

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Shelby Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Cahaba Valley Church, Bibb Co., Ala.,

September 9, 10 and 11, 1891.

OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

W. C. CLEVELAND, D. D., Moderator.....Montevallo, Ala.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.....Columbiana, "

HOWARD GRIGGS, Treasurer.....Montevallo, "

*The next session will be held with Shelby Church, at Shelby,
Ala., commencing on Wednesday before the first
Sabbath in September, 1892.*

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Read Letters from Churches.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Invite visiting Ministers to seats.
6. Invite Churches to join the Association.
7. Appoint Committees on Devotion, Finance and Nominations.
8. Fill vacancies on Standing Committees.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Return Correspondence—To Canaan, Cahaba Valley, Coosa River and Mulberry Associations.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

13. Devotional Exercises.
14. Read the Minutes of the first day and call the roll.
15. Report on Family Religion.
16. Education.
17. Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
18. Missionary Sermon.
19. Report on Ministerial Education.
20. Periodicals.
21. Aged and Infirm Ministers.

THIRD DAY.

22. Report of Colporteur.
23. Report on Bible and Colportage Work.
24. Temperance.
25. Sabbath Schools.
26. Nominations.
27. Finance.
28. Treasurer.
29. Appoint Standing Committees to report at next session.
30. Order Clerk's salary paid and 500 Minutes printed.
31. Miscellaneous Business.
32. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Shelby Association met with the Cahaba Valley Church, on Wednesday, the ninth day of September, 1891.

W. C. Cleveland, D. D., the former Moderator, read the 19th Psalm. Prayers were offered by Rev. J. M. Waller and J. M. Langston.

The introductory sermon was preached by J. D. Martin, from Exodus 3:3.

After an intermission of an hour and a half for dinner, the association met and was called to order by the Moderator.

Letters from the churches were received and read by J. K. Milner and J. W. Mitchell, and the names of the messengers were enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Brierfield—A. J. Day, E. M. Crider and W. J. Story.
Cahaba Valley—T. M. Fancher, J. D. Farington and Forest Harper.
Dogwood Grove—M. V. Lawley, Wm. Lovelady, Frank Robertson, Bird Beardon and James McGaughey.
Enon—N. T. Lucus, J. W. Whitfield and Charles Johnson.
Helena—John McWhorter.
Longview—L. E. Hayle and Joseph Carter.
Montevallo—W. C. Cleveland and Henry Latham.
Mar's Hill—J. M. Milstead, Wm. Poe and David Campbell.
Macedonia—E. G. Walker.
New Antioch—S. J. Miles.
Six Mile—R. H. Pratt, J. W. Mitchell and F. M. Fancher.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethesda—R. A. O'Hara and M. E. B. Jones.
Columbiana—E. B. Teague, C. W. O'Hara and J. K. Milner.
Florence—J. M. Crenshaw and F. B. Adams.
Liberty—J. D. Martin and W. J. Jackson.
Mt. Calvary—Nathan Thomas.
Rocky Ridge—J. W. Wood and J. R. Davis.
Summer Hill—L. Q. Gould and James Gould.
Shelby—John F. Averyt and H. T. Cabaniss.

Re-elected the former officers by acclamation. Prayer by Dr. E. B. Teague.

Adopted the order of business of the last session for the present.

Invited visiting ministers to seats. Rev. J. M. Waller, assistant corresponding secretary State Mission Board; Rev. T. B. Fancher, of Mississippi; Rev. J. M. Heard, from the Cahaba Association, and Rev. J. M. Langston, from the Mulberry Association, responded to the invitation and were welcomed among us by the Moderator.

Invited churches to join the association. Messengers from Shelby church presented a petitionary letter. The church being found orthodox was received, the Moderator extending to the messengers the hand of fellowship in behalf of the association.

Filled vacancies on standing committees:

- On Family Religion—N. T. Lucas.
- On Education—J. W. Mitchell and J. W. Arnold.
- On Ministerial Education—John F. Averyt, E. M. Crider and H. Latham.
- On Home Missions—J. K. Milner, J. R. Davis and J. W. Wood.
- On Foreign Missions—W. D. Hubbard and James Gould.

Called for correspondence:

J. G. Gay was received from the Unity Association, Rev. J. M. Langston from the Mulberry.

Returned correspondence:

- To the Coosa River—W. D. Hubbard.
- To the Mulberry—Charles Johnson, N. T. Lucas, W. C. Cleveland, R. H. Pratt and C. W. O'Hara.
- To the Unity—W. C. Cleveland, J. W. Woods, J. W. Mitchell and T. M. Fancher.

