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SEPT. 13 AND 14, 1900.

The Next Session of the Association will be held with the Baptist Church
at Ensley, Ala., Commencing on Tuesday before the Second
Sunday in September, 1901, at 10 O'clock, A. M.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

ANSLEY, S. J.....	East Lake
ASHCRAFT, WM.....	East Lake
BLACKWELDEE, W. M.....	Woodlawn
BRANHAM, M. T.....	Platt
BROWN, W. S.....	Birmingham
BROWNING, W. Y.....	Irondale
CHURCHWELL, W. T.....	Ayers
CONNELL, L. A.....	Adamsville
COOPER, B. F.....	Irondale
CRUMPTON, W. B.....	Montgomery
DAVIDSON, A. C.....	Birmingham
DICKINSON, J. V.....	Pratt City
DORMAN, H. T.....	Gurley's Creek
FARRINGTON, F. H.....	East Lake
FRANKLIN, T. W.....	Sandusky
GILMER, J. C.....	East Lake
GRAY, B. D.....	Birmingham
HAGLER, I. H.....	Warrior
HANCOCK, W. D.....	Avondale
HOGAN, JAS.....	Birmingham
HUEY, J. M.....	East Lake
HUNTER, R. M.....	Avondale
JONES, ROBT.....	Sandusky
KIRKLAND, W. W.....	Powderly
KELLEY, L. C.....	East Lake
LLOYD, J. R.....	West End
LOCKE, C. A.....	Warner
LOWREY, J. G.....	Warner
MARTIN, H. B.....	Adamsville
McKENNEY, J. L.....	Trussville
MONTGOMERY, P. S.....	Springville
OWEN, J. A.....	Partridge
PARKER, J. F.....	Powderly
POOL, J. H.....	Brookside
POWELL, G. B.....	Partridge
REDD, G. W.....	Adamsville
REED, E. P.....	Springville
RODGERS, W. T.....	Green Pond
RURY, HENRY.....	Wylam
SHELBURNE, J. M.....	East Lake
SHUTTLESWORTH, L. H.....	East Lake
STOVALL, G. B. F.....	Birmingham
WALDROP, B. M.....	Huffman
WATKINS, F. H.....	East Lake
WEATHERLY, J. H.....	East Lake
WHITE, W. F.....	Elyton
WILLIAMS, N. B.....	Birmingham
WOOD, M. M.....	Huffman
WOOD, J. S.....	Woodlawn
WYATT, G. S.....	Ayers

PROCEEDINGS.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., September 13, 1900.

1. The Birmingham Baptist Association met this day at 10 o'clock A. M., in the meeting house of the Baptist Church at Shades Valley, five miles south of the city, in its sixty-seventh annual session, and was called to order by the former Moderator, Prof. R. J. Waldrop.

2. A prayer and praise service was conducted by Brother W. Y. Browning. After which the Moderator called for letters from the churches, which were presented and the names of messengers enrolled as follows, viz :

Avondale—Rev. R. M. Hunter, A. T. Killian, S. W. Neighbors, J. P. Moncrief, C. P. McKinney, S. E. Tomlinson.

Bellview—J. W. Russell.

Bethany—Not represented.

Birmingham, First—Dr. B. D. Gray, Rev. W. S. Brown, and T. W. Gathright.

Birmingham, Southside—Dr. A. C. Davidson, E. P. Hogan, E. H. Cabaniss, Rev. J. R. Lloyd, W. M. Malone, and Thomas B. Richie.

Birmingham, Second—A. N. Hawkins, J. M. Russell, and L. T. Cobb.

Birmingham, Fountain Heights—A. H. Sayers.

Blossburg—J. H. Atkinson, R. S. Thompson and John Atkinson.

Brookside—B. Payne.

Central—James M. Presley and James M. Melton.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

9. After a prayer and praise service conducted by M. T. Branham, the association was called to order by the Moderator at 2:15 o'clock and the report of the Executive Committee was called for and read by Brother J. B. Gibson as follows, viz :

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Executive Committee begs to report: That in obedience to instructions given by you at your last session, it did on October 23d, apportion to the churches of the Association the sum of \$300.00 for the Orphan's Home and the Institute work, and that the sum was practically all raised and sent by the churches to the State Board before the last State Convention.

On October the 29th, 1890, Brother W. R. Ivey resigned his membership on the Committee on account of the withdrawal of the Bessemer Church from the Association, and Brother M. M. Wood was elected in his stead.

In order to be in full accord with the plans of the State Mission Board, on January 6th, 1900, it was decided that in future all monies for State Missions should be sent direct to the secretary of the State Board, it being understood and agreed that the salary of the missionary in the bounds of this Association should be paid out of the same, and the balance, if any, used by the Board in other fields.

On October 23d, 1899, Brethren J. V. Dickinson, J. W. Minor and W. R. Ivey were appointed a committee to co-operate with our missionary, W. S. Brown, in the matter of establishing a church at Ensley, and on March 11th, 1900, the Ensley Baptist church was organized with 53 members. It is building a house of worship to cost \$2,000 and will hereafter be a full fledged member of this Association.

Under the direction of our Superintendent of Missions, W. S. Brown, working in connection with the Church Extension Society, the Packer Memorial Baptist Church has been built at Avondale near the Cotton Factory, at a cost of \$1,600. On August 19th, the church was organized with ten members, and nine others have since been received for baptism.

Your Committee has paid during the year \$1.25 for postage and \$3.00 for printing programs, and we respectfully request that the Treasurer be instructed to refund that amount.

Brother Walter S. Brown has been continued as Superintendent of Missions in the bounds of this Association under the general conditions reported at your last session. He has proven to be a capable and valuable man, he has a thorough knowledge of the field, and has done much to establish order and system in the work. Since January 1st, 1900, he has reported direct to the State Board, but still works under the auspices of your Committee. His salary and expense account for the year is stated as follows :

1899. Sept. 1. By bal. due salary account.....	\$223.89
1900. Sept. 1. By 12 months salary at \$66.66..	800.00
Sept. 1. By Cash paid R. R. fares to and from appointments.....	18.00
By cash paid R. R. fares for others under his direction.....	17.00
By cash for stamps and stationery	1.93 —\$1,067.62
1899. Sept. 1. To cash collected from churches in this Association for State Missions...	699.17
To cash received from State Mis- sion Board.....	342.65
To bal. on salary still due.....	25.80 —\$1,067.62

We request that he be allowed to present a report of his work and that it be included in the minutes.

The rapid industrial development in this district for the last twelve months has been such as to emphasize more than ever the importance of our mission work. There are a score of places in the country where churches or missions should be established.

While all are urged to actively support every interest of the denomination, it is earnestly requested that special attention be given to State Missions, and that your Executive Committee and your missionary under its direction be given your hearty support in the development of the work in the bounds of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. GIBSON,
Chairman.

In connection with the above report, Brother W. S. Brown, Superintendent of Missions, submitted a report of his work as follows, viz :

SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS REPORT.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Sept. 11, 1900.

Statistical report of work done at missions until organized into churches:

AVONDALE MISSION.

One load lumber contributed by M. C. Reynolds Lumber Co., value	\$ 5.00
Cash and donations for Christmas tree.....	38.45
	<u>\$43.45</u>

ENSLEY MISSION.

