ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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OF THE-

South Bethel Baptist Association,

-HELD WITH-

Amity Church, Clarke County, Alabama, October 2=5, 1900.

Officers :

C. W. Burge, Moderator______Ihomasville, Ala. J. H. Creighton, Clerk and Treasurer_____Whatley, Ala.

The next session will be held with Deep Creek Church, at Nicholsville, Marengo county, Ala., on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1901.

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CLERKS.	 H. Creighton
MODERATORS.	 R. Cowan.
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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The South Bethel Baptist Association met in its seventeeth annual session with Amity church, October 2, 1900, at 10 o'clock a. m.; was called to order by the clerk, the moderator not present.

The devotional exercises were conducted by J. F. Savell.

W. A. Parker was elected temporary moderator.

The letters from the churches were read by C. H. Morgan and William Kerridge, and the churches and messengers were enrolled as follows:

Amity-R. J. Rodgers, A. C. Spinks, D. M. McKinley.

Antioch-M. J. Mathews, J. L. Harrell, Williard Harrell.

Asberry-G. A. Pool, W. B. McKinley.

Bassett's Creek-J. T. Daniel.

Canetouchy-W. W. Whatley.

Clarkesville-No messengers.

Center Point-W. J. Clanton.

Deep Creek-W. N. Nichols, Reuben James.

Elanı—T. L. Williams, Mrs. M. E. Williams, J. L. Harrison. Enon—John McGilberry.

Evergreen-Leslie Jones, Henry Griffin, E. R. Vaughan.

Forest Springs-No messengers. Friendship-E. Walton, J. F. Dunigan, Charles Anderson.

Good Hope-J. D. Williamson, William Edge, L. A. Williamson.

Good Will-R. B. Lavender.

Good Springs-J. W. Whatley, Mrs. Lula Whatley, L. Hickson. Grove Hill-W. T. Adams.

Fulton-H. B. Hendley, Paul Fendley, J. H. Fendley.

Hoboken-S. M. Pope.

Horeb-J. H. Creighton, T. J. Creighton, Wm. Hill.

Indian Springs-Jas. W. Dixon.

Independence-G. W. Hatton, J. S. Gaddy.

Jackson-Henry S. Fendley.

Lower Peach Tree-J. W. Gibson, Wm. Kennedy, Miss Jennie Harrelson.

Mt. Gilead-No messengers.

Mt. Nebo-Geo. W. Duke, J. M. McKinley, Ira Duke, Misses Addie Gates, Ella Duke.

Mt. Vernon-J. A. Autery.

Midway-C. W. Burge, Miss Bennett Burge.

New Prospect—Charles F. Fendley.

Peniel-J. W. Mathews, A. H. Harrel, E. Pippins.

Pine Hill-E. L. Swearingin, Miss Victoria Kelley.

Pleasant Grove-No messengers.

Putnam-No messengers.

River Hill—No messengers.

Rockville-R. C. Blackwell.

Round Hill-R. T. Bishop.

Salem-R. K. Benson, J. J. Vickers, T. E. Bradford, Mrs. Lucy Garick, Miss Lettie Wilson.

Suggsville-J. B. Cleveland, C. W. Reeves, Mrs. Bettie Cammak, Miss Parlie Reeves.

Stave Creek-M. A. Stringer.

Thomasville-J. F. Savell, F. M. Dunaway, Wm. Kerridge.

Ulconush-C. Hare, S. A. Webb.

West Bend-Jerome Cowan, Edwin Y. Pace.

Witch Creek-B. J. Coate.

W. A. Parker, declining to be elected permanent moderator, moved that W. N. Nichols cast the vote for the association for C. W. Burge, which was agreed and he was duly elected.

The moderator accepted with appropriate remarks.

On motion of J. H. Fendley, W. N. Nichols was appointed to cast the vote of the association for J. H. Creighton for secretary and treasurer.

Eleven o'clock a. m. associational sermon was preached by J. H. Fendley. Text: Mat. 6-3-"Can ve not discern the signs of the time."

The association adjourned till 1:30 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order at 1:30 o'clock by the moderator. Prayer by J. L. Tucker.