Resolved, That any member of this association shall be authorized to represent us at any of our sister associations, where they may be present.

Appointed committees:

- On Devotional Exercises—Pastor and messengers of this church.
- On Finance—J. K. Milner, R. A. O'Hara and J. M. Crenshaw.
- On Nominations—R. H. Pratt, A. J. Day and J. D. Farington.

On motion, the order of business was suspended and the report on Periodicals read and discussed by Rev. J. M. Waller, E. B. Teague, R. H. Pratt, T. M. Fancher, C. W. O'Hara and J. K. Milner, and the report adopted.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The printing press is a power in influence; shaping character, molding the mind, and giving direction to the course of events among men, second to nothing save the preaching of the Gospel orally. And in many instances it seems that the power of the press even transcends that of the preaching of the Gospel. All classes, professions and organizations of men, are eagerly seeking from the press the knowledge which is of peculiar interest to them and will conduce to their prosperity in their several spheres.

Never, perhaps, was there a time when the attention of the public was more generally attracted by the press than now. This is a gratifying fact that the masses are thus endeavoring to enlighten themselves. But while this is a fact over which we do well to rejoice, it is also a lamentable fact that there is not that interest taken in our religious and denominational literature that should be. Many homes are there among our own brotherhood, in which may be found periodicals pertaining to politics, agriculture and human organizations and not one vestige of denominational literature to be found. Brethren, these things ought not so to be. Not that the first should not be done, but that the second should not be left undone. If, however, only one can be afforded, by all means let not our Zion be neglected. The cause of our blessed Master certainly transcends anything else under the sun in importance.

We would recommend the Alabama Baptist, the Baptist organ for the State; the State Mission Quarterly, published at Marion, Ala., in clubs, 10 cents per annum; Our Home Field published at Atlanta, Ga., 25 cents per annum; and the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., at

50 cents per annum. We would further recommend the use of the Kind Words series in our Sunday Schools. We would commend to our churches the favorable consideration of "The Choice," a hymn book being gotten out by Dr. B. Manly, in which the grand old Gospel hymns, of the long ago, are being reproduced with the familiar airs to which they are married, so to speak.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. LYON, Chairman.

Fixed the time for meeting and adjournment: Convene at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m., convene at 1:30 p. m., adjourn at 4 p. m.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator. The Moderator read 1st Psalm. Prayer by C. W. O'Hara.

Invited visitors: Rev. D. I. Purser was recognized as the financial agent of Howard College and as vice-president of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. C. W. Hare was recognized as editor of the Alabama Baptist.

Report on Family Religion was read. Discussion by F. M. Woods, C. W. O'Hara, J. M. Crenshaw, W. D. Hubbard, C. W. Hare and W. C. Cleveland. Prayer by D. I. Purser. Report adopted. Sang 1st Doxology.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

Our Master has said that we are the light of the world, the salt of the earth, etc., and we believe that nowhere does the light of religion shine more effectively than in the family circle. Family religion makes itself felt most potently in all of our public services. The influence of religion at home will manifest itself for good, from childhood down to old age.

The ruthless tread of centuries will not destroy its power, but rather tend to bring out the latent beauties under the Master's touch, till we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, and the least duties performed for Christ in the family, even the giving of a cup of cold water, will not be forgotten, although the giver may rest under the sod.

How delightful the family worship where God's blessings are acknowledged every day by grateful hearts. How blessed the home that is consecrated to the God of all the families of the earth. It may echo with the voice of gladness, or be filled with the wail of sorrow, but one thing is sure, the angel of the Lord encampeth around about them that fear Him; it is the abiding place of the most High. But how different when we look at the other side of the picture, how uninviting, how cold, how dark, how cheerless it is, the blessed Bible laid aside for the latest novel, or the secular newspaper, a chess board, or a deck of cards, our temper uncontrolled; instead of smiles and kind words, frowns and unkind words; instead of religious instruction, neighborhood gossip.

Brethren, if we will carry religion to our tables, into our business, into our family conversation, and make every thing subservient to our holy religion, and subordinate our religion to nothing, we will be better prepared to pray publicly, to teach in the Sabbath School, and point others to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. WOODS; Chairman.

The report on Education was made the special order for 2 p. m., and Dr. D. I. Purser was invited to address the association at that hour.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read and laid on the table.

The missionary sermon was preached by F. M. Woods from John 13:17.

Rev. J. M. Waller, assistant corresponding secretary, addressed the association on the subject of Missions. A collection was taken for Missions, the amount of which may be found in the report on Finance.

Prayer by Rev. J. M. Waller.
Adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. Prayer by J. D. Martin.

