

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

PINE BARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

MIDWAY CHURCH, MONROE COUNTY, ALA.

Sept. 16 and 17, 1891.



+ OFFICERS. +

D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator.....PINE APPLE, ALA.  
JOHN PURIFOY, Clerk.....SNOW HILL, ALA.  
J. W. PURIFOY, Treasurer.....FURMAN, ALA.



*The next annual session will be held with Camden Church, Camden, Wilcox County, Ala., on Tuesday, the 14th day of September, 1892.*



## MINUTES.

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The Forty-second Annual Session of the Pine Barren Association convened with the Midway Baptist Church, at Riley, Monroe county, Ala., on Wednesday September 16th, A. D. 1891.

At 11 o'clock Brother W. D. Gay preached the Annual Sermon from First Corinthians, 1st chapter, 23d and 24th verses.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, Brother D. W. Ramsey. Brethren O. J. Burson, Daniel Cook and J. B. McWilliams were appointed a committee to read the church letters.

Delegate's names were enrolled as follows, to-wit :

### FIRST DISTRICT.

Ackerville—W. A. J. Albritton and T. J. Powell.

Bethsaida—W. D. Gay, J. W. Purifoy and John Purifoy.

Camden—F. M. Fletcher and Daniel McLeod.

Enon—A. P. Majors, E. I. Bailey, Sr., and D. S. Watson.

New Providence—J. B. Powell.

Rock West—Daniel Cook.

### SECOND DISTRICT.

Allenton—J. B. McWilliams.

Friendship—J. M. Cone, W. J. Elliott, D. W. Ramsey, J. F. Fore, W. M. Watts, J. N. Stanford, C. Powell and G. W. Kysar.

Butler Springs—B. S. Higdon.

Pine Level—By Letter.

Liberty—E. L. Covin and Elbert Langham.

Monterey—Not represented.

Bear Creek—J. E. Eddins, F. I. Defee and D. J. Philpot.

Fellowship—G. W. Ward and C. S. Hutchinson.

Mt. Pleasant—W. E. Coleman.

### THIRD DISTRICT.

Bethel—H. C. Johnson and J. J. Robinson.

Midway—W. M. Snowden, A. W. Wallace and W. M. Higdon.

Bell's Landing—P. J. Cree.

New Hope—W. R. Black and W. R. Maxwell.

Shackleville—Not represented.

Indian Springs—I. S. Ridgway, W. L. Fort, C. L. Grimes.

Ebenezer—W. A. Glenn, J. H. Gray and Robt. Hawkins.

Mt. Pisgah—J. R. E. Sellers and Richard Wiggins.

Pineville—G. M. Parker and J. B. Harper.

Centennial—W. M. Iknor and A. J. Morris.

Concord—O. J. Burson, J. T. Burson, G. W. Burns, G. W. Riley and W. H. Kearley.

Flat Creek—Not represented.

Brethren W. A. Whittle and T. J. Emmons were appointed tellers to conduct an election for officers for the present session.

Brethren D. W. Ramsey, John Purifoy and J. W. Purifoy were elected respectively Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.

Took a recess of one and a half hours. Reassembled promptly.

On motion of Brother W. J. Elliott the resolution passed at our last session making this a three-days' session was rescinded.

Messengers from corresponding bodies and enterprizes were received as follows, to-wit :

Home Mission Board—W. D. Gay.

Board of Ministerial Education—W. J. Elliott.

Bible and Colportage Board at Opelika—W. D. Gay.

Alabama Baptist—W. A. Whittle.

Western Recorder—W. D. Gay.

Centennial Mission—W. J. Elliott.

Bethlehem Association—W. T. Nettles, W. B. Kemp, W. A. Locke, T. J. Emmons, J. W. Broughton and L. D. Riley.

Conecuh Association—I. Spence.

Harmony Association—J. D. Letcher.

Austin Association (Texas)—W. A. Whittle.

The Moderator announced committees to report during the session, as follows :

On Religious Services during the Session—The Pastor and Deacons of Midway Church and Brothers W. D. Gay and A. P. Majors.

Finance—W. R. Maxwell, W. A. J. Albritton and Daniel Cook.

Queries, Requests and Nominations—O. J. Burson, J. S. Harper and C. L. Grimes.

State of Religion and Digest of Letters—J. B. Powell, C. S. Hutchinson and G. W. Burns.

On Apportionment—W. J. Elliott, D. McLeod, E. I. Bailey, J. B. McWilliams and H. C. Johnson.

Committees appointed at last session to report at this session were revised as follows, to-wit :

Foreign Mission—J. F. Fore, J. T. Burson and W. L. Fort.

Denominational Literature—D. Cook, F. M. Fletcher and J. M. Cone.

