

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

PINE BARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

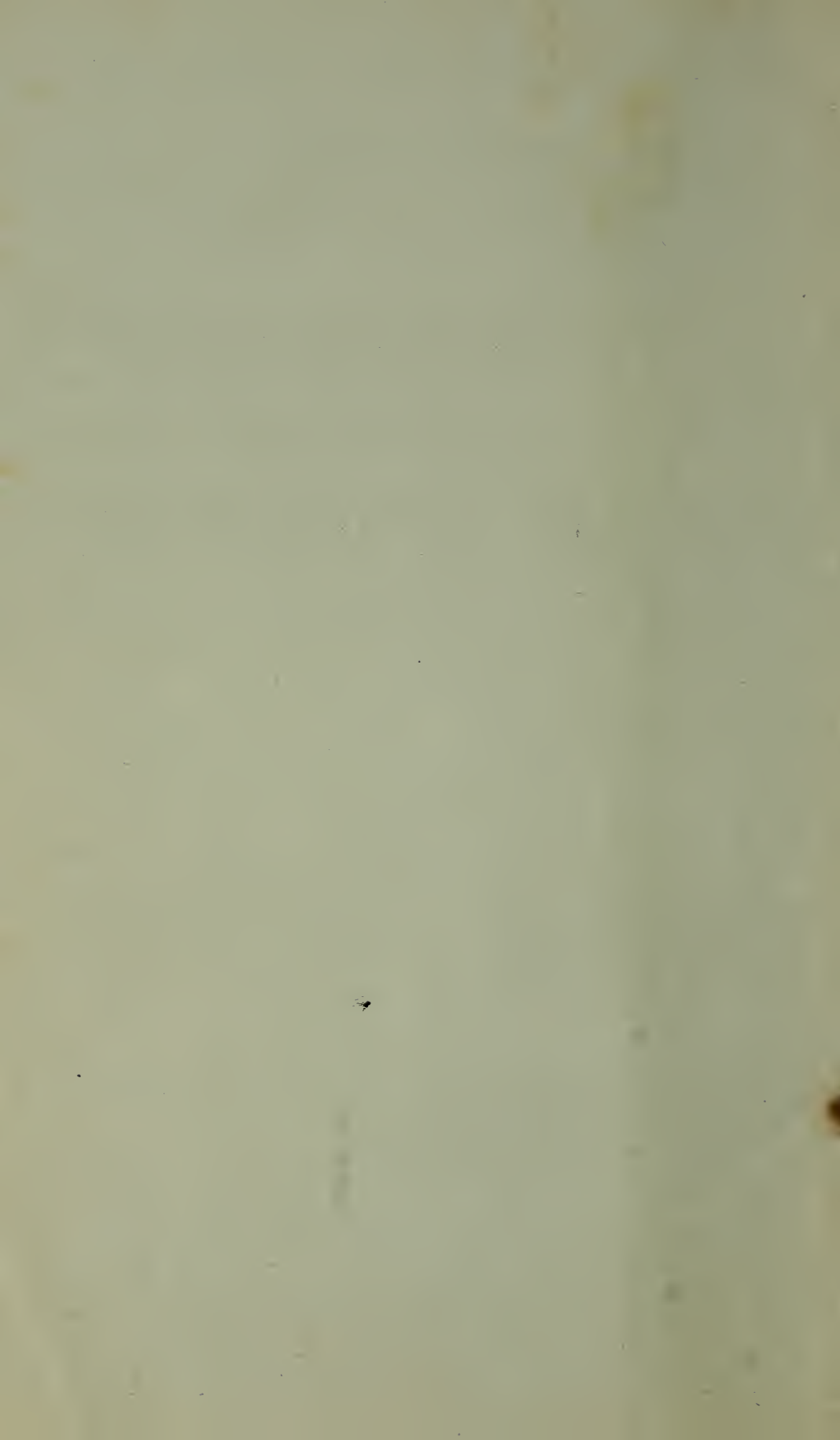
Concord Baptist Church, Monroe County, Ala.

September 12, 13 and 14, 1894.

OFFICERS:

D. W. RAMSEY, MODERATOR..... Pine Apple, Ala.
J. G. REYNOLDS, CLERK Forest Home, Ala.
J. W. PURIFOY, TREASURER..... Furman, Ala.

The next session will be held with the Forest Home Church,
Butler County, Ala., Wednesday before the
third Sunday in September, 1895.



MINUTES.

1. The Pine Barren Baptist Association met in its Forty-fifth Annual Session with the Concord Baptist Church at Buena Vista, Monroe County, Alabama, at 11 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, September 12th, A. D. 1894.

2. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. P. Majors from Isaiah 43 chapter and 10 verse.

3. After a recess of one hour and a half the messengers reassembled in the church and the Association was called to order by D. W. Ramsey, former Moderator.

4. The letters from the churches were read by brothers O. H. Spencer, S. P. Lindsey, E. K. Robbins, and the messenger's names enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Pine Level—By letter.

Monterey—By letter.

Fellowship—C Hutchinson, J. E. Knight.

Bethsaida—J. W. Purifoy, Cleveland Williams, W. M. Blackwelder.

Ackerville—E. K. Robbins.

Allenton—By letter.

Mt. Hope—S. J. Felts.

Camden—J. J. Hawthorn, E. I. Bailey, Sr.

Rockwest—Daniel Cook.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Shackleville—By letter.

Forest Home—J. B. Powell, J. J. Garrett, J. G. Reynolds, J. T. Moncrief.

Enon—S. K. Wiggins, T. A. Cowart, J. H. Majors.

Mt. Pisgah—J. R. E. Sellers.

Friendship—D. W. Ramsey, J. F. Fore, J. F. Melton, E. C. Compton.

