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FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

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# Bigbee Baptist Association

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General Baptist Church, Yule, Ala.

September 20 to October 1, 1894

Committee

PROG. G. DWELIN, Moderator  
I. S. D. HULL, Secy.  
J. M. SHAW, Treasurer

The next meeting of this Association will be held at the  
Valley Baptist Church, Centre, Sunday, August 12, 1895.  
Wednesday before and Friday and Saturday of 1895.

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# MINUTES.

YANTLEY, Ala., Sept. 30, 1896.

The Bigbee Baptist Association met this day for its forty-fourth session with Concord Baptist church and was called to order by the Moderator, Eld. J. R. Larkin, at 11 o'clock a. m. Eld. C. C. Vaughn preached the introductory sermon.

Brethren C. E. Mathers and Jno. G. Apsey were appointed to read the church letters. Delegates were enrolled as follows:

- Beulah—W. S. Baskin, J. F. Dill and B. A. May.
- Christian Valley—J. R. Larkin.
- Clinton—N. M. Carpenter.
- Concord—D. W. Brock, H. P. Wilson, W. H. Phillips, C. W. Powell, L. A. Brock and J. W. Powell.
- Cuba—C. C. Vaughn, J. T. Swain, E. M. Shaw and L. Pool.
- Demopolis—Letter.
- Epes—Sister R. O. Lewis.
- Eutaw—Jno. G. Apsey.
- Friendship—Not represented.
- Gainesville—Letter and funds.
- Hopewell C. C.—Letter referred to committee.
- Hopewell S. C.—S. Speed.
- Livingston—W. G. Curry and Robert Foss.
- Mt. Hermon—Not represented.
- Mt. Pleasant—L. J. Pace.
- Mt. Sterling—Not represented.
- New Prospect—W. H. Scarbrough and Peter McLean.
- Rehoboth—C. F. Rainer, A. B. Cook, and F. A. Freeman.
- Shorts—F. M. Ward and H. B. Woodward.
- Siloam—W. A. Walker, Louis Walker, John Greene, J. T. Stalings.
- Sumterville—Letter and funds.
- York—C. E. Mathers and W. A. Altman.
- Zion—A. P. Evans, J. T. Culpepper and W. R. Brunson.

The former officers were elected by acclamation.

The following committees were appointed:

To report on Letter from Hopewell—W. G. Curry, N. M. Carpenter and W. A. Altman.

To report on Letter from Mt. Lebanon, asking for admission into the Association—J. G. Apsey, J. W. Cook and D. W. Brock.

Adjourned to meet again in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

## AFTERNOON.

Began with singing and prayer.

The following were appointed a committee on Finance:

C. F. Rainer, C. E. Mathers and S. Speed.

The report on Programme was, after amendment, adopted as follows:

We recommend, That the Association meet at 9:30 o'clock a. m., adjourn at 12:30 o'clock p. m.; meet at 2 o'clock p. m.; adjourn at 4:30 p. m.; have preaching Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock by Jno. G. Apsey. The Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock a. m., Thursday by S. O. Y. Ray; preaching at 7:30 o'clock p. m. Thursday by W. G. Curry.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. G. ELLIOTT,  
W. H. PHILLIPS,  
L. A. BROCK.

The reports on Foreign and State Missions were read, but discussion of the subject was deferred until 10 o'clock a. m. Thursday.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The germ of Foreign Missions is contained in the old Jewish economy providing for the proselyting of Gentiles. But it remained for Baptists to first engage in active Foreign Mission work under the Christian dispensation. Acts 13:3. And but for the obedience of those early Christians, we today might have been groping in heathen darkness. The work of Baptists in the hands of the Southern Baptist convention today is entrusted to a board located at Richmond, Va., called The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. This board is authorized to receive and receipt for all money and employ and pay those engaged in the Foreign Mission work. At present we have missionaries and assistants in Africa, Brazil, China, Italy, Japan and Mexico, making in all as follows: Missionaries 86, assistants 110 with 98 churches, 735 baptisms last year, and a total membership of 3,801. The greatest results for the year seem to have been in priest ridden Brazil, where only eleven missionaries baptized 273 converts, an average of 24.9-11 to each missionary. Are there eleven ministers in Alabama who can show as good an average, considering circumstances? Many of the missionaries report a disposition among the natives to become self supporting, which is an encouraging sign. We note, that last year the native churches contributed the sum of \$5,553.20 toward self support, an average of about \$1.50 per member. This incident of itself should make the cheeks of those who oppose Foreign Missions blush for shame. With one and a half million members, we contributed only \$203,965.16 last year, less than 15 cents per member. Of the amount contributed 92 per cent is used to pay the salaries of missionaries. Salaries are paid in proportion to the purchasing power of our money in each country where missionaries are located, but in no instance is more than a competence paid. Our duty ought to be clear, if we but realize that to a large extent "we are our brother's keeper," and apply the answer of Christ to the question "and who is my neighbor." The duty of every one must be apparent. We do not know of