Report on Ministerial Education was read by Brother W. J. Elliott, as follows, to-wit:

#### REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Our reports hitherto have been so explicit on the subject of ministerial education that we deem it unnecessary to present arguments to prove the necessity of an educated ministry. The age is progressive, the minds of many have become more analytical, especially those opposed to Christianity. The analysis of great questions, the whys and wherefores in theological and ecclesiastical doctrines become the paramount demand of this advanced stage of human thought. Some must think, in order to be able to impart food for thought to others. Ministers cannot minister in that in which they have not been trained. Preachers cannot preach that gospel which they do not comprehend. Hence the demand from all quarters is for an intelligent and consecrated ministry, men of good common sense, who can instruct the people whom they serve, understanding the people and their wants spiritual and intellectual, and are willing to give themselves wholly to the work; such men are in demand and they will be supported by the churches. Give us men full of the Holy Ghost, men of self-denial, men possessed of common sense, and our churches will support them.

It is a source of regret that our contributions to the Board of Ministerial Education have not been sufficient to meet the necessary expenses. The Board raised during the last Associational year \$2,550.00, and had under its care at Howard College, the Seminary and High Schools thirty-two (32) ministerial students.

The contributions last year were the smallest in three years, and the Board has a deficit of about \$200.00 on account of the increased cost of students at college and the decrease in contributions. The Board needs not less than \$3000.00 during the coming year, and could use as much as \$3500.00 very judiciously.

The College was losing money on our ministerial students at \$115.00, and to remedy this, the Board agreed about two years ago to pay an increase of \$15.00 each. This was just, as the College should not be expected to board our young ministers for less than it cost them. Free tuition is as much as we ought to expect.

We heartily commend to the notice of all who feel called of God to preach the gospel, the claims of Howard College, the Seminary at Louisville and the Theological institute at East Lake.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren Whittle and Elliott and adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported through Brother Gay, that Brother W. A. Locke would preach from the stand at 3:30 o'clock p. m.

Report on Home Missions was made the special order for 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

Report on Denominational Education was read by Brother Gay, as follows, to-wit:

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Your committee beg leave to report its careful consideration of the matter of education. It is unnecessary to urge its importance. It is our intention to speak of the higher needs of education.

The leaders of the people in our section do not seem to have a high enough standard; they are content with too little learning. We believe it is the duty of religious teachers to inculcate principles that shall lead to the highest development of mind, soul and body. To this end we believe the best informed, the most thoroughly trained, the profoundest minds and best instructors should be secured for our colleges, our editors and preachers. They should not be of the average mind. We realize that for a comparatively new civilization our State is making progress; but we should not be contented with the present condition with regard to education.

I. Our denominational College should teach the Bible as we believe it. Dr. W. R. Harper said that the youth went to college with the boyish notion about science, literature, the practical arts and the Bible. He was educated out of these boyish notions of all, except the Bible. So the educated mind would say the boy's Bible must go. We desire that he shall be educated all through—his soul as well as his mind—and this without his going to a theological seminary or trusting to attention for what little biblical knowledge he may gain at chapel service. We greatly desire to see Howard College a Baptist school, teaching Baptist principles, for we recognize this a strong point in the Roman Catholic system. They have the Bible taught as they believe it. To make this college what we wish, it will require the hearty co-operation of Alabama Baptists.

II. We recognize as another power for education the denominational paper. As the "Alabama Baptist" is a private institution and not properly the organ of our Convention, we cannot say what we think it should do; but the paper that leads ninety-seven thousand people should be supported by all and read by all. This paper, representing the denomination, teaching what we believe, and telling what we do and should do, would be a great means of education. It should give abundant resources from which to form conclusions on all important questions. Unfair, partisan people are to be let alone as not tending toward higher development, but contraction—so the true denominational organ will be an educator.

III. As a secondary matter, the pulpit is a great educator. All preachers should get as high an education as possible. Let no one deter any man from going as far as he can in college and in the seminary. The day has past when we can tell a man he is naturally smart enough to preach. He does not know enough until he knows all God's opportunity permits him to learn.

We recommend Howard College, whose work the past year was very encouraging. There were 206 students, and 32 ministerial students. We recommend the Judson, which we are glad to state is continually growing under Dr. Averett's administration; also the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. D. GAY, Chairman.

Discussed by Brethren Gay and Whittle and adopted.

On motion of Brother Elliott the \$100.00 requested of this Association by the Board of Ministerial Education of Alabama, was ordered apportioned to the several churches by the Committee on Apportionment.

Report on Sabbath Schools was set for special order to-morrow immediately after the disposition of the report on Home Missions.

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

On motion of Brother Daniel Cook, Brethren Sellers and Wiggins were appointed a committee to visit New Bethlehem Church, inquire into, and report its condition to the next meeting of this body.

Brethren Gay, Powell and Elliott were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial on the death of Brother J. F. Bruner, who has departed this life since our last meeting.