New Providence—J. D. Packer, J. H. Peake.

Butler Springs—By letter.

Bear Creek—H. L. Turner, J. M. Grice, D. C. Sadler.

Gullette's Bluff—Sam C. Cook, L. H. Gheck.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Mt. Pleasant—J. W. Lizenba, J. G. Booker, R. E. Coieman.

Liberty—Not represented.

Midway—T. J. Driver, H. D. Wallace, M. L. McClammy.

Indian Spring—W. W. Fore, W. L. Fort.

Flat Creek—Not represented.

Pineville—S. D. Andress, James Cater, W. L. Pruitt.

Concord—M. V. Middleton, G. W. Burnes, J. T. Burson, J. W. Riley, W. M. Hestle.

New Hope—W. M. Davison, H. O'Gwynn.

Bethel—J. E. Bayles.

Bell's Landing—W. F. Spencer, P. J. Cree.

Spring Hill—D. Massey.

5. Article second of the Constitution: "The members shall be such Baptist Churches as by letters and messengers are represented in this meeting and such others as shall hereafter be received in the union. An annual meeting shall be held at such time as shall be agreed upon and at such place as

shall annually in advance be appointed, which meeting shall be composed of messengers duly appointed and certified in the ratio of two (2) for every church having fifty or less members and one for every additional twenty-five."

6. Officers were elected as follows:

Moderator, Dr. D. W. Ramsey; Clerk, J. G. Reynolds; Treasurer, J. W. Purifoy.

7. Messengers from corresponding bodies and institutions were received as follows:

Howard College and Judson Institute—B. F. Giles.

State Mission Board and Alabama Baptist—S. O. Y. Ray.

Bethlehem Association—W. A. Locke, J. H. Riffe, S. P. Lindsey and B. L. Hibbard.

Baptist Orphanage and Home Board—J. B. Powell.

Sunday School Board Southern Baptist Convention—S. P. Lindsey.

Western Recorder and Texas Baptist Standard—W. N. Huckabee.

8. Call for letters petitioning membership, whereupon Spring Hill Church at River Ridge, Monroe County, Alabama, presented their letter, and on motion was received and welcomed by the Moderator.

9. Appointed J. B. Powell, A. P. Majors and deacons of Concord Church a committee on religious service during the session.

10. Other committees to report during the session:

Request and Nominations—J. J. Garrett, J. F. Fore, H. L. Turner

Apportionment—J. J. Hawthorn, A. P. Majors, W. M. Hestle, H. O'Gwynn and W. F. Spencer.

Finance—M. V. Middleton, Daniel Cook and J. E. Knight.

State of Religion and Digest of Letters—W. L. Pruit, S. C. Cook and E. K. Robbins.

11. Bro. J. W. Purifoy, Treasurer, made his report for the last Associational year, which was referred to the committee on Finance.

12. Committee on Religious Service reported as follows:

Bro. J. H. Riffe to preach a missionary sermon at 11 o'clock Thursday, W. M. Blackwelder to preach Thursday night.

13. The committee on Denominational Literature not being present, was supplied with W. M. Blackwelder, S. C. Cook and E. K. Robbins. On motion, they were allowed to present last year's report, made at Pine Apple, which W. M. Blackwelder read, as follows:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

"Your Committee on Denominational Literature find it a hard subject to give a satisfactory report on, though above all other literature, we take the Holy Bible for our guide. As a denomination we find that it furnishes us all the instruction necessary for our salvation, if we will but follow its teachings and obey the commandments laid down in it. It teaches us our duty to our God and tells us of his goodness; it also teaches us how we may be changed from nature's darkness to a marvelous light of liberty, into a civilized nature and a religious worship. The children have precious promises given them in this holy word. They are commanded to "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." The youth learns by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ that he is promised all temporal blessings and eternal life. The old age is promised that God will never leave him nor forsake him. The righteous have the promise that 'I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread.'

"We, as a denomination, should familiarize ourselves with the word of God so we could always be ready to give a reason for the hope that is within us. We also should post ourselves on church history and on the workings of our denomination. In order to obtain this information, we would urge every Baptist family in the bounds of this Association, and throughout the entire State, to take and read the Alabama Baptist, published at Montgomery, Alabama. The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., and Home Field, published in Atlanta, Georgia. There is no excuse for any one being ignorant of the workings of our denomination while our denominational literature is so cheap and in reach of all. We, as Baptists, ought to be ready to defend our principles at all times and places by keeping ourselves posted and living holy lives, unspotted from the world, and prove that we are contending for the faith once delivered to the saints.

"There are other good denominational journals, but too numerous to mention in this report, though we would recommend them to the entire Baptist denomination throughout the country.

"Our Sunday School literature is cheap and in abundance. We recommend the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia, as a cheap and good literature for our Sunday Schools. We also highly recommend the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention as a good and suitable guide for our Sunday Schools. It is cheap enough that every church in the bounds of this Association should have a well organized school in it. We recommend Kind Words for the children to read, published by the Southern Baptist Convention, at Nashville, Tenn."

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. BLACKWELDER.

Which was discussed by brothers Blackwelder, Ray, Riffe, Fore, Giles, Pruitt, Ramsey and Powell, and adopted.

14. After prayer by Bro. P. J. Cree, the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13TH, 1894.

15. The Association was called to order and opened with singing and prayer by Bro. S. C. Cook.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

16. Miscellaneous business was taken up and Bro. W. N. Huckabee made verbal report on Flat Creek Church, and after discussion by various brethren, a committee consisting of Brethren Daniel Cook, W. L. Pruitt, J. F. Fore and J. F. Melton was appointed to visit said church and report at next session.