a single opposer of Foreign Missions who contributes either to Home or State Missions, and often nothing to his pastor. Our command is "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Have we done this? Has all the world the Gospel? Has every individual heard the glad tidings of salvation? Until this is the case the order stands unrevoked and our duty is to obey. What have you done? What will you do?

Respectfully submitted,

C. E. MATHERS,  
Chairman.

#### REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your committee on State Missions beg leave to report, that we gather from the report of the Secretary that the year ending November, 1895, although at times hard pressed, was the best year in its history. Our God abundantly blessed our missionaries in their labors; but as we look out over the field we are compelled to acknowledge that the needs of our State are far greater than funds given to supply them.

Alabama must be won for Christ, and to do this, we, as Christians, must awake to the responsibility resting upon us. Awake, awake, O Zion! and put on thy strength, cease not to labor until the waste places are built up and all our people shall know, worship and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

For the Committee.

The report on General and Ministerial Education was submitted as follows:

#### REPORT ON GENERAL AND MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Notwithstanding the general financial depression of the country, interest in education continues unabated. Our people are fully awake to the facts that in true education lies the safety of our nation,—that our schools and colleges are a better defense of our civil and religious liberties than are standing armies,—that our teachers are co-laborers with our ministers in lifting society to a higher plane of life.

Schools of all grades were never better attended, perhaps, than at the present time; and it is our opinion that they are today more efficient and are contributing more to the advancement of morality and religion than ever before. While this progress in general education is deeply gratifying to us, it is but natural that we should feel a special interest in the schools which have been established and maintained by the Baptist denomination. It is with feelings of profound gratitude that we review the noble work already accomplished by the Theological Seminary, the Howard and the Judson.

E. M. SHAW,  
Chairman.

After discussion of the subject by S. O. V. Ray, Jno. G. Apsey and Chas. G. Elliott, the report and the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It has come to our knowledge that Bro. Renfroe Curry is now a theological student at Howard College; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this association adopt him as ministerial beneficiary and that we pay to Howard College one hundred and twenty-five dollars towards his expenses for the ensuing collegiate year.

Resolved, That the funds already on hand for Ministerial Education or so much thereof as is necessary be appropriated towards that object.

The committee appointed to report on Hopewell letter reported as follows:

We, your committee to whom was referred the letter from Hopewell church respectfully report the following: That we could not, if we would, apologize for the action of this Association at its last session. We therefore recommend that said letter be referred back to the Hopewell Baptist Church.

W. G. CURRY,  
W. A. ALTMAN,  
N. M. CARPENTER,  
Committee.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats.

The committee to which the letter from Mt. Lebanon Church was referred, reported as follows:

We, the committee on the reception of Mt. Lebanon Church as a member of this Association, beg leave to report, that they recommend that Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Sumter County, be received as a member of this Association.

JNO. G. APSEY,  
D. W. BROCK,  
J. W. COOK,  
Committee.

Adjourned to 7:30 o'clock p. m.

#### EVENING SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 7:30 o'clock p. m.  
After devotional exercises, preaching by Jno. G. Apsey.  
Adjourned to meet again at 9:30 o'clock Thursday.

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#### THURSDAY.

##### MORNING.

The Association met at the appointed hour.  
The minutes were read and confirmed.  
The following committees were appointed:

Committee on Nomination—C. F. Rainer, W. H. Scarbrough and L. A. Brock.