Brother Elliott offered the following memorial on Womans' and Sunbeams' Work, to-wit:

*To the Pine Barren Association:*

At a meeting of the various Ladies' and Sunbeams' Societies in the bounds of your territory at Pine Apple, Ala., July 29, 1891, the undersigned were appointed a committee to present to your body some resolutions concerning our work within the bounds of her churches:

WHEREAS, Woman's work has, within the past few years, been recognized by the Baptists of this country as one of the powerful auxiliaries in the spread of the gospel; therefore be it

*Resolved*, By the Ladies' and Sunbeams' Societies of the Pine Barren Association in convention assembled, that we respectfully recommend that your body appoint a standing committee to report on our work at every meeting of your body.

*Resolved*, That we deem the proposed reports on our work of nearly equal importance to the annual reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions, and that it would tend to stimulate our various societies to greater zeal in the Master's cause.

*Resolved*, That in making this recommendation we do not wish to be understood as endeavoring to usurp any of the powers or prerogatives of the churches, but only wish to be known as co-workers in a grand and glorious cause.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. R. REYNOLDS,  
MISS GENEVA KYSER,  
MISS MARY JONES,

Committee.

Adopted.

Brother Gay, for the Committee on Religious Exercises, reported that Brother W. A. Whittle would preach or lecture to-night at 8 o'clock.

After singing and prayer the Association adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 17.

The Association met promptly at the hour appointed and opened with singing and prayer by brother J. B. Powell.

Committee on Temperance, through Brother Elliott, reported as follows, to-wit :

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance report that being temperate in all things is progress in the right direction, and when we use the word "temperance" in this report we mean the generally accepted signification of abstaining from the use of intoxicating liquors. And when we say "liquors," we mean brandy, beer, ale, gin, wine, or anything that will make drunk come.

The extreme wickedness of the liquor traffic will appear to any one who will study the nature of the business closely. The hundreds and thousands who are wrecked incidentally by this business is enough to convince any person of reflection of the infinite wickedness of such a business. It is perfectly clear to all, that the more of this business any country supports, the more poverty and crime there will be. What remuneration comes to us for the expenditure of money for the seething, liquid fire? Ask our homes of sorrow, of shame, of bereavement, of broken vows and utter helplessness; ask our city prisons, our jails, and our insane asylums—all filled with victims of strong drink. Ask these what we have to show for our drink bill! If each individual would sit down calmly and quietly and reflect for himself upon the heavy tax voluntarily assumed by himself when he indulges in the use of whiskey, and then carefully note the effects produced upon his health, spirits and business prospects, he will certainly be constrained to call a halt, and at least resist the abuse if not the use of one of the greatest evils of the age.

The liquor curse is a much greater source of financial oppression to our people than the tariff or any other kind of monopoly. It is making from 80 to 90 per cent, of our criminals, 600,000



drunkards per year, corrupting politics, corrupting the ballot box, corrupting our legislative halls; and, as nothing else, threatening the ruin of our country.

All this is true, yet the half is not told. It is impossible to approximate the money expended, the lives lost, the homes desolated, the hearts broken by this traffic. It should be fought by every patriot and Christian father and mother as the enemy we must conquer, or by which we must be conquered. We have only to use our influence as followers of Christ and exercise our right at the ballot box, and victory will be achieved.

Respectfully submitted, W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

The following amendment, offered by Brother J. W. Purifoy, was adopted, to-wit:

*WHEREAS*, There seems a want of proper discipline in many of the churches composing this Association in regard to the free use of intoxicating drinks.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Association that the several churches of this Association should speak out in unmistakable terms against the use of whiskey and all intoxicating beverages, and enforce more rigid discipline among their members.

The subject was discussed by Brethren Ramsey, Fletcher, Gay, Elliott, Whittle and McWilliams. The report as amended was adopted.

The report on Home Missions was made by Brother J. B. Powell, was taken up, it being the special order for this hour, and is as follows, to-wit:

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

During the last conventional year the Home Board has made gratifying progress in its work, yet it is far from perfection. We find from statistics that the great problem now facing our Home Board, is the lack of men and means as compared with the field and work. We find the work that this board ought to do increasing every year. It is assuming vast proportions, and there are within our field single cities where every cent that will be received for years to come may be expended and then not fill up the yawning chasm of its spiritual necessities.

There never was a time when the Board needed so much as now, the most liberal and persevering support of the churches, that it may meet the rapidly increasing demand of the work.

Have we done our duty? The Pine Barren Association, with a membership of nearly two thousand, gave last year for Home Missions \$115.93. This shows the sad fact that we have gathered many into our folds who are not of the flock. There is only a Gideon's band of a few hundred upon whom we may rely for money or for workers. Our Lord is still saying to us, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that He would send forth laborers into this harvest."

But we must do more than pray. A spirit of consecrated enterprise must bring practical business principles to bear on this great problem. And when should this crusade for Christ sound its imperial clarion and rally its hosts more properly than within this body of intelligent consecrated Baptists who listen to this report?

Home missionary work is so identified with national well-being, that no line of separation can be drawn between piety and patriotism, and what we give often comes back in material compensation, sometimes quickly, manifoldly. Thus let us build our habits of giving on a new basis. Let us give fresh thought, earnestness and vigor to this question of redeeming every soul in the bounds of our home field.