Appointed standing committees, see last page.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and discussed by T. M. Fancher.

Rev. D. I. Purser addressed the association in the interest of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Report adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools, ask leave to submit the following:

It gives us pleasure to say that the information gathered from the church letters and other sources, impress us with the fact that the Sabbath School interest is gradually on the increase. We note, however, that some of the churches report no schools. We earnestly recommend to the pastors of churches, and professed Christians generally, in the neighborhoods where there are no Sabbath Schools, to give the subject prayerful consideration, after which we believe they will put forth an effort to gather the people together every Sabbath day for the purpose of studying God's Word. We suggest that every Sabbath School in our bounds use Kind Words literature, Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. M. FANCHER, Chairman.

The Report on Education was read.

Rev. D. I. Purser, as Financial Agent of Howard College, addressed the Association in the interest of the cause which he represents; and took pledges for the building of dormitories, amounting to \$408.00.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

To know that interest is manifestly increasing on the subject of education is indeed gratifying. Attendance upon schools of all grades throughout the State was greater during the year just past than ever before. An education which expands the mind but neglects the cultivation of Christian graces, which at last constitute the main-spring of our best endeavors, is dangerous in its tendency. We point with satisfaction to the increased attendance upon Howard College, at East Lake, and upon the Judson Female

Institute at Marion. These are indeed our schools, and their importance to our denomination, and the blessings they confer, are justly recognized. We must labor to enlarge this usefulness. But the pressing need of the hour is the establishment, wherever possible, of thorough elementary schools, where our children can receive, at the hands of Christian teachers, an impress, as preparative for entrance into these higher schools. In this way only can these noble schools do their work most effectively.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD GRIGGS, Chairman.

The report of the Executive Committee was read.

After a short address by Rev. J. M. Waller the report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, the Executive Committee of the Shelby Association, submit the following report, and ask a thorough discussion:

We find that there is a great deal of work in the Association for the committee; but owing to a lack of funds, we are unable to do it.

There has been a church organized at Shelby during the year, and they now have twenty-seven members. They have erected a house of worship, which is still unfinished. Brother C. W. O'Hara preached for them two Sundays in each month, for which he received from the State Mission Board \$200.00 per annum. They have a Sabbath school, but on account of the unfinished condition of their church, are conducting it some distance out in the country.

This is a very promising field, and these brethren need the assistance of others to finish their house and to pay their pastor. There is a great deal of work to be done here, and we feel sure the earnest work of their noble pastor will be fully repaid.

The church at Brierfield is weak, and there is a great deal of work to be done here. Brother J. W. Mitchell preached to them one Sunday in each month, for which he received \$50.00 per annum from the State Mission Board, making in all \$250.00 paid to Missionaries in the Shelby Association; only \$79.66 of which is paid by the churches of the Association.

There ought to be some work done at Gurnee, where there are some 400 people.

The church at Longview is weak and needs help, but the committee has no funds at its disposal, and can not afford to ask the State Board for more help.

We believe the poor support our churches give to this cause is, in a great measure, chargeable to the pastors. We believe, if our pastors will take the pains to study the plans of the State Mission Board, and thoroughly explain it to their churches, and then ask for contributions for its support, and repeat this from time to time we will soon be able to do our own Mission work.

The Shelby Association has over 1200 members, and to think we are paupers, asking help to take care of our household, as it were, is enough to make every man and woman in the Association blush with shame.

Brethren, can we afford it?

We beg the pastors and churches to do their duty, and come up to the support of the Mission cause.

We recommend to the Association, first, that we endeavor to raise the amount asked of our Association. Second, that we adopt the plan suggested by the State Mission Board. These brethren have studied the subject, and experimented, and we can profit by their experience.

They prorate to the Association in the State the amounts which, in their judgment, each Association is able to pay, then they suggest that the Association appoint a committee of three to apportion out to the churches the amount asked of the Association, and that this amount be printed in the minutes, and the churches asked to try to raise this amount. Now, brethren, this is not an assessment, but simply dividing

the work, and what Christian is there who is not willing to do his part? Then we suggest that this Association make it the duty of the Executive Committee to include in its report the amount asked of each church, and the amount paid by that church.

Brethren, we claim to be Missionary Baptists, yet we do very little for Mission work. We will never learn to love the Mission cause until we contribute something to its support. We can never be made poor by giving. The Scriptures say: "Give and it shall be given unto you, good measure, heaped up, shaken together, and running over;" "Freely ye have received, freely give;" "The Lord loves a cheerful giver," and many other such passages. Now, brethren, let us do our duty, and very soon the Shelby Association will be a help, instead of a burden, to the denomination of the State; giving instead of receiving, and "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. MILNER, Chairman.