17. The report on State Missions was read by Bro. Daniel Cook, as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

In our Constitution we say that we are a Missionary body. Then it becomes us, as a people, to speak by action to the world at large, whether this declaration is true or false. What shall our answer be to-day? Is our plea still hard times? This is not a Scriptural excuse. "Lay by in store upon the first day of the week as the Lord has prospered you," is a command too pointed to admit of such a plea.

The State Mission Board, composed of some of our leading brethren in the State, is doing all it can with the limited resources at its command to supply the destitution in the State. More healthy co-operation on the part of the churches and Associations, and more enlarged contributions are necessary for the better prosecution of the work. The demands on the Board are greater than its resources. To the foreign population in our large cities the Board is extending its influences, recognizing the fact that the people, the larger part coming from papal lands, must not only be Americanized, but also evangelized. Work among the negroes is receiving all the attention which the limited resources of the Board will permit.

This work is done largely through representative men of their own people, in whom the negroes have full confidence.

The Bible and Colportage work of the Board should have our hearty sympathy, for in this department of work we shall meet an important and urgent demand of our denomination.

We have appointed our Boards and instructed them to do what they can to stir us up by acquainting us with the needs of the field and we would respond to their call. Now have we, as churches and individuals of Pine Barren Association, kept this promise? We recommend, on the part of the Association, more earnest co-operation and larger contributions in the work of the State Mission Board, feeling assured that liberality is conducive to spirituality. "The liberal soul shall be made fat." "God loves a cheerful giver."

Respectfully submitted,

DANIEL COOK, Ch'n.

Discussed by Brethren Ray, Blackwelder and Huckabee, and adopted.

18. The report on Denominational Education was read by Bro. J F Fore, as follows:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

The Baptists of this Association, and I may say almost throughout the entire State are thoroughly aroused to the duty of educating their boys and girls. The subject of Denominational Education means more than simply giving your children a primary education. It means to thoroughly educate them in all of the branches, if possible, and then be sure to educate them in all of the Baptist Doctrines, so they may be able, at any time, to give a reason why they are Baptists. One of the greatest reasons is, that the New Testament teaches Baptist Doctrines throughout.

As a suitable place to obtain these denominational trainings, we would recommend Howard College, at East Lake, Ala., with Dr. A. W. McGaha as President. This College has succeeded well under his management. We would say just here that Rev. W. A. Whittle has been elected Vice-President of this College, and has done much in liquidating the old debt, and now has under aken the laborious task of endowing the College. He has secured about \$20,000 for that purpose. From the best information we can get, the College is in a better condition than it has ever been since its new location. It was able to pay all current expenses last session, had 153 in attendance, and about 25 young men studying for the ministry. We are still expecting a brighter prospect in the future for this College.

In connection with the above, we recommend that our young men, studying for the ministry, take the course of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, at Louisville, Ky., as a needful preparation for their life's work. If any should need aid in this undertaking, apply to Dr. W. H. Whitsett, who will gladly assist them. There was more young ministers in this Seminary last year than ever before, and more than at any other Theological Seminary in the world. We would urge our denomination to consider this subject well, and patronize our own Denominational Institutions of learning, so our preachers, when they have to confront the world, flesh and the evil spirit, will be able to stand. We would not forget to recommend the Judson Female Institute, located at Marion, Ala., as the best Female College in the State for educating our daughters. On account of hard times last session, there was only about 100 in attendance in this College, though Dr. S. W. Averett, the able President of this Institution, reports a more favorable outlook for next session. This Institution belongs to the Baptists of Alabama. We ought to patronize it on that account, as well as because it is one of the best in the State. Those who have daughters to educate, should send them to the Judson, because they can have them educated there as cheap, or cheaper, than they can anywhere in the State. In the Literary Department, Board and Tuition can be had at about \$190 a session. There are many in the bounds of this Association who cherish the very name of the Judson, and the way to make it a success is to patronize it liberally. The Female College, located at Tuscaloosa, Ala., under the Presidency of Prof. Murfee, is a Baptist Institution, and is worthy of patronage throughout this and

other States. Brethren, let all who are able to educate their sons and daughters, look out to the best interest for them, while the golden opportunity presents itself, for the time is upon us when it is greatly needed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. FORE.

Discussed by Brethren Fore, Blackwelder, Giles, Lindsey and Cook, and adopted.

19. At 11 o'clock a. m., Bro. J. H. Riffe preached an excellent sermon from Matt. 25 chapter, 19th and 20th verses, after which a collection was taken up, amounting to \$20.28.

The Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

20. Resumed business at 1:30 p. m.

21. The report on Baptist Orphanage was read by Bro. J. B. Powell, as follows:

REPORT ON BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Your Committee on Orphan's Home submit the following report:

At the meeting of the Baptist State Convention, in Greenville, last November, it was decided to secure, at once, a permanent home for the Orphanage. Immediately after the Convention, a Committee, appointed for that purpose, visited Evergreen, and purchased, for \$5,000, the Rabb residence, with eight acres of land attached. It is a substantial brick structure of ten rooms, with several brick out-buildings and walls, containing about 200,000 brick, which can be utilized in making needed extensions to the main building. The property is adjacent to the Southwestern Alabama Agricultural College, which secures for the children splendid educational advantages; and that portion, which may not be necessary for the use of the Home, will be very desirable for residence property, to those who may move there to secure the advantages of the school. The place has a good pasture and sufficient arable land for a farm, to give the boys exercise and training, and supply the Home with vegetables, bread, etc. Thirty-four children have been received: three have been let out by adoption, and one unruly boy has been, as a last resort, hired out for wages, to secure employment for his mischievous hands, and to rid the school of his bad influence; leaving now thirty under the supervision of the Matron and her two Assistants. Taking into consideration the fact that these children were picked up here and there as they were left in destitution from various causes, it is remarkable how tractable, bright and smart they are.