Something beyond what is now doing needs to be done. Some new clue must be found to the mazes of this missionary question, and what we are to do must be done at once. The generation is fast passing away, and we with it, and at the bar of God these unsaved ones are to confront us. While we are asking what we can do to save them, it would be well to ask, what can we do to save ourselves from the responsibility of their ruin? What "blood guiltiness" is that which is found in leaving immortal souls to die of hunger while we have the bread of life.

Let us then labor to make the prospect more encouraging, and soon there will be triumphs whose glory will outshine all previous victories, and every onward movement on our part will cause the hostile fortresses of sin to tremble before the overwhelming charge.

Respectfully submitted, J. B. POWELL, Chairman,  
Discussed by Brethren Gay and Elliott, and adopted.

Report on Sabbath Schools was made by Brother O. J. Burson as follows, to-wit :

#### REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

For more than a century this subject has engaged the minds of the wisest and best men on earth, and there are to-day more anxious Christian men and women laboring for the upbuilding of this grand institution than ever before. We confess that we ought to have more schools. We could and ought to do more and better work in these schools; but we are gratified to see the indications of progress in our midst and all over the country.

In the South there are 19,595 churches and 7579 Sabbath Schools. In Alabama there are 1,535 churches and 534 Sabbath Schools. In the Pine Barren Association there are 28 churches and 20 Sabbath Schools. True, indeed, this makes a sad showing for the South, for the good State of Alabama, and for the Pine Barren Association; but these things have been worse, and it is with some degree of pride we call attention to the fact that the number of Sabbath Schools in the bounds of our Association is to-day,

double what it was ten years ago. We feel encouraged, and we confidently look forward to the day, and that in the near future, when every church composing this body will report a Sabbath School.

While we note the gratifying increase in the number of schools in our bounds, we verily believe that the character of the work done in these schools has advanced in the same ratio. And no wonder that it has, since our facilities are so vastly greater.

We have literature adapted to all grades of schools, and in character it is equal to the very best in the land, and is furnished at remarkably low prices, leaving every church without excuse along this line of Christian work.

We suggest that the greatest need in our Sabbath Schools, with the present advantages surrounding them—is more religion, more of the spirit of our Master, more consecrated men and women.

Brethren, in all the range of Christian effort, there is no subject more worthy than this. Let us press forward in this work. Let us not be satisfied until we have a school in every church. Let us endeavor to increase the number of schools in Alabama and in all this lovely Southland; and let there be underlying all our efforts the purpose to honor God. Whatever we may do, let us do it as unto the Lord.

O. J. BURSON,  
W. L. FORT,  
I. B. BURSON,  
Committee.

The following amendment was adopted, to-wit :

*Resolved.* That a Sunday School evangelist be appointed by this Association, whose duty it shall be to visit the churches (members of this Association) which have no Sunday Schools, and if possible, organize Schools in them.

The Moderator proceeded to call the roll of churches, and quite a number of brethren made short and very interesting talks on the subject

The report with the amendment was then adopted.

The report on denominational literature was then made by Brother Daniel Cook, and is as follows, to-wit :

#### REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

DEAR BRETHREN—We, as Missionary Baptists, hold to certain ancient views and doctrines peculiar to ourselves, and more or less different to all other religious denominations. These views, we believe, are plainly and unmistakably taught in the holy scriptures. We believe, also, that all scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable and all-sufficient for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness; that the disciples and

Church of Christ may be perfect, thoroughly furnished with needful instruction which is able to make them wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. And as all scripture is divinely inspired, and, like its author, perfect, and also tends to make perfect all who believe and obey it, and as we are one of the strong, influential and leading Christian denominations, and as we think, the one peculiarly believing and contending for the faith once delivered to the saints, and for the foundation doctrine of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone; therefore, we, as a denomination, ought zealously and energetically to encourage the printing and general distribution of a sufficient supply of the pure Word of God and other religious literature in accordance with the necessities of families, individuals, Sabbath Schools, and for general sale and distribution.

Therefore, we recommend that we as individuals, and as churches, as an association and as a denomination, encourage by our influence and liberal patronage, our denominational press, which is a great agency for training, indoctrinating and advancing our denomination; and in so doing we believe we will also be advancing the cause and kingdom of our Lord and Savior.

In conclusion, we will simply say, that while we have much very useful and meritorious literature, we have but one State organ, the Alabama Baptist, an able exponent and defender of our denominational principles and doctrines, and it fully merits and needs the patronage of us all.

DANIEL COOK, Chairman.

The following amendment, offered by Brother Gay, was adopted, to-wit:

We earnestly recommend the Publication Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and its literature, known as "Kind Words." We beg of the brethren that they will support, take collections for, and pray for its advancement and order it through the Colportage Board at Opelika.

After interesting talks from several brethren the report with the amendment was adopted.

