

MINUTES

OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

TUSKEGEE CHURCH, MACON CO., ALABAMA,

Sept. 16, 17, 18 and 19th, 1854.

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(Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS. Licensed Ministers
in Roman letters.)

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M. J. WESTMORELAND, Auburn,	C. S. Burks, “
SAML. HENDERSON, Tuskegee,	B. MOTT, “
WILLIS B. JONES, “	JOSEPH R. HAND, Cotton Valley,
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ARCH'D. J. BATTLE, “	M. N. ELEY, Union Springs,
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IN PIKE COUNTY.

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IN TALLAPOOSA COUNTY.

JAMES F. HOOTEN, Tallassee,	PHILIP GEE, Tallassee.
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MINUTES.

TUSKEGEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
TUSKEGEE BAPTIST CHURCH MACON CO., ALA. }
Saturday September 16, 1854. }

THE INTRODUCTORY SERMON was delivered at 11 o'clock A. M., by Elder ARCHIBALD J. BATTLE of Tuskegee, from : 1 Corinthians 1 : 25—"Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men."

At 3 o'clock P. M. the delegates convened in the house and the exercises were opened by singing an appropriate hymn and Elder Joshua Mercer of Florida leading in prayer.

THE LETTERS FROM THE CHURCHES were read, many of which contained the most interesting accounts of revivals. The condition of nearly all the Churches appeared to be good, and the audience present felt a deep interest in the accounts received from them.

The OFFICERS of the last session were re-elected by acclamation, viz :

WYLIE W. MASON, of Tuskegee, *Moderator*,
JAMES M. WATT, of Tuskegee, *Clerk*.
JAMES W. ECHOLS, of Auburn, *Treasurer*,

The officers taking their seats, the Association was declared by the Moderator, organized for the transaction of business.

NEW CHURCHES RECEIVED.

The following newly constituted Churches sent up petitionary letters and delegates to gain admission into the body. The letters were read and the Churches were all unanimously received, and the hand of fellowship extended to the delegates.

FRIENDSHIP Church, No. 1. *Russell Co.*, Const'd Nov. 12, 1853.

" " " 2. " " March 2, 1854.

" " *Tallapoosa, Co.*, " March 11, 1854.

UCHEE GROVE Church, *Russell Co.*, " April 29, 1854.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

On Preaching.—H. S. Haynes, D. Thornton, L. McDonald, C. Battle, B. Graves, and S. Henderson.

On the arrangement of business.—S. Henderson, B. M. Ware, J. R. Hand.

On Documents.—C. A. Stanton, G. W. Gunn, T. Granberry.

On Education.—W. H. McIntosh, B. Graves W. B. Jones.

On Periodicals.—M. B. Jelks, J. Adams.

On Finance.—T. Granberry, W. T. Colquitt, E. E. Haralson.

On the state of the Churches.—B. Mott, M. N. Eley, H. S. Haynes.

On Sabbath Schools.—W. Williams, J. M. Jackson.

On Foreign Missions.—S. Henderson, W. C. Goldsmith, J. M. Newman.

On Domestic Missions.—M. N. Eley, C. Battle J. R. Pullen.

On the Southern Baptist Publication Society.—W. Lary, R. Stratford, D. J. Parsons.

On Indian Missions.—J. P. W. Brown, J. Wilson, J. Roberson.

On the Decease of Ministers.—(A special committee,) B. M. Ware, B. Graves, W. Williams.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. Monday. Sung a hymn and closed the exercises by prayer, Elder B. M. Ware led in the devotions.

At candle light Elder JAMES DAVIS of Georgia preached to an attentive and feeling audience.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

SEPTEMBER 17th, 1854.

A SABBATH SCHOOL ADDRESS was delivered to the Baptist Sabbath school at 9 o'clock A. M. by Elder H. TALBIRD of Howard College.

THE ANNUAL MISSIONARY SERMON was delivered by Elder WILLIAM WILLIAMS, of Auburn at 11 o'clock A. M. at the College Chapel. A very large and unusually attentive congregation were present and the discourse upon the "Christian Character and the Christian's responsibilities," was a deeply impressive and solemn one. A collection for the support of Missions was taken at the close of the service amounting to \$83 78cts. A subscription was opened for the special support of the Central African Mission to be paid by the meeting of the Alabama Baptist Convention amounting to \$120 00.—The black people contributed \$6 30cts for the same object,

and a lady in the congregation very generously presented her gold watch to be sold, and the proceeds to be appropriated to the same, the watch being valued at about 75 dollars. Pledges were also obtained for the support of Indian Missions to the amount of \$65 00 to be paid at the same time as the contributions to the central African Mission.

Elder J. W. WILLIAMS of Cusseta preached at the same time at the Methodist Church to a feeling congregation where a protracted meeting of several days continuance was in progress.

Elder M. N. Eley of Union Springs preached to the blacks at the same time in the Baptist Church, and with much effect.

THE LORD'S SUPPER at the invitation of the Tuskegee Baptist Church was celebrated at the College Chapel at 3 o'clock P. M., and all the delegates and brethren present were invited to participate in the solemn service. Two venerable ministers officiated on the occasion, viz: Elder OBADIAH ECHOLS of Miss., and Elder JOSHUA MERCER of Fla. The whole of the services were peculiarly solemn and impressive, and they will doubtless be long remembered by many who were present to enjoy them.