The training within the Home is intended to be, as far as practicable, similar to that of a well regulated Christian family; the children being required to perform such allotted duties as are suited to their ability and capacity, to go to school, observe family worship, attend Sunday School and church.

The Home is very much in need of additional rooms; it is now crowded, and shelter can be given but to but few more, until these additions are made. It is especially in need of a commodious dining hall and kitchen. The ladies have secured money sufficient to buy a cooking range, but there is no suitable place to put it. It is thought best to build a dining hall and kitchen, with rooms above for sleeping apartments; and this can be done at once, if the denomination will furnish the means. Let it be remembered that the Board intends to erect substantial brick buildings, and to build according to a definite plan, having in view the permanence and growth of the Institution. Any other plan will result in loss. The current expenses of the Home are made as light as possible. The strictest economy is practiced. The average expense account per month is about \$200. This includes the salaries of the Financial Secretary, the Matron and two Assistants. It must be constantly borne in mind by the churches, that the Home is dependent upon their benevolence for maintenance. While, so far, the orphans have lacked nothing, yet contributions have not been regular, the treasury, at times, being

empty. Hence, it is strongly urged by the Board of Managers, that regular monthly collections be taken where practicable, so that special appeals for contributions to meet expenses will be unnecessary. The second payment on the property is due Jan 1, 1895. This will amount to about \$1,800, and must be paid by the churches and friends of the Orphanage. Hence, your Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st, That this Association assume some definite part of the next payment on the Orphanage; and to this end, that the Committee on Apportionment be instructed to divide this amount among the churches, requesting that before the 1st of Jan. next, they collect and forward to Rev. J. W. Stewart, Evergreen, the amount apportioned them.

2nd, That each church in the Association be urged to take regular monthly collections for the current expenses of the Orphanage, and that, so far as possible, they agree upon some definite amount to be contributed during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. ANSLEY, Ch'n.

Discussed by Brethren Powell, Riffe, Ramsey and adopted.

22. Report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. J. T. Burson, and made special order for Friday morning, as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." We all acknowledge that this command was given on ample authority. Has every creature heard the glad tidings? Verily, no! There is a work for each of us to do. A little more than one hundred years ago great commotions covered the earth; there was a mighty upheaval in the great Christian heart on the subject of Missions, and the work has gone on through trials and persecutions until this day. Then there were no missionary societies. Now there are more than one hundred and fifty; then there were only two or three missionaries, now there are about 7,000; then there were no native helpers, now there are 3,000 ordained natives and 32,000 other helpers. These figures are gratifying in that they indicate that the mission work is progressing. From the last report of the Foreign Mission Board, we learn that our missionaries are doing effective work.

During last year in the Papal fields, consisting of Italy, Brazil and Mexico, there were 474 baptisms, 2054 members; in the Pagan field, embracing Japan, Africa and China, 255 baptisms, 1265 members. In these countries the true missionary spirit is rapidly developing, and some of the churches are fast becoming self-sustaining. The churches in Mexico alone contributed more than \$2,500 last year. There has been a general forward movement throughout all these years, and to-day our missionaries are full of zeal, courage and hope, and nearly all the heathen countries are friendly and in a receptive attitude. From one point of view these statements are full of encouragement, but when we are brought to realize that there are yet more than twelve hundred million of people who need the gospel sent to them, the outlook is somewhat gloomy. Brethren, whose business is it to send the gospel to these perishing people? Evidently some part of the responsibility rests upon every one to whom the Lord has given anything. Our Association gave last year nearly \$200 for the Foreign Mission work, about eleven cents per member. What is our duty this year? We are of the opinion that the above amount was contributed by a very small per cent of our membership; the rank and file of our people are indifferent to this work.

The great question that confronts us to-day, and yet remains unanswered, is "How can we reach the the two thousand Baptists within the bounds of the Pine Barren Association and induce each one to contribute to missions?"

May the Lord Almighty guide us to a speedy solution of this problem.

Respectfully submitted,

O. J. BURSON,
J. T. BURSON,
JOHN SANDERS.

23. Miscellaneous business.
24. Bro. J. T. Burson made report on condition of Centennial Church. On motion, the church was ordered dropped from the roll.
25. On motion Bro. S. J. Felts, representing Mt. Hope Church, was excused, and Bro. W. N. Huckabee, the pastor, substituted.
26. After prayer by Bro. W. A. Locke, the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 1894.

27. The Association was opened by singing and prayer by Bro. A. P. Majors.
28. Minutes of the previous day read and approved.
29. Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. J. G. Reynolds, as follows:

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

It has been said that if churches were alive to their opportunities, and as alive to best methods as individuals in private business, the world could be brought to Christ before another decade passes away.

Doubtless there are many methods in the minds of thinking Christians, worthy of adoption to bring about this much desired end, but it is not more methods we need just now, but more men, and money to support these men, while they are bringing souls to Christ and into active co-operation with his church. And this money will not be forthcoming until our churches are imbued with the spirit of missions, and lifted out of that law and selfish view of religion so prevalent among them.

If we could only get the great Baptist host inspired with the end for which our Redeemer came into the world and died, the day would soon come when they would raise five hundred thousand dollars for the Home Mission Board alone.

Your committee find from the report of the Home Board to the Southern Baptist Convention, a deficit of \$6,763 54. Also, that we are nurturing in our churches about one million Baptists who never give one cent—thus ignoring alike the commands of the Saviour and the needs of men perishing in sin.

As to the destitution within the bounds of the home field, "only two years ago there came from Louisiana a memorial stating that 250 000 of the men and women of that State were without the gospel and yet investigation shows that the single city of St. Louis has a larger destitution than the whole State of Louisiana."