Brother Gay for the committee, reported the memorial to Brother J. F. Bruner, deceased, as follows, to-wit:

#### MEMORIAL TO BROTHER J. F. BRUNER

Bro. J. F. Bruner was born in Lowndes county, near Bragg's Store, where he lived many years. He preached all of his life in this Association, and Eternity alone will reveal the good he accomplished, and this was done in spite of his physical weakness. He was licensed before the war, and was ordained immediately after. He was Moderator of this Association at one time, and endeared himself very much to all who knew him. He was an invalid the

last twenty years of his life. He died on the 1st of May 1891. He never gave up till the last, and we feel that we can say, "Let our last end be like his."

WM. D. GAY,  
J. B. POWELL,  
W. J. ELLIOTT,

Committee.

Which was unanimously concurred in.

The Association took a recess for one and a half hours for dinner.

Assembled promptly as per adjournment.

After singing and prayer the report on Foreign Missions was read by Brother J. F. Fore, as follows, to-wit :

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The great work of Christianizing all nations is gradually obtaining a broader and deeper hold among the people of God. Long ago we learned from the Holy Scriptures that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations. But we could not realize fully the practicability of the work till the Lord's abundant blessings fell upon the public efforts put forth and gave us abundant victories. We can see the Captain of our salvation riding upon the white horse and going forth conquering and to conquer.

In a number of our foreign fields the borders of Zion are constantly enlarged. New churches are springing up and the number of converts greatly multiplied. The old fields, long occupied by our burden-bearing missionaries, are growing larger and more responsible, and many new fields with their Macedonian cries call loudly for more men, more women and more money. Already a large number of consecrated men and women, with a burning zeal for the glory of God and the salvation of the heathen, have gone from their lovely homes in this favored land of ours to spend their lives in foreign fields in honest labor for the salvation of benighted heathen men and women.

The souls of the heathen are now lying very near our hearts, and, brethren, we know of no other way of reaching them but by the gospel of Christ, and there is no other way for them to receive it except through the missionaries. We therefore recommend that the Baptists send, during our missionary centennial year anniversary, one hundred missionaries into foreign fields, if possible. Brethren, if we can get every one, as the Scripture commands, to contribute of his means as the Lord has blessed him, we can sustain all the missionaries in the fields.

J. F. FORE,  
J. T. BURSON,  
W. L. FORT,

Committee.

The subject was discussed by several brethren and report adopted.

The report on State Missions was read by Brother J. W. Purifoy, as follows, to-wit :

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

So many reports have been made and so much has been written urging the importance of State Mission work, that it is difficult for the committee to know what to say that will lead to further interest in this subject. However, those who have been close observers of the practical workings of the State Mission Board will readily admit that a great amount of good for the cause of the Master has been done through the instrumentality of this division of the missionary work in Alabama. But there still exists an urgent necessity of a continuation of this mode of spreading the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ throughout the State, and the establishment of His church in every city, town and hamlet in the State; and to accomplish more thoroughly this great and desirable end, the committee is of the opinion that it will require more liberal contributions. But we recognize the sad fact that in the present depressed financial condition of the country it will be difficult, indeed, for the membership of the Baptist churches composing the Pine Barren Association to work themselves up to their Christian duty in the way of giving liberally to the Lord. Still, the necessity exists all the same. And here we will state that a want of system among Baptists in fostering the several missionary enterprises seems to be as great to-day as it was when the present plan of evangelizing the State was first adopted. We are glad, however, to say, in the opinion of the committee, there is evidently a better feeling existing towards the Board in the execution of their plans, and a growing interest manifested in this Association in this grand work.

In the absence of statistical information we are unable to give a detailed account of the Board since our last meeting, but feel assured that it has been all that could be expected with the means at their hands. We have some apprehension, however, that the Board is looking after cities and towns on the lines of railroads, to the neglect of the rural districts in the State. The work of sending evangelists to preach to the negroes is of more importance and of greater proportions than the casual observer will admit, and deserves the careful consideration of this Association.

In conclusion, brethren, let us co-operate with the Board and give them our liberal support and prayers that the good work of Christianizing the people everywhere may go on.

J. W. PURIFOY, Chairman.

Discussed by Brother Locke and adopted.

The Committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters, through Brother J. B. Powell, reported as follows, to-wit :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STATE OF RELIGION AND DIGEST OF LETTERS.

From the letters we find the following, to-wit:

Baptized, 90; received by letter, 63; restored, 17; dismissed by letter, 86; excluded, 14; erased, 19; died, 26; present membership, including number last reported by churches not represented at this meeting, 1,937; number of churches reported, 24; Sunday Schools reported, 19; teachers, 107; pupils enrolled, 754; average attendance, 573; prayer meetings, 45; Sunbeam Societies, 4. There are eight ordained and four licensed ministers in the bounds of the Association. Seven churches report no baptisms, and five churches are without pastors.

