

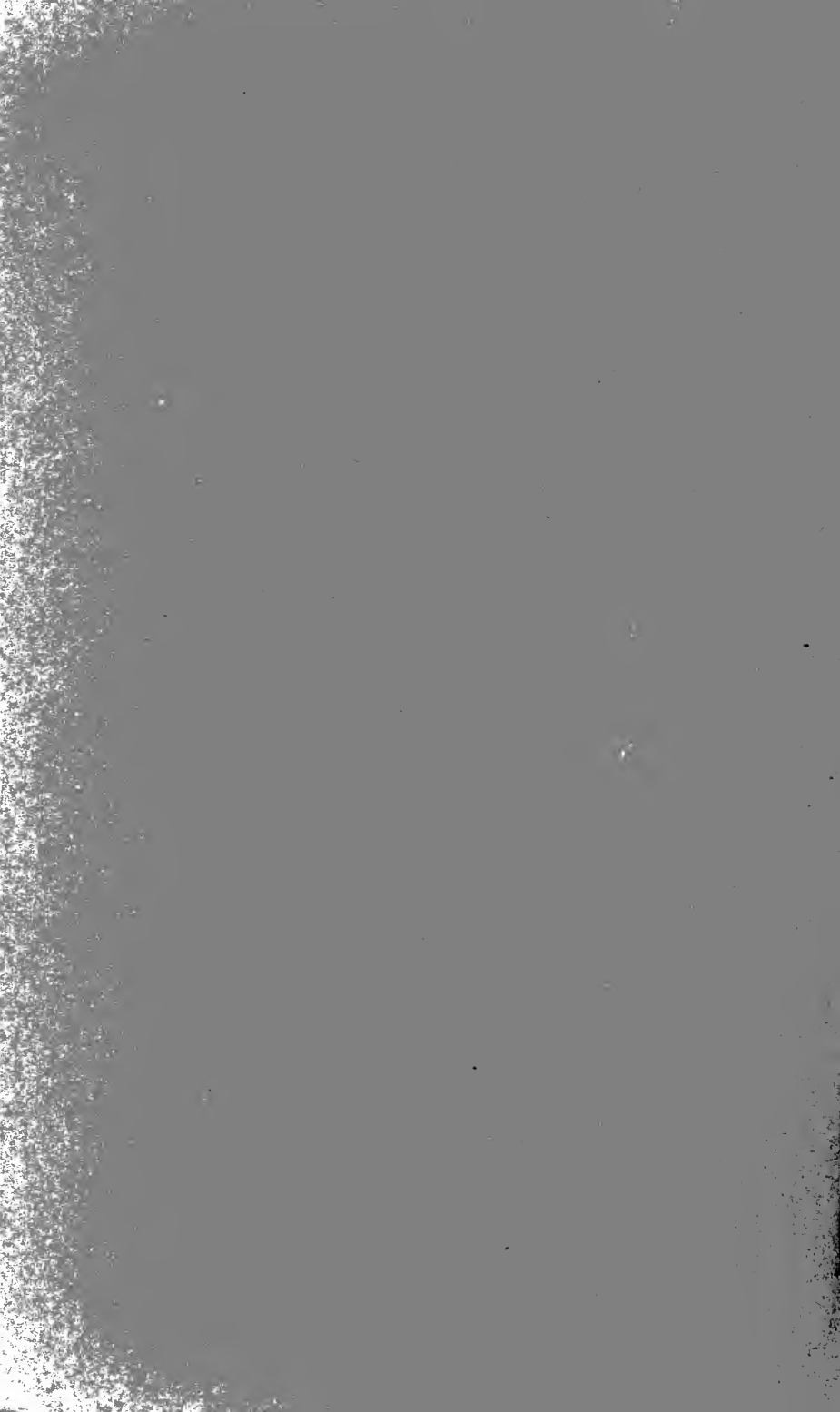
PROCEEDINGS
-OF THE-
65th Annual Session
-OF THE-
Union Baptist Association,
HELD WITH
MILLPORT BAPTIST CHURCH,
LAMAR COUNTY, ALABAMA,
COMMENCING AUGUST 28TH, 1900.