At the same hour Elder W. D. HARRINGTON of Chambers county, preached to the black people at the Church, and a great deal of feeling was manifest among them, and doubtless much good was accomplished.

At candle light the College Chapel was again filled with a large and attentive congregation, and Elder H. TALBIRD of Marion, Ala., addressed them upon the subject of salvation. The closing of the services gave evidence of considerable feeling among the congregation.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock, }
September 18th, 1854. }

A hymn was sung and Elder J. Roberson led in prayer.

The delegates being present for business, the roll was called and the absentees marked.

CORRESPONDENTS RECEIVED.

The following Associations with which we correspond were represented. And the messengers of those bodies welcomed to seats.

The LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—Elder F. Calloway, Elder W. D. Harrington, and Elder J. W. Williams, also a package of minutes.

The SALEM ASSOCIATION—Eld. W. H. McIntosh.

THE CENTRAL ASSOCIATION—Elder J. D. Williams and J. A. Pylant, also a package of minutes.

THE ALABAMA ASSOCIATION—D. Gordon, also a package of minutes.

THE COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION.—Elder J. G. Salmon.

THE WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.—Elder Joshua Mercer and Elder R. Webb, also a package of minutes.

AGENTS RECOGNIZED.

Elder A. VAN HOOSE, Agent of the East Alabama Female College.

Elder Z. G. HENDERSON, Agent of the Howard College.

Elder J. D. WILLIAMS, Agent of the Alabama Baptist Biosociety.

Elder JAMES DAVIS, of Georgia, Agent of the Bible Revision Association.

J. A. PYLANT, Agent of the Central Literary and Mechanical Institute.

Ministers present were invited to seats in the body.

APPOINTED CORRESPONDENTS.

To the LIBERTY ASSOCIATION, Elder J. M. Watt, Elder M. Cooper, Elder J. M. Jackson, W. W. Mason, J. Huguley, D. Thornton, W. H. Goldsmith, and G. W. Gunn. J. M. Jackson to write.

To the SALEM ASSOCIATION, Elder S. Henderson, Elder J. Roberson, Elder W. B. Jones, and W. P. Chilton. W. B. Jones to write.

To the CENTRAL ASSOCIATION, Elder J. M. Newman, Elder B. Mott, Elder S. Henderson, and J. R. Hand. J. R. Hand to write.

To the ALABAMA ASSOCIATION, Elder J. Roberson, Elder J. M. Newman, Elder W. B. Jones, W. W. Mason, Elder J. R. Hand, J. R. Pullen, and R. Stratford. J. Roberson to write.

To the COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION, Georgia, Elder W. Williams, J. L. Walton, J. Thornton, J. Huguley, L. McDonald, and P. H. Drake. W. Williams to write.

To the JUDSON ASSOCIATION, Elder J. M. Newman, Elder L. T. Eubanks, Elder S. Henderson, W. Jelks, and on motion Elder A. Van Hoose. A. Van Hoose to write.

To the WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, to meet at Union Academy Jackson county Fla. on Saturday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1854,—Elder L. T. Eubank, Elder J. P. W. Brown, J. M. Newman, Elder A. Van Hoose, and C. A. Stanton. J. M. Newman to write.

DELEGATES TO THE CONVENTION.

THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION is to meet at

MARION, Perry county, on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in December, 1854.

The following persons were elected delegates to that body.

W. B. Jones,	W. W. Mason,	D. B. Culberson,
S. Henderson,	G. W. Gunn,	A. J. Battle,
J. M. Newman,	W. Williams,	W. P. Chilton,
A. T. M. Handy,	J. M. Watt,	Alternate.

INDIAN MISSION PLEDGES.

Called for the amount pledged to sustain the native preacher in the creek nation. The following responded to the call and redeemed their pledges.

W. W. Mason,	Paid	10 00	D. J. Parsons,	Paid	5 00
W. P. Chilton,	"	10 00	T. Granberry,	"	5 00
W. H. Goldsmith,	"	10 00	L. T. Eubanks,	"	10 00
W. Jelks,	"	10 00	J. M. Newman,	"	10 00
C. Battle,	"	10 00	John Barnett,	"	10 00
T. M. Walton,	"	10 00	The amount paid in		\$100 00

Bro. T. M. Walton withdrew his name from the list and bro. B. Graves agreed to take his place in future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the East Alabama Female College was read by W. P. Chilton the President of the Board; and it was on motion referred to the Committee on Education.

The Report of the Executive Committee for the West Florida Mission was presented by the chairman Elder W. Williams. It was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions with directions to report upon the expediency of continuing that Mission.

The Report of the Committee on INDIAN MISSIONS was presented by the chairman Elder J. P. W. Brown, and on motion was adopted. (See Report A.)

The Report of the Committee on the SOUTHERN BAPTIST SOCIETY was submitted by the chairman, W. Lary, and was on motion adopted. (See Report B.)

The report of the Committee on PERIODICALS was read and adopted.

Report.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report:

That they strongly recommend the encouragement of Southern Baptist Literature. There are many publications in the South West well worthy of our support. We would recommend our brethren of Alabama to sustain the SOUTH WESTERN BAPTIST, published in Tuskegee, Ala. This paper is well pub

lished by enterprising men, and edited by two of our able ministers of the gospel. We would therefore cheerfully recommend it to the patronage of the Baptist Denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

MARCELLUS B. JELKS, }
JAMES D. ADAMS. } Com.