J. B. POWELL, Chairman.

At the request of Brother J. B. McWilliams, Brother J. W. Purifoy offered the following resolution, which was adopted, to-wit:

*Resolved*, That the resolution adopted at the session of this Association held at Indian Springs Church September 11th and 12th, 1891, which reads as follows, to-wit: "Brother John Purifoy moved that as there is a probability of the collection of \$200.00 of the perpetual fund for ministerial education, that the Treasurer be instructed upon the request of Dr. B. F. Riley, President of Howard College, to loan said funds to such ministerial student as may be indicated by Dr. Riley, taking notes without interest, to be paid in future by the beneficiary executing the note." be and the same is hereby rescinded.

Brother Elliott, for the Committee on Apportionment, reported as follows, to-wit:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, the committee appointed to apportion amounts to the various churches composing this Association during the Associational year for general purposes, respectfully submit the following:

Ebenezer .....	\$ 40.00	Fellowship.....	\$15 00
Liberty.....	20 00	Monterey.....	20 00
New Hope.....	15 00	Rock West.....	40 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	30 00	Bethel.....	12 50
Concord.....	40 00	Friendship.....	110 00
Midway.....	10 00	Mt. Pisgah.....	10 00
Pine Level.....	12 50	Camden.....	30 00
Pineville.....	15 00	Bell's Landing.....	10 00
Centennial.....	5 00	New Providence.....	20 00
Bethsaida.....	120 00	Enon.....	20 00
Indian Springs.....	30 00	Ackerville.....	25 00
Bear Creek.....	12 50	Allenton.....	30 00
Butler Springs.....	10 00.		

FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Allenton.....	\$10 00	Bear Creek.....	\$ 5 00
Butler Springs.....	2 50	Ebenezer.....	10 00
Fellowship.....	5 00	Ackerville.....	5 00
Liberty.....	2 50	Monterey.....	2 50

Bethsaida.....	10 00	New Hope.....	2 50
Rock West.....	5 00	Mt. Pleasant.....	2 50
Bethel.....	2 50	Concord.....	10 00
Friendship.....	10 00	Midway.....	2 50
Mt. Pisgah.....	5 00	Pine Level.....	5 00
Camden.....	10 00	Pineville.....	5 00
Bell's Landing.....	5 50	Centennial.....	3 50
New Providence.....	5 00	Indian Springs.....	5 00
Enon.....	2 50		

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

Concurred in.

The Committee on Queries, Requests and Nominations reported through Brother O. J. Burson, as follows, to-wit :

#### REPORT ON QUERIES, REQUESTS AND NOMINATIONS.

We have before us four requests, to-wit: Camden, Fellowship, Ebenezer and Concord. Each requests the next annual meeting of this body. We recommend that it be held with Concord Church, on Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1892, and continue in session three days. We recommend Brother W. D. Gay as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, and Brother G. M. Parker as alternate. We recommend Brother J. B. Powell as Sabbath School Evangelest in the bounds of this Association. We recommend as the Executive Board, Brethren D. Palmer, J. B. McWilliams, D. Cook, J. B. Harper and J. F. Burson. Brother D. W. Ramsey to preach the next annual sermon, Brother G. M. Parker alternate; and Brother W. J. Elliott to preach a missionary sermon at 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday.

O. J. BURSON,  
J. B. HARPER,  
C. L. GRIMES,

Committee.

On motion of Brother John Purifoy, Camden was inserted in place of Concord; and of Brother Elliott, Tuesday was inserted in place of Wednesday. With these amendments the report was adopted.

Brother J. S. Powell offered the following resolution which was adopted, to-wit :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Pine Barren Association are hereby tendered to the members of Midway Church and the citizens generally, for the kind and hospitable manner in which they have entertained us.

The Committee on Finance, through Brother Cook, reported, which report was concurred in (see finance table). Said Committee also reported that they had examined the Treasurer's report and found it correct, which was concurred in.

After singing the hymn beginning "Children of the Heavenly King" and prayer, the Association adjourned to meet with Camden Church, at Camden, Wilcox county, Alabama, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, it being the 14th day of the month.

JOHN PURIFOY, Clerk.

D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator.



## STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—John Purifoy, D. Palmer and J. W. Purifoy.  
 Home Missions--J. B. McWilliams, D. J. Philpot and B. F. Watts.  
 Foreign Missions--W. N. Huckabee, F. M. Fletcher, D. McLeod.  
 Ministerial Education--A. P. Majors, P. J. Cree and D. S. Watson.  
 Denominational Education--Daniel Cook, S. C. Cook and J. Eades  
 Gullett.  
 Denominational Literature--O. J. Burson, G. W. Burns- and G. W.  
 Riley.  
 Sabbath Schools--I. B. Powell, I. S. Ridgway and W. L. Fort.  
 Woman's Work--W. J. Elliott, J. F. Fore and J. N. Stanford.  
 Temperance--W. D. Gay, S. D. Address and J. R. E. Sellers.

## ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS.

D. W. Ransey Pine Apple.	W. J. Elliott, Pine Apple.
Wm. D. Gay, Furman,	W. N. Huckabee, Camden.
A. P. Majors, Chestnut.	G. M. Parker, Fork.
P. J. Cree, Tinela.	S. Moore, Stringfellow.
I. S. Ridgway, Turk Stand.	J. B. Powell, Nellie.
W. L. Fort, Turk Stand.	S. J. Ausley, Forest Home.

## SUPERINTENDENTS OF SABBATH SCHOOLS WITH POST OFFICE.

C. E. Breithaupt, Snow Hill.	J. M. Walthall, Allenton.
D. J. Philpot, Calcedonia.	O. H. Spencer, Sallie.
G. L. Herrin, River Ridge	John L. Skinner, Furman.
J. J. Hawthorne, Camden,	M. V. Middleton, Buena Vista.
W. L. Murphv, Forest Home.	C. F. Majors, Chestnut.
J. M. Cone, Pine Apple.	W. L. Fort, Turk Stand.
Frank Cook, Rock West.	J. B. Harper, Pineville.
J. J. Evans, Pine Apple.	

New Hope Church reported Sunday School but did not report name  
 of Superintendent

J. W. PURIFOY, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH PINE BARREN  
ASSOCIATION.

1897		DR.	
Sept. 19	To cash from Finance Com. for Minutes . . . . .	\$	37 25
"	" " " State Missions . . . . .		103 32
"	" " " Foreign Missions. . . . .		121 56
"	" " " Home Missions . . . . .		96 23
"	" " " Min. Education . . . . .		33 25
"	" " " Howard College . . . . .		33 00
"	" " " Judson Institute . . . . .		18 50
"	" " " Colportage . . . . .		2 00
	To cash collected since . . . . .		16 45
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			\$460 56
	To cash Ministerial Educational Fund . . . . .		200 00
	To notes of Beneficiaries . . . . .		293 75—\$954 31
			<hr/>
			\$493 75

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Sept. 19.	By cash pd.	Dr. Purser for Howard College.	\$ 13 00
22.	"	J. Purifoy, clerk for minutes.....	37 25
24.	"	W. B. Crumpton for State Mis's.	103 32
24.	"	W. B. Crumpton for Home "	95 23
24.	"	W. B. Crumpton for For'n "	121 56
24.	"	W. B. Crumpton for Colportage.	2 00
25.	"	G. W. Ellis for Ministerial Ed...	33 25
Oct. 1.	"	J. B. Lovelace for Judson Inst. . .	18 50
22.	"	R. J. Waldrop for Howard Col. .	20 00
30.	"	G. W. Ellis for Ministerial Ed. .	16 45
			\$460 56
Sept. 16.	In hand	Ministerial Fund . . . . .	\$200 00
16.	"	Notes of Beneficiaries... . .	293 75—493 75—\$954 32



