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MINUTES.

The seventy-third annual session of the Cahaba Baptist Association convened with Mt. Gilead church, Bibb county, Ala., Tuesday, October 14, 1890.

Called to order by the former Moderator. After reading Psalm 145 and singing, prayer was offered by Rev. R. A. Massey.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. W. A. Bishop at 11 a. m. from Isaiah 53:11, and after prayer by Rev. H. D. D. Straton, the body adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

1:30 O'CLOCK. Reassembled, and after singing, "Nearer my home to-day," the body was led in prayer by Rev. S. P. Lindsey.

W. B. Alexander was appointed temporary Clerk.

The letters were then read by Revs. H. D. D. Straton and W. B. Crumpton, and delegates were enrolled as follows:

- Bethlehem—W. F. Harris, T. S. Goodwin, Z. P. Robbin.
- Bethel—F. M. James, J. F. Thompson, J. P. Harris.
- Concord—J. M. Watters, B. F. Bolling, J. S. Bolling.
- Ephesus—J. F. Martin, H. F. Haggard, G. W. Huey.
- Fellowship—J. M. Bushard, B. F. Gray.
- Friendship—I. L. Hicks, T. J. Fountain.
- Harmony—D. S. Griffin, J. W. Haggard.
- Hopewell—J. W. Dickinson.
- Hepsibah—S. M. Bolling, W. A. Goodger, N. P. Bolling.
- Macedonia—By letter.
- Mars Hill—Not represented.
- Mt. Hebron—J. H. Harry, D. B. Barker.
- Mt. Gilead—C. S. Stewart, J. M. McCraw, T. D. Potts.
- Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
- Mt. Zion—H. G. Sneed, J. C. Lee, D. L. Crews, J. C. Brown, D. C. Culbreth.
- Medline—Joseph Sanders, J. M. Heard, S. P. Nichols, Henry Seawell.
- Macon—T. W. Hart.
- New Hope—H. V. Massengale, H. C. Hagger, W. M. Tubbs.
- Mt. Olive—A. Miller.
- Ocmulgee—John Weaver, Walter Weaver.
- Oak Grove—E. S. White.
- Pine Flat—E. P. George, W. B. Alexander.
- Pisgah—A. J. Preston, S. J. Fuller, J. T. Fuller, W. W. Smith, W. F. Aycocke.
- Siloam—H. D. D. Straton, J. B. Lovelace, W. B. Crumpton.
- Sardis—G. F. Tucker, W. B. Tubbs, R. F. Tubbs, E. W. Tucker.
- New Shiloh—R. Q. Prior.
- Uniontown—T. W. Hart.
- Union—H. T. Stringfellow.
- Stewart's Station—W. H. George, H. L. Harris, P. T. Harris.
- Pine Grove—J. T. Edwards, N. L. Aultman.
- Centreville—D. J. Frazer, J. C. Suttle.
- Newberne—J. W. Dickinson, J. E. Walker.

J. P. Harris was re-elected Moderator, and W. B. Alexander, Clerk.

Applications for membership were made by Stewart's Station, Centreville and Pine Grove churches, which were unanimously received.

The Moderator extended a welcome to the following correspondents and brethren: J. W. Mitchell, Unity Association; C. W. O'Hara, Shelby Association and Theological Institute, East Lake, Ala.; G. W. Lawson, Liberty Association; J. M. Langston, A. J. Woolley, Mulberry Association; S. P. Lindsey, Alabama Baptist; W. B. Crumpton, State Mission Board; J. C. Lovelace, H. D. D. Straton, Judson Institute; D. C. Culbreth, Home Mission Board.

By request of Rev. T. W. Hart, Rev. W. B. Crumpton consented to preach the missionary sermon.

To Rev. A. J. Preston was referred the report on Temperance.

The committee on Religious Exercises, composed of Rev. D. C. Culbreth and deacons of Mt. Gilead church, reported that Rev. C. W. O'Hara would preach at 7 p. m., and Rev. J. W. Mitchell would conduct devotional exercises at 9 a. m. to-morrow.

On motion, adjourned until 9 a. m. to-morrow.

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, October 15, 1890.

9. A. M. After prayer by Rev. H. D. D. Straton, the minutes were read and corrected.

The following resolution, after discussion by brethren O'Hara and Crumpton, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association recommend the ministers of the gospel in our bounds to attend the Theological Institute, which is to be held and continued four weeks during the months of June and July, at Howard College, and that the churches encourage their pastors to attend by giving them a vacation and paying their expenses.