Sunday collections	\$19.49
Sunday School collections.....	5.46
Christmas tree collections.....	21.00
Envelope collections.....	31.17
	<u>\$77.12</u>
Total paid out as per itemized report.....	\$77.12

A detailed report is sent quarterly to the State Board of Missions, Montgomery, Ala., which is too lengthy to report here, it includes :

Days of service	365
Miles traveled.....	2800
Sermons delivered	181
Addresses delivered	64
Churches constituted	2
Persons baptized.....	10
Persons baptized by others from my meetings.....	35
Persons received by letter from my meetings.....	168
Sunday Schools organized.....	2
Regular stations for preaching	2
Church buildings begun	2
Church buildings finished	1
Collected in cash for church extension, Ensley.....	\$ 987.00
Subscription for church extension, Ensley	963.00
Collected in cash for Church Extension Society.....	130.00
Collected from Mrs. Packer for Extension Society.....	1,400.00
Received for State Mission from churches.....	523.72
One lot for church at Powderly, valued.....	150.00
Pages of tracts distributed.....	1500
Visits made	1475

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. BROWN,
Superintendent of Missions.

The reports were spoken to by Brethren J. B. Gibson and W. S. Brown and adopted.

10. The Report on Denominational Institutions was called for and read by H. R. Dill, chairman, and is as follows, viz :

DENOMINATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

Your Committee on Denominational Institutions beg leave to submit the following report :

THE ORPHANAGE.

The "Louise Short Baptist Widows and Orphans Home of Alabama," John W. Stewart, Manager, is located at Evergreen, Alabama, and consists of one brick building and another to consist of dining room, kitchen, store room, two halls, six dormitories and supply rooms, a small farm which the boys are taught to work, while the girls are taught to do the work that pertains to the managing of a large house.

With the facilities at their command they are doing the best they can to elevate the children socially, religiously and industrially.

Their general expense amounts to about ten dollars per day, and their source of income consists of the voluntary offerings of the Baptists of the State. They are not in debt, but are sadly in need of funds to enlarge their

facilities and broaden their sphere of usefulness. A brief summary of the work that has been done by the orphanage is as follows:

The one hundred and thirty-five children that have been taken into the home since it started came from thirty counties. Of these, two boys and four girls have died; two boys have been apprenticed; two boys and one girl have been irregularly discharged; thirteen boys and eighteen girls have been returned to their people, and fifteen boys and fourteen girls have been adopted, making in all thirty-four boys and thirty-seven girls that have gone out from us, leaving twenty-eight boys and thirty-six girls now in the Home. One hundred and thirty-five received. Seventy-one gone. Sixty-four in the home at present.

THE JUDSON.

The Judson was founded by men who had at heart the highest interests of women, who wished to place within the reach of girls of this and our sister states the best educational advantages, and thus aid in the development of cultured, Christian women. So well has the institution succeeded in accomplishing the object for which it was founded that to-day its graduates are in every southern state, and wherever found their influence is always on the side of that which is highest, noblest and best. It has been said by some one that Judson character is as unmistakable as it is beautiful, and that it is the product of causes which have been at work many, many years.

It is of the work of the past session I would speak particularly. It was a year of general prosperity. The total enrollment of pupils was about two-hundred, three-fourths of them boarding pupils. This enrollment was equal to any the school has had in many years, and its boarding department was fuller than any other school in the state. The work of the institution was excellent in all departments, sustaining the reputation it has won for breadth and thoroughness of training. Special attention was paid to the Christian culture of the girls. The work along this line and the spirit of the work, are worthy of special commendation. The course of Biblical Literature was in charge of Rev. P. V. Bomar, pastor of the church at Marion, and his labors were attended with gratifying results. The *Morning Watch* was in charge of the lady principal Miss D. W. Pettus. This work was voluntary on the part of the girls, and from first to last they seemed greatly interested. Regular, systematic study was done.

A noticeable feature in the religious work of the Judson is the Ann Hasseltine Missionary Society. This society was organized about two years after the Judson was founded, so it is, perhaps, the oldest missionary society for girls in the state. Its members are such pupils of the school and ladies of the house as feel an interest in missions, and wish to enlist the interest of others. For several years this society has maintained a little Chinese girl, who is being educated for a native worker. She has been renamed Ann Hasseltine Judson. Contributions for her are forwarded regularly to Miss Kelly through the Foreign Mission Board.

The patrons of the Judson commend it for the home life of the

school. Nowhere is more careful attention given the girls. Last session there was not a case of serious sickness in the institution. This says much for the officers in charge, and it is certainly a cause for profound gratitude to God.

The prospects for the Judson have never been brighter than they are at present. It is now thought that the enrollment the coming session will exceed that of the past. Let us hope that it will, and let us do more than hope. The Judson richly deserves the support of every Baptist in the State of Alabama, and it should have this support.

HOWARD COLLEGE—SESSION 1899-1900.

Number of students enrolled.....	140
Number of ministerial students enrolled.....	27
Expense account for college (ordinary student) per year	\$ 175
Expense account for college (ministerial students).....	115
Amount ordinarily paid for ministerial student per year by Ministerial Board of Education.....	50

The last session was the best in the history of the present administration.

The prospects for the coming session the best for many years.

We desire to insist that the members of this association and the various churches composing it, bestir themselves and use each one his or her personal influence to send any and all young men possible to Howard College. Our people can help Howard in this way more than they think. No Baptist should feel that he has come up to the full measure of his duty until he has used his utmost endeavor to send any and all students, especially Baptist boys, to Howard College.

THE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Your committee are pleased to report the Seminary in magnificent condition.

The interest bearing endowment of the Seminary is now more than \$400,000. The interest is used to pay salaries of all professors and officers in the school, to keep up repairs on buildings, for servants' hire, insurance, etc. There is urgent need for an increased endowment inasmuch as our expense account every year exceeds our income. They receive no revenue at all from students, and are dependent entirely upon the income from endowment for the support of the Seminary.

They have four buildings: a dormitory, which cost \$80,000; a library, costing \$50,000; a recitation and office building, costing \$60,000; and a gymnasium erected at an expense of \$10,000. The ground on which the buildings stand in the center of Louisville cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000. It has been found by experience that the central location was wisely chosen. The students are in living touch with the community, and find it possible to do a great deal of city mission work.

The institution has seven full professors, besides an instructor in elocution and a tutor in theology. The enrollment of students last year was 256, representing thirty-one states and territories and five foreign countries.

As to expenses, the students are required to pay no tuition or entrance fees. They are required to meet all other expenses, except that well prepared and worthy men may obtain (by suitable application, properly endorsed) as much as six dollars a month towards meeting their expenses in the boarding hall. Mr. B. Pressly Smith has the students' fund in charge, and money expended in this way is gathered by annual collections from churches and individuals. Apart from traveling expenses and clothing, we estimate that a student ought to be able to pay his way for a session of eight months for \$125. If he is accepted on the students' fund, he can get through on about \$75. I have no accurate statistics as to the number of men who are serving country and town churches around Louisville while pursuing their studies, but I should estimate the number at about fifty.

The English course in the Seminary can ordinarily be finished in two sessions. The Eclectic course, which includes at least one year in Hebrew and Greek, may also be completed by well prepared men in two sessions. The full course requires three years. The course for the degree of Th. D. (Doctor in Theology) requires four years.

It may be well to note the fact that for several years they have had a large number of married men pursuing studies in the Seminary. They have averaged about fifty married men every session for four or five years.

HENRY R. DILL, *Chairman.*
 M. M. ROPEL, }
 T. D. PARSONS, } *Committee.*

After discussion by Brethren H. R. Dill, E. P. Hogan, R. M. Hunter, W. Y. Browning and J. W. Stewart, a collection was taken for the Orphan's Home amounting to \$30.53, and the report was adopted.