Corresponding messengers were enrolled as follows:

W. B. Crumpton, representing the State Board of Missions.

J. A. Howard, The Alabama Baptist.

A. G. Moseley, Home Mission Board. J. L. Tucker, Bethel Association.

S. R. Capell and C. S. Cook, the Pine Barren Association.

The moderator appointed the following committees to report during the session:

On Preaching-Pastor and Deacons of Amity church and T. J. Creighton.

On Finance–J. W. Whatley, F. M. Dunaway, J. D. Williamson. On Nominations, Documents and Requests–Jerome Cowan, T. L. Williams, John McGilberry.

On Apportionment-J. H. Creighton, W. N. Nichols, J. W. Mathews.

Call for petitionery letters. The messengers from Mt. Nebo presented a letter from that church asking membership in this association, which was granted.

The report on State Missions was read:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The Board was organized in 1875, so that at the next State Convention it will close the work of a quarter of a century. This year it has about forty persons in its employ. The contributions from the churches are increasing, but they are not sufficient to meet the great demands upon the board. Two hundred and fifty earnest workers could be profitable employed in the destitution in Alabama. The greatest question before us in connection with all our mission work is a system which will put the needed money in the treasury of the board every month. The fields are white unto the harvest; the laborers can be

found; but the money is not forthcoming because the churches have no system. The board has devised the plan of pledge cards to be used in connection with the envelopes for monthly collections. We earnestly recommend the adoption of this system by the churches.

Besides the work being done and to be done in Alabama the board interests itself in the work of the Home and Foreign Boards. Much of the increased

contributions to these boards the last year was due to the labors of Secretary Crumpton, on the field and in the office.

The literature on the subject of missions sent out from the office of the secretary in Montgomery is sowing down the State with seed which, under God, will produce an abundant harvest to the glory of God. We urge upon our pastors and churches more earnest and enthusiastic co-operation with the board in the great work it is attempting to do. Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

The other reports on missions were not ready, but missions generally were discussed by W. B. Crumpton and A. G. Moseley, after which a collection was raised for St. Charles Avenue Baptist church, a mission church in New Orleans. Cash and pledges, \$106.

The association then adjourned till next day at 10 o'clock a.m.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

At 10 o'clock a.m. the association was called to order by the moderator, and W. W. Whatley conducted the devotional exercises. J. W. Mathews read the following report on Religious Literature:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee, regard the Holy Scriptures as the best religious literature within reach of the Baptists, but we regret that in many Baptist homes they form the only religious literature in the home. We fear our people do not read enough to be informed as to the workings of our denomination both at home and in foreign fields. Too few of them read the Alabama Baptist, the Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field, consequently they do not feel the interest in our denominational enterprises they should feel. These things are much to be regretted and ought not to be so. Your committee would recommend that every pastor constitute himself an agent for the distribution of sound Baptist literature; believing that in that way we can best reach the great body of our people. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. MATHEWS, J. S. FINCH, W. W. WHATLEY.

After remarks by J. A. Howard, C. H. Morgan and others, the report was adopted.

The New Century movement was discussed by A. G. Moseley and J. H. Fendley.

"The Baptist a Century Ago and Now" was discussed by C. H. Morgan, A. G. Moseley and J. H. Fendley, after which a collection was taken for missions. Amount of collection, \$6.89.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association was called to order and prayer by L. A. Williamson. The cause of Baptist growth was discussed by J. A. Howard, C. H. Morgan and J. L. Tucker.

J. H. Fendley read the following report on Aged and Infirm Ministers:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

From the amounts reported for the relief of aged and infirm ministers it would seem that our churches are not informed as to the importance of this enterprise. The meagre sum of \$52,15, sent up at our last association, was divided between the three beneficiaries of our association, viz: Sisters DeWitt, Hixon and Everate. Your committee knows of no others who are asking for your assistance. Sisters DeWitt and Hixon are nearly 80 years of age, wholly dependent on you and their neighbors for a support.

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, is this, to visit the

fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world."

Your committee would earnestly recommend that this important subject be more thoroughly presented to our churches. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FENDLEY, Chairman.

After remarks by J. H. Fendley, and a collection of \$10 for Sisters Dewitt and Hickson, the report was adopted. The association agreed to raise \$100 for the same object next year. The secretary stated that the State Board of Missions asked of this

association \$1,000 for missions next year, and on motion of W. N. Nichols it was unanimously agreed that we try to raise it.