The reports on Missions were made the special order for 9:30 to-morrow.

Prayer by J. M. Langston.

Adjourned.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 11.

Association met at 9 A. M.

Devotional exercises conducted by W. D. Hubbard.

The reports on Missions were taken from the table. The Foreign Mission report was amended by adopting a resolution on the centennial movement, and the reports were discussed by C. W. O'Hara, J. M. Waller and J. D. Martin.

Reports adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee on State Missions, beg leave to submit the following report:

We are gratified to see that there has been a rapid advance in the Mission work within the last few years. But it is not surprising to us that this is the case, when we take into consideration the surroundings.

The impending needs are such that, in our opinion, no Christian, who will consider for a moment, the situation, can refrain from an active, onward and progressive movement.

The needs, demands, and even positive requirements of our people, are peculiar and imperative. We are situated in the midst of the mineral regions of America. There are constantly coming into our midst men of every nationality, with their false religion, and many of them no religion at all. These we must christianize or they will heathenize us. The influences of these people are felt in their greatest power in and about our mining towns; hence the importance of Missionary work being done in such places by our ablest and most consecrated men.

The State Mission Board is supplying such places with good, competent and consecrated men for the work, as far as the churches have provided the means.

While we rejoice to see the advance all along the line of State Missions throughout the State, we feel somewhat humiliated when we notice how far we, as an Association, have fallen short in our contributions, of many other Associations, with no greater membership.

By reference to the last report we find that only two hundred and twenty dollars and eighty-three cents (\$220 83) were raised for all purposes. It is suggested by the Mission Board that this Association pay two hundred dol-

lars (\$200 00) for State Missions for the ensuing year. The Board is now spending two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) within our bounds, thus we see that the Board is giving us fifty dollars (\$50 00) more than we are asked to pay. Surely we will not fail to respond promptly.

There is in the employ of the Board fifty-four Missionaries, who have not been paid for the quarter ending June 30th. The present quarter will end with this month, and the treasury is practically empty.

We would recommend that quarterly collections be taken by pastors for Missions. Ten cents per quarter from each member of this Association will supply every demand.

And furthermore, we recommend the following resolutions:

1. Resolved, That we undertake to raise for Missionary purposes the coming year, four hundred dollars (\$400 00), the amount suggested to us by the State Mission Board, to be divided as follows:

State Missions, two hundred dollars (\$200.00); Home Missions, sixty-eight dollars (\$68.00); Foreign Missions one hundred and thirty-two dollars (\$132.00)

2. Resolved, That this shall, in no sense, be regarded as a *tax*, but a *request* that the churches try to raise these amounts.

3. Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to apportion the amount out to the churches, and their report be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PRATT, Chairman.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is located at Atlanta, Ga., with I. T. Tichenor as Corresponding Secretary, and A. D. Adair, Treasurer. Rev. G. S. Anderson is Vice President for Alabama.

The object of this Board is to occupy destitute fields that cannot be occupied by the State Boards, and to disseminate the gospel among the Indians, and it also has charge of the work in Cuba.

They employ 406 Missionaries, twenty-one of which work in Alabama, to which the Board paid last year \$1,093 39, besides \$2,067 68 raised and expended on the field; \$1,212 00 was raised and expended for houses of worship on the field. Alabama paid last year for Home Missions \$5,491 03.

The Board reports the result of the work in Cuba as very gratifying. The First Baptist church there was constituted in 1886, and we now have on that field seven churches, with a membership of 1,917, and expect more glorious things in the future.

The work among the Indians is very difficult, but a large per cent. of them are becoming believers.

The rapid influx of foreigners into this country makes it important that we meet them with a pure gospel. It is very important that they should be christianized.

The towns and cities of the South are growing rapidly, and there should be Missionaries there to gather the Baptists together, and organize them and put them to work. The money expended in these places is soon repaid with a large profit on it, and with a church at work in each of these centres, there will be less trouble in christianizing foreigners who come among us. If the Baptists of the South were all thoroughly trained and developed, we would be able to put Missionaries wherever they were needed. Each Christian ought to study this question, and our pastors ought to feel it their duty to see that their churches do something for the support of this Board, and do all they can in their own communities, and while it is not right to confine ourselves to our own communities, we might do a great deal there, and we find that the Christians who are doing the most for Home and State Missions are doing the most for Foreign Missions.

The contributions of the Shelby Association to Home Missions this year have been very light, and we should support this Board as well as the others, and we hope our churches will take a special collection for Home Missions during the ensuing year.