11. The Committee on Application of New Churches, (see item 4), reported favorably, and their messengers were enrolled as follows, viz :

Adamsville—Rev. L. A. Connell and J. M. Williams.

Ensley City—J. H. Eubank and J. W. Minor.

Hopewell—M. R. Marsh, J. M. Marsh, Silly Dean, Leith Abel and R. W. Hix.

Packer Memorial—P. C. Barkley.

12. On request of Brother E. H. Cabaniss, chairman of the Committee on Sunday Schools, 9:30 A. M. Friday was set apart for the consideration of that report.

13. The association adjourned to 7:30 P. M., with prayer by Brother J. V. Dickinson.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

(A quorum not being present, on account of rain, a prayer-meeting was conducted by Brother R. M. Hunter.)

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

14. The Moderator called the association to order at 9:15 A. M., and Brother A. G. Mosley, of New Orleans, La. led in prayer.

15. Miscellaneous business was declared in order, and Rev. Sam'l Oglesby, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, was invited to a seat in the body. Brethren G. S. Anderson, of the Board of Ministerial Institute, and A. G. Mosely, representing the Home Mission Board, were recognized and invited to seats in the body.

16. The Clerk called the attention of the association to the continued absence of Bethany, Greene Springs, and Williamsburg churches, and, on motion, the Clerk was instructed to correspond with these churches and find out the reason for their absence and report next year.

17. On motion of Brother J. V. Dickinson, a Standing Committee on State of the Churches and Digest of Church Letters was created and appears in the list of Standing Committees.

18. By common consent the regular order was dispensed with, and Brother G. S. Anderson addressed the association in the interest of the Institute Board, at the close of which Brother B. D. Gray moved that the Executive Committee be instructed to apportion (\$100.00) one hundred dollars, as suggested by Brother Anderson, to the churches in the interest of the Board, which was adopted.

19. On motion, all speakers were limited to ten minutes.

20. The report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was called for and read by Brother W. M. Malone and is as follows, viz :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

No argument is needed to justify the existence of the Sunday School. but it does concern us to inquire how its usefulness may be increased and its efficiency made greater. The Sunday School is a power for good every observant person must admit, that it falls far short of doing what it might no thoughtful person will deny. So long as the membership of the schools is less than one-half the membership of the church, so long as there is in most of the schools a crying need for efficient teachers and so long as the work done is generally of a slipshod character, it must be admitted that perfection, at least, has not been reached. The Sunday School ought to be the Bible School, where every church member is found, studying the Word of God or teaching it to others. So far from this being the case, it is oftentimes difficult to find enough mature and capable persons to act as teachers. In nearly every school there is need of earnest, consecrated teachers. Then, too, in many schools there is little or no system and the loosest methods prevail. Almost any one is thought competent to teach and no preparation beforehand is deemed absolutely necessary. The consequence is that the Sunday School becomes dull and uninteresting and it is difficult to hold in the larger boys and girls. These things ought not so to be and if we are faithful to our trust we must seek to discover and apply the remedy. This can be done if we set earnestly to work to do so.

1. In the first place, every member of the church ought to give to the school his sympathy, his influence and, if possible, his active, earnest co-operation. No one should be thought to be too old to be an active member. If parents, themselves, attend the Sunday School, it will be easy to get the children to do likewise. But on the other hand, if father and mother fail to go, the children will feel slight obligation to do so, and will soon give it up. If we value the spiritual welfare of our children, we cannot afford to neglect this most potent agency for saving them.

2. The Sunday School should be made more interesting and instructive. There must be planning ahead on the part of Superintendent and Teachers. Monotony should be avoided and a wise variety in methods and exercises should be availed of. Let us get the best literature obtainable, the best teachers available and strive to make the Sunday School the most attractive of all places to old and young alike. Then with the love of God and a longing for the salvation of souls in our hearts, let us hope and work in gladness, remembering that "he that goeth forth weeping, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." More cannot be said on this point now. Our purpose is accomplished if we have directed your attention to the importance of Sunday Schools and the necessity for greater efficiency therein. In the opinion of your committee, just in so far as we promote and encourage the work of the Sunday School, to the same extent will we promote our denominational growth and also hasten the coming of the time "when the knowledge of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea."

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. CABANISS, *Committee.*

The report was adopted without discussion.

21. The report on Young People's Work was called for and read by Brother J. B. Helm and is as follows, viz :

REPORT ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Your committee on young people's work beg to submit the following :

It has now been some fifteen years since the birth of the young peoples' society. During the first ten or twelve years much was said both for and against it, and great was the opposition to it for the first few years of its life. Notwithstanding this opposition, under God it has continued to grow and thrive, and to-day scarcely a voice is raised in opposition to this divinely appointed movement for the training of our young people for christian service. It is now recognized as a necessity and no live, progressive church is without a young peoples' society. Especially were we Southern Baptists slow in realizing the God given opportunities it presented for the proper training of our hosts of young people, but when once we recognized the source of its conceptions, no section, or denomination has taken hold of the movement more heartily or zealously than we, and none have been more abundantly blessed with results. We have now within the bounds of our Southern Baptist Convention a band of consecrated young people thoroughly prepared in heart and mind for the active responsibilities of church work, and who will accomplish greater things in the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom than we of the passing generation. No more powerful argument in favor of B. Y. P. U.'s could be advanced than the following remark of an old gentleman who was present at the service in which a young man was called upon to lead in prayer, "Young man, would to God I could pray in public as you, but I cannot, I had not the opportunity in my young days that you young people have to-day. Had I, I would be a happier man and a more useful Christian than I am. I shall never cease to regret that I did not have. I am sixty-five now and too old to learn." Shall the young man of to-day, at sixty-five, have any such sad regrets? Let the churches see to it that they will not.

The condition of the young people's work in our Association is very encouraging, and the future prospect is bright and promising. Since our last associational meeting a union has been organized in Irondale church. Our young people have given liberally to the State B. Y. P. U., and contributed generously to missions and the local church work. Some of them are also actively engaged in mission work while others are patiently waiting for an assignment by our Superintendent of Missions.

Reports from the State show an increase of fifteen unions since the last B. Y. P. U. Convention, and the State Secretary and Executive Committee is hard at work striving to get others organized. We recommend that our pastors urge the young people to subscribe for our two papers, *The Baptist Union* and *Alabama Baptist*, and to announce that by sending to Brother Paul F. Dix, Montgomery, Ala., the two papers can be secured for \$2.00 per year. In closing, we also desire to call attention to the B. Y. P. U. department of

Alabama Baptist, edited by Bro. Dix, and to bespeak for it your prayers and co-operation. Let us be laggards no longer. We have not done what we should or could by our young people, and yet despite our negligence God has richly blessed and prospered them. If without our help He can accomplish so much, what can he not accomplish through us.

Let us try Him and see.

Respectfully submitted,

BRINSON MCGOWAN,
J. B. HELM,
NEIL HUTCHINGS.

The report was spoken to by Brother W. M. Blackwelder and adopted.

22. The reports on Missions were next called for and read as follows, viz :

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To Birmingham Baptist Association :

This report shall deal only with the work of the Southern Baptist Convention as published in the annual report on Foreign Missions, by its Board of Foreign Missions. This Board made its Fifty-fifth Annual Report at the May meeting of the Convention at Hot Springs, Ark.

The general tone of this report was cheerful in the highest degree. The work done during the past year had been greatly blessed in all fields, both in increase of contributions, and in accessions of converts to the faith. A feature worthy of special note was the fact that while the contributions had been increased by 25 per cent. the conversions had increased over 50 per cent.

