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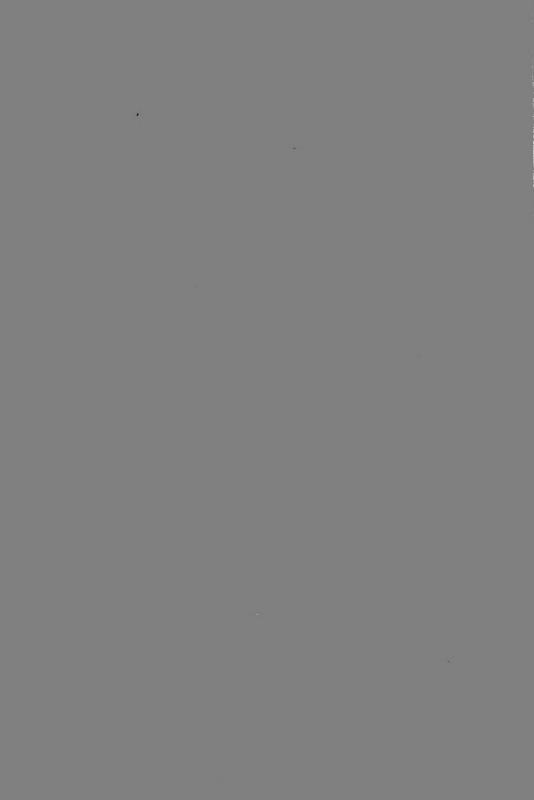
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ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Brooks, Rev. H. E.	Eufaula, Ala.
Hagood, Rev. J. J.	Clayton, "
Hubbard, Rev. W. D.	Eufaula, "
Myers, Rev. I. E.	Louisville, Ala.
Ray, Rev. S. O. Y	Midway, Ala.
Reeves, W. N.	Eufaula, "
Schramm, Rev. H. R.	

ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

- 1. Introductory Sermon.
- 2. Association called to order. Devotional Exercises conducted by Moderator.
- 3. Read Letters and Enroll Delegates.
- 4. Election of Officers.
- 5. Application for Membership.
- 6. Appointment of Committees to report at this session: 1, Religious Exercises; 2, State of the churches; 3, Finance; 4, Nominations; 5, Baptist Orphan's Home.
- 7. Receive Correspondents from Association—Bethel, Centennial, Columbus, Judson, Montgomery, Newton, Selma, Tuskegee, Harris, Columbia, Summer Hill.
- 8. Receive Agents of Board and Visitors.
- 9. Report of Executive Committee.
- 10. Report of Education.
- 11. Call for Correspondence.
- 12. Report on Missions: 1, State Missions; 2, Home Missions; 3, Foreign Missions.
- 13. Apportionment.
- 14. Woman's Work.
- 15. Orphans' Home.
- 16. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
- 17. Return Correspondence.
- 18. Report on Temperance.
- 19. Report on Ministerial Education.
- 20. Report on Sabbath Schools.
- 21. Missionary Sermon.
- 22. Report on State of the Churches.
- 23. Report on Bible and Colportage Work.
- 24. Report on Obituaries.
- 25. Report on Special Committees.
- 26. Report on Nominations.
- 27. Report on Finance Committee.
- 28. Miscellaneous Business.
- 29. Final Adjournment.

MINUTES.

MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, Midway, Ala., October 18, 1898.

- 1. The Forty-Fifth Annual Session of the Eufaula Baptist Association was held in the Midway Baptist church, at Midway, Alabama, beginning today at 11 a.m.
- 2. Rev. G. S. Anderson preached the introductory sermon.
- 3. The following Committee on Religious Exercises were appointed:
 - S. O. Y. Ray, H. R. Schramm, W. C. Jordan.
 - 4. On motion the Association adjourned till 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 5. The Association joined in singing "Alas and Did My Savior Bleed."
 - 6. Prayer by Bro. H. R. Schramm.
- 7. The church letters were read by Bros. H. R. Schramm and S. O. Y. Ray. The following delegates were enrolled:

Bethlehem-M. B. Reynolds, Albert Richards.

Clayton-J. J. Hagood.

Center Ridge—J. J. S. Willis, A. B. Barr, J. H. Hollinsworth, Jr.

Cowikee-Not represented.

Enon-Not represented.

Eufaula 1st—G. L. Comer, W. N. Reeves, Geo. B. Davis, T. F. Jones, W. D. Hubbard.

Eufaula, South Side—Not represented.

Evergreen—Not represented.

Glennville-Not represented.

Hawkinsville-H. Hawkins, E. V. Crawford.

Louisville-R. L. Baker, J. A. Seay.

Midway—S. O. Y. Ray, John Milner, W. C. Jordan, L. H. King, H. R. Schramm, Monroe Lewis, J. G. Hitchcock, A. A. Adams.

Mt. Olive-Not represented.

Mt. Zion-R. L. Baker, J. E. Allums, G. M. Thornton.

Old Mt. Zion-J. H. Scroggins, T. L. Sims.

Pea Creek-Not represented.

Pleasant Hill--Not represented.

Pleasant Plains-J. T. Watkins, F. M. Farrier.

Prospect—A. M. Green, J. A. Baker, J. M. Beaty, R. M. Caroway, H. V. Beaty, R. H. Trawick, M. McEachern.

Ramah-R. R. Gary, J. C. Culpepper, H. B. Florence.