There is no danger of having too many objects to contribute to. We will never hurt ourselves by giving. We find the more a Christian gives the

more he has to give, and the more he enjoys the privilege of giving. A small sum from each church will accomplish great results, and we hope every member in this Association will help to swell the amount.

There are scores of weak churches all over this South-land of ours, crying for help. Many are weak because the members have moved into the cities and towns, and we hope, so far as our Association is concerned, their cries will not be in vain.

There is no confusion among our Boards. The system they have adopted is almost a perfect one, and we feel sure that, while mistakes will sometimes be made, yet they are rare, and we should overlook these and look at the good accomplished, and come up to their support with our prayers and contributions.

We recommend the Home Field to the brethren and hope they will all subscribe for it, and you will soon learn all about what our Home Mission Board is doing, and will contribute more cheerfully to its support. We hope our pastors will see to it that their churches have this little paper among them, and they will find no trouble in getting them to contribute.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. MILNER, Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions submit the following:

Our people have long since caught the spirit of the Great Teacher, and have borne the message to other lands.

Brave men and women, whose hearts are thrilled with the cause of God, are telling the old story in China, Italy, Africa, and Mexico, and amidst the greatest persecution, have stood with unwavering faith. We are rejoiced to know that our own people stand in the fore-front, both as to numbers and efficient workers. As the Centennial Mission year approaches, there seems to be a world-wide awakening all along the lines. The time seems to be coming—or may we not hope so, at least?—when every association, or what would be better, every church, will have its own Missionary in the foreign field. Let the people be instructed as regards this work, and be urged to read the Foreign Mission Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

W. D. HUBBARD, Chairman.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That the Centennial movement, in which the Southern Baptist Convention proposes to send out one hundred new Missionaries and raise permanent funds for the Home and Foreign Mission work, meets with our hearty approval.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and discussed by W. C. Cleveland.

The following pledges were taken for Ministerial Education:

Montevallo church.....	\$25 00
Cahaba Valley church.....	10 00
Columbiana church.....	10 00
Shelby church.....	10 00
Six Mile church.....	15 00
Brierfield church.....	2 50
Cash collection.....	10 00

Report adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg leave to report as follows: The Board of Ministerial Education has been entrusted with one of the most important interests fostered by the denomination. The young men anxious to prepare themselves for the service of God in the preaching of the Gospel, have been entrusted to its care. The Board just now needs the

hearty sympathy and prompt support of the churches interested. We have within our bounds one worthy brother who needs and deserves help at our hands. The Board asks the Shelby Association for \$75 in the prosecution of its work. No interest is there more far reaching in its influence for good, none that is more profitable to the churches. We commend it to warm sympathy and liberal support of the churches. We also recommend that every minister within our bounds attend the Theological Institute which is held annually at Howard College.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. AVERY, Chairman.

W. D. Hubbard, who was formerly a ministerial beneficiary of this association, addressed the body, tendering the profoundest gratitude of his heart for aid given him, and gave expression of his intention to consecrate his life wholly to the preaching of the Gospel. He was listened to with joyous hearts and streaming eyes. Prayer by E. B. Teague.

The report on Bible and Colportage Work was read and discussed by F. M. Woods, J. W. Wood and W. C. Cleveland. Report adopted.

REPORT OF COLPORTEUR AND COMMITTEE ON COLPORTAGE WORK.

Having had the pastoral care of five churches, I have had time to do but little in the great work which was assigned me by the association. I have sold literature to the amount of \$15 23, and have on hand as the property of this association books to the value of \$15.68, a bill of which is annexed to this report, and cash \$9.32, making a total of \$25, the amount appropriated to this fund September 10th, 1890. I have distributed gratis over one thousand pages of tracts.

F. M. Woods, Colporteur.

We, your committee, feel sure that there is no work more necessary, nor one that will accomplish more good to the people, or more glory for the Master, than the distribution of religious literature. The country is flooded with light and trashy books, pamphlets and papers, influencing the minds, corrupting the morals and leading numbers of our young people on toward destruction annually. While we do not expect to change this state of affairs at once, let us do what we can on this line—despising not the day of small things.

The Colporteur system has proved a success in the State, and we believe that under the blessings of God it will do the same in the association if the work is pushed, even to the extent of our ability. We would therefore recommend that the work be continued and enlarged, and that the pastors be and are hereby requested to take up quarterly collections for this cause and forward to the Treasurer, to be paid out by him as the chairman of the committee on Bible and Colportage Work may suggest. Let the collections be ever so small, let them come and come regularly; many little things constitute a mighty aggregate. Give us the coppers and we will flood the country with the light and power of the religious press.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Woods, Chairman.