Committee on Apportionment—H. B. Woodward, Peter McLean and Marion Ward.

The report on Home Missions was submitted as follows:

## REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board located at Atlanta, Ga., is in charge of the mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention in the Southern and Western States of this country, divided into the following departments:

1. Among our own people in the great cities and destitute places on the frontiers of Texas, Arkansas and the Territories. Into this country thousands of our people from the east are gathering every year and are dependent almost entirely upon this Board for the Word of Life. This Board is supplying as best it can this field.

2. The Foreign population of the cities and country places. This work is very prosperous and has had abundant success in the past.

3. The negroes are assisted also by this Board, chiefly by the employment of evangelist, who are seeking to aid the colored ministry, thereby helping all the colored churches of the land. This work has been signally blessed, wherever undertaken and prosecuted.

4. The work in the Island of Cuba is being prosecuted also by this Board. This work is at present suffering much on account of the fact that all our missionaries have been forced out of Cuba on account of the war in that Island. This is the most successful mission of any on papal fields. We hope the day may speedily come when Cuba shall be free from the yoke of Spain and of Rome and be given to Christ and the Baptists.

This Board appeals to the Baptists of the South for aid to prosecute its work in all these places and among all these people. We commend its work to this body as worthy of their support and prayers, and suggest that all our churches take at least one collection each year for it.

Respectfully submitted,

N. M. CARPENTER,  
Chairman.

The Mission reports were discussed by W. G. Curry and S. O. Y. Ray.

After a short recess, the Missionary Sermon was preached by S. O. Y. Ray.

A collection was taken, which amounted to \$18.35.

The reports on Missions were adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association pay the sum of two hundred dollars for evangelistic work.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock p. m.

## AFTERNOON.

The Association was called to order at 2 o'clock p. m. by its Moderator.

The report on Woman's Work was submitted, and, after discussion by C. C. Vaughan, and after reading a report of the Ladies' Missionary Union, and discussion by W. G. Curry, L. Pool, John G. Apsey and S. O. Y. Ray, was adopted:

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Judging the future by the past, we look for a year of great success in our woman's work, under the management of the Central Committee. The Central Committee on woman's work shows an increase over last year's work. Many more societies and Sunbeam bands organized. It shows a progressive growth worthy of our progressive State. The number of letters written and other information distributed by leaflets show an energy and zeal just such as might be expected from hearts aglow with the love of Christ. We thank our women for their help, and feel that were our Savior present on earth He would say, She hath done what she could.

How have our women done this great work? We answer without fee or reward. We need not devise ways and means for them. Woman will plan wisely and well. Let us not hinder her, but rather let us encourage her, in her God given work, until there shall be a missionary society in every church and Sunbeam in every Sabbath school in our State.

The report last year to your body shows that the number of missionary societies and aid societies in the South contributed, in 1894, \$45,000; in 1895, \$48,000; in Alabama in 1894, \$2,100; in 1895, \$2,700; the Bigbee Association in 1894, \$140.95; in 1895, \$160.00.

We recommend that pastors give every necessary encouragement to the societies, that work may be enlarged and God's name be glorified thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. VAUGHAN,  
Chairman.

APPENDIX.—During the eight years of its existence the Woman's Missionary Union has raised for our Home and Foreign Mission Boards a total of \$357,155.08. During their first year's work they raised for Home and Foreign Missions \$30,773.69, while last year the aggregate was \$56,312.19, an increase of almost one hundred per cent.

The report on Temperance was read as follows:

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Statistics show that the cost of the liquor trade in round numbers is ten billions of dollars annually, a sum equal to one-sixth of all the money wealth of the Union, when there are but five millions of dollars expended annually by all the protestant denominations for the advancement of our Divine Redeemer's cause. This immense sum is the money tribute the people pay, almost without complaint, as a privilege license to serve the devil, to say nothing of the untold curses and miseries entailed on the human race in the way of paupers, criminals, lunatics and idiots. If this immense sum was put into the treasury of the Lord, doubtless it would be sufficient to supply all the destitute fields of the globe with a minister of the Gospel. If the entire liquor business were dispensed with the half million of men employed in this nefarious business could find honorable and profitable employment in other branches and industries which would tend to the upbuilding and prosperity of the people. If the thirty million bushels of grain converted by the distilleries into that water of death, which kills both the bodies and souls of men, were converted into bread, all the hungry millions could be fed.