The Southern Baptist Convention has missions in six countries, China, Africa, Japan, Mexico, Italy and Brazil.

I. CHINA.

Our mission work in China was inaugurated immediately after the organization of the convention. We now have three principal stations, and workers as follows :

1. SOUTH CHINA. Canton is the chief city. 17 missionaries ; 38 native assistants ; 9 churches and 14 out-stations ; 1687 members, 17 day schools with 515 pupils.

2. CENTRAL CHINA. Shanghai, principal city. 17 workers ; 11 native helpers : 6 churches ; 7 out-stations ; 160 members, 10 day schools with 275 pupils.

3. NORTH CHINA. Tung Chow, principal city. 15 workers ; 6 native helpers ; 452 members, 2 houses of worship ; 7 day schools with 150 pupils.

II. AFRICA.

The work in Africa was begun in 1850. There is only one principal

station. Lagos. There are 7 workers; 12 native helpers; 6 churches; 6 out-stations; 385 members and 118 Sunday school scholars.

III. ITALY—1870.

This work is carried on under the supervision of Rev. Geo. B. Taylor, who has about twenty native assistants. There are 20 churches; 20 out-stations, 624 members; 257 pupils in Sunday school.

IV. MEXICO.—1880.

Divided for convenience into northern and southern portions.

The northern field has 7 workers; 5 ordained and 7 unordained native preachers; 23 churches and 20 out-stations; 13 houses; 982 members; 225 Sunday school pupils.

The southern field has 6 workers: 5 ordained and 3 unordained native helpers; 9 churches; 4 houses; 250 members; 203 Sunday school pupils.

V. BRAZIL.—1889.

Here we have 19 missionaries; 19 native helpers; 27 churches; 45 out-stations; 6 houses and 922 members.

VI. JAPAN.—1889.

We have 8 missionaries and about 75 members.

THE WORK IN GENERAL.

Total receipts of Foreign Mission Board for the past year (1899-1900) were \$140,102.30, against \$109,267.43 for the previous year.

Last year 1341 members were baptised; 16 new missionaries were sent out; several were returned to their fields after periods of rest; and the Board was able to report that it was entirely free from debt.

God has prospered the Baptists greatly out of proportion to our contributions, so that, while we appropriate and spend much less money than other denominations, proportionately we receive many more converts.

ALABAMA'S PART IN THE WORK.

Last year, Alabama with 128,000 members, gave \$9,098.59 to Foreign Missions (against \$5,813.89 for the previous year, an increase of about 90 per cent.), which sum represents about 7½ cents from each member per year. This is very low.

How we may increase the number of regular contributors to missions, and also the amounts that the present ones give, is a question of vital importance, if we expect to increase our influence. The Foreign Mission Journal is a monthly paper which enables one to keep in touch with the whole work, and we would urge that more members subscribe for same. Pastors should constantly urge the Scriptural authority for missions, together with the great need for the work. Systematic giving is the only method by which any lasting good can be accomplished in the way of increasing the amount contributed.

Many churches have adopted the monthly collections for missions, appointing some member or a committee whose duty it is to attend to the envelopes, etc., necessary to this end.

Remembering the command to "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every Creature," let us strive harder to do our whole duty before God.

EDGAR ALLEN JONES, *Chairman*,
Com. on Foreign Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845.

It was organized because of the many in our own land who knew not of a Saviour's love. Its work is of very great importance; first, because Jesus commanded "begin at Jerusalem," which means our own land; second, because Foreign Missions will suffer unless the churches at home are built up.

The policy of the Board has been co-operative. The work and efficiency of the Board has grown continually, especially within the last decade has remarkable progress been made. One proof of work is the fact that ninety out of every one hundred towns in the Southern States have at some time been mission stations of the Home Mission Board.

The work has been greatly blessed. Fifty years ago the Baptists of the South numbered 450,000, now there are over 3,000,000 and much of the increase is due to the Home Mission Board. Churches which were helped in times of weakness are now giving large amounts for both Home and Foreign Missions. Still there remains more than ever to be done, because the territory of the Board has been greatly enlarged and because the population has greatly increased.

In 1845 there were about 8,000,000 people in the South, now there are 22,000,000, about 12,000,000 of these are not professed Christians. The present field of the Home Mission Board covers the entire South; includes Oklahoma, Indian Territory and also the Island of Cuba.

The work of the Home Mission Board has been expended mainly in the following directions:

On the frontier, among our native white population in the mountain region, in the cities, among the Negroes, and on the Island of Cuba.

Frontier work means now something very different from what it meant forty years ago. Frontier work was then very largely work among the Indians, now frontier work means work to furnish the Gospel to our own population who are flowing in great tides of humanity from our older states toward the western and southwestern frontiers of our southern country. The frontiers of the past are the busy centers of the present.

The great work of the Home Mission Board is among the white population of the south, they are not only the most numerous, but work among them is more permanent in its character and more far-reaching in its influence upon the conversion of the world.

The mountain region of the Southern Baptist Convention is composed of parts of West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky. It is practically undeveloped in its religious and educational possibilities. High schools have been established, and are proving most helpful factors in missionary and educational work combined, and bringing the people above the influence of hundreds of Mormon missionaries with headquarters at Chattanooga, Tenn.

But little has been done in our large cities, something over \$4,500 was spent last year in the cities of New Orleans, Baltimore and St. Louis. Comparatively nothing has been done in other large cities because of inadequate funds.

Recently, the work of the Home Mission Board among the Negroes has been almost exclusively that of co-operation with the Home Mission Society of New York, in connection with the State Boards and the result has been most gratifying. The leading feature of the work is to fit the Negro preachers for the better care of their churches.

At the beginning of the war with Spain, the Home Board had been maintaining work in Cuba about ten years. In the providence of God all barriers to the free access of the Gospel in the Island have been removed. The evangelization of Cuba is now largely in the hands of Southern Baptists. Shall we lack for money to give them the Gospel just when God has given us the opportunity?

The monied contributions to the Home Board during the year 1899 and 1900 were \$79,366. In addition to this the Women's Mission Societies have aided greatly by sending boxes of clothing and household supplies to missionaries whose salaries were inadequate to support them. Through these societies a fund was started in 1900 for the purpose of loaning small amounts to enable struggling churches, especially those on the frontier to build simple houses of worship. \$3,500 has been given as a nucleus about which it is hoped other gifts will gather.

There are now in the employment of the Board, 671 missionaries, 638 are supported jointly by the Home Board and State Boards.

At the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention the Home Mission Board was instructed to plan its work for this year on a basis of \$150,000. The Board looks to the churches, Sunday schools and mission societies throughout our Southland for the money. "Everyone of us shall give an account of himself to God."

Missionaries	671
Churches and Stations.....	2,768
Weeks of Labor	16,919
Baptisms	5,696
Churches Constituted.....	195
Houses of Worship Built.....	71
Houses Improved	63
Sunday Schools Organized.....	639
Bibles and Testaments Distributed.....	18,412

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. HENDON, *Chairman.*

The committee on State Missions failed to report.

The hour for preaching the Missionary Sermon having arrived, Brother B. D. Gray, the appointee, preached the sermon. Text Matt. 28:16-20. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken to pay the indebtedness on the Packer Memorial church lot amounting, in cash and pledges, to one hundred and ninety dollars (\$190.00.)