OFFICERS:

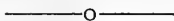
W. G. ROBERTSON, Moderator, - - - CARROLLTON, ALA.
W. L. WHITE, Clerk and Treasurer, - - - PICKENSVILLE, ALA.

The next Session of the Association will be held with Cross Roads Church, Pickens County, Alabama, beginning on Tuesday before the Second Sunday in September, 1901, and continuing three days.

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PROCEEDINGS.



MILLPORT, ALA., Tuesday, August 28th, 1900.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, W. G. Robetson, at 10 a. m., W. L. White, Clerk; at the desk.

The Moderator conducted devotional exercises, reading Luke x: 1-11; prayer by Elder W. B. Crumpton, and special prayer by Elder D. O. Baird for more laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Brethren Curtis Williams and J. F. Hodge were appointed to read the letters, and the messengers were enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Bethlehem—D. O. Baird, J. F. Hodge and G. A. Sanford.
Fellowship—Not represented.
Kennedy—W. L. Beatty.
Liberty—J. R. Wilkins and J. W. Abrams.
Millport—Jas. Hodo, G. S. Keenum and Jno. Cox.
Mt. Pleasant—J. D. Holman and W. T. Strawn.
New Salem—J. I. Pratt, Jr.
Pleasant Grove—A. P. Babbit and Will Babbit.
Spring Hill (Laur)—G. B. Coleman, O. E. Wooten and L. H. Hendrix.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Arbor Springs—J. S. Keating, T. J. Lowe and M. P. Carpenter.
Big Creek—Hix I. Chappell, J. N. Mullins and Bonner Lee.
Cross Roads—Samel Shaw and Eddie Pogue.
Hebron—J. M. Haper, W. C. Thaxton and W. B. Goree.
Hickory Grove—J. I. Gentry, S. W. Holmes and J. W. Holmes.
Mineral Springs—Letter and funds.
McBee—Not represented.
Oak Ridge—Not represented.
Spring Hill (Picken)—Letter and funds.
Union Center—J. M. Miller, J. A. Shepherd and Z. J. Hall.
Reform—Letter and funds.
South Carolina—W. C. Hancock and R. A. Stimpson.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Carrollton—W. G. Robertson and J. W. Caldwell.
 Ebenezer—T. H. Noland.
 Enon—Not represented.
 Prairie—Not represented.
 Unity—Not represented.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Bethel—Letter and funds.
 Benlah—Letter and funds.
 Cornelius Chapel—Not represented.
 Chalcedony—Not represented.
 Flat Woods—Jas. Yerby.
 Forest—Not represented.
 Grant's Creek—Letter and funds.
 New Hope—Letter and funds.
 Shiloh—Jas. D. Ray.
 Zion—Not represented.

There being two letters from Hickory Gove Church, the Moderator appointed a Committee on Credentials consisting of D. O. Baird, Hix B. Chappell and G. B. Coleman and requested them to report at once.

Reported as follows, and adopted :

We, your Committee on Credentials, would report:

That Brethren J. M. Gentry, S. W. Holmes and J. W. Holmes be recognized as messengers from Hickory Grove Church in this Association.
 D. O. BAIRD, Chairman.

On motion, the rules were suspended and the former Moderator and Clerk and Treasurer were elected by acclamation.

Order of business reported by the committee adopted, and subsequent proceedings conducted accordingly.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. W. Caldwell; text, 1st Peter i: 3-5.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Moderator, and prayer by Eld. Jas. D. Ray.

Under Miscellaneous Business, delayed letters from churches were read and messengers enrolled.

Moderator called for correspondence and received the following :

State Board of Missions—Secretary W. B. Campton.
 Foreign Mission Board—W. L. White, Vice-pres. of Association.
 Howard College—President F. M. Roof and Prof. Branch.
 Alabama Central Female College—President B. F. Giles.
 Baptist Orphanage—Secretary J. W. Stewart.
 Alabama Baptist—J. A. Howard.