Upon the adoption of this report several spirited addresses were delivered urging the brethren present to lend all their aid in the support of the *South Western Baptist* in giving it a wide circulation. Nearly all present very cheerfully agreed to use their influence in its behalf, and pledges were made by brethren to get clubs of new subscribers amounting in all to more than 200. And besides these pledges some 40 or more new subscribers were entered upon the subscription list.

The Association then adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M., to hear a sermon from our venerable brother Elder OBADIAH ECHOLS, of Miss. who once lived among us but whom we have not seen before for several years. His sermon was a thrilling one and all seemed to feel its power.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met according to adjournment.

THE NEXT ANNUAL SESSION.

The next Annual Session of this body is to be held at the Union Springs Church, in Macon county, commencing on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1855.

The INTRODUCTORY SERMON is to be delivered by Elder Jesse M. Jackson; Elder A. T. M. Handy Alternate.

The MISSIONARY SERMON is to be delivered by Elder S. Henderson, Elder B. M. Ware, Alternate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

The Committee on DOCUMENTS made their report which was concurred in. (See Report C.)

The Report of the Committee on FOREIGN MISSIONS was read by S. Henderson Chairman, and was on motion adopted. (See Report D.)

The Committee on Sabbath Schools reported through W. Williams Chairman. The report was concurred in. (See Report E.)

The report of the Committee on the State of the Churches was read and adopted. [See Report F.]

Called for the redemption of the pledges made at the last association for the Central African Mission, Brethren present responded to the call and paid their subscriptions.

QUERIES.

By permission of the body the following queries were presented by Deacon Dozier Thornton for its consideration.

1. Is it the sense of this Association that the purchasing of Lottery Tickets, and the playing of Back-gammon Whist &c., are unbecoming members of the Churches?

2. What should be done with those members who indulge in those practices?

On motion these queries were referred to the following special committee with instructions to report to-morrow morning. S. Henderson, D. Thornton, B. M. Ware, J. M. Newman, W. B. Jones.

Elder John D. Williams, Agent of the Alabama Bible Society was on motion granted time to address the Association in behalf of the Bible Cause. His address was listened to with marked attention.

Adjourned till Tuesday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Elder F. Callaway.

There was preaching at candle light at the College Chapel by Elder W. H. McIntosh of Eufaula Ala.

TUESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association resumed its business.

A hymn was sung and prayer offered to God by Elder J. D. Williams.

Called the roll and marked the absentees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

The Committee on DOMESTIC MISSIONS made their report, which after undergoing some amendment was adopted. [See Report G.]

The Committee appointed upon QUERIES of brother Thornton offered their report. It was read and discussed at some length when on motion it was adopted:

The Committee on the Queries reported by answers.

1. Is it the sense of this Association that the purchasing of Lottery Tickets and the playing of Back-gammon, Whist &c., are unbecoming members of the Churches?

2. What should be done with those members who indulge in those practices?

ANSWER TO QUERIES.—We think the dealing in Lottery Tickets a species of Gambling and therefore unbecoming church members and would advise our Churches to admonish their members against it, and if they still persist in the practice to deal with them for such act.

We think Back-gammon, Whist, &c., games which have much the appearance of gambling, and think them unbecom-

ing christians, and believe that churches would do well not to allow such practices among their members.

Respectfully Submitted,

S. HENDERSON, Ch'm'n,

D. THORNTON,

B. M. WARE,

J. M. NEWMAN,

W. B. JONES,

Committee.

The Committee on FINANCE made their report which was adopted. [See report H.]

The Committee on EDUCATION reported through Elder W. H. McIntosh, Chairman. On motion the report was adopted. [See Report, I.]

The Report of the Trustees of the East Alabama Female College was then taken up and on motion was adopted. [See Report, J.]

A recess of some minutes was granted during which several addresses were delivered and a subscription raised for the College at Tuskegee, amounting to \$1125.00.

Called for a report of the Committee who were appointed last year to obtain titles to a lot at Tallassee, &c., for the use of a Church at that place. No report being made by the Committee, Elder J. F. Hooten made a verbal report of what had been done by the Committee. He stated that the title had been secured and that arrangements are in progress for the erection of a church building. Brother Hooten has been laboring at that point and reports some progress in the religious interests of the people.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, P. M.

2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Elder H. Talbird, President of the Howard College and also of the Alabama Convention was invited to address the Association in reference to the necessities, prospects &c. of the Howard College. He accepted the invitation and occupied a few minutes in setting forth the prospects of that noble institution, showing it to be advancing in usefulness; and only needing the liberal aid of the Denomination to place it on the highest ground for usefulness. And also shewing the necessity of liberal contributions to aid young men who wish to enter the Theological department and who are destitute of means to sustain themselves.

The report of the Committee on the decease of Ministers was read and adopted. [See Report, K.]

An EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, was on motion appointed to take

charge of the Domestic Missions contemplated in the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions, which see, said Committee consists of G. W. Gunn, W. B. Jones, and H. S. Haynes.