23. Pending the discussion adjournment was had to 2:00 P. M., with prayer by Brother A. C. Davidson.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

24. The association met at 2:00 P. M., with prayer by Brother T. C. Buchannan, of Georgia. Brother Buchannan representing the Baptist Standard, was invited to a seat in the body.

25. The reports on Missions being before the body was spoken to by Brother A. G. Mosley.

26. Pending the discussion the Committee on Nominations was invited to report, which it did as follows, viz :

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee beg to report Ensley Baptist Church as the place, and Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1901, at 10 a. m., as the time of the next regular session of our body.

To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. J. M. Shelburne; to preach the missionary sermon, Rev. G. B. F. Stovall.

Executive Committee: J. B. Gibson, Chairman, J. M. Shelburne, J. V. Dickinson, J. B. Helm, J. W. Minor, J. G. Lowrey, A. C. Davidson, T. W. Gathright, B. D. Gray, R. J. Waldrop, R. M. Hunter, M. M. Wood.

Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention: M. M. Wood; Alternate, W. Y. Browning.

Delegates to the State Convention: P. S. Montgomery, D. N. Talley, Joe Hood, J. H. Aldridge, F. H. Watkins, W. Y. Browning, J. E. Wood and J. B. Gibson.

Auditors: T. W. Gathright, J. W. Johnston.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. DICKINSON,
HENRY R. DILL.

The report was adopted.

27. The Committee on Church Extension submitted its report as follows, viz :

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION,

The work of church extension has been pressed along every avenue that opened up.

The work of collecting old subscriptions has been as difficult as to get new ones, and both have been limited by the amount of time at the disposal of the superintendent of missions.

The obstacles in the way of erecting a building at Avondale Mills were removed by Mrs. Adelaide C. Packer, of New York, giving \$1,400 for the building with the understanding that we pay for the lot, \$400, as already undertaken and that those who worship there would furnish the seats and fixtures. Your superintendent was put into correspondence with her by Bro. Geo. Mize, the missionary of the American Sunday School Union, through whom she started the Packer Memorial Sunday School that has developed into the Packer Memorial Baptist Church, under the superintendence of Bro. Brinson McGowan assisted by Rev. P. C. Barkley and others.

This work has been accomplished in the face of many difficulties which were overcome as they arose. The lowest bid by the contractors was \$2,377 which was considered, under the circumstances, reasonable. But the society decided to erect it under the immediate supervision of the Superintendent of Missions and thereby save what was possible. The building is finished at a cost a little in excess of the amount in hand, \$1,587.00, yet at a saving under the lowest bid of at least \$500. This amount, \$187.00 over the original gift of Mrs. Packer, it is believed she will pay, but there remains a balance on the lot that should be paid at once by the churches or Baptists of the district, and we urge that it be done at once.

The building at Ensley to cost about \$2,500.00 when completed and furnished is nearing completion. Your superintendent has had the oversight of this, yet the church there is looking after the cost of it with what assistance they can secure from abroad. We recommend that the lot at Ensley owned by the society be deeded over to the Ensley Baptist Church.

At Powderly a lot has been offered for a house of worship and over \$200.00 has been subscribed for a building, and the brethren of that mission are very much enthused at the cheering prospects of this undertaking.

A house of worship is very much needed at Gate City where a good and profitable mission could be run if we had a house to meet in. The need of buildings for missions is now the most pressing of anything that appeals to the association for its help. When once a building is erected in a field and out of debt the balance of the work will be taken care of by the people worshipping at that point. There are several other places where we should, in the near future, erect houses of worship and enter the field for the Baptists and the salvation of souls.

We recommend that some systematic method be pursued in the future to raise funds for this purpose.

The following is a statement of the financial condition of the society as shown by the treasurer's books :

Sept. 11, 1900, to general collections	\$266 21	
From Avondale Baptist Church.....	50 00	
From Mrs. Adelaide C. Packer.....	1,400 00	
		<u>\$1,716 21</u>

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By amount paid Leslie Bros., printing.....	\$2 25	
By amount paid M. C. Reynolds Lumber Co	5 00	
By amount paid on Avondale lot.....	50 00	
By amount paid on Packer Mem. Chapel..	1,459 10	<u>1,516 35</u>

Balance Cash on Hand.....	<u>\$199 86</u>
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Balance due on Avondale lot, \$350.00

The society also owns a lot at Ensley valued at \$1,000.00, and one at Birmingham-Ensley valued at \$50.00, also 38 chairs, two organs and a tent, total value \$79.40.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER S. BROWN, *Chairman.*

The report was discussed by Brethren W. S. Brown, A. C. Davidson, J. G. Lowrey, J. V. Dickinson, M. M. Wood, H. R. Dill, T. C. Buchanan and B. D. Gray, and adopted.

28. The report of the Finance Committee was read by Brother J. B. Helm as follows, viz :

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

OXMOOR, ALA., September 14, 1900.

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that we have received money as follows, viz :

For State Missions.....	\$ 53 92
For Home Missions.....	13 86
For Foreign Missions	6 20
For Orphans' Home.....	36 06
For Minutes.....	53 00

Total.....	<u>\$163 04</u>
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We have attached hereto an itemized statement of the different amounts sent up by each church, and for what purpose, which we make as an exhibit to this report. All of the above amounts have been turned over to the Treasurer, and his receipt attached as a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HELM, *Chairman.*

RECEIVED of J. B. Helm, Chairman of the Finance Committee, the sum of one hundred and sixty-three and four one-hundredths (\$163.04) dollars, in full of all amounts received by him as such chairman.

M. M. WOOD, *Treasurer*.

29. The Treasurer submitted his report as follows, viz :

CONDENSED STATEMENT.

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To Cash for Minutes	\$ 68 25	
“ “ State Missions.....	142 82	
“ “ Home Missions.....	57 76	
“ “ Foreign Missions.....	49 35	
“ “ Orphans' Home.....	84 34	
“ “ Education	32 94	
“ “ Institute Board.....	35 02	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total.....	\$470 48	\$470 48

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By Cash to Minutes.....	\$ 68 25	
“ “ State Missions.....	137 27	
“ “ Home Missions	57 76	
“ “ Foreign Missions	49 35	
“ “ Orphans' Home.....	84 34	
“ “ Ministerial Education.....	32 94	
“ “ Institute Board.....	35 02	
“ “ on hand for State Missions.....	5 55	
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	\$470 48	\$470 48

Respectfully submitted to the Birmingham Baptist Association.

M. M. WOOD, *Treasurer*.

To Birmingham Baptist Association, Birmingham, Ala.

I have examined the books of the Treasurer and the reports of his receipts and disbursements, and find the same to be correct and sustained by the proper vouchers, and the balance of \$5.55 reported on hand is sustained by certified deposit slip.

Respectfully submitted,

T. W. GATHRIGHT, *Auditor*.

30. Brother J. V. Dickinson called the attention of the body to the fact that Elders Geo. T. Lee and R. D. Faggard had died during the year, and, on motion, the Clerk was instructed to have a page in the minutes in memory of these brethren.

31. The discussion on Missions was resumed, (see item 26), and the reports adopted.

32. The Moderator announced Standing Committees for the year as appears on page 2.

33. On motion by Brother A. C. Davidson, the hearty thanks of the association were tendered this church and people of the community for their generous hospitality.

34. On motion by Brother J. V. Dickinson, Brethren A. C. Davidson and B. D. Gray were appointed a committee to express to Mrs. Adelaide C. Packer, of New York, our high appreciation of her gift of a house of worship at the Avondale Cotton Mills.