# STATISTICS OF PINE BARREN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1891.

Church.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's P. O.	No. ord' ministers.	No. lic'd ministers.	Members last reported.	Increase by			Decrease by			Sunday School		Reports revival.				
								Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Present membership.	Officers and teachers.	Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.
Ackerville.	Wilcox.	J. M. Fortune.	W. A. J. Albritton	Snow Hill.	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	5	20	2	..	Yes	
Allenton.	Wilcox.	W. J. Elliott.	W. M. Fitzgerald	Allenton.	..	..	5	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	12	40	4	..	Yes	
Bear Creek.	Wilcox.	W. J. Elliott.	D. P. Watts.	Caledonia.	..	..	3	1	10	1	..	..	..	..	4	35	1	..	..	
Bell's Landing.	Monroe.	D. W. Ramsey.	O. H. Spencer.	Sallie.	1	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	19	3	..	..	
Bethel.	Monroe.	H. Adams.	E. R. Burgess.	River Ridge.	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	15	2	..	..	
Bethsaida.	Wilcox.	W. D. Gay.	W. M. Purifoy.	Snow Hill.	1	..	..	5	10	3	..	..	..	..	12	84	1&3	Yes	..	
Butler Springs.	Butler.	J. L. Taylor.	J. P. Vickery.	Stringfellow.	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	85	4	..	..	..	
Camden.	Wilcox.	W. N. Huckabee	J. P. Fairly.	Camden.	1	..	..	8	9	..	..	..	..	..	8	62	2&4	..	Yes	
Centennial.	Monroe.	W. A. Locke	A. J. Morris.	Finchburg.	1	..	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	28	5	..	..	..	
Concord.	Monroe.	D. W. Ramsey.	J. J. Finkler.	Buena Vista.	1	..	..	3	1	8	..	..	..	..	132	9	..	..	..	
Ebenezer.	Butler.	W. J. Elliott.	W. H. Watt.	Forest Home.	1	..	..	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	118	8	..	Yes	..	
Enon.	Wilcox.	L. S. Ridgway.	Enoch Brinson.	Fatama.	1	..	..	3	2	1	1	..	..	..	87	60	2	Yes	..	
Fellowship.	Wilcox.	D. W. Ramsey.	J. E. Knight.	Monterey.	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	24	30	1	..	Yes	
Flat Creek.	Monroe.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	2	..	..	..	
Friendship.	Wilcox.	W. J. Elliott.	A. B. Gaston.	Pine Apple.	2	..	..	18	9	1	10	22	1	..	10	75	1&3	Yes	..	
Indian Springs.	Monroe.	A. P. Majors.	J. E. Fore.	Mims.	1	..	..	8	2	..	..	..	..	..	3	27	4	..	..	
Liberty.	Monroe.	..	J. D. Sather.	Simpkinsville.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37	..	..	..	..	
Midway.	Monroe.	I. S. Ridgway.	J. C. Anthony.	Riley.	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	112	..	..	..	..	
Monterey.	Butler.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Mt. Pisgah.	Butler.	L. B. Cochran.	J. T. Dean.	Starlington.	..	..	..	6	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
ML Pleasant.	Monroe.	J. E. Bell.	J. B. Coleman.	Pine Apple.	..	..	..	10	5	1	..	..	..	..	64	85	2	..	..	
New Bethlehem.	Monroe.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	125	8	..	..	..	
New Hope.	Monroe.	A. P. Majors.	H. O'Gwinn.	Natchez.	..	..	..	5	5	2	..	..	..	..	61	5	..	..	..	
New Providence.	Wilcox.	A. P. Majors.	T. S. Packet.	Nellie.	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	32	..	..	..	..	
Pine Level.	Butler.	J. L. Taylor.	W. R. Taylor.	Greenville.	..	..	..	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	82	..	..	..	..	
Pineville.	Monroe.	D. W. Ramsey.	W. M. Ivey.	Fork.	1	..	..	5	7	6	..	..	..	..	38	..	..	..	..	
Rock West.	Wilcox.	W. N. Huckabee	J. E. Gullett.	Rock West.	..	..	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	..	58	60	1	Yes	..	
Shackleville.	Butler.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46	45	1&3	..	..	
					9	2	127	90	63	1	17	86	14	19	26	107	764			

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION, 1891.

Churches.	Home Missions.	Church Build'g not at home.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Howard College building.	Minutes.	W. C. T. U.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Home.	Sunday School work.	Woman's Mission Society.	State Mission Quarterly.	Am. Baptist Pub. Society.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Val. of building and furniture.
Ackworthville	\$ 6 25	\$	\$ 9 75	\$ 9 00			\$ 1 25		\$ 10 00					\$ 28 75	\$ 125 00	\$ 40 60	\$ 14 00	
Abertown	10 00		10 00	15 50			1 00		2 50					44 10	200 00			
Beet Creek	1 50		1 50	3 20			1 00							9 70				
Bell's Landing	3 00		2 00	3 00	\$1 00		1 00		2 50					12 10	100 00		800	
Belhel	5 00		7 00				1 00		2 50					13 60	75 00		250	
Bethesda	25 50		47 01	70 97		40 00	3 65		10 00	7 02	43 00	20 00	6 00	289 70	500 00	485 50	2,000	
Butler Springs	2 00		2 00	4 00			75		2 00					10 75	65 00	300	300	
Camden	5 50		5 50	5 50			2 50		2 00					22 25	400 00	312 35	2,600	
Centennial							25							22 25				
Concord	6 50		9 20	6 50			2 00		10 00			6 00		40 20	200 00		700	
Elemezer	11 60 <sup>23</sup>		11 60 <sup>23</sup>	11 60 <sup>23</sup>			2 00							27 60	210 00		1,400	
Eden	3 50		10 00	3 50			1 00		2 50					20 50			850	
Fellowship	3 50		7 90	7 90			25		2 50					17 65				
Friendship	5 28	15 00	5 49	6 03		80 00	3 60	8 85	12 30	4 50				136 05		67 50	150	
Indian Springs	3 00		4 00	3 00			1 25		3 00					13 25				
Liberty			2 00	2 00			75							16 80				
Midway			2 00	2 00			1 60		2 50					5 25			500	
Mt. Pleasant	2 00		3 00	3 00			55							10 15	100 00			
Mt. Pleasant	3 00		3 00	3 00			1 15							11 25				
New Hope	2 00		10 25	2 00		5 00	1 00		5 00					16 75			500	
New Providence			2 00				75							1 25				
Pine Level			7 50	7 50			1 25		5 00					21 00		15 00	1,500	
Pinetown			10 75	8 55			1 65		3 85					31 56			1,000	
Rock West			25 00															
Cash Collections																		
Totals	\$110 50 <sup>25</sup>	\$0 55	\$94 51 <sup>25</sup>	\$175 30 <sup>25</sup>	\$1 90	\$127 50	\$23 60	\$33 85	\$75 60	\$11 52	\$42 00	\$36 60	\$4 00	\$5 75	\$25 91	\$2,175 00	\$861 35	\$12,800