On motion a subscription was opened for the support of this mission amounting to about 650 dollars, to be paid at or before the next meeting of this Association.

Believing that the services of Elder Francis Calloway of Chambers county, could be obtained for this service, the following resolution was offered by brother G. W. Gunn and unanimously adopted.

Resolved, unanimously that we approve of Elder Francis Calloway for the mission among the blacks, and authorize the Executive Committee to secure his services if possible."

The Committee are authorized also to employ others for the same service, if in their judgment it is necessary to do so.

The Mission at Tallassee being sustained only in part by the Domestic Mission Board at Marion Ala., a motion was made to raise a subscription to aid the board in making up the necessary salary of brother J. F. Hooten at that place for the present year. The subscription was opened and \$100 subscribed for that object.

The time for the commencement of the annual session of this Association was on motion changed from Saturday to Friday. Hence Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September will be the time of meeting hereafter.

The present Board of Trustees of the East Alabama Female College were by acclamation elected to continue another year, filling their own vacancies if any occur.

Hon. W. P. CHILTON, Pres't,
 Dr. CULLEN BATTLE,
 JOHN C. H. REID, Esq.,
 WILLIAM C. MCIVER, Esq.,
 Hon. GEO. W. GUNN,
 ERASTUS W. JONES, M. D.,
 HENRY A. HOWARD, M. D.,
 Col. JAMES W. ECHOLS,
 Hon. W. W. MASON,
 BARZILLAI GRAVES, Esq.,

Trustees.

On Motion of brother G. W. Gunn the sense of this association was taken upon the willingness of the members to aid in sustaining brother JOSEPH H. NORTON a licentiate of Pine Level Church, at Howard College. The vote was taken and decided affirmatively, whereupon the following Committee was appointed to raise the requisite means to accomplish that object; S. Henderson, D. B. Culberson, B. Mott.

HOWARD COLLEGE.

The following resolutions were offered by W. P. Chilton, and unanimously adopted.

1. *Resolved*, That in the Howard College we have an institution every way worthy of the confidence of the public, and one which should be especially encouraged by the Baptist Denomination which founded it.

3. *Resolved*, That in its able faculty, with the Rev. H. Talbird as president, we have a sure guaranty that nothing will be wanted to impart to our sons instructed there an education as thorough as can be obtained elsewhere, and that their moral training will not be overlooked.

2. *Resolved*, That we earnestly recommend our brethren to sustain this Institution with their patronage, and that the Churches composing this Association do send up to the next assemblage of this body such sums as they may feel free to give for the purpose of sustaining the beneficiary which at this session of the Association they have resolved to sustain.

Mount Zion Church, Pike county, obtained a letter of dismission.

On motion, the Treasurer of this Association was authorized to sell the watch to the best advantage that was contributed by a lady on the Sabbath, and apply the proceeds to the support of the Central African Mission as was designated by the liberal donor.

Moved that the Clerk publish in a neat form 1200 copies of the minutes, and be paid \$30 for his services.

Resolved that the thanks of this Association be extended to the Presbyterian Church for the tender of their house of worship during the session.

The Association then adjourned to meet again at Union Springs on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1855.

A hymn was sung, the parting hand extended and prayer offered by Elder Francis Calloway.

WYLLIE W. MASON, *Moderator*,

JAMET M. WATT, *Clerk*.

Standing Resolutions.

Resolved, That any member of this body be authorized to present himself as a corresponding messenger from this body to any sister association with which we correspond.

Resolved, That those delegates who do not remain until the close of the session shall be marked by the clerk as absentees unless they be excused.

APPENDIX.

REPORT A.

On Indian Missions.

The Committee on Indian Missions report :

That from reports recently received from the Missionaries among the Indians, we learn the cause is advancing with cheering prospects ; and we trust the day is not very distant when the whole of them shall be brought to hear the Gospel and embrace its glorious truths.

The Creek Indian Mission, we learn from a letter of Bro. Buckner's, is in a flourishing condition, and the people of that tribe are turning to God. A number of native preachers are busily engaged in disseminating abroad among their countrymen the knowledge of Salvation. Yet while the word of God is spreading abroad, the Indian Mission Association has exhausted all its funds ; and yet the Missionaries are toiling on without their necessary support from those to whom they look for help. In view therefore of the wants of the Indians we recommend to all our brethren the importance of subscribing for the *Indian Advocate* published monthly at Louisville, Ky, at 25 cents a year ; and of contributing liberally to their support. And while it goes well with their own souls to remember the poor Indians at the throne of Grace.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. W. BROWN,

J. WILSON,

J. ROBERSON.

REPORT B.

Southern Baptist Publication Society.

The Committee on the Southern Baptist Publication Society beg leave to submit the following report :

That there is a truth, a Divine truth, in the cause which the Baptist Denomination maintains. That commensurate with the importance of this truth, is the necessity of disseminating it. That in their consideration, this society is one of the most effectual means for the diffusion of sound religious sentiment, which God in his providence has suggested and the wisdom of men established.

The last annual report of the society exhibits a confidence in its stability, but by no means a healthy growth. And we observe with regret, in overlooking the minutes of our last Association, that the Clerk after enumerating the list of contributions to different missions and societies, was compelled

to add the post script, that no contribution was made to this society. May the Minutes of our next Association show a different record. This Society properly fostered and cherished they believe, will prove from its distinctive character, to connect all Southern Baptists in a closer bond of Christian union, and to this view they invite their deliberations. Recommended by a steady growth of seven years, and graced by such names as are contained among its life members and managers, it deserves attention and commands respect. All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. T. LARY,
D. J. PARSONS,
R. STRATFORD,

REPORT C.

