T M Pate.

On Nominations—R H Foster, M C Hudgins, J H Heritage.

On Appointment to Churches—E P Ezell, J W Park, J A Pearson.

On Documents—J T Smith, M B Curry, T H Noland.

On Deceased Deacons—N G Holly, S S Thornton, W C Williams.

On Finance—Dr. A P Smith. Rep. J W Cox.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

On Bible and Colportage Work—J P Park, S W Vice, H G Mitchell.

On Sabbath Schools—N G Holly, John A Pearson, H B Chappelle, Jr.

On Temperance—Jas. B Hodo, W T Walker, R S Hamilton.

On Education—Elder J E White, M B Curry, J W Cox

On Missions—Elder J B Small, E P Ezell, A C Richardson.

On Church Building—S S Thornton, L C Abrams, T P Chapman.

On Order of Business—M B Curry, M G Lofton.

On Centennial of Missions.—John G Apsey, Dr. A P Smith, Elder J B Small, M L Stansel. A P Hodo.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bethlehem, T B Branch; Liberty, John W Harris; Mt. Pleasant, W B Hicks; Fellowship, Benj. Pearson; Spring Hill, L. C., O E Wooten; Millport, W C Williams; Kennedy, S W Vice; New Salem, Elder J A Estes; McBee, D Holcombe; Arbor Spring, J O Abrams; Mineral Spring, J W Cox; Oak Ridge, Dr. H L Williams; Spring Hill, P. C., C D Harper; Hebron, John A Pearson; Big Creek, U E Allen; Cross Roads, W D Allen; Pickensville, E P Ezell; Carrollton, M B Curry; Ebenezer, B F Noland; Unity, Enoch Easterling; Enon, W A Hines; Mt. Zion, Calvin Upchurch; Prairie, M B Taylor; Forest, John Upchurch; Shiloh, A P Smith; Chalcedony, Elder J D Hamner; Nazareth, J F Marlow; Bethel, J P Park; Benlah, S S Thornton; New Hope, J M Smith; Zion, T M Pate; Grant's Creek, R H Foster.

Report of District Meetings:

FIRST DISTRICT—The next session to be held with Millport church, Lamar county, commencing on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in July, 1892. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. W. Dunaway; alternate, J. S. Wooten. Missionary Sermon by Elder J. B. Small; alternate, J. A. Estes.

Query 1. Is the spirit of Sabbath Schools the spirit of Missions?

Query 2. The effect of home and Sabbath School training on church life and work.

Query 3. The duty of the church in support of the pastor.

Query 4. A growth in grace and how to obtain it.

Query 5. The effects of reading bad literature.

Essay. Influence of Sabbath Schools on home culture and government, J. B. Hodo.

SECOND DISTRICT—No report.

THIRD DISTRICT—The next session will be held with Mt. Zion church Saturday before the 3rd Sabbath in August, 1892, at 9 a. m. Introductory sermon by Eld. J. E. White; alternate, Eld. M. G. Lofton. Missionary sermon by Eld. S. Hildreth; alternate, Eld. C. Johnson.

Query 1. Is an unmarried man a proper person to be made a deacon? H. L. Robertson.

2. What is conversion? Eld. C. Johnson.

3. Is it right to grant letters of dismissal for any other purpose than change of location? M. B. Taylor.

4. Is it Biblical to have strict church discipline. Thos. Atteberry.

Essay 1. Christian love. Miss B. Stapp.

2. Temperance. Miss Julia Long.

3. Truth. Miss Mamie Owings.

4. Importance of prayer-meetings. H. B. Chappelle, Jr.

5. Brotherly love. D. C. Hodo.

6. Religious literature. C. Upchurch.

P. S. Eight dollars were collected for missions and the District failing to dispose of it, I turned it over to the Executive Committee as heretofore' W. P. PEDEN, Clerk,

FOURTH DISTRICT—The next session to be held with Zion church commencing on Friday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1892. Introductory Sermon by Elder J. G. Thornton; alternate, Elder J. L. Ray. Missionary Sermon by Elder C. Johnson; alternate, J. G. Apsey.

Query 1, What ought to be done with a member of the church who persistently refuses to contribute to the support of or to the furtherance of Christ's kingdom? J. A. Maharry, J. M. Smith.

Query 2. Is the giving for Missions an evidence of grace? J. W. Edwards, J. G. Davis.

3. What is faith? J. A. Leavell, Thomas Pate.

4. Why should church members exhibit christian love one for another? Stephen Marcum, S. S. Thornton

5. The importance of family prayer. J. W. Park, T. A. Stewart.

Report of Bible and Colportage Work—Pending which the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be empowered to obtain from the Bible and Colportage Board, Bibles and religious literature, and to dis-

tribute them in the best manner possible. Also a report on preaching. In the absence of Bro. J. W. Dunaway Bro. W. B. Crumpton be requested to preach the Missionary Sermon on Wednesday, 11 a. m.

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

A board for the prosecution of Bible and Colportage has been established by our State Convention, and located at Opelika, Ala. Bro. J. B. Collier is the worthy and efficient Secretary and Treasurer of that Board. All kinds of Baptist literature and religious books can be obtained from this Board on as good terms as elsewhere. The religious education of our people is one of the essential elements of the success of our cause. Our people ought to read wholesome Baptist literature that they may be better enabled to combat the multiplicity of errors and heresies of the day, as well as for their individual edification. We should encourage the Board by our contributions and patronage in the work in which it is engaged.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Chm.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises—Bible reading, prayer and praise.

Suspended order of business to read a letter from Bro. H. B. Chappelle, and, on motion, appointed committee to draft resolutions in regard thereto. Committee: J. G. Apsey, J. W. Cox, W. C. Williams.