The association then adjourned to meet next morning at 9:30 a.m.

THIRD DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The association was called to order and W. A. Tharp conducted the devotional services:

W. N. Nichols read the following report on Orphans' Home:

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We, your committee, are pleased to report the condition and management of our Orphans' Home, under the efficient direction of Bro. Stewart, such as will give pleasure to the Baptists of Alabama. We have an ideal orphans' home for those unfortunate ones who are dependent upon our bounty. The home life of the institution is one of its most charming features, and within its walls about sixty children are receiving that training of mind and heart which will fit them for lives of future usefulness.

We find from the letters sent to the association at this time that \$148.69 has been contributed to the orphans' home for this year. Respectfully submitted,

W. N. NICHOLS.

Remarks were made by W. N. Nichols, W. B. Jackson, William Kerridge, C. H. Morgan and J. H. Fendley, and the report was adopted. The association then agreed to raise \$150 for the orphans' home next year.

The report on education was read for committee by C. H. Morgan.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

In every department of human activity the demand for a more general education among the masses and a higher education among the leaders of thought, is apparent. Education of the proper type—Christian education—is the panacea for all industrial, social and political ills. We do not mean a super-ficial education, but what we do mean is to train the mind to think widely, think deeply, think accurately. In the great struggle for existence men must be taught to see and recognize the rights of each other.

From an educational point of view, the great future of our nation depends upon the high schools and academies that are to exist throughout our land. The great colleges and universities will be comparatively few and the number of students that attend them must be comparatively much smaller. Therefore let us put forth our very best efforts in behalf of the smaller institutions.

Professing Christians of this country hold the balance of power. Whatever is not best for our country's welfare we are responsible for. Therefore let us demand Christian schools in the hands of Christian teachers.

To a more specific phase of the subject, Christian education under Baptist tutelage.

If there were no higher motives Baptists would be compelled to educate and encourage education in self defense. All other people have their schools, even heathen, pagan and false religions in general are not behind in this. Indeed the largest institution of learning in the world is maintained in Cairo, Egypt, where the Koran is the sole basis of education. Here twenty thousand students gather, many of whom remain until they are gray with age studying to promote that monster superstition of Mohammedism. But Baptists have a higher motive than simply trying to cope with the vari-

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ous religions of the earth, Baptists believe they have the pure unadulterated truth. They believe that all other peoples and faiths must be benevolently assimilated until these various aberations shall be drawn to the throne by the clear, simple and natural explanation of the word of God.

To promote this purpose, it is gratifying to know that we now have in America 7 theological seminaries, 36 universities and colleges, 32 woman's colleges and seminaries, 47 co-educational seminaries and academics and 31 institutions for negroes and Indians making in all 153 institutions of learning, representing in wealth more than thirty-three millions of dollars. We have at least five of these institutions in Alabama, representing not less than one hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.

There is a demand for a better educated ministry. The demand is so urgent that the young minister who fails to utilize the opportunities offered him must soon fall behind the masses with a contracted sphere of usefulness, nay, lamentable as it may seem, he must be crowded back into oblivion by the pressing ranks of progressive humanity while in his latter days he broods over lost opportunities and thinks, "Of all the sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest of these, it might have been." J. F. SAVELL, for Committee.

After remarks by C. H. Morgan, J. H. Fendley and William Kerridge the report was adopted.

The resolution placed on the minutes a year ago to make some changes in the constitution was taken up and discussed by C. H. Morgan and others, and, on motion, was laid on the table.

On motion of J. H. Creighton, that the moderator appoint a committee of three to draw up a new constitution and present it at the next annual session of this body for approval, the moderator appointed on said committee J. H. Creighton, J. H. Fendley and C. H. Morgan.

The association took a recess for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 o'clock the association reassembled. Prayer by W. B. Jackson.