We Americans boast of our freedom when we are bowing down to and are being crushed to death by this great rum "Juggernaut." Yet

we are in abject slavery, but do not know it. We have worn the yoke so long that it has ceased to gall. It is time for us to gird on our armor and acquit ourselves like men, and be free indeed, and bow no longer at the shrine of the rum god, and taste not, touch not, or handle not the unclean thing.

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. EVANS,  
Chairman.

The report was spoken to by A. P. Evans, L. Pool, S. O. Y. Ray and A. J. Hearn, after which, with the following resolution, it was adopted:

Whereas, The entire territory within the bounds of this Association is prohibition, both in sentiment and legislation, except one place, and  
Whereas, The enemies of law and order, and those in league with the nefarious vendors of intoxicants, are, by stealth and otherwise, building up a sentiment against the enforcement and respect of law, through the present system of illegally engaging in the sale of liquor in many places in this Associational district;

Whereas, There seems to be no law by which the violators may be reached; and

Whereas, The system as practiced has a tendency to beget perjury with all its attendant evils; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we deeply deplore this state of affairs, and respectfully request the several representatives and senators within the bounds of this Association to use their influence for the enactment of such laws as will prevent the unlawful sale of liquors within the prohibition districts in this State.

The Treasurer submitted his report, which was adopted as follows:

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. M. SHAW, *In account with the Bigbee Association.*

1895.

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Nov. 12.	To cash on hand.....	\$	32
	Am't rec'd from Finance Com., vouchers.....		384 74
	Am't rec'd from Finance Com., cash.....		203 55
	Total.....	\$	588 61

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Nov. 12.	By vouchers on hand.....	\$	384 74
	Cash forwarded W. B. Crumpton.....		172 60
	Cash paid W. F. Pond.....		11 20
	Cash paid J. D. Phillips, for Minutes.....		19 75
	Cash paid for remitting.....		32
	Total.....	\$	588 61

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. SHAW,  
Treasurer.

The Finance Committee submitted their report, which was adopted:

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, the Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

State Missions—cash, \$44.70; vouchers, \$115.31.  
 Home Missions—cash, \$41.50; vouchers, \$36.96.  
 Foreign Missions—cash, \$46.05; vouchers, \$60.18.  
 Church Building—vouchers, \$40.55.  
 Bible and Colportage—cash, \$3.50.  
 Ministerial Education—cash, \$47.30; vouchers, \$21.80.  
 Howard College—cash, \$4.55; vouchers, \$81.70.  
 Indigent Ministers—cash, \$6.50.  
 Orphanage—cash, \$19.85; vouchers, \$86.76.  
 General Missions—cash, \$4.64; vouchers, \$242.66.  
 Other Expenses—vouchers, \$14.60.  
 Minutes—cash, \$26.00.  
 Total—cash, \$214.59; vouchers, \$700.52. Grand total, \$915.11.

Respectfully submitted,

C. F. RAINER,  
 C. E. MATHERS,  
 Committee.

The following report on Nominations was submitted and adopted:

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the Committee on Nominations, respectfully report:

That this Association meet next with Christian Valley Baptist church, in Sumter county, on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m. That the introductory sermon be preached by F. A. Freeman; alternate, W. G. Curry, at 11 o'clock on Wednesday; and that the missionary sermon be preached by J. D. Cook, Thursday, at 11 o'clock a. m.

C. F. RAINER,  
 L. A. BROCK,  
 W. H. SCARBROUGH,  
 Committee.

The Bible and Colportage report was read, and discussed by C. C. Vaughan, W. G. Curry, Chas. G. Elliott, S. O. Y. Ray and L. Pool. The report was adopted:

#### REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

We, the committee appointed to report on Bible and Colportage work, beg leave to report:

That we find but little has been done in the bounds of the Bigbee Association on this work within the last twelve months.

We think this work could be better done by our local pastors. Allow them a commission of 25 per cent. Let them canvass some during the week, then on Saturday take out their books and papers and sell before and after services. This would help to augment their salaries. All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

L. Pool,  
 Chairman.

The report on Correspondence was submitted and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON CORRESPONDENCE.