Report on Missions—Pending which Brethren D. I Purser, financial secretary Howard College and representative of the Sabbath School Board S. B. C., C. W. Hare, of the Alabama Baptist, Elder J. M. Chism, of the Sipsey Association were welcomed as messengers of their respective bodies; and Brother Crumpton preached in the house and Brother Curry at the stand. At the close of the sermons missionary collections, amounting to \$113.00, were taken. Adjourned till 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30. Devotional exercises. Resumed discussion of the subject of Missions. During the discussion a joint letter to the Union Baptist Association from Mrs. M. F. Crawford and Miss Mary J. Thornton of Tung Chow, China, was read, and is as follows:

TUNG CHOW, CHINA, July 21, 1891.

To the Union Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—We greet you across the Pacific, though we cannot be with you in person, we can meet with you around one common mercy seat and ask God's richest blessings on your assembly. Both of us were formerly members of your body. A little more than a year ago one of us bade many of you good-bye in the building where you are now gathered, the other has been absent from you for about forty years. We trust that you may have a harmonious meeting and that much good may be done for the Master's cause. We come before you in behalf of these Chinese people, who sit in darkness and in sin; trusting that our request may have your prayerful consideration.

In this province alone, which is something larger than Alabama, there are about 36,000,000 people—more than twenty-eight times its population. For this vast number of heathens we Southern Baptists have only eleven missionaries—four men and seven women—to teach them the Gospel. Think of it! over 3,000,000 to the missionary. Besides, two of the eleven missionaries have passed the

meridian of life and several of the others are not yet prepared for active service.

There are among our Southern Baptists God-called men and women waiting to be sent to this and other fields. Shall they wait in vain? There may be some among you whom God has chosen for this work. If so let no obstacle which you can remove remain in the way of their coming.

Now, what we ask is this: That you adopt and support some family already on the field or one that will be forth-coming; if not a family, then a single missionary. Can not the 2166 Baptists of your Association do this? Let this question be put to the various churches composing your body for action next year, the centennial of modern Baptist missions. We come not asking for money to build church-houses, support schools, employ native preachers and Bible women, all of which we consider to be the work of the people when converted, but we come asking you to send us more men and women to go from house to house, village to village, city to city preaching Christ to lost and dying men. Shall we not heed our Savior's command and give the gospel to every creature? May God's richest blessings rest and abide with you. Yours in the love of Christ.

M. F. CRAWFORD,
M. J. THORNTON.

This stirring and pathetic appeal being read, on motion of Bro. James Smith, a committee of five were appointed to consider the request of the sisters and report at 11 o'clock a. m. Thursday. Committee: James T. Smith, J. G. Apsey, R. H. Foster, Dr. A. P. Smith, Elder J. E. White. The report was then adopted.

Report on Missions:

To the Union Baptist Association:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your Committee on Missions beg leave to report: That in their judgment the subject of missions is and ought to be the one great object of all true hearted christians;—that the very word Gospel in its meaning "Glad Tidings" implies that missionary efforts should be put forth. It is a duty required of us by our blessed Savior in that last command: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature". Mission work is retroactive. It not only carries good to those beyond, but invigorates and strengthens those who work and give for its promotion. Mission work with us is divided into three classes, namely: State, Home and Foreign. By State missions, we mean that part of the work done in our own state of Alabama. Of course its leading and governing idea is the spread of the Gospel; this is being done by establishing in the many new centers of industry, which are rapidly springing up in our state, Baptist churches, helping the feeble, struggling churches to retain the foothold already gained. Supplementing pastors salaries, at important points—endeavoring by their efforts to check the spread of isms and infidelity which foreigners are bringing into our midst.

The State Mission Board employed last year 48 missionaries, but needed many more, to meet the demands made upon it. That much good has been accomplished, the report of the secretary to the state convention plainly shows: 1883 members were received, 39 Sunday schools organized, 15 churches constituted, 24 meeting houses commenced, 7 meeting houses finished. Let us do more to encourage the board by giving to it, as the Lord hath prospered us.

The Home Board located at Atlanta, Ga., includes all of what is called the Southern States, the Indian Territory, and the Island of Cuba. 407 missionaries were employed by this Board last year. They report baptisms 5,349, received by letter 4,638, total addition 9,987. Sunday Schools organized 424, churches constituted 244, homes of worship built 143. In Cuba alone, the hot bed of Romanism, we find that our God has blessed the labors of Diaz and his collaborators during the past year. Baptisms reported 210, church buildings 3, churches organized 7. But as with the State Mission so with this—the Macedonian cry is heard—"Come over and help us," but alas! the response can not be made—we will, for lack of means. Brethren heed the cry.

The Foreign Mission Board occupies at present the following fields: Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Japan, Africa and China. Additions reported during the year 411. Many might say what a small result, but could we realize the depths of ignorance and superstition into which these people are sunken we would take heart, and thank God that this much has been accomplished. What the Mission cause at this day is in need of—is more means. There must be more, and richer gifts upon God's altar. The centennial of missions is upon us—1892—100 years ago Baptists started their first missionary enterprise. The Boards call on us for more liberal gifts. Let us as servants of the most high God, as brethren of the Lord Jesus Christ, awake, put forth our strength, and with prayers and alms come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

JOHN G. APSEY, Chm.

The Circular Letter was then read and ordered to be entered on the Minutes.