We cannot too strongly urge a devotion to "missions at home," for in our cities men are as destitute of the gospel as the veriest heathen in the Free Congo States. All over the home field churches are struggling for existence, with no house to worship in, and yet we of the Pine Barren Association gave last year \$75. Men of Isreal, we ask you to awake, arise, let not these things be. But there is something of encouragement in the work of the Home Board. Over eight thousand souls were added to the church during the last year, 229 Sunday Schools established, 633 new churches constituted, 67 houses built.

In conclusion, we would say God, humanity, patriotism and religion call upon us to do our part in spreading the influence of Christianity in this land.

Respectfully submitted.

J. G. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

30. The special order, (22) the report on Foreign Missions, was taken up together with report on Home Missions, (30) and after a discussion participated in by brothers Powell, Bailey, Hawthorn, Melton, Ray, Ramsey, Cook, Blackwelder and Huckabee was adopted.

31. On motion it was decided to limit the speeches as follows:

The Chairman to be allowed 10 minutes, all others five minutes each.

32. The report on Sunday Schools was read by Bro. J. B. Harper, as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It has been very well said that "the Sunday School is a stepping stone into the church." There is no denial of the fact that the Sunday School is the most potent factor in educating the mind in Christianity, or the bringing vividly before the minds of the young, the great truths of the Bible, the plan of salvation, the perfection of the plan through the sufferings and death of our blessed Saviour, and all of the sweet promises of God to his people. We, therefore, insist that it is the duty of every church to have a Sunday School and the duty of every Christian to encourage the same with his or her presence and by earnest and hearty co-operation.

With the aid that we have at our command in the study of God's word, we may all become intelligent, well informed students of the Bible.

We recommend the Sunday School series published by the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn., believing it to be our duty to patronize our own institutions.

We insist that it is the duty of every pastor to see to it that there is a Sunday School in each church under his care, and that these are judiciously officered.

We deplore the fact that there is not as much interest manifested in this great work as there should be, which is evidenced by the reports read before this body during this session.

We find that there are twenty-seven churches in this Association, and only twelve Sunday Schools. This should not be the case, and we trust that in the future every church in this Association will report a live, interesting, working Sunday School.

Brethren, let us resolve that upon our return to our respective churches that we will take an interest in this grand work, that we may "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," and that we may be instrumental in leading our own and our neighbor's children to a saving knowledge of our Lord and Master.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARPER, Chairman.

Discussed by brothers Lindsey, Riffe, Spencer, Harper, Davison, Ray, Fore, Burson and Fort, and adopted.

33. Report on Temperance was read by Bro. W. M. Blackwelder, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee are of the opinion that Christians, as a whole, never take time to make a thorough investigation about the evils that are caused from intemperance. In this day of known depression and hard times the direct cause can be traced to intemperance.

If our Government would be as watchful over her citizens' welfare on the line of intemperance as she is over epidemics of cholera or yellow fever, and by rigid laws keep out the liquor traffic as she quarantines against contagious diseases, the country would prosper and bloom as a rose, and you would never hear the complaint of hard times. The sale of intoxicating liquors and other kindred evils are costing this country more than all wars and contagious diseases combined. The statistics of the United States show that there is spent annually, for

Intoxicating liquors.....	\$ 900 000 000
Grain distilled.....	40 000 000
550,000 men engaged, labor worth.....	275 000 000
600,000 drunkards, time lost.....	150 000 000

1,500,000 sippers, time lost.....	150 000 000
Tobacco.....	600 000 000
Criminals, paupers, jails, court cost.....	500 000 000

Indirect cost..... 2 615 000 000

Add to this 100,000 persons sent to prison, one-half of the insanity, two-thirds of the paupers and three-fourths of all crimes. Compare this useless waste of money and crime to the amount spent. That added to our prosperity and happiness and you can see what are the causes of hard times and degradation.

Home and Foreign Missions.....	\$ 5 500 000
Public Education.....	96 000 000
Sugar and Molasses.....	155 000 000
Boots and Shoes.....	197 000 000
Cotton and Woolen Goods.....	452 000 000
Iron and Steel.....	296 000 000
Meat.....	303 000 000
Bread.....	505 000 000
Medical Attention.....	140 000 000

Total.....\$2 149 500 000

These figures actually show that we can live as we are living and have a surplus left (if we live as we ought) of over \$2,000,000,000, \$28.57 per capita, enough to double our circulation of money in our year. Our lawmakers, who are elected by the aid of Christians, are blinded by the amount of revenue the Government derives from the revenue on spirituous liquors, to-wit: \$127,240,362, but it is a fact that it cost the Government last year the enormous sum of \$237,559 to run the United States Court in the Northern district of Alabama, and the greatest amount of crime in the court was violation of the liquor laws. You can readily see, at this rate, the whole amount collected is spent in defending the law. There has been killed during the last 150 years, in wars, 600,000 persons, a yearly average of 4,000. Rum, at a low average, has killed nearly 50,000 annually, or during the 150 years, 7,500,000. The great wars of the country for twenty-five years from 1852 to 1877, including the Franco-German war and our Civil War, cost a fraction over \$12,000,000,000. The cost of intoxicating liquors, for the same period, in the United States alone, was more than \$15,000,000,000, or \$3,000,000,000 more than all the wars of the world. For every thousand killed in the battle, rum kills twelve and one half thousand. The war has slain its thousands, but rum its tens of thousands. Strong drink clogs the brain, over-works the heart, checks the action of the lungs, inflames and hardens the liver, causes fatty degeneration of the kidneys, arrests digestion by inflaming the mucous membranes of the throat and stomach, creates an appetite which is only increased by having it gratified, destroys the nerve force and paralyzes the energy, sends disease to the third and fourth generation, by the laws of heredity. It not only ruins the mental and physical faculties, but wrecks the moral powers. This is what it does for an individual. Now what effect has it on society, business, politics and religion? It blasts home, degrades father and son, blights wife's love and mother's pride. It chains womanhood in the hell of unchastity, blocks factory wheels, closes mills and mines, destroys markets for all sorts of produce, delays sales of bread, clothes, shoes, lumber, furniture, groceries and fuel; causes strikes, fills jails and files court cost on country, State and nations; corrupts politics and politicians; creeps into the ballot box and destroys free suffrage; places men in office who dare not oppose its traffic; hinders honest legislation, and brews laws which are a stench in the nostrils of every patriot, and first, last and always damns men eternally, giving them no hope in death or in life. As Christians, we ought to be guided by the teachings of God's Word on the subject. Please read, carefully, the following texts, and ponder them in your minds: Rom. 1:21, 1 Cor. 8:13 and 6:10, Luke 21:34, Eph. 5:18, Prov. 21:17 and 21:23-35, Isaiah 5:11 and 12, Hos. 4:11, Heb. 2:15. Your Committee hopes that every Chris-