Union-J. E. Fenn, E. G. Fenn.

- 8. Bro. G. L. Comer was elected Moderator.
- 9. On motion Bro. Geo. B. Davis was elected Clerk by acclamation.
 - 10. Representatives of Associations:

Centennial—S. J. Ming, G. W. Harrison, A. P. Pugh, A. W. Beverly.

Montgomery-Jno. G. Harris.

Tuskegee-G. S. Anderson.

Institute Board—G. S. Anderson.

State Mission Board—S. O. Y. Ray.

Orphans' Home—Jno. G. Harris.

Alabama Baptist-John G. Harris.

Foreign Mission Journal-H. R. Schramm.

- 11. On motion the regular order of business was dispensed with in order to hear Bro. G. S. Anderson in the interest of the Institute Board.
- 12. The following committees were appointed to report at this session:

State of the Churches—J. J. Hagood, W. N. Reeves, R. R. Gary, Finance—J. T. Watkins, W. C. Jordan, J. E. Fenn.

Nominations-H. Hawkins, John Milner, J. O. Baker.

Orphans' Home--J. J. S. Willis, A. A. Adams, M. B. Reynolds.

13. The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. J. J. Hagood.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

"It pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save those who believe." Preaching has a prominent place in God's plan for saving the world. This preaching is not to be in the wisdom of the world. The Bible does not make education one of the qualifications of the minister. One's aptness to teach is not conditioned on a literary education. But, all things being equal, the educated minister does a greater amount of work, and does it more efficiently, than the uneducated.

"Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words." The prophets, those who were to speak for God, were generally educated for their special work. There was a school doing such work in the days of Elisha (2 Kings 6:1).

A hundred years later, in the days of Isaiah and Amos, there was such a school. It appears, from what is said of Amos not attending,

that the prophets generally were from these schools.

It is true the disciples of Christ were not educated in the greatest schools of their time, but for two or three years they were taught by Christ, at whose teaching the people were astonished and wanted to know where he got such wisdom. In carrying on the work in the first churches a very prominent place is given the Apostle Paul, who was well educated.

We think there is now special need of an educated ministry. It is an age of specialists and enthusiasts. In pressing one truth they infringe on another. We need men who can rightly divide the word of truth. We want men who can detect loose ideas and doctrinal errors; who can correct these and teach the way of the Lord more perfectly. The education of the people at large makes an educated ministry necessary. If the pulpit holds its appointed place in influencing the thought and directing the affairs of the people, it must be educated. The Sunday School work is so extensive and is becoming more thorough, and there is more systematic study of the Bible. The young people are being enlisted. The preacher must be able to read and give direction, that these sources may be used for our Master.

Howard College and our Seminary have served us well. They are striving to meet these demands. Let us use them and support them.

Bro. Bennett, our beneficiary for last year, has graduated at the Howard. We recommend the adoption of another beneficiary at Howard College. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAGOOD,

Chairman.

-Discussed by Bros. J. J. Hagood, J. G. Harris, W. N. Reeves, H. R. Schramm.

On motion the report was adopted.

14. On motion, the Association adjourned till 9 a.m. to-morrow.



SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 19, 1898.

- 15. Bro. J. K. Jenkins conducted the devotional exercises.
- 16. The application of the Louisville Baptist church to become a member of our body was read, and on motion she was received as a member, and the hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.
- 17. The reports on Home Missions, State Missions, Foreign and Associational Missions were read by Bros. J. J. S. Willis, S. O. Y. Ray and W. N. Reeves respectively.

Report on Home Missions as follows:

HOME MISSIONS.

The word "home" falls so softly upon the ear; taken in the abstract it appeals to our love for our own family, to all those ties that bind us to the sacred precincts of our own domicile; yea, it appeals to our selfishness. While it is hard to conceive of a selfish Christian, yet with reluctance we are compelled to admit that there are such, unless our judgment is greatly at fault. But what of "home" in the concrete? Alas! alas! how many fail to realize the obligations of their much loved homes. How many have failed to grasp the idea that Christian communities are propagated by the co-operation of Christian homes. So it is with our great home mission work. Home Missions in the main is frontier missions, yet the work of the Home Mission Board is interspersed throughout the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention, extending to the territories in the West and to Cuba, that beautiful and fertile country called "the gem of the Antilles," so near to our southern coast.

We feel constrained to acknowledge the providence of God in directing the officers of our Home Board to occupy that country at an opportune time, and that having thereby already gained there a footing as a basis of operations. And as the results of the Spanish-American

war our opportunities are such as the most sanguine and faithful of our brethren in the incipiency of this work would scarcely have expected so soon. Will we rise to the occasion? Our resources are immense. Within the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention there are about 704 organized associations, with 18,922 churches and 1,568,906 members. These figures are gathered from the statistics of 1897.

Our Home Board had under appointment for the same year 467 missionaries, an increase over the preceding year of 95 workers on the field, by whom was reported number of baptisms 4,739, and total number of additions 9,509. We do most earnestly insist upon our churches the importance of taking collections early and regularly during the year for all of our missionary enterprises, and not wait for time to goad them into these important duties.

We learn from the report of the Secretary of the Home Board to the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention that about forty per cent. of the funds received by the Board for last year was received during the last month of the convention year, and a greater part of that came in during the last three days of the month. And the same is true of the Foreign Mission Board in a very large measure.