On Documents.

The committee on Documents ask leave to submit the following:

Your Committee find nothing in the Minutes of corresponding Associations demanding our special attention.

The Churches at Union Springs, Macon Co., and Good Hope Russell Co., have each requested the next session of Your body to be holden with them, the former has not had the association with her, while the latter has—for this with other reasons which might be assigned, your committee incline to the opinion that the next session of the body should be holden at Union Springs and recommend accordingly.

Mount Zion Church asks for a letter of dismission for the purpose of uniting with some Association more convenient, we recommend that their request be granted.

We have examined the Minutes of the Alabama Baptist Convention and are gratified at being able to state that the Institutions under its care are in a prosperous condition. All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. A. STANTON,
G. W. GUNN,
T. GRANBERRY.

REPORT D.

On Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions Report:

That the success of the past year which has attended the labors of our missionaries is a sufficient warrant to encourage us to increased efforts in this cause. In China a great and effectual door has been opened, and the call from our brethren there cannot but make a lasting impression upon our minds. A large edition of the holy Scriptures is now being printed by order of the leader of the rebellion now rife in that benighted land. Thus the good seed will soon be scattered throughout that vast territory, which, under the culture of efficient laborers, will produce an abundant harvest. Such an indication of providence must awaken the most lethargic Christian to the most active zeal.

Nor less encouraging are the prospects of our mission to Central Africa. Our Missionaries report that those benighted people manifest the deepest interest in their ministrations, so great indeed that they cannot attend to the

many calls for their labors. In conclusion we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

Resolved, That the present prospects and wants of our foreign mission fields call for an enlarged and liberal contribution of men and means to sustain them.

Resolved. That our pastors be earnestly requested to place the cause of Foreign Missions before their churches, and take up at least one annual contribution to aid this cause.

Respectfully Submitted.

S. HENDERSON,
W. H. GOLDSMITH,
J. M. NEWMAN.

REPORT E.

On Sabbath Schools.

Your Committee in making this report do not consider it necessary for them to speak of the great importance of Sabbath Schools as a means of doing good. It is presumed that this is acknowledged and felt by all. But yet your Committee regret to say that there is not among our churches that practical zeal upon this subject which its importance demands.

Many of our country churches have only monthly preaching. If such churches would organize Sabbath Schools and meet every Sunday in that capacity it would, in a considerable degree, supply the deficiency arising from only monthly preaching.

With a view to awaken the attention and interest of all our Churches upon this subject your committee beg leave to submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That the pastors of all the Churches connected with this association be requested to preach to their Churches at such times as they may select, a sermon upon the duty and importance of establishing and maintaining Sabbath Schools in their midst.

WM. WILLIAMS.
JESSE M. JACKSON.

REPORT F.

State of the Churches.

The Committee on the state of the Churches beg leave to make the following report :

That upon examination of the letters, we find the Churches to be in a good and healthy condition, and we rejoice to find that so many of them have enjoyed precious revivals and that there have been about four hundred persons baptized during the associational year.

B. MOTT,
M. N. ELEY,
H. S. HAYNES.

REPORT G.

Domestic Missions.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Domestic Missions respectfully report :

That while they sympathize with the entire destitute sections of our coun-

try and earnestly call upon our brethren composing the Churches of this Association to support the Domestic Missions of our land through the Marion Board; they would especially recommend the employment of a faithful Missionary to work within our own bounds, directing much of his attention to the spiritual condition of the blacks.

From the report of the Executive Committee of the West Fla. Baptist Association it appears that our Missionary in that field has during the last year performed two hundred and twenty five days labor—traveled three thousand three hundred and sixty one miles—preached eighty-seven sermons. Your committee recommend that the continuation of this mission be left with the Domestic Mission Board at Marion.

Respectfully Submitted.

M. N. ELY.

C. BATTLE,

J. R. HULLEN.

The Mission to West Florida.

UNION ACADEMY, SEP. 7, 1854.

Report of the Executive Committee of West Fla., Baptist Association.

To the Executive Committee of Tuskegee Baptist Association for the Associational year of 1854.

Dear Brethren your Missionary reports to us as follows:

225 days labor; in which time he travelled 3,361 miles, and preached 87 sermons. All of which is respectfully submitted,

We also for the same, for the kind and affectionate interest you have heretofore manifested in our spiritual prosperity, and for your generous liberality in contributing to the aid and support of the missionary cause in our land of destitution, tender our most sincere thanks.

Hoping that the same may be received, and that God may abundantly bless and reward you for your liberality and missionary spirit.

C. N. HARTSFIELD,

T. BARNES,

W. M. SORRY,

D. HORNE.

W. PATTON.

REPORT I.

On Education.