The order of business was suspended and Rev. S. P. Lindsey was given thirty minutes to present the claims of the Alabama Baptist.

The Finance Committee was appointed as follows: E. P. George, R. Q. Prior, J. T. Fuller.

The report on State Missions was read by N. H. Thompson, spoken to by N. H. Thompson, W. B. Crumpton and C. W. O'Hara, and adopted as follows:

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission work has been in operation, under the direction of our State Mission Board, about sixteen years. By comparing the reports of the first two years with the last report of the board, this result is sufficiently encouraging to us to guarantee effort in pressing our mission work in the State.

During these years, the board has aided in constructing hundreds of houses of worship and had the gospel preached to many destitute communities. A great many churches, that were once beneficiaries of this board, are now self-sustaining and contributing handsomely to the various interests fostered by the denomination. Only in the great beyond will we fully realize the glorious results of the workings of this board. It is the means through which God has caused many to drink from that Fountain of life, of which those who drink shall never thirst again.

While the results have been great, much more might have been accomplished, but for the stinginess of a great number of our membership and the anti-mission sentiment that exists in a great many of our churches. But we are gratified to know that as our people are being educated more thoroughly on the subject of missions, this anti-mission sentiment is declining.

As our State is being rapidly dotted with new towns, and our population increasing at such rapid rate, the demands on the board are greater in consequence of this growth. Therefore we would urge our people to be prompt in raising the amount asked of them by this board, that the work may be pushed steadily on.

The following are the receipts of the board for sixteen months, closing September 30, 1890: Amount received, \$11,970 70; men employed, 53; churches constituted, 14; number baptized, 345; received by letter, 545; Sunday-schools organized, 54; money collected for meeting houses, \$11,677.00.

N. H. THOMPSON, Ch'n.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Rev. J. W. Dickinson would preach at 7 p. m. and Rev. R. A. Massey at 11 a. m. to-morrow.

After an intermission of ten minutes, the missionary sermon was preached by Rev. W. B. Crumpton, and a collection was taken, amounting to \$25.00.

Adjourned for refreshments

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 O'CLOCK. Re-assembled.

On motion of T. W. Hart the public collection was equally divided between the State and Foreign Boards.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by J. M. Watters, and spoken to by Revs. H. D. D. Straton, R. A. Massey, T. W. Hart, and adopted.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

At no time since the mission work was begun has there been less opposition than at the present; still it requires men and women who are willing to endure all things for Christ's sake to meet the demands. The preaching of the gospel to every creature, is as much a command of God as to "repent and be baptized." The promise is, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. "But how shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach except they be sent?" How then can they go, unless we, who live in a land of Bibles, furnish the means to sustain them while laboring for the advancement of the Master's cause and the salvation of those who know nothing of "Our Lord and his Christ?"

When we remember that so many noble men and women daily sacrifice the comforts of home and the advantages that a civilized nation affords, for the meagre accommodations of the pagan world; remembering, too, the many blessings and privileges enjoyed by us, we should need no other in-

centive to induce us to give as the Lord has prospered us. The work of the past year has been abundantly blessed, but if we will come up to the full measure of our duty in this department of Christian labor, we may reasonably expect greater things.

W. O. PERRY, Ch'n.

The report on Home Missions was read by D. C. Culbreth, and after a speech by him was adopted.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board, of the Southern Baptist Convention, is located at Atlanta, Ga., with Hon. John D. Stewart, president, and Dr. I. T. Tichenor, secretary. This board maintains missionaries in nearly all the Southern States and in Cuba and the Indian Territory. In four States the board assists in carrying on the work among the colored people. Rev. F. C. Plaster of our own State has done a noble work, by the aid of this board, by holding institutes for colored preachers. During the year 1889, the board employed 371 missionaries, who report 4477 baptisms, 336 Sunday-schools organized, 267 churches organized, and 84 houses of worship built. When we remember that all this work has been accomplished in the face of opposition, especially in Cuba, where the word preached has been so wonderfully blest, we should feel encouraged to do even greater things for the work of this board.

Your committee recommend that every church in this Association, make an earnest effort to increase the contribution for this board. We also recommend that the Home Field, published by the board and giving a full account of the work, be taken and read by all our people.