It is very gratifying that all of our Boards reported to last session of Southern Baptist Convention out of debt, with a small cash balance on hand; yet with the usual methods of obtaining it is impracticable for our Boards to remain out of debt.

In his report to the Convention the Treasurer of the Home Board said, "If we could get our receipts as needed, we should save enough in interest to pay the average salary of a missionary." And the same facts would apply to the Foreign Board.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. S. WILLIS, Chairman Committee.

Report on Foreign Missions as follows:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The old sayings, "Missions are a failure," "Nothing is being done," have often been repeated, the truth of which is not sustained by the history of missions; on the contrary, the opposite is true. And the results are such as to cheer our hearts and stimulate us to still greater efforts in the future. Let us see what is being done.

GROWTH OF THE WORK AT HOME,

The Word of God has taken hold on the hearts of the people so that prejudice and opposition have given away. The man who opposes Foreign Missions now confronts facts that stun and stultify him. Dr. Pearson has said, "The same England that sneered at Wm. Carey is

prouder of him then Macedon was of Alexander, Athens of Perecles, or Rome of Cicero." Dean Farrar said, "The British Empire owed more to the despised cobbler Carey; the poor contribution of 12 f 2s 5d. of the Baptists, than it owed to the genius of Warren Hastings and the firey spirit of Clive, the men who added the larger part of the Indias to the British crown."

Information has been disseminated, hundreds of books written, millions of tracts scattered abroad, the people are learning more about the work as a consequence, are praying more earnestly, and giving more liberally for the success of this work.

The Sunday School and the revival movement came with the missionary movement, efforts to save the heathen made us more interested about our own land. See how the work has grown: at first only one man and \$65, and his wife opposed to his going as a missionary; now we have 12,000 missionaries and 60,000 native assistants on the field, with annual contributions of \$15,000,000. Schools, colleges, newspapers, governments, are finding out that the great Book of all books is the Bible, and that its teachings are for all men, and that all men are to be sought and won for Christ.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

Less than 100 years ago the nations were inaccessible to the gospel; today the missionary goes into every land carrying messages of light and life.

Bishop Thorburn said in a recent address, that since he went out to India the door of access had been thrown open to more than 700 million people, about half the population of the world.

Formerly ignorance of the languages was a barrier to the progress of the work; now 360 languages and dialects have been translated, a part or a whole of the word of God has been translated into these languages, hoary superstitions have been broken down, heathen temples and religions are going to decay wherever the Word is preached.

Judson prayed to live to translate the Bible into Burmese and see 100 converts, but he lived to translate the Bible and see 7,361 converts. More than 35,000 members are now in Burmah. In India, when Carey began his work without money, Bibles or sympathy, trusting alone in God for help, more than 150,000 souls belong to Christian churches. Henry M. Stanley, speaking recently of the growth of religion in Africa, said of the Lake Victoria Nyanza country, "Eighteen years ago when I was there, there was not a missionary; now there are 200 churches and 40,000 members." More than 17,000 souls are converted in Africa each year and more than 150,000 belong to Christian churches. The Fiji Islanders were cannibals 60 years ago—now they have 800 churches, and four-fifths of the inhabitants are said to be Christians.

In 1872 the first church was organized in Japan; now they have 365

churches, 35,000 members, 359 theological students, 233 ordained native preachers. In China, the hardest of all our mission fields, we have more than 40,000 members and the outlook promising. Last year in the province of Funkuis alone, 20,000 applications were made for membership and 5,000 were received.

Time fails me to speak of the isles of the sea, of South America, Mexico, and all the world.

Today, with 12,000 missionaries, 69,000 native assistants, 1,251,000 members and the number doubling every 10 years on an average, who can say that Foreign Missions are a failure.

WHAT THE BAPTISTS ARE DOING.

The Baptists have 24,000 missionaries and native assistants, or one-third of all the missionaries of the world; 625,500 members, or half the converts among the heathen. They give \$2,142,800, or one-seventh of all the money given for foreign missions.

WHAT SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ARE DOING.

In 1877 the Southern Baptists had 16 missionaries, 32 native assistants and contributed \$32,000. In 1887 they had 116 missionaries, 228 baptisms, 1,551 members, and contributed \$80,830.53. In 1897 there were 190 missionaries, 660 baptisms, 4,324 members, and \$125,681 in contributions.

In conclusion, we recommend that increased efforts be made in all our churches to enlist our people in this great work. To do this, sermons must be preached, books, tracts and other sources of information be put into the hands of our people, and weekly and monthly collections for missions be taken in all the churches, until our people have the necessary information and an opportunity be given them to contribute of their means, we cannot expect to enlist them in this greatest of all our appointed work.

Respectfully submitted, S. O. Y. RAY.

Report of State Missions as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

It would seem that in a great state like Alabama, with its immense wealth and its marvelous resources, there could hardly be any need of State Missions; especially when we think of the splendid and flourishing schools and colleges scattered all over the state.

Then as Baptists we have in our white Baptist churches more than 120,000 members. We have about eighteen hundred churches and seventy-eight district associations. We would naturally suppose that the intelligence fostered by these schools and the religious knowledge disseminated broadcast by the churches and their 120,000 members

and the missionary work done by these seventy-eight district associations would render superfluous anything like State Missions—a work done by the state and for the state. But facts prove that such is by no means the case. The work of State Missions is imperatively demanded in every part of the state from the mountains on the north to the gulf of the south. An important part of the work done by the State Mission Board is the aiding of weak churches. It is difficult to exagerate the importance of this work. There are also many places in the state where churches could be formed and with some assistance from this Board could do a good work, be valuable to the whole communities in which they were organized. This Board can examine the field all over the state and give aid where it is most needed and where it will be most valuable.