On motion, Bro. F. M. Woods was continued as Colporteur and authorized to solicit funds for Colportage work.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by Howard Griggs, W. C. Cleveland, J. M. Waller, Charles Johnson and J. D. Martin. Report adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

That in our opinion the temperance cause is steadily gaining ground. We feel gratified that a great deal has been accomplished in the cause of temperance, but we are conscious that a great deal remains to be done. Your committee is sorry to report that some who claim to be Baptists are still indulging in the use of intoxicants as a beverage, while others are opposed to the local option law, thereby encouraging the traffic of this vile stuff. Furthermore, we regret to know that the idea prevails with some that prohibition should not apply to our large towns and watering places, that the one is necessary to the other. And in view of the facts as they stand out before us, your committee insists that Baptists everywhere put forth every legitimate effort in their power to put down this evil traffic, and that we call upon other Christian denominations to co-operate with us in the great cause of temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

M. E. B. JONES, Chairman.

The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read and discussed by J. M. Crenshaw and J. D. Martin. A collection was taken for this object, amounting to \$9.20. Report adopted.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report, that two aged brethren, viz: W. W. Armstrong and J. W. Wood, have been previously adopted as the beneficiaries of this association. But little has been done for them. Only ten of the churches have made contributions to this object as will be seen by referring to the financial exhibit, aggregating only \$24.90. We recommend that these brethren be continued as beneficiaries. And as kind and sympathizing words will neither feed nor warm the body, we recommend that quarterly collections be taken in the churches for the benefit of these old veterans of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CRENSHAW, Chairman.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and adopted. (See Financial Exhibit.)

The Treasurer's report was read and adopted.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SHELBY ASSOCIATION, 1891.

HOWARD GRIGGS, in account with SHELBY ASSOCIATION:

Sept. 10, 1890.	To amount from former Treasurer.....	\$152 86
" "	" " Cuban Missions, (W. W. Armstrong).....	1 00
Nov. 11, 1890.	" " Indigent M. F. (Dogwood Grove church)..	4 67
" "	" " " (Summer Hill church).....	3 15
May 9, 1891.	" " " (Liberty church).	3 00
" "	" " For Missions, Liberty church.....	3 00
*Aug. 8, 1891.	" " " State Missions, Columbiana church....	17 77
" "	" " Foreign Missions, Columbiana church	22 43
" "	" " Min. Education, Columbiana church.	18 00
" "	" " Howard College, Columbiana church	37 50
" "	" " Theological Sem., Columbiana church	5 00
" "	" " Church building not at home, Colum- biana church.....	53 00
†	" " Home Missions, Montevallo church..	17 10
†	" " Church building not at home, Monte- vallo church.....	44 80
†	" " Foreign Missions, Montevallo church.	52 00
†	" " State Missions, Montevallo church..	19 05
†	" " Bible and Colportage, Montevallo ch..	24 04
†	" " Min. Education, Montevallo church..	31 22
" "	" " Associational Purposes, Montevallo ch	3 00

The report on Nominations was read and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your Committee on Nominations, report as follows:

1. That the executive committee of the association be John K. Milner, chairman, together with C. W. O'Hara, J. L. Peters, A. P. Longshore and John M. Fancher.
2. That the introductory sermon be preached by J. W. Mitchell, N. P. Lucas, alternate.
3. That the missionary sermon be preached by M. E. B. Jones, H. H. Paul, alternate.
4. Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, W. C. Cleveland, D. D., and C. W. O'Hara, alternate.
5. Delegates to the State Convention, H. C. Paul, F. M. Woods, J. D. Martin, M. E. B. Jones, T. M. Fancher, Howard Griggs, W. C. Cleveland, C. W. O'Hara, John K. Milner, J. W. Mitchell and Charles Johnson.
6. We recommend that the next session of the association be held with Shelby church, Shelby, Ala., beginning on Wednesday before the first Sunday, in September, 1892.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PRATT, Chairman.

Resolved, That the amount collected for Missions be divided as follows: One-half for State Missions, one-fourth for Home Missions and one-fourth for Foreign Missions.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

- On Family Religion—J. D. Martin, J. W. Dodson and A. F. Carden.
- On Education—R. H. Pratt, J. R. Wells and John Farington.
- On Ministerial Education—J. K. Milner, W. G. Parker and J. W. O'Hara.
- On Periodicals—F. M. Woods, R. E. Woolly and J. W. Arnold.
- On Aged and Infirm Ministers—T. M. Fancher, J. D. Farington and W. M. Kerbo.
- On State Missions—Howard Griggs, N. T. Lucas and Eugene Reynolds.
- On Home Missions—J. W. Mitchell, E. M. Crider and John Splawn.
- On Foreign Missions—John F. Averyt, H. T. Cabaniss and James Gould.
- On Temperance—Charles Johnson, Will Thompson and J. W. Whitfield.
- On Sabbath Schools—M. E. B. Jones, John Hill and J. L. Perry.
- On Bible and Colportage Work—C. W. O'Hara, J. L. Peters and Henry S. Latham.