The Committee on Education beg leave to report:

That it is highly gratifying to witness the great interest which the Baptist Denomination are exhibiting in the promotion of the cause of education.—It may be truly said, they occupy the foremost rank in forwarding the educational enterprises of the country. To say nothing of what they are doing in other States, the Howard College, the Baptist Male High School at Talladega, the Central Institute in Coosa, all which are for the education of males,—the Judson Institute at Marion, the Female Institute at Lafayette, and the East Alabama Female College at this place, besides numerous other schools erected by our brethren on a less extensive scale, for the

education of females, all attest that our brethren are alive to the great importance of this subject.

While your committee feel a lively interest in the Success of all these enterprises, they consider that the East Alabama Female College has peculiar claims upon this Association for support, and should be placed upon a firm and sure basis by its founders in having all demands against it extinguished.

Your committee agree with the Trustees that there is not in their opinion a Female Institute in the Union having higher claims to public confidence, and they cannot too earnestly recommend to their brethren the importance of giving it their patronage, and of making liberal contributions to relieve it from embarrassment.

The building is a magnificent one and is nearly completed. The site has been well selected—the location is remarkably healthy, and every circumstance surrounding the Institution points it out as one eminently adapted to meet the ends intended to be attained by its founders.

It is Brethren the Creation of this Association—you may well be proud of it, and have reason to thank God for His blessings upon it.

The trustees have been compelled to borrow some money to meet its demand in paying for the building and this payment must be met. Brethren let it not be said that you refused to protect your agents who with a self sacrificing spirit have gone forward and made themselves personally liable to enable them to carry out your designs. A little timely aid is all that is required to place the College upon a high eminence, one which will defy the efforts of its enemies, (if any it have) to injure it.

We doubt not but you will nurture and sustain it as the affectionate parent sustains his offspring. It is worthy of your noblest exertions, and your labors and sacrifices will not be in vain—the Lord will reward you, and succeeding generations will rise up and call you blessed. W. H. McINTOSH.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. GRAVES,
W. B. JONES,

REPORT J.

East Alabama Female College.

Report of the Trustees of the East Alabama Female College, to the Tuskegee Baptist Association.

The Trustees have the satisfaction to announce that during the past year this Institution has met with very general favor, and its success has exceeded their most sanguine expectations. It numbered upwards of two hundred pupils at the close of the last session, and opens its present session with one hundred and fifty, which will doubtless be increased in a short time to a number exceeding that of the last session.

The fund arising from Tuition is ample to sustain the institution, and pay reasonable salaries to a faculty, whose energy, capacity and devotedness to the interests of the College, furnish sure guaranties for its continued unparalleled success.

While the scholastic department is thus flourishing, we regret to say that we have met with much encouragement and some discouragement by reason of the insufficiency of the funds provided for the erection of the build-

ings and purchase of the site, as also the necessary furniture, and appliances for carrying on successfully the operations of the Institution.

Since your last meeting, we have contracted for some needful furniture, added to the apparatus, and also have agreed with a mechanic for the stuccoing of the building, which is now being done. The house, when finished, will be one of the most beautiful edifices in the State.

The entire demands against the College amount to, say, \$16,400. The assets to pay this in notes, subscriptions, &c., uncollected, \$11,544. Leaving balance to be provided for by new subscriptions, \$4,856.

We cannot too earnestly recommend that this deficit be speedily provided for. The demands against us are bearing interest, while no interest need be estimated on the assets to meet them. Besides most of these subscriptions are not yet due. Unless, therefore, we can get out of debt, the accruing interest which we will be compelled to compound every year, will create a heavy demand against us. Already we have paid in interest, costs and commissions the sum of near \$1500, and the interest due on the demands unpaid amount to this time to about \$1,896. This however is embraced in the above estimate of \$16,400.

While the sum required to finish and complete the entire establishment is now comparatively small, it should by all means be paid. When paid the institution can always thereafter be self sustaining, and will stand forth a noble monument of Christian energy and benevolence, to shed its blessings on our children and children's children when we shall be no more.

We felt when we accepted the honor conferred upon us by our selection as trustees to build up and superintend this Institution, that we were the representatives of a numerous, wealthy and influential denomination of Christians, a denomination that may justly be regarded as occupying the foremost rank in the great work of forwarding the educational interests of the country; and it has been our constant aim to build up a College worthy of that denomination. One that should not suffer by comparison with either North or South. We seek to make no invidious comparison; but all things considered, we hesitate not to say that it is prepared now, although in its infancy, to enter the list for successful competition with any female institution in the Union. Let us then promptly pay up the demands against it, and freed from all embarrassment, let us sustain it by our patronage and it will prove an equal blessing to the country and an honor to its founders.

Respectfully submitted—by order of the Board
W. P. CHILTON, Pres't.

REPORT K.

Decease of Ministers.

The Committee on deceased ministers, of the Gospel, beg leave to make the following report:

While we have great cause for gratitude to God that he has spared so many of his ministers within the bounds of this Association, and has been pleased to make them the honored instruments in the ingathering of many precious souls during the associational year, yet we are under the painful ne-

cessity to report, that one of our much esteemed ministers have fallen asleep. Our dear bro. Elder Wm. S. LLOYD has been stricken from the roll of living Ministers. The circumstances of the death of our lamented brother are peculiar and solemn and they have been so widely circulated through the papers that we deem it unnecessary here to recapitulate them. Suffice it to say, that he died in the prime of life and in the midst of a growing usefulness; and as a faithful watchman of Zion warning sinners, he fell at his post on the 12th day of March last at the village of Mount Meigs, it being the Sabbath day, in the presence of a large congregation which the preaching of our brother usually attracted; he ascended the sacred desk and from the following words commenced preaching in his usual eloquent style: "And the Gospel shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations and then shall the end come," Math. 24:14, and after continuing about ten minutes he paused and fell in the pulpit. May all God's servants be faithful unto the end, that they may receive from the Lord and Master the welcome plaudit "well done good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

In conclusion we offer the following resolution.