Besides this, this State Board represents all the other boards, the Home Mission and Foreign Board; so that by aiding State Missions you are aiding all the other missions. We have in this Board brethren who are wise, prudent, and whose hearts are in the work.

Another thing this Board has been very fortunate and really blessed in is its Secretaries. Bro. Crumpton did a great work, and when he left us it was thought we could hardly find a suitable successor who could fill his place. But God takes care of His work, and Bro. W. C. Bledsoe was found to take up the work laid down by Bro. Crumpton, and the State Mission Board is to-day doing a better work than ever before in its history. Let our associations and churches give to this board, and the earnest brethren who have charge of it, their prayers and their contributions and God will bless the work and the workers.

Report of Associational Missions as follows:

REPORT OF J. K. JENKINS, MISSIONARY AND COL-PORTER OF EUFAULA ASSOCIATION, FROM JAN. 15 TO OCT. 16, 1898.

Miles traveled January, February, March and April 844
Miles traveled May, June and July611
Miles traveled August, September and October 700
Total2155
Sermons preached January, February, March and April 49
Sermons preached May, June and July 58
Sermons preached August, September and October 27
Total 134
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Prayer meetings August, September and October12
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Discussed by Bros. W. N. Reeves, S. O. Y. Ray, A. P. Pugh, H. R. Schramm, W. D. Hubbard, T. F. Jones. Further discussion was postponed till 2:30 p. m.

18. On motion a recess was taken to hear Bro. Reeves preach.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 19. The Association joined in singing "Tell me the old, old story."
- 20. The discussion of missions was resumed by Bro. J. G. Harris, J. K. Jenkins and H. R. Schramm. On motion the reports were adopted.
- 21. The report on Orphans' Home was read by Bro. J. G. Hitchcock.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee appointed to report on the Orphanage, submit the following:

This is a subject that should solicit the sympathies of humanity

everywhere and also the support from every body, and especially from Christians, for they are commanded to take care of the poor. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord." "Blessed is he that considereth the poor."

The Baptist Home at Evergreen, Ala., is named the Louis Short Baptist Widows and Orphans Home of Alabama. Since this Home has been started there have been gathered into it 41 boys and 49 girls, and out of it have gone by apprenticeship two boys, returned to their people seven boys and seven girls, died one boy and one girl, discharged two boys, leaving in the home at present 21 boys and 36 girls. These children came from the following counties: Barbour 3, Bibb 2, Butler 3, Chambers 1, Conecuh 2, Covington 8, Escambia 11, Jefferson 12, Lee 6, Limestone 1, Marengo 4, Monroe 4, Morgan 3, Montgomery 4, Pike 2, Russell 1, Talladega 8, Tallapoosa 2, Tuscaloosa 9, Walker 6, Autauga 2, Elmore 2.

All that are old enough attend the agricultural school where no tuition is charged, the matriculation and incidental fees amounting to about \$5.00 to \$10.00 a year for each pupil. The boys are taught to do all kinds of farm work and the girls various kinds of house work. The current expenses of the Home amount to about six dollars permonth for each child. The children all attend Sunday school and church.

Important improvements have been added to the Home by which another brick building with eleven rooms and all the former houses thoroughly renovated and much improved. Adequate water works and a complete system of sanitation. These improvements cost about \$3,500.00, and all has been paid except about \$400. There is also a current debt of about \$400. This Home is to be dedicated on October 20, 1898, and all are urged to send immediate contributions to the Secretary so the Home can be dedicated out of debt. We recommend that the churches all contribute regularly to this Home in money, provisions and clothing, and that a collection be taken at this meeting for the Home.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Hitchcock,

Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. J. G. Harris, S. O. Y. Ray.

On motion the report was adopted.

A collection was taken up amounting to \$5.50.

22. The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by the Clerk.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We are glad to report that the ministers of the Eufaula Association

are comparatively young men who are actively engaged in the cause of the Master and are self-sustaining.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WATKINS, Chairman Committee.

On motion, the report was adopted.

23. The report on Woman's Work was read by the Clerk. Report as follows:

WOMAN'S WORK.

We, your committee appointed to report on Woman's Work, beg leave to make the following report:

This work of ten years in its organized form has increased as the years have gone by. It was organized in 1888 at Richmond, Va. There were Women's Missionary Societies before this, but not organized as auxiliary to the Southern Bapti-t Convention, and since their organization they have been a great source of help to the pastors and churches, to the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, to the Sunday School Board, to the Orphanage, to Bible and Colportage work, to relief of the poor, and Ministerial Education has received their help and encouragement. Many churches have been beautified by their untiring efforts; therefore they ought to be encouraged by the pastors and members of the churches. Each church ought to have a Ladies' Aid and Missionary Society. While our noble women have done much, there remains much for them to do.