We, your committee, report that we have had with us:  
S. O. Y. Ray, representing the State Board of Missions and the Alabama Baptist.

J. E. Brunson, of Bethlehem Association.

E. J. Reeves, of Antioch Association.

We were glad to have these brethren with us.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. POWELL,  
Chairman.

Adjourned until 7:30 o'clock p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Re-assembled at 7:30 o'clock p. m.

Preaching by W. G. Curry.

The report on Apportionment was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

CHURCHES.	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Indigent Ministers	Ministerial Education	Bible and Colportage Work	Orphanage	Total
Benlah	\$ 5 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 50	\$ 3 00	\$ 19 50
Christian Valley	8 00	5 00	5 00	1 50	7 00	2 50	5 00	34 00
Clinton	6 50	4 50	4 00	1 50	6 00	1 00	4 00	27 50
Concord	20 00	6 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	1 00	45 00
Cuba	20 00	5 00	1 50	1 00	5 00	1 00	6 50	43 00
Demopolis	13 00	6 00	6 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	6 00	39 00
Epes	3 00	2 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	1 60	2 00	11 50
Eulaw	4 00	2 00	2 50	1 00	2 50	1 00	3 00	16 00
Friendship	3 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	11 00
Gainesville	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	50	1 00	7 50
Hopewell, Choctaw County	5 00	3 00	3 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	3 00	21 00
Hopewell, Sumter County	5 00	2 50	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	17 50
Livingston	35 00	18 00	18 00	2 00	18 00	2 00	18 00	111 00
Mount Hermon	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	3 00	14 00
Mount Pleasant	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	6 00	33 00
Mount Sterling	3 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	9 00
Mount Lebanon	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	10 00
New Prospect	7 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	23 00
Rehoboth	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	3 00	1 00	5 00	30 00
Shorts	5 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	27 00
Siloam	10 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	33 00
Sumterville	10 00	5 00	5 00	1 00	5 00	1 00	6 00	33 00
York	15 00	10 00	10 00	1 00	10 00	1 00	9 00	56 00
Zion	5 00	3 00	4 00	1 00	2 50	1 00	3 50	20 00
Total								\$91 50

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. WOODWARD,  
PETER McLEAN,  
F. M. WARD, JR.,  
Committee.

Standing committees were appointed as given elsewhere.

Delegates to the State Convention were appointed as follows:

J. D. Cook, John G. Apsey, W. G. Curry and F. M. Ward.

W. G. Curry was appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be and are hereby tendered the members of Concord church and citizens of the community for their kind hospitality extended to us while in their midst.

It was ordered that the Clerk have 350 copies of minutes printed, and, the minute fund not being sufficient, a collection was taken, which amounted to \$3.00.

After singing and prayer, the Moderator declared the Association adjourned, to meet with Christian Valley church on Wednesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Jno. D. PHILLIPS,  
Clerk.

J. R. LARKIN,  
MODERATOR.

## CONSTITUTION.

1. This body shall be known by the name of The Bigbee Baptist Association.
2. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, from its own body, and shall hold their office until their successors are elected.
3. The Moderator shall preside over the Association, and shall discharge the duties usually imposed upon officers presiding over deliberative bodies.
4. The Clerk shall keep a fair record of the proceedings of this Association, and shall attend to the printing and distributing of the Minutes.
5. The Treasurer shall perform the duties usually assigned to such officer, and shall report annually to the Association.
6. The Association shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall from time to time appoint.
7. Every church shall be entitled to two delegates, and also one for every twenty-five members exceeding twenty-five.
8. This Association disclaims all right of exercising authority over the internal regulation of churches, believing that within their own sphere they are accountable to God only.
9. The Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members comprising the Association.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one living and true God, that in the Godhead are Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the New Testament is the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe that the Church of God is composed of such persons as believe in Jesus Christ and have been baptized; that baptism consists in the immersion of the whole body in water; and that the Lord's Supper should be administered to church members only.
4. We believe in the doctrines of grace taught by the United Baptists, viz: In the depravity of man; in the converting grace of God; in the resurrection of the dead; in the general judgment; in the eternal life of the righteous; in the everlasting punishment of the wicked.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. At each meeting of this Association the Moderator shall take the chair, shall call the members to order, shall decide questions of order subject to an appeal, shall open and close the Association with prayer, shall appoint committees, when not otherwise ordered, and shall pronounce the decisions of the Association.
2. The names of members shall be called each day, and invitations to seats extended to ministering brethren.
3. The members shall observe respect to officers and to each other, shall arise when addressing the Moderator, shall confine themselves to the questions, shall avoid personalities, shall not speak without leave more than once, until every member shall have opportunity to speak, and shall sustain that bearing to each other which becomes gentlemen and Christians.
4. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Moderator, and then shall be in the possession of the Association, but may be withdrawn by the mover before amendment or decision.

5. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone; which motion shall have precedence in the order enumerated.

6. All questions, except those relating to the Constitution, shall be decided by a majority. Any member voting with the majority may move for a reconsideration on the day of decision. Members may not leave the Association without permission.

7. When questions of order are not provided for in these rules, they shall be decided according to the rules and regulations governing legislative bodies generally.

8. The Association shall have power to receive into its body and fellowship such churches as apply for admission; and shall also be empowered to withdraw its fellowship from any church or body of men walking disorderly, and supposed to be unworthy the fellowship of this Association.

## REPORT OF THE LADIES MISSIONARY AND AID SOCIETIES OF THE BIGBEE ASSOCIATION.

There are in the Bigbee Association 6 Ladies' Missionary and Aid Societies and two Children's Mission Bands. These societies are in the following churches, viz:

Livingston, 2 societies; York, 1 society; Cuba, 1 society; Demopolis, 1 society; Epes, 1 society; Eutaw, 1 society; Sumterville, 1 society.

The following amounts have been contributed to the objects named during this Associational year:

Home Missions.....	\$ 64.75
Foreign Missions.....	158.96
State Missions.....	31 80
Miss Willie Kelly's Missionary to China.....	17.65
Orphanage.....	38.15
Howard College.....	16.00
Church Aid.....	103.00
Total.....	\$430.31

I shall be glad to correspond with any lady or pastor, who wishes to organize a society in any church in the Association. May the Lord put it into your hearts to enter into this work for His sake.

MRS. H. L. MELLEN,  
Association Vice-President.

LIVINGSTON, Ala.

## DIRECTORY OF BIGBEE ASSOCIATION.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Jno. G. Apsey.....	Eutaw,	Ala.
J. D. Cook.....	Clinton,	"
W. G. Curry.....	Livingston,	"
F. A. Freeman.....	Butler,	"
J. R. Larkin.....	Coatopa,	"
A. J. Hearn.....	Yantley,	"
C. C. Vaughn.....	Cuba,	"
J. E. Vaughn.....	Mt. Sterling,	"
H. B. Woodward.....	Bevills,	"
C. S. Ray.....	Enterprise,	Miss.

## LICENSED MINISTERS.

A. P. Evans, Kinterbish, Ala.

## STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT SESSION IN 1897.

Foreign Missions—H. B. Woodward, Bevills, Ala., L. Lewis and W. H. Phillips.

Home Missions—J. D. Cook, Clinton, Ala., W. H. Scarbrough and E. L. Lipseomb.

State Missions—N. M. Carpenter, Clinton, Ala., F. M. Ward, Jr., and A. P. Evins.

Womans' Work—W. G. Curry, Livingston, Ala., L. A. McLean and J. C. Kelly.

Sabbath Schools—Jno. G. Apsey, Eutaw, Ala., W. A. Altman and J. A. Davison.

Temperance—C. E. Mathers, York, Ala., L. A. Brock and J. W. Smith.

General and Ministerial Education—J. W. Powell, Yantley, Ala., H. B. Praytor and J. T. Stallings.

Correspondence—E. M. Flowers, York, Ala., Peter McLean and A. E. Paythress.

Orphanage—E. M. Shaw, Cuba, Ala., B. F. Richardson and W. P. Brewer.

Executive—J. D. Cook, Clinton, Ala., J. G. Apsey and W. G. Curry.