D. C. CULBRETH, Ch'n.

Bro. W. L. Ward was welcomed from Selma Association.

Committee on Nominations—J. B. Lovelace, J. C. Suttle, E. S. White.

Rev. A. J. Preston was chosen delegate from the Association to the next session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Adjourned until to-morrow 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY.

THURSDAY, October 16, 1890.

9 A. M. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. W. Haggard. Prayer by Rev. T. W. Hart.

The report on Temperance was read, and discussed by Revs. A. J. Preston, R. A. Massey, T. W. Hart, H. D. D. Straton, J. M. Heard and D. C. Culbreth, and after striking out the clause relating to tobacco, was adopted.

TEMPERANCE.

We would define Temperance as being the moderate use of the necessaries of life, and intemperance as being the excessive or inordinate use of the necessaries of life; or the use at all of the things not necessary to our well being. It is unnecessary for me to say that the use of intoxicants is intemperance. We all know that it is the greatest evil of our time. It is unnecessary for me to attempt to tell of the sorrow and tears caused by the use of strong drink. The thing for us, as Christians, to do is to abstain from

the use of intoxicants, and teach the rising generation by precept and example to shun king alcohol as they would shun death.

A. J. PRESTON.

The regular order was suspended for miscellaneous business.
Resolution offered by A. J. Preston and adopted.

Resolved, That the clerk be requested to secure that part of the constitution of the district meeting which arranges the churches into districts, publish the same in the minutes, and assign places of meeting for each district.

Bro. A. J. Preston presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the churches of this Association be requested to send part of their contributions for "Bible and Colportage Work."

Resolved, 2. That a committee be appointed to write a report on "Bible and Colportage Work," to be read at the next meeting of the Association.

Resolved, 3. That the Sabbath-schools of this Association be requested to order their literature through the board at Opelika, Alabama, of which J. B. Collier is secretary and treasurer.

The following preamble and resolution was carried without debate:

Whereas, We have a home series of Sunday-school literature known as *Kind Words*, owned and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention and published for the special benefit of the churches and Sunday-schools in its bounds, and

Whereas, The Southern Baptist Convention in its late session at Fort Worth, Texas, resolved by an overwhelming vote to foster and develop this home series; therefore

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to the patronage of our churches and Sunday-schools *our own home series* of literature, *Kind Words*.

Moved and carried, that the constitution of the Association, and that portion of the constitutions of State and Southern Baptist conventions, relating to representation, be inserted in the minutes.

Rev. H. D. D. Straton offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association denounce and condemn the use, by any of its members, of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage; and we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to free our people from the dangers and temptations incident to the intemperate use of alcoholic drinks.

Bro. D. J. Frazer was elected treasurer, and made permanent chairman of Finance Committee.

The report on nominations was adopted.

NOMINATIONS.

We would recommend that the next session of this Association be held with the Uniontown Baptist church, Perry county, and to convene Tuesday after the second Sabbath in September, 1891: Introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. A. J. Preston; alternate, Rev. J. W. Haggard; Missionary sermon by Rev. J. W. Dickinson, Thursday at 11 o'clock; Rev. R. A. Massey, alternate.

We nominate, as delegates to the next Alabama Baptist State Convention, to convene at Mobile, Alabama, November 7, 1890, the following brethren: Revs. H. D. D. Straton, D. C. Culbreth, T. W. Hart, J. W. Dickinson, A. J. Preston, and brethren J. C. Suttles, J. P. Harris, W. O. Perry, C. W. Collins, D. S. Hogue, Jno. T. Edmonds.

The report on Woman's Work was adopted.

WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee recommend for the general good of our Redeemer's cause, and for the encouragement of Baptist women of our churches, that a Woman's Missionary Society be organized in every church within the bounds of this Association, to work in connection with the churches in which such societies exist. We also recommend that these societies confer with Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, President of the Central Committee, Birmingham, Alabama, for advice and counsel as to the best methods of prosecuting their work.

W. B. ALEXANDER, Ch'n

The report on Education was adopted, after discussion by Rev. H. D. D. Straton, Bro. J. B. Lovelace and Rev. R. A. Massey.

EDUCATION.

No one in this day of improvement will deny the importance of education. The cause should ever be dear to all good and true citizens of the land. The prosperity of the individual, the State and of the Nation, is based upon the intelligence of the people; and no measure that looks to the upbuilding of our material interests can succeed where ignorance prevails. Duty to our families and to our God demands that we shall devote every available means to the building up of the minds and characters of those who are soon to take our places in society and in the church.