The work they did for ten years, as given by the Woman's Missionary Union: Received for Foreign Mission Board \$240,778.11, Home Board \$227,057.36, Sunday School Board \$1,023.76; total \$468,859.23. For printing, postage, expressage, clerks, \$13,692.52. Expenses less than three per cent. No salaries paid to officers. Their correspondence for ten years were as follows: Letters and manuscripts 77,447, postals 3,402, leaflets and pamphlets, etc., 1,384,903, Christmas envelopes 616,055, mission cards (prayer) 193,430, mite barrels and boxes 99,826, chapel and brick eards 139,588, centennial certificates 10,988, papers 27,087.

During the past eight years 1,884 boxes valued at \$108,044.12 have enabled, according to letters from the recipients, many to continue in the gospel ministry who otherwise might have been forced into different vocations for the support of their families. This shows the detail of their work.

We now give the statistics for the last Southern Baptist Conventional year, given by the Secretary, Miss Annie Armstrong: Letters written 10,181, postals written 126, leaflets and pamphlets distributed 174,588, Christmas envelopes 69,265, mission cards (prayer) 23,680,

mite barrels and boxes 13,187, papers 2,878, packages mail 13,138; Alabama \$569.03, cash boxes \$2,231.79; total \$2,800.82; for Home Missions, for Foreign Missions for Alabama \$990.08. So we see what our women have done in the state, and this should stimulate other churches who have not organized societies to organize societies at once and push them with great enthusiasm. We have societies in some of our churches in this Association and they have raised for all purposes, including boxes to the frontier missionary, \$630.86 for this Associational year. We recommend that pastors and members encourage this work.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. JORDAN.

On motion, the report was adopted.

23. The report on Temperance was read by Bro. H. Hawkins. Report as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The cause of Temperance claims the attention of every Christian in every church in every nation, in every clime. While the love of money is the root of all evil, the love and intemperate use of strong drink is the source of all crime. It crowds the criminal dockets of our courts, fills our jails and penitentiaries, heavily taxes labor and its products, robs the country of some of our ablest and best men, dwarfs many of the brightest intellects, and is the cause of more heartaches, more tears, greater anxiety, more sorrow, hunger, want, misery and death in the world than all other causes combined.

It has been said, and well said, "that more men are drowned in a wine glass than in the Atlantic."

The social glass is the starting point, the entering upon the high road by thousands of unsuspecting young men who have no natural love or appetite for drink, but led by social surroundings until habits are fixed and ruin inevitable.

The contemplation of this theme is appalling, but it is cause for congratulation that many inroads have been made upon the forces of this arch enemy to human happiness, progress and prosperity.

The onward sweep of public sentiment has driven in all the picket lines, captured the outposts of the enemy, and the cross road doggery is a thing of the past.

To hold this vantage ground, and make further advances along the lines of temperance, the artillery from the pulpit, supported by every soldier of the cross, should make common cause against the social glass and all its attendant evils, until the votaries and camp followers of this evil monster must reform or be made to realize that they must seek a lower level in social life. Then, and not till then, will public

sentiment be educated to that higher moral plane in sufficient force to capture and hold the citadels, behind which this enemy, in great force, is so strongly entrenched.

HIRAM HAWKINS,

Chairman.

Discussed by Bro. H. Hawkins, J. A. Pugh, T. N. Cox, J. G. Harris, W. D. Hubbard.

24. On motion, the Association adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 a.m.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, Oct. 20, 1898.

- 25. Bro. T. F. Jones conducted the devotional exercises.
- 26. The discussion on Temperance was resumed by Bros. T. N. Cox and G. L. Comer.

On motion, the report was adopted.

- 27. On motion, the order of business was dispensed with in order that the report on Woman's Work might be considered. Discussed by Bros. H. R. Schramm, S. O. Y. Ray, W. N. Reeves.
 - 29. The report on Sunday Schools was read by the Clerk. On motion, the report was adopted. Report as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

From statistics approximately correct we learn the following facts in regard to the status of the Sunday school work within the bounds of this Association:

- 1st. That a very large percentage of our church membership are not at work in the Sunday school.
- 2d. That a large percentage of the enrollment of our Sunday schools are not in regular attendance.
- 3d. That numerous conversions are reported in our schools, and priceless jewels for the Master's crown are constantly being received into our churches through the doors of the Sunday school.

We are tempted to simply submit the foregoing facts without recommendation, believing that they constitute within themselves, possibly, the strongest appeal that could be made to Christian men and women; but remembering that in all the domain of Christian work throughout our country there is, probably, not a more hotly contested field than is to be found in the realm of Sunday school work. We are constrained to recommend

1st. That delegates to this Association be requested to work through their regular church conferences, and by individual effort to secure a more extensive co-operation in Sunday school work on the part of the membership of their respective churches.

2d. That delegates to this Association who may be actively engaged in Sunday school work (and it is presumed that all of them are) be urged to give special attention to the work of bringing in the absences of their respective schools.

From the circumscribed standpoint of his own Sunday school, the writer of this report has had practical observation of the benefits and blessings of the teachers' meeting and the home department; and it is hoped by your committee that both these agencies for the Master's glory may receive due attention and be properly discussed by your body. The literature for the latter work may be obtained through any of our denominational publishing houses, and the work will be found to be both pleasant and profitable.