35. On motion by J. V. Dickinson, a Standing Committee on Obituaries was created as appears on page 2, and the Committee on Ways and Means was discontinued.

36. On motion by J. V. Dickinson, the Standing Committees on Temperance, and Moral and Spiritual Conditions, were consolidated.

37. The business of the session having been completed, the audience joined in singing, "How Firm a Foundation," and the members indulged in a general handshaking. Brother A. C. Davidson led in prayer, and the Moderator declared the body adjourned to meet at Ensley City, Tuesday before the second Sunday in September, 1901.

M. M. WOOD,

Clerk.

NOTES BY THE CLERK.

1. In the "Financial Exhibit," the column of totals includes amounts from some of the churches not found in other columns. I could not tell from the letters where to put the amounts.

2. For a detailed statement of what the various Women's and Children's Societies have contributed, see report of the women's meeting, pages 27-30.

3. I will send each church a blank Associational Letter in July or August next year.

The following report on Religious Literature and Education was handed in by the Chairman of the Committee after adjournment, viz :

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE AND EDUCATION.

The Lord is permitting us to live in an age of books and schools. This augments our responsibility very greatly. The country is flooded with baneful literature. Let us see to it that this is displaced by pure, wholesome, uplifting literature. Encouraging the young to read standard literary books and periodicals. Teach the children the Word of God. Put into their hands the Holy Books, and into their hearts infallible truth. Teach them Baptist principles, which are distinctively Bible principles. There is no lovelier service, no more blessed or successful work. Surely it is the most approved evangelism.

We are pleased to report that our people seem fully awake to the educational need. The common schools of the country have never been in better condition. Never before has there been such strong demand for good Christian teachers. Somewhere Bacon speaks of "the Architects of States," and for us our faithful, Christian teachers who sow the land with the good seed of knowledge and culture fulfil the words of Bacon.

The prospects of our various denominational schools are indeed encouraging. All these schools do efficient work and are worthy of our hearty support. Brethren, let us impress it upon you that the bulwarks these Baptist institutions help to build are more impregnable than any army that was ever mustered or any ironclad navies that ever floated.

We must make special mention of Howard College. Today every member of this body congratulates himself that Howard comes to the Association free from debt. Let our motto be "a liberal endowment for Howard College." Necessity demands it. Patriotism demands it. Christianity demands it. The Church of Christ as well as the Master of all demand it.

JERRY FOUNTAIN, *Chairman.*

MINUTES OF THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE
BIRMINGHAM ASSOCIATION.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the Birmingham Association, met in the little school house, opposite the church in Shades Valley, at 2 p. m., on Thursday, September 13, 1900.

Mrs. William Franklin, Vice-President of the Northern Division of the Association occupied the chair.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. J. J. Osborne. Hymn, "Jesus Lover of my Soul." Prayer by Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

Representatives from the churches were enrolled as follows :

- Avondale—Mrs. J. J. Osborne, Miss Evie Killian.
 - First Church—Mrs. Durham.
 - Southside—Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Mrs. A. C. Davidson.
 - Ensley—Mrs. J. H. Eubank, Mrs. Maggie Vann, Mrs. A. F. Thompson, Mrs. E. E. Robinson.
 - Ruhama, East Lake—Mrs. J. M. Shelburne, Miss Emma Wood, Mrs. J. A. Ellard, Mrs. D. M. Malone.
 - Shades Valley—Mrs. Ella Pittman, Mrs. Aldrich.
 - Trussville—Mrs. Wm. Franklin, Mrs. S. R. McDanal, Mrs. M. K. Vann.
 - Woodlawn—Mrs. J. E. Jones, Miss Claude Robinson.
 - Visitor—Mrs. W. R. Ivey, of the Bessemer Association.
- Reports from societies were heard and the following

CONTRIBUTIONS REPORTED.

AVONDALE.

Foreign Missions	\$ 6 00
Home Missions.....	3 67
Church Aid	101 11
Typewriter.....	2 00
Miss Claud'a White's Mission Boat	1 00
Total.....	\$ 113 78

FIRST CHURCH.

State Missions.....	\$ 25 00
Home Missions.....	138 18
Foreign Missions	75 00
Orphanage.....	111 00
Home Uses.....	125 61
General Benevolence.. ..	32 00
Total.....	\$ 506 79

SOUTHSIDE.

Foreign Missions	65 00
Home Missions, (Self-Denial)	30 63
Home Missions, (Frontier Box).....	150 00
Howard College, (Infirmiry).....	10 00
Orphanage.....	10 00
State Missions.....	10 00
Colored Missions.....	5 00
Mercy Home	12 00
Y. M. C. A.....	17 00
Cleveland Memorial Window.....	5 00
Missionary Day	15 25

Total.....\$ 329 88

ENSLEY.

Church Aid	118 90
Self-Denial..	9 00
Girl at Orphanage	9 45

Total.....\$ 137 35

SALEM—MOUNT PINSON.

Church Aid.....	33 35
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Total.....\$ 33 35

RUHAMMA—EAST LAKE.

Foreign Missions.....	49 48
Home Missions.....	14 01
State Missions.....	15 00
Frontier Box.....	105 75
Howard College Hospital Fund	10 00
Church Aid and Charity.....	55 30
Central Female College	25 00
Cleveland Memorial Window	5 00
Typewriter.....	5 00

Total.....\$ 254 84

TRUSSVILLE.

Foreign Missions.....	31 51
Home Missions.....	44 94
State Missions.....	3 50
Howard College Hospital Fund	5 00
Orphanage.....	16 82
Charity.....	27 88
Miss Claudia White's Mission Boat	1 00

Total.....\$ 130 65

WOODLAWN.

Pastorium.....	9 75
Boy at Orphan's Home.....	15 25
Frontier Box.....	19 50
Charity.....	4 70
Avondale Mission	15 00

Total.....\$ 64 20

Grand total.....1,600 54

REPORT OF SUNBEAM WORK.

If no other good came of the Sunbeam work than that it inspired hope for the future generations of Baptists, or to shed increased intelligence and consecration, it would be well worth the time and thought bestowed by leaders of mission work among the children. But the real and practical work amounts to no mean figure when we attempt to compute by dollars and cents what they have accomplished. Last year the sum of \$627.06 was brought into the treasury of the Lord through the Sunbeams of Alabama; an advance of some \$200.00 over the receipts of the previous year. But the good wrought by their little hands cannot be compared to the sweet influences set in motion by these little ones. Their example of systematic study of mission matters, at home and abroad, must tell upon those around them and must inspire us with enthusiasm who are looking forward to the day, when children trained like Samuel from infancy in the temple, and instructed as was Timothy from a child in the Holy Scriptures, shall fill our places. May the good word and a hearty "God speed" be given these, "His little ones," by minister and members alike, in all our churches.

MRS. T. A. HAMILTON,
Birmingham, Ala.

SOUTHSIDE SUNBEAM BAND.

Home Missions.....	\$ 19 50
Foreign Missions	15 00
City Missions.	15 00
Total.....	\$ 49 50

JESSIE ALLEN, *Treas.*

TRUSSVILLE SUNBEAM BAND.

Howard College	\$ 6 00
Frontier Box.....	42 40
Miss Kelly.....	1 00
Christmas Offering.....	2 00
Orphanage	2 00
State and Home Missions.....	6 45
Total.....	\$ 59 85

HATTIE FRANKLIN, *Sec'y.*

FIRST CHURCH SUNBEAM BAND.