tian in our land may ponder the facts set forth in this report, and may God give you grace and strength to make a Scriptural fight against intemperance in any form that Satan may present against the church.

Respectfully submitted,

DABNEY PALMER, Ch'n.

The report was discussed by Brethren Spencer, Ray, Riffe and Fore, and adopted.

34. The report on Woman's Work was read by Bro. W. N. Huckabee, as follows:

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your Committee on Woman's Work, submit the following report:

Southern Baptist women, during last year, raised for the benevolent enterprise of the denomination, about \$21,000. This is in addition to amounts raised and spent on local church repairs, etc. Your Committee has not the means of knowing just how much the ladies of Pine Barren Association have accomplished. But we fear that there is not a united, systematic and organized effort among our sisters. We would, therefore, urge upon the ladies of our churches the vital importance of organizing societies in every church, and, to this end, would ask them to correspond with Mrs. J. F. Fore, President of the movement in this Association, Pine Apple, Ala., who will furnish all necessary advice relative to organization of societies.

Respectfully submitted.

W. N. HUCKABEE, Ch'n.

After a discussion, participated in by brethren Lindsey and Blackwelder, was adopted.

35. The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. J. B. Powers, as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The term, education, is derived from a Latin word (*educare, educare, educatum*), which means to train up, as a child, to rear and to culture; and it is etymologically one with another Latin word, (*educare, educere, educatum*), which means to lead forth; to draw out. So this makes the idea in education, to be educated. It implies the existence in man of latent germs, properties and capacities, (call them as you please,) which need to be developed by disciplinary training, before a man can be master of his profession or trade, thus gaining success, and giving a high degree of satisfaction to patrons.

Our State has found it necessary to establish institutions, to make men proficient in medicine, law, agriculture, etc., as a safeguard against a system of quackery, that would ultimately bring her to superstition and ruin. Now the question comes, can the churches of Christ expect a destiny more friendly to their interests without a general intelligence, especially among their ministry. A country's ministry is truly her representative men, and the higher their standard, by just so much, will the people be lifted up. No country has ever risen above its ministry, either intellectually or religiously. Then God hasten the day when our Baptist host shall realize the importance of an educated ministry, when they shall see in their preachers, called and sent of God, the anchor to hold the old Gospel ship steady, and save the world from ruin. We must have an educated ministry to meet a cultured enemy. And our churches must educate them. The men are waiting, they are hungering and thirsting for knowledge, that they may be more efficient in their work. But the means to educate them is wanting. Even the few in our colleges, who are preparing for the ministry, suffer in some instances until it is a blighting disgrace to God's people.

God established the precedent of an educated ministry, as the expression of His will, in the very first preachers He gave to the world, in the very foundation of His church upon earth.

An educated ministry is an ancient law maker, as old as the Gospel churches, and God's churches are the guardians of this great work, edu-

cating His ministry, so that they may meet and repel the foe. Let us not be derelict to duty. Let us do something. Last November, at Greenville, the cause of Ministerial Education was given over to the State Board, with a considerable debt to be provided for, which through the churches has been paid, save (\$200) two hundred dollars due Howard College, for the year ending June 23th, 1894. Your Committee recommends that all churches co-operate with the State Board of Missions in its great work of educating our young ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. POWELL, Ch'n.

Discussed by Brethren Powell, Huckabee, Lindsey and Davison, and adopted.

36. On motion, the Association adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

37. At 1:30 p. m. the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

38. The Committee on Finance made its report through Bro. M. V. Middleton, which was adopted.

(See Financial Exhibit 52.)

Said Committee reporting they had examined Treasurer's report, and found same correct.

39. Bro. W. N. Huckabee offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the part of the Constitution providing for the representation of churches in this body be inserted in the minutes after the roll of delegates.

40. The Committee on requests and Nominations made their report through Bro. J. F. Fore, as follows:

REPORT ON REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS.

We recommend that this Association hold its next Annual Session with Forest Home church, Forest Home, Butler county, Ala., to convene Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1895, and to continue in session sufficient length of time to transact the business of the Association. We recommend Dr. J. B. Powell as a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Bro. A. P. Majors, alternate. We recommend, as Executive Board, Brethren J. G. Reynolds, J. B. Powell, J. E. Knight, W. J. Melton and W. E. Coleman. We also recommend Bro. W. N. Huckabee to preach the next Annual Sermon, Bro. D. W. Ramsey, alternate; Bro. W. M. Blackwelder to preach a Missionary Sermon, Wednesday night.