Fraternally,

B. DAVIE, Chairman.

30. On motion, the Association adjourned till 2:30 to hear Bro. W. D. Hubbard preach.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

- 31. The Association joined in singing "My Father is rich," etc.
- 32. The report on the condition of the churches was read by the Clerk. Report as follows:

REPORT ON CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following: Fourteen of the churches have sent letters and delegates to this meeting of the Association. Eight have sent no report. Eleven of these fourteen churches report revivals. Three report no revival. Twelve have Sunday schools. The spiritual condition of the churches in general is better. Seventy-seven have been received by baptism. A few of the churches are not in as good spiritual conditions as when last reported. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. HAGOOD.

On motion, the report was adopted.

33. The report on Bible and Colportage was read by Bro. H. R. Sehramm.

Report as follows:

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

We, your committee appointed to report on Bible and Colportage Work, beg leave to report the following:

Never in the history of the world were there more Bibles and Testaments printed and circulated than at the present day. The Bible is also cheaper than ever it was known; you can buy Bibles from twenty cents apiece up as high as you want to pay. The Bible has also been translated into many languages. We are told that the British and Foreign Bible Society has promoted the translation, printing and distribution of the whole or part of the Bible directly in 243 languages or dialects, indirectly in 55, making 298 in all.

The American Bible Society has printed 62,000,000 copies annually, and the American Baptist Publication Society prints large numbers of Bibles and Testaments every year; and other societies are printing many Bibles and Testaments. The Sunday School Board at Nashville is now printing its own Bibles and Testaments and selling them and giving them away. So we see that there are more Bibles printed than ever before.

"In 1802 the first steps were taken toward the formation of the British and Foreign Bible Society, the parent of a multitude of similar institutions. It was organized in 1804, March 7. Its origin is traceable to the casual discovery by a minister in Wales of a little girl in that town who was weeping because, after saving her earnings for some years to buy a Bible, she had walked twenty-five miles to procure one only to find that the last one had been sold. This incident becoming widely known, revealed the need of an organization for supplying Bibles, not only in Wales, but wherever destitution existed throughout the world." So says the Columbian Cyclopedia. Oh, how grateful ought we be to God that we have plenty of Bibles and Testaments and can buy them cheap. In proportion that we can distribute the Bible, so will the people be indoctrinated and the cause of Christ built up. Thus the need of the Colportage feature of this report, for by this means the Bible can be distributed to all the people in every part of the country. So Colportage work is very necessary in every Association to distribute Bibles, Testaments, tracts and books on doctrine.

This Association is very fortunate in having such an earnest consecrated worker in this line as our faithful Missionary and Colporter Bro. J. K. Jenkins, who has done a noble work; and if this Association still wants to continue this work for another year, we highly

recommend the continuing of Bro. Jenkins in this work as the best man we know of for the work. He has sold about 160 Bibles, Testaments and Psalms 110, other books and pamphlets 294, and distributed

a great many tracts and made a great many visits.

The Sunday School Board proposes to give a dollar's worth of Bibles for every dollar's worth of Bibles bought from them, so if a church will raise one dollar they can get two dollars' worth of Bibles to give away to supply any one who is not able to buy a Bible, and we recommend that churches take collections for Bible and Colportage work.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. SCHRAMM,

Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. H. R. Schramm, J. K. Jenkins, H. Hawkins.

On motion, the report was adopted.

34. The report on Apportionment was read by Bro. J. J. S. Willis.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee on Apportionment, beg to submit the following as our report on same: We have carefully surveyed the field and beg to suggest the amounts named for each church to endeavor to raise during the year:

Bethlehem	20	00	
Clayton	150	00	
Centre Ridge	50	00	
Cowikee	10	00	
Eufaula First		00	
Eufaula, South Side	25	00	
Evergreen		00	
Glennville	10	00	
Hawkinsville	30	00	
Midway	200	00	
Mt. Zion	15		
Old Mt. Zion	15	00	
Pea Creek	5	00	
Pleasant Grove	15	00	
Pleasant Hill	10	00	
Prospect	50	00	
Ramah	35	00	
Union	30	00	
Pleasant Plains	25	00	
Louisville	25	5 00—\$975 00	

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. S. WILLIS, E. G. FINN, J. G. HITCHCOCK. On motion the report was adopted.

35. The report on Obituaries was read by Bro. W. N. Reeves.

Report as adopted:

OBITUARIES.

In reviewing the year our Association has been greatly blessed. No official members have been removed so far as your committee has been able to ascertain. We have great ground for gratitude and thanksgiving.

M. D. Godwin, Chairman.

On motion, the report was adopted.

36. The report of the special committee on Orphans' Home was read by Bro. J. J. S. Willis.

Report as follows:

ORPHANS' HOME.

To the Eufaula Association now in session: Your committee appointed at this session to report on Orphans' Home, beg leave to submit the following:

At our last preceding session we failed to take the necessary steps to keep this one object before our brethren that its merit demands of us; and as a result we find that only eight of the churches have taken collections for it, amounting to only \$79.05. Your committee do most earnestly recommend that this subject be given more prominence before the people.

Respectfully submitted.

J. J. S. WILLIS,
A. A. ADAMS,
M. B. REYNOLDS,
Committee.

Discussed by Bro. J. J. S. Willis.

On motion, the report was adopted.

37. The report on Nominations was read by Bro. H. Hawkins.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Representative to Southern Baptist Convention—S. O. Y. Ray; alternate, H. R. Schramm.

Representatives to State Convention—W. D. Hubbard, J. J. Hagood, G. L. Comer, W. A. Reeves, Jno. Miller, Wm. C. Jordan, S. O. Y. Ray, H. R. Schramm, B. Davie, Thos. F. Jones.