The rewards of temporal success should be sufficient to induce men of the world to make sacrifices in the cause of learning, but there are higher methods to influence Christians to provide the best religious training for their sons and daughters. In the family, in the Sabbath-school, and in the church, time and talent should be devoted to religious instruction. But if we should stop here, when the youth is at the most critical age, and allow him to enter an institution where he may be exposed to the influence of unholy men and infidel books, the work of home and of the church will be undone, and the soul be put in jeopardy. We look with pride and admiration upon the stately halls and finely equipped buildings of our institutions of learning which are so admirably adapted to the purposes for which they were erected, and where our sons and daughters can secure the very best advantages of collegiate education.

Never in the history of this great American Republic has it been more important to educate our children than it is to-day. Your committee heartily endorse the additions to the appropriation for public schools by the General Assembly of the State, and would be glad to see the day when this vital interest will be sustained and improved until every child in the great commonwealth of Alabama shall have the benefit of a free school for nine months in the year.

J. N. C. BROWN, Ch'n.

The report on Denominational Literature was discussed and adopted:

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

We would recommend, above all periodicals published in our State, the Alabama Baptist, for the careful reading of every member of every Baptist family in the bounds of this Association. We would also recommend a more general reading of the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journals. We would also especially recommend that the Kind Words series of Sunday-school literature, published by the Home Mission Board, under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Atlanta, Ga.; also, our State Mission Quarterly, be used in every Sabbath-school within our bounds.

There are a great many good books we could recommend, but will not name any. We feel it our duty to recommend that parents be very careful of the literature that passes into the hands of their children, and to shun, as

a deadly poison, the pernicious stuff that is flooding our country, generally known as the yellow back or ten-cent novels. We re-recommend that our people still read that book of all books, the Bible, from whose pages we gather the strongest evidences of the doctrines of the Baptist denomination.
J. C. SUTTLE, Ch'n.

The report on Sabbath-schools was discussed by Rev. R. A. Massey and others, and adopted.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We are pleased to learn that a majority of the churches have Sabbath-schools, but we lament that a large part of our territory is without Sabbath-school influence. Some of our churches conduct their schools on the systematic plan of suspending them during the winter. We submit that the Sabbath-school, in this age at least, is a *sine qua non* to a prosperous church; yet most of our schools could be made more efficient if properly conducted.

We do not believe that the heads of families should send their children to the Sabbath-school, if it can possibly be avoided, but *take* them. It is to be regretted that a very large majority of our church members take no part in these Sabbath exercises. They seem to think that these schools are conducted solely for the benefit of children; so the children are sent, while the parents stay away. Every member of every church, old or young, male or female, should meet at the house of God every Lord's day, unless providentially prevented, and engage in the study of God's Word. We, therefore, recommend that our pastors urge all the members to join a Bible class, or otherwise contribute to the success of the Sabbath-school.

R. A. MASSEY, Ch'n.

The committee on Finance, E. P. George, chairman, reported as per table.

The committee on Apportionment reported as follows:

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| Bethlehem..... | \$15 00 | Medline..... | \$ 10 00 |
| Bethel..... | 20 00 | Macon..... | 90 00 |
| Centreville..... | 20 00 | New Hope..... | 25 00 |
| Concord..... | 25 00 | Newberne..... | 45 00 |
| Ephesus..... | 20 00 | New Shiloh..... | 20 00 |
| Fellowship..... | 22 00 | Ocmulgee..... | 35 00 |
| Friendship..... | 22 00 | Oak Grove..... | 35 00 |
| Harmony..... | 12 00 | Pine Flat..... | 40 00 |
| Hepsibah..... | 20 00 | Pine Grove..... | 10 00 |
| Hopewell..... | 50 00 | Pisgah..... | 35 00 |
| Macedonia..... | 20 00 | Siloam..... | 400 00 |
| Mars Hill..... | 12 00 | Sardis..... | 10 00 |
| Mt. Hebron..... | 12 00 | Stewart's Station..... | 20 00 |
| Mt. Gilead..... | 32 00 | Union..... | 25 00 |
| Mt. Zion..... | 20 00 | Mt. Olive..... | 10 00 |
| Mt. Pleasant..... | 10 00 | Uniontown..... | 100 00 |