Resolved, That we as an Association deeply sympathise with the family of our deceased brother in their irreparable loss and tender to them our sympathies and condolence.

B. M. WARE,

B. GRAVES,

W. WILLIAMS.

Treasurers Report.

JAMES W. ECHOLS, *Treasurer,*

In account with the TUSKEGEE ASSOCIATION :

DR.

Received from the Finance Committee,		\$784 05	
" for Florida Mission of A. Miles,	\$5 00		
" " " " " R. S. Crenshaw,	5 00	10 00	
Collection on Sabbath for Foreign Missions,		75 75	
Received for Indian Missions of Eld. J. Watson,	1 50		
" " " " " J. Wright,	4 00		
" " Native Preacher in Creek Nation,	100 00	105 50	
" " China Mission of H. A. Howard,		5 00	
" " Central African Missions,			
" " Collection among the colored people,	6 30		
" " Subscriptions made last year'	110 00		
" " M. Cooper's Subscription,	5 00		
B. Graves,' "	10 00		
Cash,	50	131 80	
		1112 10	

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By amount paid Clerk for minutes,		\$97 40	
" " " M. Westmoreland,	335 00	\$432 40	
" " " Domestic Mission Board,	104 50		
" " " Foreign " "	94 75		
" " " " " " (for China,)	10 00		
" " " " " " Central Africa,	168 55		
" " " Indian " Association,	153 00		
" " " Southern Bible board,	90 85		
" " " " Baptist Publication Society,	5 00	626 65	
		1059 05	
Balance on hand,		53 05	
		\$1112 10	

J. W. ECHOLS, Treasurer.

September 19, 1854.

REPORT II.
Of the Financial Committee.

Names of the Churches.	Minutes.	G. Purr's	Florida Mission.	Board.	Do: Miss.	Missions.	Foreign	Missions.	Indian	Missions.	Gen. Afr.	Board.	Sou. Bib.	Total.
Auburn	3 00		50 00							13 75				\$66 75
Concord	2 00		10 00											12 00
Chewackley	1 55		8 00											9 55
Pine Level	3 00		9 45											12 45
Salem	1 50		5 00											6 50
Sardis	2 50	4 00	15 06									14 00		35 50
Tuskegee	5 00		50 00	89 00										144 00
Friendship	1 50													1 50
New Cubahatchee	3 00		25 00	6 50	4 50	15 00						11 50		65 50
Bethesda	3 00													3 00
Naomi	1 00		5 00											6 00
Notasulga	3 00	10 00												13 00
Farmville	1 75	1 20	15 00									22 90		40 85
Shiloh	2 00		5 00											7 00
Concord	5 00							1 80				2 45		9 25
County Line	2 50													2 50
Salem	2 00													2 00
Philadelphia	2 00		11 50			3 00	3 80							20 30
Liberty	3 00		6 35											9 35
Rocky Mount	2 50		6 20											8 70
Girard	2 50	1 85	6 50			6 50	7 35							24 70
Uchee Grove	2 00	1 60												3 60
Friendship No. 2.	1 50													1 50
Bethany	1 00					4 00								5 00
Cool Spring	1 50		10 00	8 00	*5 00	3 00		7 00						34 50
Society Hill	1 50	50	10 00					1 00	11 50					24 50
Glennville	1 00		9 00											10 00
Good Hope	4 00		20 00											24 00
†Providence	3 00		10 00											18 00
Mt. Lebanon	2 00		7 00											9 00
Friendship No. I.	1 50	10 00												11 50
Union Springs	3 00		23 50											26 50
Antioch	1 75		25									5 00		7 00
Mount Zion	2 00	4 00										1 00		7 00
Calebee	2 50		20 00									22 50		45 00
Elizabeth	2 50		13 50							5 00				21 00
Sardis	4 00							16 55						20 55
Aberfoil	1 50									10 00				11 50
Enon	1 50			1 00	1 00									3 50
	91 05	33 15	351 25	104 50	24 00	47 50	36 75	90 85	784 05					

*China Miss. †Providence Church \$5 00 for Sou. Publication Society.

Your Committee find the above amount received and paid over to the Treasurer.

T. GRANBERRY,
E. E. HARALSON,
W. T. COLQUIT.

September 19, 1854.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES.

Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS. Licensed Ministers in *Italics*.