C. H. Morgan read report on Institute Work as follows:

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

This is a new work in our association, having been apportioned a place in our routine of enterprises at the last meeting of this body. The "Institute Board" was established by the Baptist State convention in 1897. The work of this board is to hold institutes among the white preachers in the state. These institutes are conducted by Bro. G. S. Anderson, the superintendent of this work, and consists of lectures on "sermon science" by the superintendent; also addresses from different brothers upon subjects relating to pastoral and church work. The chief object of this work is to better prepare men who are on the field, and have not, and cannot, have the advantages of college and seminary training, for more efficient service in the work to which God has called them. This, we believe, is being accomplished through this denominational agency, with Bro. Anderson at the head. Not only does this work bring to the ministry on the field a long-felt and much-needed help in their work, but is promotive of ministerial fellowship and more earnest co-operation among pastors along all lines of denominational life and efforts. Since the last meeting of this body Bro. Anderson has held one institute in our bounds, which we believe was to the glory of God and to the delight and profit of all who attended. Your committee feels safe in commending to you as deserving a liberal share of your contributions this Institute Board, which is doing a much-meeded work in our midst that can be done by no other agency. We also recommend to the preachers that they make some saerifice, if need be, to avail themselves of the advantages olfered them through this agency of the State Convention.

Respectfully submitted, C. H. MORGAN, for Committee.

After remarks by C. H. Morgan, J. H. Creighton and W. W. Whatley, the report was adopted, and \$11.10 was collected for institute work.

J. H. Creighton read the following report on Temperance for the committee:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The temperance status of the South Bethel Association is about the same as it has been for several years past. In that part of our territory lying in Wilcox county there was a good deal said and written as to the liquor question last spring and summer. Many of the people of Wilcox county thought it best to repeal the prohibition law and have the county placed under the dispensary law, which is now in force in many of the counties of this state. This desire grew out of the difficulty experienced in protecting the towns and other parts of the county from the baleful effects of the "blind tigers," which the enemy of souls had planted in many places. But the matter was disposed of by an agreement to let the prohibition law remain and to strive more earnestly than ever before to have it enforced. We think the conclusion was a wise one. It is a desperate state of affairs when a Christian community finds it impossible to indict open violators of law; and when, if by chance, a violation is indicted, it is found impossible to convict the violator.

Let us hold on to what we have and strive in every way to protect the people, especially the young people, from the curses of the liquor traffic.

ISAAC GRANT, Chairman.

After remarks by J. B. Gibson, F. M. Dunaway, W. B. Jackson, J. H. Fendley and R. K. Benson, the report was adopted.

The following resolution was offered by W. B. Jackson and adopted by the association:

RESOLVED, That we as an Association, pledge our sacred word and honor to use every honorable effort in our power to prevent and keep the use or sale of intoxicants out of our bounds and that we will not support any one for any office within the gift of our county who uses whiskey as an electioneering scheme, and that we and each of us will aid and assist in the prosecution of any one who violates the law on this subject. W. B. JACKSON.

The Committee on Nominations, etc., read the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS, ETC.

Your Committee on Nominations, etc., would recommend that any brother

Your Committee on Nominations, etc., would recommend that any brother visiting sister Associations be requested to represent us.
We recommend that J. F. Savell preach the introductory sermon at the next session of our body, William Kerridge alternate.
We recommend that J. H. Fendley be appointed delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention and W. A. Parker, Sr., alternate.
We further recommend that J. H. Creighton, W. A. Tharp, J. R. Cowan, Wm. Nichols, L. A. Williamson, C. H. Morgan, W. A. Parker, C. W. Burge be appointed delegates to State Convention. appointed delegates to State Convention.

We also recommend that the next meeting of this Association be held with Deep Creek church at Nicholsville on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1901. We find petitions from Mt. Nebo church asking membership in this body,

which we recommend be granted.

We also recommend that we hold night meetings at next session of this body. We find request from Rockville church asking financial aid, which we refer

to Executive Committee. Respectfully submitted, JEROME COWAN,

T. W. WILLIAMS, JOHN MCGILBERRY.

In the absence of a report on Woman's Work, a report was read from the president of the Woman's Aid Society at Jackson, and the subject was discussed by J. H. Creighton and W. A. Tharp.

Adjourned to meet at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

FOURTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The association was called to order at 9:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by R. K. Benson.

Roll called and corrected.

The treasurer made the following report, which was adopted :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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J. H. Creighton, in account with South Bethel Association.