To preach the introductory sermon—S. O. Y. Ray; alternate, J. J. Hagood.

Missionary Sermon-W. D. Hubbard; alternate, ---

Executive Committee—G. L. Comer, S. O. Y. Ray, Geo. B. Davis, Thos. F. Jones, J. J. S. Willis.

We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with the Clayton Baptist church, Clayton, Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1899.

Respectfully submitted.

H. HAWKINS, JOHN MILNER.

On motion, the report was adopted.

38. The Finance Committee's report was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Your committee to whom was referred the matter of employing a Missionary and Colporteur, make the following report: We employed Rev. J. K. Jenkins, at a salary of \$400.00, for his entire time. He commenced work on the 15th of January last. He has done faithful and efficient service, visiting every portion of the Association, preaching in the destitute churches and wayside places, distributing Bibles, books and tracts. Your committee believe that the thorough work done by our Colporteur the present year will make it unnecessary to continue that work further, and the destitution will not justify the employment of a missionary; we would therefore recommend the discontinuance of this work.

The report of our missionary shows that he has collected on the field on his salary the sum of \$49.00, and has realized from the sale of books the sum of \$45.90. There has been sent up to this body in money and vouchers the sum of \$186.64, leaving a balance due on his salary at the close of the year, \$118.46, which must be provided for at this meeting of the Association.

We recommend, (1) Co-operation with the State Mission Board in all our work in the future. (2) That our work be continued at Clio, and that \$150.00 be appropriated for that place by the State Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

S. O. Y. RAY, HIRAM HAWKINS.

- 39. On motion, five dollars of the unappropriated funds was voted to Sister Harriet Sims.
- 40. On motion, the Clerk was voted fifteen dollars for services.
- 41. On motion, the balance of the unappropriated funds was voted to our Associational Missionary.
- 42. On motion, the churches were requested to pledge the amount they will contribute to Orphans' Home. Pledges as follows: Center Ridge \$20.00, Hawkinsville \$5.00, Mt. Zion \$5.00, Pleasant Grove \$5.00.
- 43. On motion, the Clerk was requested to write to all the churches relative to a call for pledges.
 - 44. The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas there was appointed by the Alabama Baptist State Convention at East Lake, Ala., last December, the Institute Board located at Opelika, Ala., with W. E. Hudmon as President and G. S. Anderson as Corresponding Secretary, which separated this work from the State Board of Missions.

Whereas, this Institute Board seeks the advancement of Christ's cause

- 1. By holding Institutes in the State of Alabama to benefit the ministry on the field who have not had College and Seminary advantages.
- 2. By the correspondence course taught by Dr. G. S. Anderson, in which he teaches the preachers at home the science of sermon building through the mails, for which he charges preachers in Alabama \$1.00 a session.
- 3. By the paper, the Sermonizer, which costs fifty cents a year and explains the Sunday school lessons in sermonic form. Therefore be it Resolved 1. That this Association co-operate with this Board.
- 2. That the churches contribute to this Board, as they ask \$2,000.00 from the State.
- 3. That a standing committee be appointed at each session of this Association to report on Institute Work as one of the objects fostered by this Association.
- 4. That the Executive Committee take under consideration the advisability of holding Institutes in this Association, and if in their judgment they think it profitable, to ascertain what churches will invite and entertain the Institute, and correspond with Dr. Anderson and make such arrangements as are necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. SCHRAMM.

45. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Committee be requested to apportion out to the churches the amounts we owe for Bro. Bennett's school bill.

H. R. SCHRAMM.

46. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That inasmuch as the church at Enon has been disbanded and the building sold, that the church be dropped from our roll, and we commend the members to any church wherever their lot may be cast.

Respectfully,

JOHN MILNER.

- 47. Bro. S. O. Y. Ray reported that he had received \$84.00 from the sale of Enon church, and that the church requested that one-third be given to Home Missions and two-thirds to Foreign Missions.
 - 48. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That it affords us pleasure to express our grateful thanks and high appreciation to all the citizens of Midway and community for their most liberal and generous hospitality to the delegates and visitors of this Association during our stay with them, which has been most pleasant and delightful.

H. HAWKINS.

- 49. On motion, the collection taken up this morning for Missions be divided as follows: Two-thirds to State Missions, and one-third to be reserved for Associational Missions.
- 50. The following standing committees were appointed to report at the next session:

Obituaries—J. G. Hitchcock, A. B. Barr, S. M. Beaty.

Aged and Infirm Ministers—M. B. Reynolds, R. L. Baker, Monroe Lewis.

Temperance—J. J. Hagood, J. H. Hollingsworth, Jr., Jno. D. Godwin.

Bible and Colportage—A. M. Green, J. C. Culpepper, E. G. Fenn. Sabbath Schools—B. Davie, J. J. S. Willis, John Milner.

Ministerial Education—S. O. Y. Ray, W. D. Hubbard, H. R. Schramm.

Orphans' Home-H. B. Florence, J. T. Watkins, J. A. Seay.

State Missions-W. D. Hubbard, Hiram Hawkins, W. C. Jordan.

Home Missions-W. N. Reeves, J. P. Penick, M. McEachern.

Foreign Missions—H. R. Schramm, R. R. Gary, R. L. Baker, (Bullock county).

Womans' Work-John Milner, J. J. S. Willis, E. V. Crawford.

50. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Clayton Baptist church Tuesday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1899.

G. L. COMER,

GEO. B. DAVIS,

Moderator.

Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Adopted at its organization, November 13th, 1854.

We the Church of Jesus Christ, having been regularly baptized upon a profession of faith, were hereby constituted an Association under the above title upon the following principles, or

Abstract of Faith:

- 1. We believe in one only true and living God—the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—and that these three are one.
- 2. We believe that the Seriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
 - 3. We believe in the doctrine of eternal and particular election.
 - 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.
- 5. We believe in man's ineapacity to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by any exertion of his own free will.
- 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.
- 7. We believe that God's elect shall be ealled, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.
- 8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace, and never finally fall away.
- 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that the only mode of baptism is by immersion.
- 10. We believe that the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, and that the joys of the righteous will be everlasting.
- 11. We believe that no ministers have a right to the administration of the ordinances, except such as have been regularly called and come under the imposition of hands of a presbytery.

DECORUM.

ARTICLE 1. These members who are regularly chosen by the churches in our Union shall compose the Association.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches, certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead, since the last Association.

ART, 3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be denomi-

nated the Eufaula Baptist Association.

- ART. 4. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage; nor by which they can infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.
- ART. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present. The Clerk shall act as Treasurer also.
- ART. 6. If new churches desire to be admitted into this Union, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by the Association, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship.
- ART. 7. No church in this Association shall have more than two delegates until its membership shall exceed fifty, and one for every twenty-five thereafter.
- ART. 8. Any church may ask advice of the Association, as an advisory council, but the advice shall not be considered authoritative in matters where the peace of the church is concerned.
- ART. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
- ART. 10. Every member who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking except he depart from the subject.
- ART. 11. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, without leave of the Association.
- ART. 12. There shall be no talking or whispering during a public speech, nor reflections cast upon the speaker.
- ART. 12. No member shall exempt himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.
- ART. 14. If any member shall break the Rules of Decorum he shall be reprimanded by the Moderator.
 - ART. 15. It shall be the business of this Association-
 - 1st. To provide for the general union of the churches.
- 2nd. To keep up a correspondence with sister Associations of the same faith and order.
- 3rd. To give the churches the best advice in matters of difficulty; and if the communication should be broken between any of the sister churches in the Union, to inquire into the cause of the breach, and use their best endeavors to remove the difficulty; but if the breach cannot be healed, to withdraw from any church or churches whom

they should look upon as unsound in principle or immoral in practice, till such church or churches be reclaimed.

4th. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, if they should judge it to be necessary.

5th. To require the Clerk to record the proceedings of the Association (which shall be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rises at each annual meeting), to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes, a file of which shall be preserved by him, and that he be compensated for his services.

6th. To amend this plan or form of government at any time when the majority of the Union shall deem it to be necessary.

7th. To adjourn to any time and place which may be thought proper.

ART. 16. Any brother from this body present at the session of any Association with which we correspond be recognized as a correspondent, and any of our members present at the Alabama Baptist State Convention may fill any vacancy that occurs from the absence of the appointees to that body.

ART. 17. Those brethren to whom is assigned special work in the Association be enrolled as members of the same.

ART. 18. That the Clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) annually for his services. (Adopted Oct. 22, 1896.)

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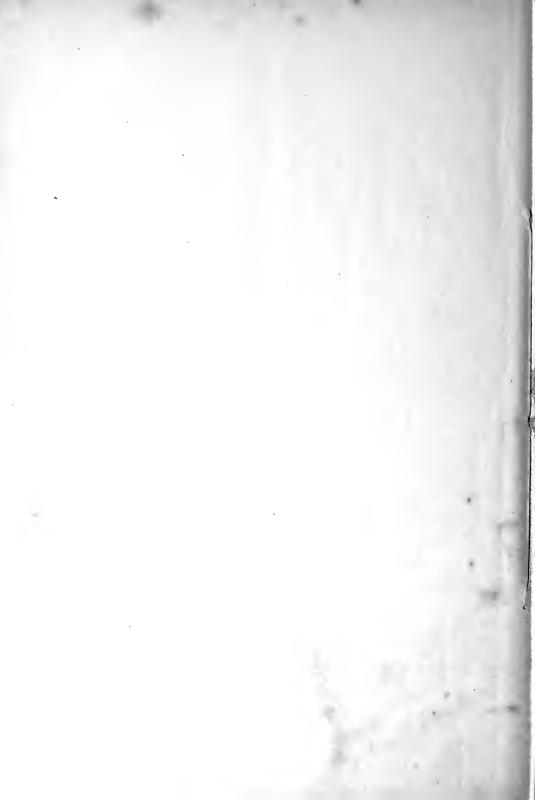
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Woman's Societies. State Missions, Midway church, cash \$2.00, voucher \$3.00. Foreign Missions, Enfaula 1st, voucher \$2.40. Home Missions, voucher, Enfaula 1st \$3.00; Midway \$4.10; Ioial \$7.10. Bibles, voucher, Eufaula 1st \$3.35, Ramah \$3.33, total 6.68. Current expenses—poor, cash, Midway \$100.00; voucher, Clayton \$35.00, Center Ridge \$25.21, Eufaula 1st \$150.00, organ \$135.60, Midway \$40.00; total \$385.81,

J. T. WATKINS, Chairman.

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