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. GARRETT,

J. F. FORE,

H. L. TURNER.

41. Bro. J. J. Hawthorn read the report on Apportionment, as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your Committee appointed to apportion amounts to the various churches composing this Association during the Associational year, respectfully submit the following:

	GENERAL PURPOSES.	BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.
Ackerville.....	\$ 25 00	\$ 5 00
Allenton.....	25 00	5 00
Bear Creek.....	10 00	5 00
Bethel.....	12 00	2 00
Bethsaida.....	125 00	20 00
Bell's Landing.....	10 00	4 00
Bu ler Spring.....	10 00	2 00
Camden.....	30 00	20 00
Concord.....	50 00	10 00
Enon.....	25 00	5 00
Fellowship.....	25 00	5 00
Friendship.....	100 00	15 00
Forest Home.....	60 00	25 00
Gullette's Bluff.....	10 00	2 00
Indian Springs.....	30 00	5 00
Liberty.....	15 00	5 00
Midway.....	20 00	5 00
Monterey.....	10 00	2 00
Mt. Pisgah.....	10 00	2 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	20 00	3 00
Mt. Hope.....	5 00	2 00
New Providence.....	5 00	2 00
New Hope.....	10 00	2 50
Pineville.....	20 00	5 00
Pine Level.....	8 00	2 00
Rock West.....	30 00	5 00
Spring Hill.....	10 00	2 00

J. J. HAWTHORN,
W. M. HESTLE,
H. O'GWYNN,
W. F. SPENCER.

42. On motion the Association ordered the note held against Bro. Chas. B. Lloyd to be cancelled.

43. Bro. Pruitt reported for the committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters, as follows:

(See Statistical Table, 1894. 53)

44. A resolution was offered, and passed, that the Clerk take out of the minute fund a sufficient amount to send one printed letter to each church clerk to be used in making their annual report to this Association.

45. The following resolution was offered and adopted:

"Resolved, That the notes of beneficiaries due the permanent ministerial fund, held by the Treasurer of this Association, be placed in the hands of the Executive Committee, and they ordered to make a final settlement and report to the next Association."

46. Bro. S. C. Cook offered the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved by the Pine Barren Association. That our stay among the brethren of Concord Church, and the citizens generally, has been pleasant and refreshing, and that our heartfelt thanks be tendered them for their kindness and the princely manner in which we have been entertained."

Brother Blackwelder moved that the special collection be divided equally between the Foreign, State and Home Boards. Carried.

47. Liberty Church not having been represented for three years, Bros. J. B. Powell and J. G. Reynolds were appointed to visit the church and report on her condition next session.

48. The Moderator announced the following standing committees to report next year:

State Missions—W. M. Blackwelder, J. W. Purifoy and Cleveland Williams.

Home Missions—W. M. Hestle, G. W. Burns and J. W. Riley.

Foreign Missions—S. C. Cook, J. D. Packer and J. F. Burson.

Sunday Schools—E. K. Robbins, J. L. Skinner and W. A. J. Stewart.

Woman's Work—J. B. Powell, W. H. Watt and J. J. Garrett.

Temperance—A. P. Majors, W. R. Maxwell and J. T. Burson.

Ministerial Education—J. T. Moncrief, J. E. Knight and S. Moore.

Denominational Education—J. J. Hawthorn, D. Cook and S. J. Felts.

Denominational Literature—E. J. Bailey, Sr., T. A. Cowart and J. N. Davison.

Baptist Orphanage—W. N. Huckabee, W. L. Pruitt and S. C. Andress, Sr.

49. The Association united in singing a hymn and taking the parting hand.

After prayer by Bro. J. H. Riffe, adjourned to meet with Forest Home Church, Forest Home, Butler County, Ala., on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1895.

J. G. REYNOLDS, Clerk.

D. W. RAMSEY,
MODERATOR.

50. ORDAINED MINISTERS CONNECTED WITH THE ASSOCIATION.

D. W. Ramsey.....	Pine Apple, Ala.
W. M. Blackwelder.....	Furman, "
A. P. Majors.....	Chestnut, "
J. B. Powell.....	Forest Home, "
P. J. Cree.....	Tinela, "
W. N. Huckabee.....	Camden, "
S. Moore.....	Butler Springs, "
A. A. Sims.....	Butler Springs, "

LICENTIATES.

R. S. Chapell.....	Nellie, Ala.
W. S. Fort.....	Turkestan, "

51 REPORT OF TREASURER.

To Pine Barren Association:—I beg leave to submit my annual report.
J. W. PURIFOY, Treasurer, In account with Pine Barren Association, 1895.

DR.

To CASH FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE for Minutes	\$ 33 00
" " " " " Home Missions.....	60 60
" " " " " Foreign "	88 50
" " " " " State "	90 20
" " " " " Bible and Colportage... ..	3 50
" " " " " Ministerial Education	46 55
" " " " " Baptist Orphanage.....	13 90
" " " " " Special Ministerial Ed.	13 65
" cash on hand of Permanent Ministerial Educational fund	35 25
" notes of the several beneficiaries	468 75
" total amount of vouchers in hand of Treasurer.....	452 99
Total cash notes and vouchers	\$1306 89

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SEPT. 15, BY CASH PAID	Daniel Cook, Clerk, for minutes, v 1	\$ 33 00
" " " " "	J. W. Stewart, Baptist Orphanage, v 2	13 90
" 19, " " " "	W. B. Crumpton, Home Missions, v 3	60 60
" " " " "	" " " " Foreign " v 4	88 50
" " " " "	" " " " State " v 5	90 20
" " " " "	" " " " Bible & Colp'tge v 6	3 50
" 20, " " " "	Geo. W. Ellis, Treas. Board M. E. v 7	46 55
By cash in hand of Treasurer of Permanent M. E. fund.....		35 25
" " " " " " " " Special " " "		13 65
" notes in hand of Treas., notes of special beneficiaries...		468 75
" amount of vouchers in hand of Treasurer.....		452 99
Total cash paid out in hand and notes and vouchers.....		———— \$ 1309 89

Which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. PURIFOY,
Treas. Pine Barren Association.