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J. B. Cleveland read the following report on Sunday schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee take pleasure in reporting that the Sunday school cause in South Bethel Association is on a firmer foundation than ever before. More are engaged in the work and they are taking a deeper interest in the cause. While what has been said applies to the Sunday school cause throughout this Association generally, it is peculiarly true with reference to the Baptists. Statistics to which your Committee have had access, shows that there are 33 Baptist Sunday schools in Clarke county with a membership of 1607. Besides these, there are three Union Sunday schools composed in part of Baptists, with a membership of 137.

There are Sunday schools in the churches outside the limits of this county which are members of this Association, but your Committee have no statistics from them upon which to base a report. We trust, however, and feel assured that they also are doing good work.

There are some few churches in this Association where no Sunday school is held; the failure to do so is based upon excuses which your Committee fear will not be held good in the last great day when we will all be called upon to give an account of our stewardship. Your Committee would therefore recommend and urge upon the pastors of such churches that they use every effort to perfect a Sunday school organization in these churches.

Your Committee would further recommend that where there is a school house and no Sunday school held therein—with a reasonable number of people within reach,—that the pastor of the nearest Baptist church appoint a committee of his members to investigate and co-operate with the people of that community in the organization of a Sunday school.

Your Committee cannot close this report without referring with pleasure to other advancements made by the Sunday school cause within the past twelve months. While it is with pleasure that we refer to the increase in the number of Sunday schools, that pleasure is increased when we can report that out of 33 Sunday schools in this county 26 of them continue the entire year—are what is known as "evergreen" Sunday schools. But it is with pardonable pride and with the deepest sense of gratitude that your Committee is able to report that our Sunday schools,—Officers, Teachers and all—seem to have awakened to its true mission—that of fitting the members of that body to the blessed privileges of that wider field of usefulness—the Church. In the humble opinion of your Committee, more members have been added to the church from the Sunday schools within the past year than ever before, and we trust they may prove "faithful to the end."

After remarks by J. B. Cleveland, W. B. Jackson, C. H. Morgan, J. H. Fendley the report was adopted.

Wm. Kerridge read the report on Forgein Missions.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The close of the present century is marked by increased activity on the part of our churches in increased contributions to our Foreign Mission work. Our people are realizing more fully the bearing of the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This has enabled our Board to press the work with greater vigor during the past year and the Lord has fulfilled his promise to bless our work by giving us greater results. Last year there were reported 845 baptisms, the largest number in our history. This year we report 1,341; thus we see that while the work was increased 25 per cent the Lord honored our purpose of heart and increased the work over 50 per cent. In 1896 after over 50 years' work we had in foreign fields 3,801 members. In the past 3 years there have been addeed by baptisms 2,887. We have now in active work 147 Missionaries and have 16 more who will shortly leave for the work. Your board received during the last year in cash \$140,102.30, an increase over the preceeding year. In view of these facts we should feel encouraged to fresh effort. The Southern Baptist Convention has advanced the work 25 per cent over last year. This will call for \$200,000. Let us do our part and aid the board to send more laborers into the field that the light of the gospel may shine in the dark places of the earth.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

After remarks by J. H. Creighton, C. H. Morgan, J. H. Fendley the report was adopted.

The association took a recess for one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The association reassembled at 1 p. m. and prayer was made by J. B. Cleveland.

R. K. Benson read the following report on Bible and Colportage work.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

Our Bible and Colportage work is not receiving the attention from our churches that its importance demand of them. When we take into consideration the fact that the word of God is to the spiritual man what food is to the natural man, we see the importance of this work, for as the body cannot live without food, neither can the spirit develop into a perfect man in Christ Jesus, without receiving that nourishment which comes alone from reading the Scriptures. The few pastors who have been engaged in selling books have sold 110 Bibles, 170 testaments and some other religious books, and distributed several hundred pages of mission tracts among their people. While the demand for books is not so great, yet the means forthcoming for this work is not com- mensurate with the demand. Our churches were asked for \$20.00 the past year for this work and they report in their letters \$11.00 contributed to that work.