Home Missions	\$ 60 00
Foreign Missions.	27 00
Home Uses.....	8 20
Orphanage.....	5 00
Total.....	\$100 20
Grand total	209 55

Report of Associational Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Franklin.

What has been accomplished in Missions during the past Century, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton.

20th Century movement, Mrs. L. F. Stratton.

Frontier Boxes, Mrs. S. R. McDanal.

Frontier Letters were given out to several societies and the joy of packing and sending out boxes was discussed by many ladies.

Mrs. Hamilton here told of a "Wonder Bag," saying she was going to ask her Sunbeam Bands to contribute these delightful mysteries to the Frontier Boxes.

An invitation was extended Mrs. Ivey to come before the ladies and bring a greeting from the Bessemer Association. In doing this she told of the Bessemer Sunbeams furnishing a complete outfit for the little boy of their missionary last year. They were so much interested and so happy in their labor of love.

A letter from Miss Hartwell was read and an earnest prayer offered for her recovery.

Mrs. Shelburne, who had just received a letter from Miss Kelly, gave an interesting account of her and the troubles in China.

The expense fund of the Associational Vice-President was presented by Mrs. Statton, and pledges amounting to \$5.00 were given.

A collection amounting to \$2.05 was taken and given to the Shades Valley Society.

Miss Emma Wood offered a resolution, that our sincerest thanks be given the ladies of the Shades Valley church for their pleasant accommodations, their delightful dinner and the many kind courtesies extended.

Mrs. Franklin offered the closing prayer.

MRS. D. M. MALONE,
Secretary.

MRS. WM. FRANKLIN,
Vice-President.

NOTES BY THE SECRETARY.

An excellent report was given by Mrs. Pittman, President of the Shades Valley Society, but I regret very much that I did not secure the figures.

Bessemer withdrew from the Birmingham Union to be the pioneer society of the new Bessemer Association. The union missed her good reports this year and prays a great blessing upon her.

Mrs. W. W. Bussey, of Birmingham, has been appointed Vice-President of Birmingham Association and takes the place once occupied by Mrs. J. B. Aird, of Pratt City.

A suggestion, that next year every Sunbeam Band send a report and one or more representatives to the Association. How many beautiful Sunbeams there are in the Birmingham Association and only three reports sent to the Association.

IN MEMORIAM.

REV. GEO. T. LEE.

Born June 18, 1850. Ordained to the ministry June 20, 1874.
Pastorates : Helena, Columbiana, Calera, Montevallo, Bessemer,
Pratt City, Avondale, and Elyton. Died of Apoplexy at East Lake,
Ala., June 14, 1900.

REV. R. D. FAGGARD.

Born April 14, 1822. Ordained to the ministry in 1862. Died of
Dropsy at Trussville, Ala., June 24, 1900.

REPORT OF APPORTIONMENT

CHURCHES	State Missions	Home and Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Orphans' Home	Institute Board
Avondale.....	\$ 50 00	\$ 75 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 15 00	\$ 5 00
Birmingham, 1st.....	200 00	325 00	100 00	125 00	23 00
Birmingham, 2d.....	25 00	35 00	10 00	7 50	3 50
Birmingham, 3d.....	8 00	12 00	6 00	4 00	1 00
Birmingham, Southside.....	200 00	325 00	100 00	125 00	23 00
Central.....	8 00	13 00	10 00	5 00	1 00
Concord.....	6 00	9 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Elyton.....	25 00	35 00	15 00	10 00	2 00
Green Springs.....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Mt. Olive.....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 00	1 00
New Prospect.....	12 00	20 00	5 00	5 00	2 00
Oak Grove.....	8 00	12 00	10 00	5 00	1 00
Pratt City.....	120 00	180 00	25 00	25 00	10 00
Ruhama.....	150 00	250 00	75 00	50 00	17 00
Salem.....	10 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	1 00
Springville.....	16 00	24 00	10 00	5 00	2 00
Trussville.....	40 00	40 00	10 00	12 00	3 50
Irondale.....	10 00	15 00	10 00	5 00	1 00
Warrior.....	40 00	60 00	20 00	15 00	5 00
Williamsburg.....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50
Woodlawn.....	100 00	150 00	36 00	25 00	8 00
Brookside.....	4 00	6 00	3 00	2 00	1 00
Coalburg.....	12 00	18 00	5 00	2 50	1 50
Rocky Ridge.....	8 00	12 00	6 00	4 00	1 00
Blossburg.....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Bellview.....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 55	1 00
Springdale.....	4 00	6 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Piney Grove.....	6 00	9 00	5 00	5 00	1 00
McElwain.....	6 00	9 00	5 00	2 50	1 00
Mary Lee.....	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00
Bethany.....	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00
Newcastle.....	1 50	3 00	1 00	50	1 00
Compton Hill.....	1 00	1 00	50	50	1 00
Hebron.....	4 00	5 00	1 50	2 00	1 00
New Bethel.....	5 00	6 00	5 00	3 00	1 00
Shades Valley.....	3 00	3 00	2 50	1 50	1 00
Hopewell.....	4 00	6 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Rehoba.....	2 00	4 00	1 50	1 00	1 00
Oxmoor.....	4 00	6 00	2 00	1 50	1 00
Sulphur Springs.....	2 00	4 00	1 50	1 00	1 00