The report on Education was read, and, by request of Dr. D. I. Purser, discussion was postponed till 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

Report on Sabbath Schools, adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

There was a time when it was necessary not only to urge upon our people the importance of Sabbath Schools but even to answer arguments brought against them. Your committee are profoundly thankful to be able to state that we believe that day forever past. We know of no church, no individual even, in a Missionary Baptist church, opposed to this important work. Throughout the entire South the idea of its vast importance is beginning to penetrate the minds of the masses of our people, and has enlisted more and more christian hearts to enter prayerfully and earnestly into the work. Its interests and demands are constantly growing upon us. So great have the calls and needs of our denomination South been multiplied that our last Southern Baptist convention found it necessary to create a Sabbath School Board, with enlarged powers, to take charge of its great interests; and it now stands side by side with our great Mission Boards and ranks with them fully in importance and vital interests. It is to furnish us with suitable literature for our schools—and the Kind Words Series, adapted to our wants, will now be published under the auspices of this Board. It examines and recommends suitable books for our Sabbath School literature, to be read by our people young and old, and lists of them are to be sent to our denominational papers for publication, and recommended for acceptance. This Board, composed of some of the wisest and purest christian men, will help us in our schools, and it is our duty to help it in its work. Let us stand by this Board and give it every facility in our power for success. Let us organize Sabbath Schools in every church. Let every member of the church, old and young, that can, meet in Sabbath School and engage in the study of God's word and try to impart a zeal and interest to others in the work. Let us make out and send up to our S. S. Convention correct statistics of our schools to be reported to this Board through our Minutes, that they may form some idea of our wants and be prepared to meet them. If we are united and strong in this work, as we should be, God will bless it and its grand results can only be revealed by eternity. For statistics of our schools we refer you to the minutes of the S. S. Convention. We have had no access to them. We regret to say that one or two churches report no Sabbath Schools. But the work is progressing, and we have 1,000 or 1,200 persons engaged every Sabbath in the study of the scriptures.

R. H. FOSTER, Chm.

Report on Church Building, adopted.

REPORT ON CHURCH BUILDING.

We recommend to the association to raise a fund to be known as "The Church Building Fund" to be subject to the order of the executive committee, to aid poor and struggling churches in building houses of worship; said funds to be turned over to the treasurer of the Executive Board.

T. P. CHAPMAN, Chm.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises. Prayer by Elder J. D. Hammer and C. W. Hare. Under the head of miscellaneous business the committee, appointed, reported the following resolution:

Your committee to whom the letter of Elder H. B. Chappelle was referred beg leave to report the following resolution in regard to the same:

Resolved, That this association fully appreciates the services of Bro. H. B. Chappelle as clerk for 23 years. And that we tender him our thanks for the faithful manner with which he has performed its duties and pray that, when our Heavenly Father calls him hence he may receive the plaudit "well done good and faithful servant."

J. G. APSEY, Chm.

The special hour for the discussion of the report on Education having arrived, the subject was ably presented in an instructive speech by Bro. D. I. Purser, at the close of which a collection for Howard College dormitories, amounting to \$221.00, was taken. The report was then adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The importance of an Education is no longer doubted by any one, and the truth is unquestioned, though frequently inconsistently acted upon, that an education when properly directed proves to be the richest legacy that a parent can bequeath to a child.

In view of the increasing demands and necessity for Christian Education, the great American Baptist Education Society is urging the creation and maintenance of academic institutions under denominational supervision—when the standard of instruction can be extended to that preparation necessary for entering the higher classes of our best colleges, or when that is not contemplated, to engage at once in the active business of life. Such a class of schools is now sadly needed in our country school districts. Such a system would command the highest grade of teachers, men and women who possess not only high scholarship, but skill, enthusiasm and devotion to the cause of education, combined with refined, elevating christian influences. In this way can our children be taught that loyalty to the principles of our denomination which need fostering and developing

Last session closed one of the most successful years in the history of Howard college. There were more than 170 students enrolled, the main building with two brick dormitories were completed and other handsome brick buildings are now in course of erection. In its new home, in spite of the hard times, its success has been marvelous, having eclipsed anything in its passed history, and its prospects are still brightening. Our ministerial board, by aid of the denomination, sustained about 35 ministerial students. The President reports that the relative number this year is unusually small. Brethren, why is this? The demand for an educated ministry is increasing. Are we increasing our contributions for the cause in proportion to the demand? From the report of the Finance committee of 1890 to this association we see that the small sum of \$31.95 was contributed to ministerial education. In view of the general demand for an educated ministry, should not this association with its 32 churches at once

take steps to raise \$150 for ministerial education—to be known as the Ministerial Fund of the Union Association—to be raised annually, and to be used for the support of ministerial students from this Association, or for the support of others when he have none within our own bound. Brethren, more ministers, and better ministers are the great want of the church and no question of great importance can be pondered, with reference to the welfare of our churches, than that which connects itself with the proper filling up of the ranks of the ministry. No object is more important than the training of our young ministry. By developing men, missions and all other good causes are promoted. The Ministerial Institute, gotten up and directed by Dr. D. I. Purser in the college, has been a success and we commend it to the ministers of this association.

Our Female Institutions, the Judson at Marion, and the Central at Tuscaloosa have reopened under the most favorable auspices and our denomination is fortunate in having these schools for the education of our daughters presided over by such distinguished educators as Dr. S. W. Averett of the Judson and Prof. Epps of the Central. Brethren in behalf of Christian education we earnestly appeal that your contributions be in proportion to the increased demand.

A. P. SMITH, Chm.

Report of Executive Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee reports that they held a meeting in April, 1891, and decided to employ an evangelist for three months and a committee of three were appointed to correspond with and select such evangelist. The committee appointed, employed Bro. H. C. Hurley, a student of the Howard college, who entered upon the work visiting all the churches, taking up collections for missions and holding revival meetings. Bro. Hurley did an efficient, faithful work—his revival services resulted in the strengthening of the churches and the conviction and awakening of sinners. Bro. Hurley's services as evangelist were highly satisfactory to your committee. Your committee would further report that we have collected \$239.02 for missions and remitted to the various boards \$214.81 leaving a balance on hand of \$15.21; and we further report that the present method of our churches in delaying their collections until the meeting of the association renders it impossible for your committee to keep books in a businesslike manner, or to make a full report of the finances of the Association. We also recommend that the churches adopt the system of taking up their collections quarterly and remitting either the cash or vouchers to the treasurer of your committee.