Ordered Clark's salary paid and 500 copies of the Minutes printed.

Resolved, That we, the delegates and visitors to the Shelby Association held with the Cababa Valley church, tender our thanks to the people of this community for the manner in which they have so kindly received us into their homes, and the hospitality they have so heartily extended to us.

Prayer by F. M. Woods.

Adjourned.

W. C. CLEVELAND, Moderator.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. C. Cleveland, D D	Montevallo, Ala.
N T Lucas.....	“ “
N J Jarvis.....	“ “
F M Woods.....	“ “
Charles Johnson.....	“ “
H C Taul.....	Helena, Ala.
W D Hubbard.....	“ “
M E B Jones.....	Wilsonville, Ala
W W Armstrong, (indigent and aged beneficiary).....	“ “
J C Lyon.....	“ “
J D Martin.....	Coalville Ala.
E B Teague, D D.....	Columbiana, Ala.
J W Wood (indigent and aged beneficiary).....	“ “
C W O'Hara.....	“ “
W W Kirkland.....	“ “

LICENTIATES.

W M Kerbo.....	Six Mile, Ala.
James Davis.....	Columbiana, “
F B Adams.....	Lewis, “

STATISTICS OF SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Membership last Reported	Increase by				Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.	
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.					Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.
First District.																
Brierfield.....	Bibb.....	J. W. Mitchell.....	E. M. Crider.....	Brierfield.....	.....	.....	22	4	11	0	.....	.....	31	8	57
Bechteloh.....	Shelby.....	J. W. Mitchell.....	E. M. McWhire.....	Six Mile.....	.....	.....	20	4	.....	2	.....	.....	27	7	20
Chalaba Valley.....	Bibb.....	J. W. Mitchell.....	E. M. McWhire.....	Six Mile.....	.....	.....	32	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	93	7	45
Calden.....	Shelby.....	N. T. Lucena.....	R. E. Woolly.....	Dogwood.....	.....	.....	17	4	4	2	.....	.....	116	7	45
Dogwood Grove.....	Shelby.....	N. T. Lucena.....	W. R. Lucena.....	Montevello.....	2	1	71	.....	5	6	.....	.....	81	5	48
Edon.....	Shelby.....	N. T. Lucena.....	C. E. Hayle.....	Longview.....	.....	.....	20	.....	7	1	.....	.....	27	.....	.....
Longview.....	Shelby.....	W. C. Cleveland.....	T. J. Williams.....	Montevello.....	1	.....	67	2	4	.....	.....	.....	07	9	54
Montevello.....	Shelby.....	L. P. Craig.....	W. N. Hubbard.....	Brook's.....	.....	.....	51	6	2	.....	.....	.....	40	5	50
Mar's Hill.....	Jefferson.....	N. T. Lucena.....	J. G. Harris.....	Montevello.....	1	.....	42	4	.....	1	.....	.....	40	4	25
Macedonia.....	Shelby.....	N. T. Lucena.....	H. W. Bowers.....	Montevello.....	.....	.....	39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....
Helenia.....	Shelby.....	N. J. Jarvis.....	S. S. Booth.....	Helenia.....	1	.....	24	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	.....
New Antioch.....	Shelby.....	J. W. Mitchell.....	W. E. Fancher.....	Six Mile.....	.....	.....	85	15	4	.....	.....	.....	106	14	75
Six Mile.....	Bibb.....	J. W. Mitchell.....	W. E. Fancher.....	Six Mile.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SECOND DISTRICT.																
Both sds.....	Shelby.....	J. C. Lyon.....	R. A. O'Hara.....	Wilsonville.....	3	.....	117	7	3	2	12	4	120	0	08
Columbiana.....	Shelby.....	E. B. Feague.....	J. L. Peters.....	Columbiana.....	2	.....	53	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	51	7	33
Florence.....	Shelby.....	W. W. Kirkland.....	J. M. Crenshaw.....	Lewis.....	1	.....	36	1	2	.....	.....	.....	37	4	36
Liberty.....	Shelby.....	J. D. Martin.....	A. F. Carden.....	Weldon.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	90	6	32
Liberty.....	Shelby.....	M. E. R. Jones.....	N. Thomas.....	Columbiana.....	1	.....	11	4	1	.....	.....	.....	108	3	40
Mt. Calvary.....	Shelby.....	Geo. Cumpton.....	W. M. Davis.....	Columbiana.....	.....	.....	60	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	51	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel.....	Shelby.....	Geo. Cumpton.....	W. M. Davis.....	Columbiana.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rocky Ridge.....	Shelby.....	N. T. Lucena.....	L. Q. Gould.....	Columbiana.....	1	.....	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	52	.....	.....
Summer Hill.....	Shelby.....	C. W. O'Hara.....	G. H. Avery.....	Shelby.....	.....	.....	46	6	0	2	7	.....	54	.....	.....
Shelby.....	Shelby.....	C. W. O'Hara.....	G. H. Avery.....	Shelby.....	.....	.....	46	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	2	28
Total.....					10	41198	71	52	81	8	69	15	312	1286	86	458