Religious Literature—C. C. Vaughn, Cuba, Ala., D. W. Brock and J. W. Blakely.

TIME, PLACE OF MEETING AND OFFICERS OF BIGBEE ASSOCIATION SINCE  
ITS ORGANIZATION.

YEAR.	CHURCH.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER.
1852	Jones Creek.....	Wm Woodward.....	John McInnis.....	J H Brown.
1853	Clinton.....	D P Bestor.....	A D Hall.....	J G Robertson.
1854	New Prospect.....	E B Teague.....	W W Paschal.....	" "
1855	Gaston.....	D P Bestor.....	" "	" "
1856	Sumterville.....	" "	" "	" "
1857	Eutaw.....	" "	R H Whitfield.....	" "
1858	Rehoboth.....	Wm Howard.....	" "	W W Paschal.
1859	Friendship.....	" "	" "	" "
1860	Clinton.....	" "	" "	" "
1861	Mt. Sterling.....	J K Ryan.....	" "	Wm Howard.
1862	Christian Valley.....	" "	" "	L Nathan Tartt.
1863	Mt. Hebron.....	Wm Howard.....	W D Gaines.....	" "
1864	Gainesville.....	" "	" "	" "
1865	New Prospect.....	" "	R W Whitfield.....	I C Brown.
1866	Fellowship.....	J K Ryan.....	J C Wright.....	" "
1867	Kinterloch.....	" "	C W Buck.....	J W Bell.
1868	New Prospect.....	" "	C C Vaughn.....	E Tartt.
1869	Siloam.....	" "	" "	A R Scarborough.
1870	Clinton.....	" "	C W Buck.....	I C Brown.
1871	Sumterville.....	A R Scarborough.....	" "	" "
1872	Gainesville.....	L M Stone.....	J H Hendin.....	" "
1873	Rehoboth.....	" "	" "	" "
1874	Friendship.....	A R Scarborough.....	D S Brassfield.....	" "
1875	Livingston.....	" "	J D Cook.....	" "
1876	Clinton.....	" "	" "	" "
1877	Christian Valley.....	" "	" "	" "
1878	Zion.....	J G Harris.....	" "	" "
1879	Cuba.....	J K Ryan.....	" "	" "
1880	Gainesville.....	" "	" "	" "
1881	Mt. Sterling.....	" "	" "	" "
1882	York.....	" "	" "	" "
1883	Livingston.....	" "	" "	" "
1884	Friendship.....	" "	" "	" "
1885	Concord.....	" "	" "	" "
1886	Sumterville.....	L L Belsher.....	" "	" "
1887	Christian Valley.....	" "	" "	G C Gowdy.
1888	Clinton.....	J R Larkin.....	" "	A D Fortner.
1889	Mt. Pleasant.....	" "	" "	" "
1890	York.....	" "	" "	" "
1891	Zion.....	" "	" "	" "
1892	Cuba.....	" "	F M Pond.....	E M Shaw.
1893	Siloam.....	" "	J D Phillips.....	" "
1894	Rehoboth.....	" "	" "	" "
1895	Livingston.....	" "	" "	" "
1896	Concord.....	" "	" "	" "

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.