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—A. J. Preston, J. N. C. Brown, D. W. Ward.
Home Missions—W. A. Bishop, D. J. Frazer, S. J. Fuller.
Foreign Missions—T. W. Hart, J. B. Lovelace, E. S. White.
Education—R. A. Massey, W. A. Moore, W. T. Pierson.
Temperance—H. D. D. Straton, E. P. George, R. Brame.
Denominational Literature—J. S. Bolling, R. Q. Prior, J. L. Hicks.
Woman's Work—J. W. Haggard, W. O. Perry, J. C. Suttle.
Sunday-schools—J. W. Dickinson, John Curb, J. S. Davis.
Bible and Colportage Work—D. C. Culbreth, W. W. Stoudenmire, J. W. Collins.

On motion of Bro. Lovelace, a vote of thanks was given to Mt. Gilead church and community for their kind hospitality.

The churches of the Cahaba Association were divided into districts, as follows:

First District—Harmony, Hopewell, Macon, Newberne, Oak Grove, Siloam, Uniontown.

Second District—Fellowship, Macedonia, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Hebron, New Hope, Pleasant Hill, Union, Sardis.

Third District—Bethel, Ephesus, Friendship, Mt. Gilead, Mt. Zion, Medline, Bethlehem, Mt. Olive.

Fourth District—Concord, Hepsibah, Mars Hill, New Shiloh, Ocmulgee, Pine Flat, Pisgah

Their meetings will be held as follows: First District with Newberne church, fifth Sabbath in November; Second District with Mt. Pleasant church, fifth Sabbath following; Third District with Medline, fifth Sabbath following; Fourth District with Mars Hill, fifth Sabbath following.

J. P. HARRIS, MODERATOR,

W. B. ALEXANDER, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who, on producing their credentials, shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cababa Baptist Association, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe upon their individual rights, but shall merely be considered as an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. Nevertheless it becomes necessary, in some cases, to have uniform rules of procedure; for example, if one church commit an offence against another, it shall be the duty of the offended to labor with the offender for satisfaction; if she fail of success she shall call the aid of two or more churches in our union to assist in laboring for satisfaction; and if final satisfaction, in the opinion of the helps thus called in, be not obtained, the aggrieved may bring the case before the Association, which shall be taken up and decided upon according to its merits. If a serious difficulty should arise in an individual church, which, upon due labor, cannot be reconciled, she shall call the aid of two or more sister churches to assist in the work; and if a reconciliation be not effected, the help so called, or the church, may bring the case before Association, to be acted upon according to its merits. But the Association will take cognizance of no case of the above kind unless a due course of procedure shall have previously been pursued according to the economy of church discipline, found in the 10th chapter of the gospel by Matthew, and other parts of the Scripture which define the nature of offences and manner of bringing offenders to trial.

ART. 3. The churches in our union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association written communications, specifying the names of their messengers, their number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excommunicated, restored, and deceased, since the last session, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 4. Every church in our union shall be entitled to representation in the following manner, viz.: Churches composed of fifty members, or under, are entitled to send three messengers, and for every fifty members that may be added one additional messenger. Any church failing to represent herself as above prescribed shall state the reason to the next session.

ART. 5. New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bearing petitionary letters. If, upon examination, they be found worthy and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the messengers the right hand in token of Christian fellowship.

ART. 6. The Association, when convened, shall be governed by a regular and proper decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 7. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be appointed by and from among the messengers present, whose duty it shall be to see that the rules of decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall also be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings.

ART. 8. The Association shall have power to exclude from her union any church that may violate the Constitution, or depart from the orthodox principles of the gospel.

ART. 9. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 10. Every query sent by a particular church must be included in her letter, certifying that she has endeavored to reconcile it, but failed. In such a case the Association shall take it under consideration, and the voice of a majority shall be considered an advisory answer, which shall be entered on the minutes.

ART. 11. Queries which immediately concern the general union of the churches sent by a particular church, or introduced by motion, shall be taken up and declared on as soon as practicable.

ART. 12. Any church in our union having a member who is judged to possess talents for the ministry, shall call from two or more churches the aid

of their ministers, and select members of the laity, who, in conjunction with the churches, shall examine the candidate, and if deemed qualified, may license him to preach the gospel among the churches at discretion, which shall be reported to the next Association and entered on the minutes.