Moderator welcomed all visitors.

Report on Bible and Colportage read, and discussed by D. O. Baird. Pending discussion, Bro. W. B. Crumpton was given one hour to speak on the report and the cause of missions. The recommendations in the report were referred to a committee of five, one from each District and one from the Association at large. The Moderator appointed Hix B. Chappell, chairman; J. B. Hodo, J. A. Shepherd, T. H. Noland and J. D. Ray. Report was then adopted. (This report appears later.)

Moderator announced Temporary Committees :

On Religious Exercises—J. M. Mills, T. H. Noland and Pastor and Deacons of Millport Church.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Hix B. Chappell, Joe Shepherd and J. N. Mullins.

On Documents—Elder H. B. Chappell, J. A. Shepherd and J. W. Abrams.

On Nominations—W. C. Hancock, J. A. Watkins and M. P. Carpenter.

On Finance—J. D. Manning and T. H. Noland.

On Apportionment—Jas. B. Hodo, J. M. Pratt, Jr., and G. B. Coleman.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Elder W. B. Crumpton would preach at the church at 7:30 p. m.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and, after discussion by J. B. Hodo, W. B. Crumpton, W. L. White, W. G. Robertson, Hix B. Chappell and W. J. Beatty, was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Investigation reveals the fact that we are advancing at a slow pace in Sunday School work. The evidence is abundant to sustain the assertion. Few parents attend the schools; consequently a small per cent. of the children, and many of these never prepare a lesson. A small per cent. of the grown-up boys and girls attend; many of these irregularly, who do not study the lessons sufficiently to recite intelligently. It is difficult to procure teachers who will attend punctually and prepare the lessons so as to become efficient. There is a want of laudable ambition to acquire knowledge, and a tendency to avoid mental work.

Parents are responsible to God and society for the results following the manner in which they develop and educate their children. Our Creator places no responsibility that cannot be performed. The right to command and educate their children correctly is the great birth-right of parents, and we are taught that the child will not depart from the way in which he has been trained.

There is no Christian obligation more binding than to get knowledge and understanding, the getting of which develops the moral and intellectual powers; and if there is anything beyond these that constitute the soul, we know nothing of it. Through the knowledge of Christ the world is to be brought to God, and His will accomplished. We can do God's will only so far as we know, and we know as much as we honestly desire.

The spirit of Christ will lead us into truth if we honestly strive for it. There is no channel, outside of the pulpit, through which the soul can be properly developed, superior to the Sunday School. Thro' its work, based upon the earnest co-operation of parents, the preaching becomes effectual. The pulpit is largely responsible for the conditions of our schools. The preacher is a teacher, and should qualify himself, and lead his people to know that mental laziness is a sin that brings injury to self, family and society; that religion is a principle and leads us to serve mankind, as Christ did; that every good thought and deed is another round in the ladder which leads to Heaven; that the extent of virtue is marked by obedience to God's laws.

JAS. B. HODO, Chairman.

Reports from Districts were as follows :

FIRST DISTRICT.

Our next meeting will convene with New Salem Church, commencing on Friday before the 5th Sunday in September, 1900.

Introductory Sermon by Elder D. O. Baird; alternate, Elder W. J. Beatty.

Missionary Sermon by Elder G. W. Kerr; alternate, Elder O. E. Wooten.

Query 1—What is the greatest duty a Christian owes to his family? Opened by J. R. Wilkins.

Query 2—Of what does consecration to God and His service consist? Opened by G. W. Kerr.

Query 3—Can Baptists prove that their restrictive communion is sustained by the Word of God? Opened by Rev. D. O. Baird.

Query 4—Do the Scriptures make it the duty of every church member to support the Gospel? If so, what should be done with a member who wilfully refuses to do so? Opened by W. H. Smothers.