H. L. WILLIAMS, Chm.

The special hour for the report of the committee on the appeal of Mrs. M. F. Crawford and Miss Mary J. Thornton having arrived, the report was read and adopted.

Your committee to whom was referred the joint letter of sisters Crawford and Thornton, our missionaries to China, beg leave to report the following preamble and resolution:

WHEREAS, We as an Association are deeply gratified to know, that though far away from us in heathen lands "working for the Master" that they have remembered us; that we appreciate the high opinion they have for us, in calling upon us to sustain a missionary, and that after investi-

gating we find that the amount necessary for the support of a single missionary to be about \$600. Therefore be it

Resolved 1. That this Association will do its utmost to raise that amount.

2. That the Apportionment committee take this matter in hand, and apportion the amount necessary to the different churches forming this Association.

3. That the fund shall be called the Mary J. Thorton Mission Fund-- and all amounts raised for this object be forwarded to the Treasurer of this Association.

JOHN G. APSEY, Chm.

Report of the Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Union Baptist Association for 1891.

CHURCHES.	General Fund.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage	Miss Thorton Fund.	Total.
Bethlehem.. . . .	5 20	5 80						3 50	14 50
Liberty.		13 10				5 00			18 10
Mount Pleasant..		2 50	5 00	2 50					10 00
Fellowship... . .	8 15								8 15
Spring Hill, Lamar		7 40				4 00			11 40
Millport	5 50								5 50
Kennedy		7 50		7 50					15 00
New Salem.		1 25	75	2 00					4 00
Arbor Springs....	4 10	3 05						1 50	8 65
Mineral Springs..	12 00								12 00
Oak Ridge... . .		1 70							1 70
Spring Hill, Pickens		3 70	2 50	2 50	2 50	2 50		1 35	15 05
Hebron.	9 05	3 45							12 50
Big Creek	15 00							3 30	18 30
Cross Roads.....	5 00	35						2 50	7 85
Pickensville.. . . .	31 50							2 35	33 85
Carrollton		20 00	10 00	11 10	6 71	1 29	1 00	4 10	54 10
Ebenezer..	2 85	1 10							3 95
Unity	11 30								11 30
Enon	11 90	7 35							19 25
Mt. Zion.	3 25	5 30							8 55
Prairie.....		5 00		2 20				2 40	9 60
Forest			5 05	5 05					10 10
Shiloh		85							85
Chalcedony.		3 25		2 50					5 75
Bethel		22 05	7 65	16 21	5 00		2 39	10 85	64 15
Beulah		24 10	9 00	12 50	2 00		1 38	9 15	58 13
New Hope.....		5 00	5 00	5 00					15 00
Zion		5 00							5 00
Grant's Creek		24 35	22 50	20 25	21 00				88 10
Second District....	7 10								7 10
Third District....	8 10								8 10
S. S. Convention...			15 00						15 00
L. A. Society, Car.				4 66					4 66
“ Spring Hill		1 66 $\frac{2}{3}$	1 66 $\frac{2}{3}$	1 66 $\frac{2}{3}$					5 00
W G Robertson			5 00	5 00					10 00
Public Collection..	98 75								98 75
Undivided Fund...									
Total	235 75	181 96	89 11	100 53	37 21	12 79	4 77	42 40	70454

SUMMARY.

To balance on hand last report		\$ 1 36
To Amount received for State Missions.....	\$181 96 $\frac{2}{3}$	
“ “ “ “ Home Missions.....	89 11 $\frac{2}{3}$	
“ “ “ “ Foreign Missions.....	100 53 $\frac{2}{3}$	
“ “ “ “ Ministerial Education.....	37 21	
“ “ “ “ Indigent Ministers.....	12 79	
“ “ “ “ Bible and Colportage.....	4 77	
“ “ “ “ General Fund.....	235 75	
“ “ “ “ Miss Thornton Fund.....	42 40	
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	CR.	\$705 90
By Amount paid Postage and Stationery.....	\$ 4 55	
“ “ “ State Missions.....	235 00	
“ “ “ Foreign “.....	200 00	
“ “ “ Home “.....	135 00	
“ “ “ Ministerial Education.....	85 00	
“ “ “ Indigent Ministers.....	17 00	
“ “ “ Bible and Colportage.....	26 85	
“ “ “ Error.....	4 50	
		<hr/> 707 90
Balance due M. B. Curry, Sec'y & Treas.....		\$ 2 00
	M. B. CURRY, Treas. Ex. Board.	

Report on Temperance, adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

This body has made many deliverances on this subject, and we can but reiterate what has already been said. We are unalterably opposed to the traffic in intoxicating liquors as a beverage. It is the curse of the age. Its blighting hand is laid upon all that is sacred and good. In the hovels of the poor and the palaces of the rich alike, are found the victims of strong drink. The noble and the ignoble, the rich and the poor, the high and the low, all the classes and conditions of mankind are made to feel the awful consequences of the demon, strong drink. We believe that our churches, and individual members should use every legitimate means for its suppression; and that members of our churches who use intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or who lend their names or influence for the furtherance of the business should be dealt with according to the teachings of the New Testament.

D. O. BAIRD, Chm.

EVENING SESSION.

1:30 p. m. Devotional exercises. Report on Indigent Ministers was read, and, on motion, was so amended as to divide the money sent up for that purpose equally between Elder R. B. Wilkins and J. S. Wooten. It was then adopted.