ART. 13. Any church in our union having a preacher whom she deems worthy of ordination shall call a Presbytery of ministers from sister churches to officiate in the work, and all the Presbyteries in ordaining of ministers or deacons, or in the constituting of churches, shall be governed by the abstract of faith adopted by this Association.

ART. 14. Any church in our union having a minister who may fall into disorder, and who, after due labor with him, shall continue refractory, should consider him a fit subject for excommunication, shall have power to exclude from fellowship, and it shall be the duty of that church, in such a case, to call a Presbytery, and through them demand his credentials. If such a minister return and give satisfaction, the church shall have power to restore him to fellowship as a private member; but if she wish him restored to the exercise of his ministerial functions, she shall again call a Presbytery, who shall be discretionally authorized to renew his credentials, which, if renewed, shall be reported at the next meeting of this Association, and entered upon the minutes.

ART. 15. The Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all monies thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their messengers and paid over to the Committee on Finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund, and dispose of the same agreeable to order. They shall make at every session a fair and circumstantial report of their proceedings.

ART. 16. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of the printed minutes of every session of this body.

ART. 17. The Association shall not adjourn any session until it shall have finished all business on hand, except in extraordinary cases.

ART. 18. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the session rises.

ART. 19. The Association shall, in all cases, be governed by a majority of the members present.

ART. 20. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any session of this Association, where a majority of the members shall decide it necessary.

ARTICLE 3 CONSTITUTION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

The Convention shall consist (1) of brethren who contribute funds, or are delegated by Baptist bodies contributing funds for the regular work of the Convention, on the basis of one delegate for every \$250 actually paid into the treasuries of the boards during the fiscal year, ending the 30th day of April next preceding the meeting of the Convention; (2) of one representative from each District Association which co-operates with this Convention, provided that such representative be formally elected by his District Association, and his election certified to the Secretaries of the Convention, either in writing or by a copy of the printed minutes; and (3) of one representative for every \$500 collected and expended conjointly with either of the boards of this Convention by any State Convention or General Association

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CAHABA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1890.