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	CHURCH	MODERATOR	CLERK	Introductory Sermon By	Missionary Sermon by
1833	Canaan	Eld. H. Holcombe	A. J. Holcombe	Henry Cox	H. Holcombe
1834	Cahaba	Eld. H. Holcombe	J. B. Ayers		
1835	Roupe's Valley	Eld. H. Holcombe	J. D. Armstrong		
1836	Ruhama	Eld. H. Holcombe	Jesse Seale	H. Holcombe	Jesse Seale
1837	Bethel	Eld. H. Holcombe	H. H. Rocket		
1838	Reunion	H. Cox	H. H. Rocket	Jos. Byers	H. Holcombe
1839	Springville	H. Cox	A. J. Holcombe	Jos. Byers	J. Tate
1840	Hebron	H. Cox	John Truss	Jos. Byers	J. Tate
1841	Roupe's Valley	H. Cox	John Truss	J. Tate	J. Byers
1842	Cahaba	Jos. Byers	John Truss	Jas. Truss	A. J. Waldrop
1843	Hebron	Jos. Byers	A. J. Waldrop		
1844	Liberty	Jos. Byers	A. J. Waldrop		
1845	Salem	Jacob Tate	A. J. Waldrop		
1846	Shoal Creek	Jos. Byers	A. J. Waldrop		
1847	Rock Creek	Jos. Byers	A. J. Waldrop		
1848	Ruhama	Jos. Moor	A. J. Waldrop		
1849	Hebron	Jos. Moor	A. J. Waldrop	W. C. Harris	
1850	Mud Creek	Jos. Moor	A. J. Waldrop		J. Byers
1851	Springville	Jos. Moor	A. J. Waldrop		
1852	Hebron	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1853	Roupe's Valley	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1854	Cahaba	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1855	Rock Creek	H. G. Smith	A. J. Waldrop		
1856	Salem	H. G. Smith	E. E. Moor		
1857	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	J. A. Baker		
1858	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	J. A. Baker		
1859	Good Hope	A. J. Waldrop	J. A. Baker		
1860	Central	A. J. Waldrop	John Truss		
1861	Mud Creek	Jas. Grimes	A. G. Waldrop	H. G. Smith	
1862	Springville	A. J. Waldrop	John Truss		
1863	Salem	A. J. Waldrop	A. C. Thomason		
1864	Roupe's Valley	A. J. Waldrop	A. C. Thomason		
1865	Cahaba	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes		
1866	Sulphur Springs	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes		
1867	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes	James Grimes	W. T. Rodgers
1868	Springville	A. J. Waldrop	N. B. Talley	James Grimes	A. J. Waldrop
1869	Cahaba	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	James Grimes	A. J. Waldrop
1870	Rock Creek	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes		
1871	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes	Wm. Davis	J. B. Huckabee
1872	Sulphur Springs	A. J. Waldrop	James Grimes	J. A. McDonald	J. A. Collins
1873	Springville	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	J. A. Collins
1874	Good Hope	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	A. J. Waldrop	P. M. Musgrove
1875	New Liberty	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	J. H. Weatherly	A. J. Waldrop
1876	Pleasant Ridge	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	J. H. Weatherly	E. B. Waldrop
1877	Cahaba	A. J. Waldrop	J. H. Weatherly	G. T. Lee	T. M. Bailey
1878	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	N. B. Williams
1879	Springville	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	A. J. Waldrop	J. H. Hendon
1880	Pleasant Ridge	A. J. Nunnally	E. B. Waldrop	A. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood
1881	Canaan	A. J. Nunnally	E. B. Waldrop	B. S. Thompson	B. F. Hendon
1882					
1883					
1884	Salem	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	S. Henderson
1885	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	W. S. Rodgers	J. F. Purser
1886	Springville	W. C. Cleveland	E. B. Waldrop		D. I. Purser
1887	Dolomite	A. J. Waldrop	E. B. Waldrop	D. I. Purser	J. C. Hudson
1888	Pratt City	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	W. A. Hobson	G. A. Chunn
1889	Ruhama	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	B. F. Riley	S. Henderson
1890	Pessemer	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	A. W. McGaha	W. L. Pickard
1891	Trussville	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	M. M. Wood	P. T. Hale
1892	Warrior	A. J. Waldrop	R. W. Beck	P. T. Hale	A. W. McGaha
1893	Woodlawn	A. J. Waldrop	F. M. Wood	W. A. Hobson	B. F. Giles
1894	New Prospect	A. J. Waldrop	F. M. Wood	B. D. Gray	P. T. Hale
1895	Pratt City	A. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	A. B. Johnston	B. D. Gray
1896	Ruhama	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	M. M. Wood	W. R. Ivey
1897	Irondale	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	W. A. Hobson	G. T. Lee
1898	Springville	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	W. R. Ivey	J. V. Dickinson
1899	Pinson	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	R. M. Hunter	
1900	Shades Valley	R. J. Waldrop	M. M. Wood	A. C. Davidson	B. D. Gray

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BIRMINGHAM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR YEAR 1900.

CHURCHES	MISSIONS					EDUCATION			Orphan's Home	Minutes	HOME EXPENSES			Total	Value of Property
	State	Home	Foreign	Church Build-ings (Not at Home)	Bible and Colportage†	Ministerial	College Build-ings	Institute Board			Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Buildings	Poor, Fuel, Sunday Schools, Etc.		
Adamsville.....	\$ 3 50	\$	\$	\$ 9 85	\$	\$ 4 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 48 31	\$ 1 50	\$ 10 00	\$	\$ 15 00	\$ 875 00		
Avondale.....	26 00	12 22	11 35					48 31	3 75	690 01	586 23	200 35	1,592 07	6,000 00	
Bellview.....	3 35	3 35	3 35					3 33	50	75 00		24 60	114 48	1,000 00	
*Birmingham, First.....	317 50	258 18	256 47			25 00	25 00	192 21	5 00	2,138 00	3,000 00	1,292 26	7,587 62	15,000 00	
Birmingham, South Side...	162 77	180 53	65 00				10 00	46 32	5 00	2,500 00	2,470 90	2,740 44	8,180 96	45,000 00	
Birmingham, Second.....		15 26								400 00		139 25	554 51	6,000 00	
Birmingham, Fountain H.	11 00	26 00						5 00	1 00	309 00	582 10	140 09	1,074 19	1,800 00	
Blossburg.....	5 00									60 00		31 85	91 85		
Brookside.....									1 00	120 00		6 00	127 00		
Central.....									1 50	30 00	23 00	5 49	59 99	800 00	
Compton Hill.....			2 50						50	34 83			37 83	125 00	
Concord.....	7 70								2 35	125 00	390 00	10 70	535 75	503 00	
Elyton.....	5 25								1 00	282 62		71 50	360 37	1,500 00	
Ensley.....	148 40		3 00					13 74	2 25		1,291 20	183 61	1,641 84	2,000 00	
Hebron.....									50				50	350 00	
Hopewell.....	2 50	7 50							2 00	30 00	7 20	9 67	58 87	500 00	
Irondale.....	6 10	8 95							1 75	74 00			90 80	1,000 00	
Mary Lee.....									1 50	2 60		5 00	9 10		
McElwain.....	3 50	5 00	4 20	6 01		4 00		8 66	1 50	159 04		28 88	220 79	1,000 00	
Mt. Olive.....	1 00	1 00	85						1 00				3 85	300 00	
New Bethel.....	3 48	3 65	7 01			5 57	6 40	4 00	2 50	43 55		35 13	111 29	550 00	
New Castle.....	1 50		4 51						1 00	57 50			64 51		
New Prospect.....	9 99	7 91	3 91	2 06			3 60	2 70	7 65	100 00	17 60	31 06	188 48	1,000 00	
Oak Grove.....	58	57	57						1 35	25 00		92	28 99	890 00	
Oxmoor.....	12 69	12 68	12 63						1 50	240 00		12 35	291 85		
Packer Memorial.....									1 00	19 92	1,592 00	38 45	1,657 37	2,000 00	
Pine Grove.....	4 00							2 00	75	30 00			36 75	400 00	
Pratt City.....	95 07	73 36	73 38	5 50				13 12	3 00	924 00		720 80	1,908 31	4,500 00	
Rehoba.....	1 50							1 55	75				3 80		
Rocky Ridge.....			2 00					2 45	95	30 00	50 00	6 00	91 40	400 00	
Ruhama.....	109 06	139 96	69 67	5 00		6 00		90 00	5 00	1,074 39	463 58	197 32	2,349 21	5,000 00	
Salem.....	1 65								70			8 50	10 85	1,000 00	
Shade's Valley.....								3 75	1 25	100 00	160 00		265 00	850 00	
Springdale.....	10 72		63						2 00				13 35	500 00	
Springville.....	3 52	3 65	4 24			5 20		3 40	2 00	160 05	25 00	43 60	258 23	1,000 00	
Sulphur Spring.....	15	4 24				1 90		65	1 00	13 40			21 34	50 00	
Trussville.....	21 80	18 70	16 23	6 18		97	7 50	3 77	1 65	196 00		107 94	†393 25	1,000 00	
Warrior.....	11 31	33 91	70 59		2 65	24 20	10 00	7 76	2 00	290 00		91 35	624 68	1,700 00	
Woodlawn.....	150 00	44 60	29 50	18 10		21 00		12 50	3 00	1,200 00	150 00	352 30	2,005 70	8,000 00	
Total.....	\$1,140 59	\$861 22	\$651 59	\$52 70	\$2 65	\$97 84	\$31 10	\$76 70	\$482 51	\$67 00	\$12,087 86	\$10,782 81	\$6,534 41	\$32,673 73	\$112,503 00

* Statistics are for eleven months only.

† To this should be added \$80.95 from Women's Society and \$59.85 Sun Beams.



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