Report on Periodicals, adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

Good and wholesome religious literature is an essential element in the education of our brotherhood in the doctrines of the christian religion. We believe it to be the duty of every christian to provide for himself and family such books and periodicals as will be promotive of their moral and christian character. They should see to it that books and periodicals pernicious in their teachings should never be permitted to enter their homes. We specially recommend the constant study of God's word and that every member of the family should be provided with a copy of the Bible. The Alabama Baptist, our State organ, the Foreign Mission Journal, and the Home Field, should find a place in every Baptist home. In our Sunday School work there is nothing superior to Kind Words series of help, and we most heartily endorse and recommend their use in all of our Sunday Schools

J. M. SMITH, Chm.

Suspended Order of Business to amend the Constitution. Bro. J. P. Barnett introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Constitution of the Union Association be so changed as to strike out that part of section 20 which reads, "and one to read a Circular Letter."

Report on Nominations, adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Next session to be held with Spring Hill church, Lamar county, Ala., commencing Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in October. Introductory sermon by Rev. Wm. Ashcraft; alternate, Rev. D. O. Baird. Missionary sermon by Rev. J. E. White; alternate, J. G. Apsey.

R. H. FOSTER, Chm.

The report on Apportionment was read, and recommitted with instructions to make it foot up seven hundred dollars.

Report on Documents, adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your committee on Documents beg leave to report, that after having examined the letters from the several churches we find nothing of importance to report. Some report as having had gracious revivals. The following churches have not been represented by letter, to-wit: McBee Creek, Oak Ridge, Spring Hill, Pickens county, Shiloh, Nazareth.

We find that the aggregate membership of all the churches reported, as compared with that of last year, shows an increase of 29. We recommend the return of corresponding messengers from this Association to the Sipsey Baptist Association. Also recommend that the resolution of thanks to Elder S. Hildreth for the efficient services rendered as moderator of this Association be spread upon the Minutes.

J. T. SMITH, Chm.

Report on Finance, adopted.

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

For State Missions	\$169 06	Amount brought forward..	\$472 26
" Home Missions	73 77	For Foreign Missions	94 97
" Ministerial Education ..	37 21	" Indigent Ministers	12 79
" Bible and Colportage	4 77	" General Fund	112 90
" Miss Thornton Fund	37 05	" Associational purposes ..	18 20
" Minutes	51 65	" Undivided Cash.....	4 15
Collection taken at Associatn	98 75		
Total.....	\$472 26	Total.....	\$715 27

Of which amount \$328.85 is in cash, the balance in vouchers.

J. W. COX, Chm.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons was read—the committee stating they had no data from which to speak in regard to Bro. Howell, and they would write as soon as proper records were furnished.

Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons beg leave to report that since the last session of this body we have sustained a great loss in the death of four of our worthy brethren, namely: Elders Jacob Parker and Elijah Howell, and deacons J. H. Taylor and Miles Pate. Bro. Parker joined Big Creek church, afterward moved to Mississippi, and while in that State he was ordained to the ministry. He was a faithful servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, a loving husband and kind father, and a member of Zion church; died Sept. 26, 1891. Deacon J. H. Taylor was born in North Carolina, June 15, 1820; died Feb. 13, 1891. He was ordained deacon of Cross Roads church about 15 years ago. He was a devoted christian and responded readily to duty. Brother Miles Pate professed religion in early life and joined the church and was ordained deacon of Zion church

June, 1883; died June 28, 1891. In his death the church has sustained a great loss, the community a good citizen, and his family a kind husband and father.

N. G. HOLLEY.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST.

Having completed my labors as your evangelist, I submit the following report:

I have during the 75 days that I served you, preached 100 sermons; visited 100 families; collected \$60 10 for State Missions; traveled 375 miles; and visited every church in the Association. I held meetings at New Hope, Fellowship, and Mt. Zion churches, the results of which were very encouraging.

I have received the cooperation of all the brethren, being received by them in christian love. The congregations have been good; and all who have attended the meetings seemed to have been greatly interested. I urge the necessity of evangelistic work in your Association.

As to my work, I have done what I could, praying that the Lord would bless those among whom I labored.

H. C. HURLEY, Evangelist.

On motion the Moderator was appointed to represent the Association in the Southern Baptist Convention, and M. G. Lofton alternate.

Roll call. On motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint the Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

The report of the Apportionment Committee was adopted.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

The committee on apportionment, after inquiring diligently into the financial ability of our church-membership, respectfully ask each church to contribute the amount mentioned in the order below:

Bethlehem	\$15 50	Amount brought forward	269 00
Liberty	16 00	Carrollton.....	65 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	14 00	Ebenezer.....	15 00
Millport.....	16 50	Unity.....	18 00
Fellowship.....	13 50	Enon.....	25 00
Spring Hill, Lamar county...	16 00	Mt. Zion.....	14 50
Kennedy.....	25 00	Prairie.....	20 00
New Salem.....	6 00	Forest.....	26 50
McBee.....	6 50	Shiloh.....	6 50
Arbor Spring.....	13 50	Chalcedony.....	10 50
Mineral Spring.....	17 00	Nazareth.....	4 00
Oak Ridge.....	14 00	Beulah.....	59 00
Spring Hill, Pickens county...	20 00	Bethel.....	65 00
Hebron.....	17 00	New Hope.....	20 00
Big Creek.....	20 50	Zion.....	6 00
Cross Roads.....	8 00	Grant's Creek.....	65 00
Pickensville.....	30 00		
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	269 00	Total	\$689 00

As the Lord has blessed most of us with health and an abundant harvest, we have slightly increased the amount heretofore asked of some of the stronger churches.

J. W. PARK, Chm.

On motion, the Moderator was requested to appoint the Centennial Committee.

On motion, referred the Mary J. Thornton fund to the Centennial Committee.