| CHURCHES. | Home Missions. | Church Building (not at home.) | Foreign Missions. | State Missions. | Indigen. Ministers. | Bible and Colportage. | Ministerial Education—Howard College. | Ministerial Education—Theological Seminary—Southern Baptist. | Minutes. | Associational Purposes. | Howard College Building. | Indson Building. | Benevolence. | School Expenses. | Women's Society—Foreign Mission. | Women's Society—Ministerial Education. | Pastor's Salary. | Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc. | Value of Building and Furniture. |
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| Bethlehem | \$ 4 00 | \$ | \$ | \$ 6 05 | \$ | \$ | \$ 5 00 | \$ | \$ 1 50 | \$ 50 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 7 50 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1 5 00 | \$ 115 00 | \$ 50 00 |
| Bethel | 2 17 | | 2 17 | 7 22 | | | 5 0 | | 1 00 | 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Centreville | 7 90 | | 7 90 | 10 67 | | | | | 1 00 | | 2 40 | 2 43 | | | | | 150 00 | | |
| Ephebus | 2 75 | | 2 75 | 2 95 | | | | | 2 00 | 1 00 | | | | | | | 50 00 | | |
| Fellowship | 3 95 | | 2 95 | 7 30 | | | 5 00 | | 3 00 | 50 | | | | | | | 50 00 | 17 50 | 500 00 |
| Friendship | 2 00 | | 1 50 | 5 00 | 1 50 | | | | 50 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harmony | 1 55 | | 1 55 | 1 25 | 1 00 | | 3 40 | | 1 00 | | 50 | | | | | | 400 00 | 125 84 | 1400 00 |
| Hepsibah | 2 50 | | 1 25 | 1 25 | | | 5 00 | | 1 50 | | | | | 8 15 | | | 78 00 | 40 00 | 50 00 |
| Hopewell | 15 00 | 5 00 | 27 50 | 24 25 | 2 50 | 2 50 | 10 00 | | 1 25 | | | | | 3 00 | | | | | |
| Macedonia | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mars Hill | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Hebron | | | | | | | | | 75 | 25 | | | | | | | 32 00 | | 200 00 |
| Mt. Gilead | 6 00 | | 15 00 | 5 00 | 5 00 | | 5 00 | | 1 00 | 50 | | | | | | | 125 00 | 150 00 | 750 00 |
| Mt. Zion | 2 25 | | 6 00 | 5 00 | | | 5 00 | | 1 0 | 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Olive | 2 55 | | 43 25 | 20 00 | 50 | | | | 1 25 | 1 00 | | | | | | | 400 00 | | 800 00 |
| Macon | 21 55 | | 43 25 | 30 00 | 10 00 | | 24 50 | | 1 80 | 50 | 1100 00 | 500 00 | | | | | | | |
| New Hope | 3 00 | | 4 00 | 3 00 | | | | | 1 50 | 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Newbern | 11 50 | | 8 50 | 13 50 | | | | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| New Shiloh | 8 00 | | 4 00 | 4 00 | | | | | 1 00 | 50 | | | | | | | | | |
| Ocmulgee | 3 00 | | 6 06 | 8 00 | | | | | 2 00 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oak Grove | 7 00 | | 6 00 | 7 00 | | | | | 50 | 1 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Flat | 20 00 | | 20 00 | 18 75 | | | | | 2 00 | 1 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Grove | | | | | | | | | 50 | 50 | | | | | | | 150 00 | | 800 00 |
| Pisgah | 7 00 | | 6 30 | 7 50 | | | | | 2 00 | 50 | | | | | | | | | 50 00 |
| Silvanna | 67 06 | | 63 17 | 69 52 | 101 25 | | | 75 00 | 2 00 | 1 00 | | | | 5 00 | | | 150 00 | 75 00 | 80 00 |
| Sardis | 1 00 | | 1 00 | 2 03 | 6 00 | | | | 4 00 | 1 00 | | 35 59 | | 125 75 | | | 1111 59 | 483 66 | 800 00 |
| Stewart's Station | 2 65 | | 3 40 | 2 45 | | | | | 1 50 | 1 50 | | | | 4 00 | | | 60 00 | 30 00 | 300 00 |
| Union | 6 00 | | 28 90 | 12 00 | | | | | 1 00 | 50 | | | | | | | 100 00 | 15 00 | 500 00 |
| Uniontown | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 50 | | | | | | | 100 00 | 47 85 | 500 00 |
| Medline | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 50 | | | | | | | 50 00 | | |
| Mt. Pisgah | | | | | | | | | 1 50 | 50 | | | | | | | 50 00 | | 150 00 |
| Public Collection | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | \$187 83 | \$ 5 00 | \$287 66 | \$262 70 | \$122 75 | \$ 6 00 | \$88 46 | \$75 00 | \$42 50 | \$12 75 | \$1107 90 | \$38 42 | \$ 5 00 | \$162 13 | \$ 5 00 | \$ 7 00 | \$2081 59 | \$1964 35 | \$15,950 00 |