We would recommend that our churches furnish their pastors with sufficient funds to supply them with books necessary to meet the demands in their respective fields of labor. Respectfully submitted,

R. K. BENSON, Chairman.

After remarks by R. K. Benson, J. H. Creighton, Wm. Kerridge and J. H. Fendley the report was adopted. The Treasurer was instructed to retain all Bible and Colportage funds and invest the same in Bibles and other religious books and supply the demands for such books in the bounds of this association.

J. H. Creighton read the following report from the Executive committee.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the South Bethel Association: Your committee held their first meeting at Thomasville in October, 1899 and according to instructions given at the last session of your body, made arrangements for Brother W. A. Tharp to attend the South Alabama Institute, agreeing to give him one hundred and twentyfive dollars or all the funds collected during the year for ministerial education. Of the amount promised \$110.86 has been paid.

We are glad to be able to report that Brother Tharp has made fine progress in school.

We also appropriated \$25.00 each to the following churches: Clarkesville, Evergreen, Round Hill, Canetouchey and Rockville to assist them in paying their pastors. These churches are still needing help. At same meeting we appointed a time and place to hold a Sunday school Convention, Thomasville the place and the fifth Sunday in April the time. A program was arranged, but owing to the small pox scare the meeting was not well attended and it was work instead of organizing a convention. Your committee recommends that work instead of organizing a convention. We further recommend that the as-sociation continue Brother Tharp in school and that we pay him next year \$100 J. H. CREIGHTON, Chairman. Respectfully submitted, to aid him.

After remarks the report was adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

When we think of the work of the Home Mission Board in all of its details.the work that has been done and that which is yet to be done-we are forced to admit that it is an imperative work of the Southern Baptists which should lay claim to all of our energies, our liberal contributions and prayers.

It affords us great pleasure to announce that the year just ended has been the most prosperous in the history of the board.

The board had 671 missionaries employed, an additional force of two hundred and four over the last year. These baptized 5,696, an increase of 857 over the preceeding year. There were 195 churches constituted, 639 Sunday schools organized, 71 churches built, 18,412 Bibles and Testaments distributed.

The amount raised and expended on the field aggregated more than any year The amount raised and expended on the new aggregated more than any year before. The work of the board extends over a vast territory embracing portions of Georgia, North Carolina, East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Southwest Virginia, Louisiana, Texas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma and Cuba. The Woman's Missionary Union has become a helpful factor in the work of the board. The amount of their contributions for the past year was \$18,114.13 is not be a standard of \$27,050 ft making a total of \$45,203,77; this

in cash and boxes to the amount of \$27,089.64 making a total of \$45,203.77; this added to the \$79,366.68 raised through the regular channels of the board makes

a grand total of \$124,570.45 expended on the field. With these facts before us, and the command of our Saviour, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature" how can we, as missionary

Baptists, forbear to go, as long as there is a place on earth that has not the precious word of God. "The fields are white already to the harvest" and we have the laborers to do the work. Let us resolve to do more in the coming year than ever before for the Lord has indeed blessed our labors.

Respectfully submitted, W. A. THARP, For Committee.

The report was received and adopted.

The following were appointed Executive Committee for the next year: J. H. Creighton, W. A. Parker, Geo. F. Nichols, J. A. Hill, C. H. Morgan, J. B. Cleveland and C. W. Burge.

On motion the Clerk be instructed to have as many minutes printed as the money will pay for after retaining fifteen dollars for his services.

Three dollars and fifty cents was added to the minute fund by a voluntary contribution.

The committee on Finance made the following report.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Your committee on Finance beg to make the following report: We have received in cash from the churches and collections at the asso-

ciation for State Missions\$	58	68
For Home Missions	47	20
For Foreign Missions	53	48
For Ministerial Education	42	61
For Bible and Colportage	10	00
For Indigent Ministers		
For Orphans' Home		
For Howard College		50
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For Institute work	17	21
For Minutes	43	63

Total_____ Respectfully submitted,

J. W. WHATLEY, F. M. DUNAWAY, J. D. WILLIAMSON.

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The report was received and adopted.

J. H. Creighton read the following resolution which was adopted.

RESOLVED, That we extend our thanks and appreciation to the members of Amity church and community for their cordial hospitality, and Miss Annie Laurie Armistead for her services as organist for this association.

After singing Blessed be the tie that binds, etc., the association adjourned to meet with Deep Creek at Nicholsville, Marengo Co., Ala., on Tuesday before the first Sunday in October, 1901.