(53) STATISTICS OF PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION, 1894.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S Post Office.	Number last Reported.	Increase by				Present Membership.	Prayer Meeting.	Preaching Sundays.	Reverts Reported.	No. tak'g Denom. pap'r.	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Average Attendance.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.								
Ackerville.	Wilcox.	W. M. Blackwelder	W. A. J. Albritton	Ackerville.	86	24	1	5	1	103	1	2	1	1	12	60	40
Allenton	"	D. W. Ramsey	W. M. Fitzgerald	Allenton	48	4	2	1	3	50	1	2 & 4	1	10	8	65	40
Bear Creek.	"	S. Moore	D. P. Waits	Caledonia.	76	3	2	1	1	81	1	4	1	1	4	30	20
Bell's Landing	Monroe.	W. N. Huckabee	O. H. Spencer	Sallie	16	1	1	1	1	17	1	4	1	1	4	30	20
Bethel	"	J. S. Ridgeway	E. B. Burgess	River Ridge.	130	17	3	9	2	121	1	4	1	1	4	80	74
Bethsaida	Wilcox.	W. M. Blackwelder	W. M. Purifoy	Furman.	144	17	3	7	2	155	1	1 & 3	1	2	5	20	15
Butler Springs.	Butler	J. B. Powell	H. T. Seale	Butler Springs.	33	12	8	1	1	33	1	1	2	8	60	45	
Camden	Wilcox.	L. A. White	J. P. Farley	Camden	75	12	1	5	1	91	1	3	1	1	7	60	50
Concord	Monroe.	"	J. J. Finkica	Buena Vista.	159	2	2	12	1	149	1	1	1	1	7	60	50
Enon	Wilcox.	A. P. Majors	E. Burson	Fatama	83	1	1	2	1	84	1	1	1	1	5	60	45
Forest Home	Butler	J. B. Powell	W. H. Watt	Forest Home.	111	1	19	11	2	116	1	2 & 4	1	7	5	60	45
Fellowship	"	J. B. Powell	J. E. Knight	Monterey	42	10	4	4	1	52	1	3	1	5	5	48	35
Friendship	Wilcox.	D. W. Ramsey	H. E. Melton	Pine Apple	173	42	4	11	1	208	1	1 & 3	1	13	123	100	
Gullett's Bluff	"	A. P. Majors	S. C. Cook	Nellie	45	1	1	2	1	42	1	1	1	4	40	30	
Indian Springs.	Monroe	A. P. Majors	J. E. Fore	Turkestan	73	1	1	3	1	69	1	1	1	3	30	25	
Mount Hope.	Wilcox.	W. N. Huckabee	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	55	1	1	1	6	49	"	
Midway	Monroe.	A. A. Sims	J. C. Anthony	Abbott.	124	3	1	12	1	116	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Pisgah	Butler	"	J. T. Deane	Starlington.	60	1	1	1	1	59	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Mount Pleasant	Monroe.	S. Moore	R. E. Coleman	Simpkinsville.	112	4	1	3	1	108	1	2	3	5	20	15	
New Hope.	"	A. P. Majors	H. O'Gwynn	Natchez	56	1	1	1	1	56	1	4	1	1	1	1	1
New Providence.	Wilcox.	W. N. Huckabee	T. S. Parker	Coy	31	1	2	1	1	25	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
Pine Level	Butler	S. Moore	W. B. Taylor	Manningham.	77	1	1	5	1	23	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
Pineville.	Monroe.	W. N. Huckabee	Wm. Ivey	Pork	44	1	1	6	1	44	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
Rock West.	Wilcox.	"	J. E. Gullett	Rock West.	51	1	1	5	1	44	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Monterey	Butler	J. B. Powell	T. E. Knight	Monterey	44	1	1	6	1	39	1	1	1	1	4	30	20
Shackleville.	"	L. B. Choran	J. J. Fail	Shackleville.	45	1	1	2	1	48	1	1	1	1	4	37	30
Spring Hill	Monroe.	J. S. Ridgeway	D. A. Massey	River Ridge.	1894	133	50	3	8	108	3	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total.					1894	133	50	3	8	108	3	1	1	1	1	1	1

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICE.—Ackerville, W. Y. Thigpen, Ackerville; Allenton, J. M. Walthall, Allenton; Bell's Landing, H. O. Spencer, Sallie; Bethsaida, J. L. Skinner, Furman; Butler Springs, B. I. Higdon, Butler Springs; Camden, J. P. Farley, Camden; Concord, M. V. Middleton, Buena Vista; Forest Home, J. G. Reynolds, Forest Home; Fellowship, T. C. Shanks, Monterey; Friendship, J. M. Cone, Pine Apple; Gullett's Bluff, S. C. Cook, Nellie; Indian Springs, C. L. Grimes, Turkestan; Mount Hope, M. F. Bonham, Camden; Midway, Two Schools Reported; Mt. Pleasant, H. N. Lawrence, Awin; Pineville, J. B. Harper, Pineville; Rock West, Frank Cook, Rock West; Monterey, E. G. Donald, Monterey; Shackleville, J. D. Vickery, Shackleville; Spring Hill, School Reported.



CHAIRMEN OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—W. M. Blackwelder, Furman, Ala.,

Home Missions—W. M. Hestle, Buena Vista, Ala.

Foreign Missions—S. C. Cook, Nellie, Ala.

Sabbath Schools—E. K. Robbins, Ackerville, Ala,

Woman's Work—Dr. J. B. Powell, Forest Home, Ala.

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