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| CHURCHES. | COUNTY. | PASTOR. | CLERK. | CLERK'S POST-OFFICE. | Ordained Ministers | Licensed Ministers | Members Last Reported. | Increase by | | | Decrease by | | | S. S. Pupils. | Preaching Sabbaths | |
|-------------------|---------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|--------------|---------|------------|---------------|--------------------|--------|
| | | | | | | | | Baptism. | Letter. | Experience. | Restoration. | Letter. | Exclusion. | | | Death. |
| Bethlehem | Perry | D. C. Culbreth | W. F. Harie | Bethlehem | 1 | 94 | 8 | 13 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 110 | 6 | 40 | 1 | |
| Bethel | Bibb | D. C. Culbreth | J. P. Harris | Harrisburg | | | | 1 | | 6 | | 58 | | | | |
| Centreville | Bibb | D. C. Culbreth | J. C. Suttles | Centreville | | | | 1 | | 5 | | 15 | | 35 | 1 | |
| Concord | Perry | A. J. Preston | R. N. Edwards | Felix | | 95 | | 3 | 1 | | | 93 | 5 | 35 | | |
| Ephesus | Perry | A. M. Perry | C. W. Huey | Adler | | 149 | | 1 | | | | 162 | 4 | 52 | | |
| Fellowship | Perry | W. A. Bishop | J. A. Gray | Morgan Spring | | 1 | | 2 | | | | 86 | | 10 | | |
| Friendship | Perry | J. W. Mitchell | J. W. Cochran | Ocmulgee | | 13 | | 7 | 1 | | | 10 | | 3 | | |
| Harmony | Perry | J. W. Haggard | D. S. Griffin | Folsom | | 2 | | 8 | | | | 67 | | 33 | | |
| Hepsibah | Perry | A. M. Perry | W. J. Goodger | Chadwick | | 48 | | 18 | | | | 67 | | 33 | | |
| Hopewell | Perry | J. W. Dickinson | J. U. Trubb | Marion | | 58 | | 6 | | | | 62 | | 46 | 1-3 | |
| Mars Hill | Perry | | | | | | | 4 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| Macedonia | Hale | J. H. Payne | J. F. Stivender | Havana | | 57 | | | 1 | | | 57 | | 4 | 25 | |
| Mt Hebron | Hale | M. B. Smith | J. H. Harvey | Tuscaloosa | | 67 | | | | | | 56 | | 32 | | |
| Mt Gilead | Bibb | S. M. Adams | W. T. McCraw | Abercrombie | | | | 1 | | | | 58 | | 5 | | |
| Mt Zion | Bibb | D. C. Culbreth | J. C. Brown | Centreville | | 56 | | 5 | | | | 45 | | 4 | 40 | |
| Mt Olive | Bibb | A. M. Perry | A. Miller | Adler | | 71 | | 2 | | | | 67 | | 4 | 37 | |
| Mt Pleasant | Hale | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Medine | Perry | J. M. Heard | T. A. Sanders | Chadwick | | 73 | | 10 | | | | 79 | | 1 | 1 | |
| Macoon | Hale | T. W. Hart | J. P. Harris | Gallion | | 21 | | 3 | | | | 26 | | 5 | 4 | |
| New Hope | Hale | J. H. Payne | J. S. Davis | -ive Mile | | 89 | | 2 | | | | 95 | | 40 | 1 | |
| Newberne | Hale | J. W. Dickinson | J. E. Walker | Newberne | | 1 | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | |
| New Shiloh | Perry | D. C. Culbreth | W. T. Pierson | Perryville | | 2 | | 8 | | | | 2 | | 30 | | |
| Ocmulgee | Perry | A. J. Preston | W. L. Weaver | Selma | | 41 | | 3 | | | | 43 | | 30 | | |
| Oak Grove | Dallas | J. M. McCord | W. P. McCollum | Marion Junction | | | | 1 | | | | 69 | | 25 | 4 | |
| Pine Flat | Perry | A. J. Preston | W. B. Alexander | Felix | | 68 | | 2 | | | | 18 | | 40 | 1 | |
| Pine Grove | Perry | J. M. Tucker | J. T. Edmunds | Jericho | | | | 19 | | | | 64 | | 52 | 2 | |
| Pisgah | Perry | A. J. Preston | W. W. Smith | Perryville | | 1 | | 3 | | | | 21 | | 3 | 42 | |
| Silviam | Hale | H. D. D. Stratton | W. H. Lovelace | Marion | | 112 | | 5 | | | | 106 | | 6 | 40 | |
| Stewart's Station | Hale | G. T. Yerdy | E. J. Harris | Stewart's Station | | 353 | | 5 | | | | 385 | | 32 | 120 | |
| Union | Hale | R. A. Massey | H. T. Stringfellow | Greensboro | | 72 | | 3 | | | | 18 | | 5 | 30 | |
| Uniontown | Perry | T. W. Hart | | | | | | 2 | | | | 76 | | 4 | 26 | |
| Total | | | | | 5 | 668 | 81 | 109 | 17 | 9 | 115 | 23 | 118 | 20 | 19 | |

Sunday-school Superintendents and their Postoffices—Bethlehem—E. S. Foster, Bethlehem. Concord J. S. Pettit, Sprott, Ephesus—W. J. Huey, Theo. Fellowship—J. T. Curb, Morgan Spring. Harmony—J. W. Haggard, Morgan Spring. Hepsibah—W. J. Goodger, Chadwick, Hopewell—Gus Evans, Marion. Macedonia—N. R. Stivender, Havana. Mt. Gilead—A. Arnold, Abercrombie. Mt. Zion—J. C. Brown, Centreville. Mt. Olive—George Parnell, Adler. Ocmulgee—C. C. Smith, Augustine. Pine Flat—E. P. George, Felix. Pine Grove—D. G. Tidwell, Jericho. Pisgah—W. W. Smith. Perryville. Silviam—J. B. Lovelace, Marion. Stewart's Station—D. L. Harris, Greensboro. Union—T. J. Kyuard, Greensboro.

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