C. W. BURGE, MODERATOR.

J. H. CREIGHTON, CLERK

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. A. Adams	Jackson, Ala.
R. K. Benson	Nettleboro, ''
J. H. Creighton	Whatley, "
A. W. Ethridge	McIntyre, "
J. H. Fendley	Fulton, "
J. D. Harper	
William Ĥill	Whatley, "
J. D. Hudson	Thomasville, "
William Kerridge	Thomasville, "
C. H. MorganLo	wer Peach Tree, "
W. A. Parker	Thomasville, "
R. J. Rodgers	Whatley, "
J. F. Savell	Thomasville, "
J. V. Stringer	Jackson, "

W. A. Tharp	Thomasville,	Ala.
E. R. Vaughan	Walker Springs,	+ 4
W. W. Whatley		
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STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions-W. A. Parker, L. A. Williamson, W. J. Clanton, Home Missions-J. F. Savell, R. K. Benson, S. A. Adams.

Foreign Missions-J. H. Creighton, Wm. Kerridge, J. W. Mathews.

Foreign Missions—J. H. Creighton, W.M. Kerridge, J. W. Mathews.
Religious Literature—J. H. Fendley, G. P. Crenshaw, E. L. Swearingen.
Aged and Infirm Ministers—W. N. Nichols, T. L. Williams, T. J. Daniels.
Sunday School—W. D. Dunn, G. F. Nichols, Dr. G. S. Chapman.
Bible and Colportage Work—W. A. Tharp, J. W. Whatley, J. B. Cleveland.
Temperance—Isaac Grant, F. M. Dunaway, R. J. Cooper.
Education—C. H. Morgan, J. R. Cowan, E. S. Pugh.
Woman's Work—Mrs. J. F. Savell, Mrs. J. M. Crowder, Miss Jennie Harralson.

Order of Business-J. H. Creighton, J. W. Cunningham, W. N. Nichols.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost .- Ist John, 5th chapter, 7th verse; John, 17th chapter, 3rd verse.

ART. 2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testa-ments, are the word of God, and rule of faith and practice.—2d Timothy, 2d chapter, 16th and 17th verses; Hebrews, 8th chapter, 6th verse.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose His people in Christ, before the foundation of the world, -2d Timothy, 1st chapter, 9th verse; 2d Thessalonians, 2d chapter, 13th verse; Ephesians, 1st chapter, 4th verse.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.-Romans, 2d chapter, 11th to 18th verses; Romans, 3d chapter, 12th verse; Romans, 5th chapter, 12th verse.

ART. 5. We believe in man's incapacity by his own free will and ability to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.—John, 6th chapter, 44th and 56th verses; Ephesians, 2d chapter, 1st, 8th and 9th verses. ART. 6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God, by the

imputed righteousness of Christ only .- Romans, 4th chapter, 11th and 22d verses; John, 14th chapter, 9th verse.

Aut. 7. We believe that (fod's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sancti-fied by the Holy Spirit.—2d Timothy, 1st chapter, 9th verse; Romans, 8th chapter, 30th verse; 2d Thessalonians, 2d chapter, 13th and 14th verses. Aut. 8. We believe that the Saints shall be preserved in Grace, and never fall avery Leur 10th chapter, 20th and 20th reserved in Grace, and never

and 30 th verses; Psalms, 37th chapter, 28th and 29th verses; Romans, 7th chapter, 28th and 30th verses; Psalms, 37th chapter, 31st, 32d and 33d verses.
ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's supper are Ordinances of

Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that by Immersion is the only mode.-Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses; 1st Corinthians, 15th chapter, 23d and 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th verses.

ART. 10. We believe in the ressurrection of the dead, and in the general judgement, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.-1st Corinthians, 15th chapter; John, 5th chapter, 28th and 29th verses.

Anr. 11. We believe that no minister has the right to administer the ordinances of the Gospel, but one who is regularly baptized, called of God, and comes under the hands of a Presbytery.—Acts, 13th chapter, 2d and 3d verses;

ART. 12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.—Matthew, 28th chapter, 19th and 20th verses; 1st Corinthians, 11th chapter, 28th verse.

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