Adjourned. The parting hand was extended, Bro. John R. Foster prayed the closing prayer, and the fifty-sixth annual session of the Union Baptist Association passed into history.

M. G. LOFTON, Sec.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Moderator.

STATISTICS OF THE UNION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Baptized	Received by Letter	Dis. by Letter	Experience	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Males	Females	Total Members	Minutes	Association	Total	MEETINGS	PASTORS.	CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.	
Bethlehem	6	2	46	2	4	1	1	30	39	69	\$ 2.50	1.00	2.50	3	J. B. Small	T. B. Branch, Coalfire, Ala.	
Liberty	9	3	15	1	5	1	1	55	67	100	2.00	.75	2.75	4	J. B. Small	J. F. Hodge, Beard's, Ala.	
Mt. Pleasant	5	2	3	1	1	1	1	23	28	51	1.20	1.00	1.20	4	S. E. Hodge	W. B. Hicks, Byars,	
Fellowship	3	4	4	1	2	13	2	16	28	44	3.00	.50	2.50	1	R. F. Johnson, Reform,	R. F. Johnson, Reform,	
Spring Hill, L.	12	4	2	1	1	1	1	45	74	119	3.00	50	3.50	4	J. W. Dunaway	L. H. Hendrix, Gentry,	
Millport	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	16	22	1.00	1.00	1.50	2	J. M. Dutton	W. C. Williams, Millport,	
Kennedy	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14	35	49	1.00	1.00	2.00	4	F. W. Stokes, Kennedy	F. W. Stokes, Kennedy	
New Salem	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	13	24	.75	.25	1.00	4	J. A. Estes	J. H. Doughly, Reform,	
McBee Creek	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12	23	35	2.00	1.00	3.00	2	D. O. Baird	J. R. Abrams, Coalfire,	
Arbor Spring	4	2	4	2	2	1	1	27	44	71	2.00	1.00	3.00	1	J. B. Small	J. W. Cox, Providence, Ala.	
Mineral Spring	1	3	2	1	1	1	1	29	34	63	2.00	1.00	3.00	1	J. P. Lee	H. L. Williams, Dunbar,	
Oak Ridge	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	16	16	32	1.50	.50	2.00	3	J. P. Lee	J. H. Stinson, Pikesville,	
Spring Hill, P.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	47	78	1.50	.50	2.00	3	M. G. Lofton	J. A. Pearson, Carrollton,	
Hebron	5	3	5	2	1	1	1	14	35	49	2.50	1.00	3.50	1	J. E. White	J. H. Jordan, Hillburgh,	
Big Creek	12	5	3	2	1	1	1	31	50	81	1.25	.50	1.75	1	J. P. Lee	T. J. Butler, Carrollton,	
Gross Roads	13	1	10	2	1	1	2	11	31	42	2.10	1.50	2.10	1	J. E. White	Jno. McGee, Pikesville,	
Pickensville	13	1	12	2	1	1	2	32	40	72	2.50	1.50	4.00	6	J. E. White	M. B. Curry, Carrollton, Ala.	
Carrollton	7	1	3	1	3	1	2	19	34	53	1.50	.50	2.00	2	S. E. Hodge	T. H. Noland,	
Ebenezer	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	37	52	89	1.50	.50	2.00	4	C. Johnson	W. P. Peden, Olney, Ala.	
Unity	4	1	3	1	1	1	1	37	45	82	1.00	.50	1.50	3	J. E. White	T. H. Sanders, Garden,	
Rhon	10	1	3	2	3	1	2	37	45	82	1.50	.50	2.00	3	C. Johnson	R. S. Hamilton, Ple' Bridge	
Mt. Zion	13	2	3	1	8	1	1	14	26	40	1.50	.50	2.00	3	C. Johnson	M. B. Taylor, West Greene	
Prairie	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	18	27	45	2.50	.50	3.00	1	J. L. Ray	J. Upchurch, Benevola,	
Forest	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	22	44	66	1.00	.45	1.45	2	J. D. Hamner	J. J. Franklin, Jena,	
Shiloh	11	6	7	1	1	1	1	15	25	40	1.00	.45	1.45	2	J. D. Hamner	W. C. Lancaster, Jena,	
Chalcedony	2	3	3	2	2	1	2	45	46	91	3.00	2.00	5.00	6	J. G. Apsey	J. W. Park, Hickman, Ala.	
Nazareth	2	4	4	2	2	1	2	86	106	192	4.00	2.00	6.00	4	J. G. Apsey	E. H. Lamb, Union, Ala.	
Bethel	3	4	4	3	2	1	3	69	91	160	2.50	2.00	2.50	4	J. D. Hamner	J. J. Camron, Romulus,	
New Hope	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	34	44	78	75	.25	1.00	1.75	1	J. C. Foster	T. M. Pate, Northport, Ala.
Zion	4	3	3	3	1	1	3	4	10	14	3.00	2.00	5.00	6	J. C. Foster	R. H. Foster, Sylvan,	
Grant's Creek	4	3	3	3	1	1	3	52	85	137	8.00	2.00	10.00	1	J. C. Foster		

*Statistics from 1897.

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M. G. LOFTON, in account with Union Baptist Association.

To cash from Committee on Finance	55 72 88
CR.	
By cash paid for printing Minutes	50 07 00
Executive Board	59 05 21
Clerk for services	55 77 88

CIRCULAR LETTER:

WRITTEN BY J. T. SMITH.

THE LOVE OF MANKIND IN GENERAL, WITH A DESIRE TO PROMOTE
THEIR HAPPINESS.

Christian Benevolence.