CHURCHES.		State Missions—Cash.	State Missions—Voucher	Home Missions—Cash.	Home Missions—Voucher.	Foreign Missions—Cash	Foreign Missions—Voucher.....	Church Buildings (not at home)—Voucher	Bible and Colportage—Cash.....	Ministerial Education—Cash.....	Ministerial Education—Voucher.....	College Buildings—Cash.....	College Buildings—Voucher.....	Indigent Min.—Cash..	Orphans' Home—Cash.....	Orphans' Home—Voucher.....	Minutes.....	Total.....	Women's, Young People's & Children's Soc. for How. Col.—V'chr.	Women's, Young People's & Children's Soc. for Home Ex.—V'chr.	Women's, Young People's & Children's So. for Or. Home—V'chr	From S. S. for Missions—Cash.....	From S. S. for Missions—Voucher.....	S. S. for Education—Voucher.....	Orphans' Home—From Sunday School	
Beulah.....	\$ 1.50																1.00	5.00								
Carlin Valley.....																	1.00	35.86								
Clinton.....	11.70																1.00	22.70								
Concord.....	3.15																1.00	39.80								
Chick.....																	2.00	35.25				2.64	2.20			
Chattanooga.....																	1.00	7.65								
Chickamauga.....	1.70																1.50	43.10								
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## STATISTICS OF BIGBEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1896.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE	Membership last Reported		Increase			Decrease			Present Membership	Sunday School Officers and Teachers	Sunday School Pupils	Preaching Sabbaths
					1895	1896	By Baptism	By Letter	By Exp., Statm't, Prospect of Letter	By Restoration	By Exclusion	By Erasure				
Beulah	Sumter	J E Vaughan	M P May	Kinterbish	58	1	1	1	1	1	2	55	5	3	3	3
Christian Valley	"	J R Larkin	S E Williamson	Catoona	28	1	1	1	1	1	1	25	5	3	3	3
Clinton	Greene	J D Cook	W Greene	Clinton	33	1	1	1	1	1	31	5	2	2	2	2
Concord	Choctaw	Chas G Elliott	J S Phillips	Yantley	105	3	1	5	1	1	111	4	4	4	4	4
Cuba	Sumter	J D Cook	W F Shaw	Cuba	75	10	1	8	1	1	76	4	4	4	4	4
Demopolis	Marengo	J G Dickinson	W D Kelly	Demopolis	50	9	1	6	1	1	65	2	2	2	2	2
Epas	Sumter	J G Apsey	T J Ferrell	Epas	33	1	1	1	1	1	30	4	4	4	4	4
Eutaw	Greene	W G Curry	A P Smith	Eutaw	30	3	2	1	1	1	33	4	4	4	4	4
Friendship	"	"	"	"	10	1	1	1	1	1	10	1	1	1	1	1
Hainesville	Sumter	A J Hoarn	W J Sparrow	Mt. Sterling	21	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1
Hopewell	Choctaw	A J Hoarn	W J Sparrow	Mt. Sterling	80	9	4	5	1	1	85	9	11	1	1	1
Hopewell	Sumter	J R Larkin	G C Gowley	Livingston	17	1	1	1	1	1	18	1	1	1	1	1
Livingston	"	W G Curry	"	Livingston	86	2	1	1	1	1	88	3	3	3	3	3
Livingston	"	"	"	Livingston	31	4	1	1	1	1	35	4	4	4	4	4
Mt. Hermon	"	J J Pipkin	E P Lipscomb	Jefferson	19	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Pleasant	Marengo	"	"	Jefferson	19	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Sterling	Choctaw	"	"	Jefferson	19	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	1	1	1	1
Mt. Lebanon	Sumter	C C Vaughan	J T Greene	York Sta.	8	1	6	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1
New Prospect	Sumter	J R Larkin	W P Bruner	Livingston	28	1	1	1	1	1	29	1	1	1	1	1
Rehoboth	Choctaw	F A Freeman	J W Cook	Pushmataha	53	1	1	1	1	1	54	1	1	1	1	1
Shoals	Sumter	J E Vaughan	E B Hoarn	Gaston	40	21	1	2	1	1	61	5	4	4	4	4
Sitona	"	A J Hoarn	J T Stallings	York Sta.	112	1	1	3	1	1	109	1	1	1	1	1
Sumterville	"	W G Curry	E M Flowers	Sumterville	57	1	1	1	1	1	58	5	5	5	5	5
York	"	J G Apsey	E M Flowers	York Sta.	47	1	1	1	1	1	48	1	1	1	1	1
Zion	"	J E Brunson	G E Brunson	Rosser	46	11	1	2	1	1	58	1	1	1	1	1
Total					1112	76	49	9	5	38	4	20	1180	32	300	300

<sup>1</sup>Membership not reported—taken from 1895.

<sup>2</sup>Taken from last minutes.

<sup>3</sup>Organized since session of 1895.

<sup>4</sup>S. S. STEWARTS—Bulah, B. A. May, Kinterbish; Clinton, N. M. Carpenter, Clinton; Concord, W. H. Phillips, Yantley; Eutaw, A. P. Smith, Eutaw; Livingston, G. C. Gowley, Livingston; Sumterville, W. H. Brown, Sumterville.