*Not represented.

NOTE: The previous total is given of churches not represented, both of church and Sunday-schools.

Postoffice of Sunday-school Superintendents same as Clerk's.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.—P. A. Wood, Brierfield; T. M. Fancher, Six Mile; M. V. Lawley, Dogwood; F. L. Lucena, Montevello; E. W. North, Montevello; James Summally, Brook's; E. G. Walker, Montevello; E. H. Pratt, Six Mile; J. M. Taylor, Wilsonville; J. K. Milner, Columbiana; J. V. Lyon, Lewis; John Crane, Weldon; H. T. Cabaniss, Shelby.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions	Church Building (not at home)	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Indigent Ministers	Bible and Colportage	Ministerial Education—Howard College.	Ministerial Education—Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.	Minutes.	Howard College (building)	S. S. Expenses.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Room, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.
Brierfield.....	\$ 2 27		\$ 4 28	\$ 9 45		\$ 2 67		\$ 1 50			\$	\$ 20 17	\$ 1 25	\$ 100 00	\$1200 00
Bethlehem.....		3 00		1 15				3 00				10 35	26 80		600 00
Bethesda.....	2 10		1 10	1 15				3 00				28 00	100 00	65 00	2000 00
Callera.....	3 00		12 00	2 00	2 45			3 00		8 00		196 90	133 65	22 00	500 00
Cahaba Valley.....		53 60	22 43	17 77	2 45		18 00	5 00	37 50			16 41	64 80		1000 00
*Columbiana.....	2 00		2 10	2 10	3 00			2 50		6 81		2 45	50 00		400 00
Dogwood Grove.....					1 20			1 05		1 60		5 63			800 00
Enon.....	66		67					1 50				2 00			150 00
Florence.....								2 00							1000 00
Helena.....															300 00
Kingdom.....								1 00				1 50			500 00
Loukview.....				2 00	3 00			3 45				13 45	40 40	8 00	500 00
Liberty.....	3 00		2 00	2 00				3 00				191 21	455 00	100 80	3200 00
Montevallo.....	17 10	44 80	52 00	19 05		24 04	31 22	1 50				7 50	55 00	50 00	300 00
Mar's Hill.....								2 00				6 00			
Macedonia.....								1 15				1 15			
Mt. Calvary.....			4 00					2 00				6 00			
Mt. Carmel.....															
New Antioch.....								1 20				1 20			
Rocky Ridge.....					10 70			2 95				13 05			
Six Mile.....	2 80	24 00	6 26	25 25				3 00				111 31	150 00		1500 00
Summer Hill.....	78		78	79	8 15			1 50				7 00			
Shelby.....	8 49		7 49	14 98	8 71		10 00	1 50				49 57	206 00	680 93	747 00
Collections.....	1 25		1 25	2 50					408 00			613 00			
Subscriptions.....															
Total.....	\$43 45	\$ 124 80	\$ 114 26	\$ 37 71	\$ 84 11	\$ 826 71	\$ 119 70	\$ 5 00	\$ 38 80	\$ 445 50	\$ 60 16	\$ 1199 95	\$ 1352 90	\$ 1025 73	\$ 14197 00

Name of Moderator—W. C. Cleveland; Postoffice, Montevallo. Name of Clerk—C. W. O'Hara, Postoffice, Columbiana. Session of 1892 to be held with Shelby church, Shelby county, on Wednesday before the 1st Sabbath in September, 1892.
 *At Six Mile High School.
 Of the above amount \$103.67 was paid to Committee in cash and \$500 in subscription, all of which has been paid over to the Treasurer.
 Respectfully submitted,
 J. K. MILNER, Chairman.





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