The duties of Christian Benevolence include those we owe to men, purely on the grounds of their being of the same species with ourselves; such as sympathy, relief, etc.—those we owe to our country, desiring its honor, safety and prosperity; and those we owe to the church of God. There are many and special duties of Christian Benevolence in God's holy words. In 1st Cor., 16th chapter, 1st and 2nd verses, we find these words: Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.

If we were to examine our financial reports of the various churches, we would at once conclude that we fall far short of what is required of us—and it seems to have been neglected for many years—for we find that Paul felt called upon,—eighteen hundred years ago, to urge its cultivation upon the Corinthian church, which seemed, in other respects, to be worthy of commendation, 2nd Cor., 8 and 7.

And you remember the young ruler, who had kept all the commandments, but lacked this one thing—the grace of Christian Benevolence. That you may not lack even this one thing, the teachings of God's word on this subject furnishes us an inspired directory, which teaches our whole duty so plainly and pointedly that none need misunderstand.

Upon the first day of the week, let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gathering when I come. To whom does this apply? You will notice the command is addressed to every one. Not only to the officers of the church, or to the rich, or to grown people, or to those who attend upon preaching, but every one, officers and members, rich and poor, old and young, present and absent. Every member of the church of Corinth, received this command, and not only these, but he said he had given the same command to the churches of Galatia, and doubtless to all the rest. We are told that the Jews in every city where they dwelt, had the collections of alms, who in the week days went about the city collecting alms according to the quality and wealth of every Jew and in the evening of the Sabbath distributed it. And for fear some of the poor might think they were exempt—Paul specially cites the poor church at Macedonia as an example of Christian Benevolence. 2nd Cor. 8th, 1st and 3rd.

When should this duty be performed? The Apostles teach the duty to be performed regularly—on the first day of the week.

It is a well established fact, what is not done regularly, is seldom done at all. Your deacons will tell you that those members who do not give regularly—begin by giving seldom and end by giving nothing. It is a law of our being that any well sustained effort must be conducted systematically. God knows this, and therefore he commanded that this duty be discharged the first day of the week. And it was so enjoined for the further reason, that it is an act of worship, and is properly performed on the Sabbath day. Instead of its being intended only for the rich, some of the Greek fathers have wisely observed that, this rule was made

for the poor, for they could save a little every week from their earnings, and as many nickles make dollars, in the course of the year they will give as much as many of the rich.

How shall we perform this duty? The third direction is that all shall give regularly on the first day of the week, as God hath prospered them. That was the measure of the offering—as God hath prospered him. There is a little word in the text that is significant. “Let every one of you lay by himself, at home, alone with God, surrounded by the evidences of His goodness—there let each one make this offering to God, not necessarily in church, not on the spur of the moment, not under fervent appeals, or for pharisaical display, but as a matter of conscience and of principle and of duty—make this offering before you come to church, and make it whether you come or not. These people did that for six months before Paul came to Corinth, and when he came there was no hasty gatherings of riches or dollars for one day, but the liberal offering of six months of consecrated toil brought forth out of their homes.

Now make a calculation of the result of such a worship in your own church—say that every one lays by fifty cents a week, many can give more, some cannot give so much, what would be the result? A church of one hundred members would give \$50 a week and \$2600 a year. Now apply this divine command to the 100,000 Baptists of Alabama and you will have \$50,000 a week and \$2,600,000 a year, as the grand result. Or if you say fifty cents a week is too much, put it twenty-five cents for rich and poor alike, and still we have \$1,300,000. What a work would this sum enable us to do, in building churches, in educating ministers, in supporting missionaries, and in carrying on all Benevolent enterprises of our beloved churches. If every christian would conscientiously follow the directions of Paul, there would be no want of funds for any well directed plan for the conversion of the world. Now every argument drawn from heaven and earth urges us to obey this command. God commands it, not only in this, but in a number of places in his word. A thousand years before Christ—his command was—Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase.

Could any command be more express and specific? We need not argue our duty to obey. The church requires it; God rewards the cheerful giver. Here is his promise: Honor the Lord with thy substance and with the first fruits of thine increase—so shall thy barns be filled with plenty—Prov. 3-9, again the liberal soul shall be made fat, and he that watereth, shall be watered also himself. Prov. 11-25. Give and it shall be given to you, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over shall be given into your bosom. Luke 6 and 38.

So God has ordered it in the kingdom of grace as well as the kingdom of nature. He that watereth, shall be watered also himself. If your prayers and alms go up to God, his love and blessings will come down upon you.

SYNOPSIS OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL
CONVENTION OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH KEN-
NEDY BAPTIST CHURCH, July 24th, 25th and 26th, 1891.

FRIDAY, 11 A. M. July 24th.

Owing to the indisposition of Eld. J. E. White the Convention Sermon was preached by Elder Wm. Ashcraft—"The acceptable year of the Lord."

2 P. M.—The delegates assembled, and the former President being absent, Elder Wm. Ashcraft was elected president pro tem.

The letters from Sunday Schools and churches were read—13 schools and 1 church were represented. The Convention organized by the election of Elder Wm. Ashcraft president, and Wm. G. Robertson secretary and treasurer. The usual committees were appointed.

Query 1.—What is the aim of a properly conducted Sunday School—was then taken up and discussed by Eld. J. E. White and others. Essay 1.—Is the giving of our substance a means of grace—in the absence of the writer was discussed by several brethren; answered: The giving of God's people, from a proper motive, is a means of grace.

SATURDAY, 9 A. M., 25th.

The Convention assembled. Devotional exercises were conducted by brother W. L. White. Query 2.—Who will be held responsible for the moral and religious training of the children—was earnestly discussed by Elder J. E. White, W. G. Robertson and other brethren. Essay 2.—Intemperance. Its baneful and destructive influence on the cause of christianity—owing to the absence of the writer, was made an interesting subject of discussion by the brethren. Query 4 was not discussed for want of time.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Devotional exercises, conducted by the President. Query 3.—What is the best method of teaching? Opened by W. G. Robertson, and spoken to by Elders White and Ashcraft.