Names of the Churches.	County	Post-Office	Pastor.	Delegates.	Baptized.	Received.	Dismissed.	Excom'd.	Dead.	Total.
Auburn	Macon	Auburn	Wm. Williams	W. WILLIAMS, J. M. WATT, W. B. JONES	1	9	0 18	9	21	154
Concord	do	Tuskegee	M. Cooper	E. E. Haralson, John O. Green	3	0	0 7	1	1	47
Chewachky	do	Auburn	A. M. Spalding	A. MILES, D. J. Parsons	6	3	0 0	0	0	39
Pine Level	do	Loachapoka	J. M. Jackson	C. A. Stanton, <i>Joseph H. Norton</i>	0	3	0 21	4	1	140
Salem	do	Notasulga	B. Mott	BENJ. MOTT, I. Hollingsworth	0	6	1 11	0	0	67
Sardis	Chambers	Oak Bowery	W. Williams	W. H. Goldsmith, John Huguley James Wooten	0	5	1 10	1	0	141
Tuskegee	Macon	Tuskegee	S. Henderson	S. HENDERSON, W. P. Chilton, W. W. Mason, B. Graves, C. Battle, G. W. Gunn	15	24	0 19	3	0	243
Friendship	Tallapoosa	Notasulga	J. Roberson	C. S. <i>Bricks</i> , C. Owen	22	5	0 0	0	0	46
Cabalahatchee	Macon	Cross Keys	A. T. M. Handy	R. Strafford J. ROBERSON, J. R. Pullen	14	8	0 1	1	3	106
Bethesda	do	Tuskegee	J. Roberson	James Smith, E. Ingram	14	7	2 11	3	2	105
Naomi	do	New Potosi	C. A. Stanton	John C. Smith, W. R. Smith	6	1	0 16	4	0	27
Notasulga	do	Notasulga	D. B. Culberson	Dozier Thornton, W. Talbot, D. B. CULBERSON,	13	11	0 14	3	1	169
Farmville	do	Auburn	J. M. Jackson	J. M. JACKSON, A. Huguley [A. G. Simpson	7	7	0 7	6	1	86
Victory	Tallapoosa	Tallassee								
Shiloh	Russell	Crawford		Wm. M. Stapler, G. A. Jarrell.	21	6	0 3	3	1	66
Concord	do	Salem	F. Calloway	D. Stringer,	24	4	1 22	3	0	163
County Line	do	do	W. D. Harrington	W. T. Colquitt, L. M. Dodson,	10	8	1 16	2	0	75
Salem	do	do	Jas G. Salmon		0	2	0 18	1	1	28
Philadelphia	do	Girard	T. J. Miles	J. Thornton, N. Lynn	18	8	0 11	0	3	79
Liberty	Chambers	Rough & Ready	J. Watson	T. GRANBERRY, D. Watson	18	11	4 10	2	2	107
Rocky Mount	Russell	Mechanicsville	T. J. Miles	James Adams, Isaac Howell	0	8	0 20	1	1	74
Girard	do	Girard		J. L. Walton, A. Crawford	2	6	0 2	0	0	24

1st District.

2d District.

SCALE OF THE CHURCHES...Continued.

Names of the Churches.	County.	Post-Office.	Pastor.	Delegates.	Baptized	Received	Restored	Dismissed	Excom'd	Dead	Total,
Uchee Grove	Russell	Crawford	Jas. G. Salmon	Wm. Satterwhite, J. W. Nolen	24	17	1				40
Friendship No 2	do	Salem	A. M. Spalding	D. Fuller	2	10					53
Bethany	do	Girard	T. B. Slade		0	0	1				31
Cool Spring	do	Villula	J. P. W. Brown	J. P. W. Brown, H. S. Haynes	1	0	4	1	1	1	57
Society Hill	Macon	Society Hill	J. P. W. Brown	James Torbert, W. R. Thornton	1	9	2	5	1	1	56
Glennville	Barbour	Glennville	J. P. W. Brown	N. W. Pitts	9	9		3			65
Good Hope	Russell	Uchee	A. J. Battle	W. T. Lary, M. B. Jelks, M. W. Davis	19	2	34	1			106
Rehoboth	Barbour	Enfaula		Francis Boykin	4	4	2				31
Providence	Russell	Villula	B. M. Ware	B. M. Ware, M. Morris	56	15	2	8	1	2	130
Mount Lebanon	do	Jernigan	L. T. Eubanks	F. E. Boykin	38	7	9	2			96
Friendship No 1	do	Uchee	L. T. Eubanks	D. Covington, H. Cooper	9	7	3				36
Union Springs	Macon	Union Springs	M. N. Eley	M. N. Eley, N. Connell	9	12	1	5	1		37
Antioch	do	Warrior Stand	J. M. Newman	E. Strickland, G. W. Nicholson	2	2	7	4			47
Mount Zion	Pike	Edgelfield		Asa A. Brown	2	2	1				23
Calebee	Macon	Warrior Stand	J. R. Hand	J. R. Hand, J. M. Newman, M. Peters	12	14	2		1	1	105
Elizabeth	do	Cotton Valley	M. N. Eley	John Wilson, L. M. Donald	12	24	30	3	1		97
Chunnynuggee	do	Chunnynuggee		(Dissolved May 6, 1854).							
Town Creek	do	Union Springs									
Sardinia	do	Magnolia	F. H. Moss	J. H. Crawley	0	17		11	1	4	110
Aberfoil	do	Aberfoil	M. N. Eley	E. Taylor	1	5		4	2		60
Enon	do	Enon	J. Griffith	C. E. Truitlen	0	3		3			98

3d District.

4th District.

ADDITIONS.—Baptized, 401; Received, 305; Restored, 18; Dismissed, 369; Excommunicated, 62; Dead, 29; Total No. 3324.

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