The Committee on Documents reported that the cause was not as flourishing as heretofore, and urges our churches to greater activity in this line of Christian work. The Convention heartily

endorsed and recommended "Kind Words" literature to be used in all our Sunday Schools. The finance committee reported the sum of \$12 sent up for Sunday School work. The Secretary and Treasurer made his report. He urges all lovers of the cause to increase their efforts in the Sunday School work. He has aided the schools by advancing and donating funds for literature in every case where requested. The Convention appropriated \$15.00 for Cuban Missions.

The next session of the Convention will be held with the Pickensville Baptist church, commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in July, 1892. Elder J. B. Small to preach the Convention Sermon, and Elder M. G. Lofton the Missionary Sermon; Elder Wm. Ashcraft, alternate.

The Committee on Queries and Essays reported as follows:

Query 1. Can a christian neglect the Sabbath School and live a life in accord with the teachings of the scriptures? Opened by Elder H. B. Chappelle.

2. Who will be held responsible for the moral and religious training of our children? Opened by J. H. Stinson.

3. What should our children read? Opened by J. B. Hodo.

4. What relation does the Sabbath School bear to the church? Opened by S. S. Thornton.

Essay 1. Woman—Her power for good—by Mrs. M. G. Lofton

2. The power of christianity,—by Miss Mamie Owings.

On motion, the churches and Sunday Schools were requested to discuss these queries at such times as might be most convenient.

SABBATH, July, 26.

Sunday School exercises at 9 a. m. were conducted by Wm. G. Robertson. At 11 a. m. Elder J. E. White preached the Missionary Sermon. Collected for the work, \$7.26. Bro. W. L. White addressed the children at 4 p. m. The convention adjourned.

Wm. G. ROBERTSON, Sec.

WM. ASHCRAFT, Pres.

STATISTICS OF THE SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

SCHOOLS.	Teach's Pupils.				TOTAL	SUPERINTEND'S	POST-OFFICES.
	Males ..	Females.	Males...	Females			
Fellowship	1	1	15	20	37	Benj. Pearson .	Reform, Alabama.
Liberty.	3	2	38	34	77	Jno. W Harris...	" "
Spring Hill	2	2	25	21	50	O E Wooten.....	Gentry, "
Millport...	2	2	15	20	39	J M Daffron ...	Millport, "
Kennedy ..	2	1	28	29	60	S W Vice	Kennedy, "
Arbor Sp'g	2	1	16	13	32	J A Wilkins.....	Coalfire, "
New Salem	1	1	25	6	33	A C Richardson	Reform, "
Min. Spring	1	1	10	10	22	Wm. Manning...	Beard's, "
Spring Hill	2	2	23	24	48	C D Harper.....	Gregory, "
Hebron	2	2	20	23	41	J A Goree	Carrollton, "
Big Creek..	1	3	20	14	38	T H Haynie....	" "
Cross Road	1	2	10	15	28	W D Allen	" "
Pickensv'le	2	3	19	23	47	Jno. J Ball.....	Pickensville, "
Carrollton	2	4	22	19	47	W G Robertson..	Carrollton, "
Ebenezer .	2	1	13	17	33	T H Noland.	" "
Unity.....	1	3	13	20	37	W P Peden ...	Olney, "
Enon	2	3	20	14	39	J W Atteberry..	Garden, "
Forest.....	2	2	11	19	34	J G Thornton...	Benevola, "
Bethel.....	3	2	20	20	45	J W Phillips ...	Hickman, "
Beulah	2	3	44	24	73	S S Thornton....	Union, "
New Hope.	1	1	10	15	27	J M Smith.....	Romulus, "
Grant'sCrk	3	2	15	18	38	N G Holley.....	Foster's, "
Sylvan.....	1	6	24	26	57	R H Foster.....	Sylvan, "
Total	41	50	456	441	988		

WM. G. ROBERTSON, Treasurer,

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In account with S. S. Convention.

July 23.	To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 48 98	
	“ Sundry receipts to date	63 08	
	CR.		112 06
	By paid Missions for Miss M. J. Thornton.....	25 00	
	“ “ Sundry literature and expenses.	53 66	
			78 66
	To balance due the convention.....		\$33 40

NAMES OF BAPTIST MINISTERS

IN THIS ASSOCIATION WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

D. O. BAIRD,.....	Coalfire, Pickens County, Alabama.		
J. A. ESTES,	" " " "		
R. B. WILKINS,.....	Reform, " " "		
H. B. CHAPPELLE,	Dillburgh, " " "		
J. S. WOOTEN,.....	Gentry, Lamar " "		
WM. ASHCRAFT,.....	Kennedy, " " "		
J. R. GOODMAN,.....	" " " "		
W. J. BEATY,.....	" " " "		
S. HILDRETH,.....	Pickensville, Pickens" "		
J. M. LAND,.....	" " " "		
J. P. LEE,.....	" " " "		
J. E. WHITE,.....	" " " "		
M. G. LOFTON,.....	Gregory, " " "		
J. S. SHIRLEY,.....	Raleigh, " " "		
J. G. THORNTON,.....	Benevola, " " "		
J. C. FOSTER,.....	Tuscaloosa, Tuscaloosa Co., "		
J. D. HAMNER,.....	Romulus, " " "		
J. H. M. ANDERS,.....	" " " "		
HENRY HITT,*.....	" " " "		
CONRAD JOHNSON,.....	Pleasant Ridge, Greene Co., Ala.		
J. L. RAY,.....	Knoxville, " "		
J. G. APSEY,.....	Clinton, " "		

ORDAINED MINISTERS 20

LICENTIATES 2