Query 5—What should be done with a church member who will not attend his Conference meetings? Opened by W. A. Estes.

Respectfully submitted, ELDER D. O. BAIRD,
J. F. HODGE, Secretary. Moderator.

SECOND DISTRICT (no report).

THIRD DISTRICT.

The next session will be held with the Baptist Church at Carrollton, commencing Friday, 11 a. m., before the third 5th Sunday after the next Association.

Introductory Sermon by Elder W. L. White; alternate, Elder Hix B. Chappell.

Missionary Sermon, on Sunday, by Elder J. W. Caldwell; alternate, Elder G. W. Kerr.

Query 1—What does the church owe to her younger members? W. G. Robertson.

Query 2—Why do Baptists practice immersion only for baptism? Elder J. W. Caldwell.

Query 3—What should be the dominant impulse in mission work? C. W. Free.

Query 4—Why do Baptists not invite members of other denominations to the Lord's Supper? Elder W. L. White.

Query 5—What relation should exist between pastor and church? W. C. Mayes.

Query 6—What are the necessary qualifications for church membership? Elder Hix B. Chappell.

While the attendance, on account of rain, was small, the meeting was a joyous and profitable occasion.

After the Missionary Sermon, a collection for State Missions was taken amounting to \$7.25.

J. W. CALDWELL, Clerk.

T. H. NOLAND,
Moderator.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

The next session of the Fourth District will be held with Flat Woods Church, Pickens County, Ala., beginning Friday before the third Lord's day in August, 1901.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. W. Caldwell; alternate, Elder Jas. D. Ray.

Missionary Sermon by Elder J. L. Ray; alternate, Elder J. D. Hamner.

Query 1—What are the tests of discipleship? Opened by T. J. Burks.

Query 2—What can be done to make our churches more attractive to young people? Opened by E. M. Beale.

Query 3—The benefits and importance of good discipline in our churches. Opened by R. J. O'Briant.

Query 4—What are public offences, and how should we deal with them? Opened by J. H. M. Anders.

Collection for missions, \$5.09; forwarded with this report.

J. L. RAY, Clerk.

J. P. BARNETT,
Moderator.

On motion, it was recommended that the District meetings discuss the programme of the Twentieth Century in place of those reported, with same speakers.

The programme is here given :

- I. Our Denomination a Century Ago.
- II. Denominational Growth the Last Century.
- III. Our Denominational Missions a Century Ago.
- IV. Progress of Our Denominational Missions During the Last Century.
- V. Our Present Improved Equipment for Mission Work in the Century to Come.
- VI. What Should Be the Special Aims of the Denomination for the Century to Come.
- VII. The Denominational Organization Needed for the Accomplishment of These Aims.
- VIII. The Leadership and Responsibility of Pastors in This Work.

[NOTE—Literature on these subjects can be had by writing to Elder W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala.]

WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

Moderator conducted devotional exercises. Bro. B. F. Giles lead in special prayer for more laborers.

Report on Orphanage was read and, after discussion by Bro. J. W. Stewart, a free-will offering was made to the amount of \$10.85 and report adopted.

 REPORT ON ORPHAN'S HOME.

Our Orphan's Home was temporarily located at Evergreen, in January, 1893, and on March 10th following the first children were received under its protecting care. By November of that year we had received twenty-two children, and the little, rented, dilapidated house was more than full, and a negro cabin in the corner of the yard had to be fitted up to hold the overflow of children.

The Trustees, after having duly considered all possible places for a permanent location, decided to let it remain permanently in Evergreen and purchased an old homestead consisting of 80 acres of land, with a brick residence containing ten rooms, and three tenant houses. This property was admirably located. The purchase price was \$5,000, in three installments, with interest on the deferred payments. The amount actually paid was \$5,400.33. This debt was duly paid, and the property was improved and changed and another building added, and all debts for improvements were paid. No encumbrance has ever been on the Home.

About 30 acres of this land is in farm, 30 in pasture, and 20 in woods. The boys are taught to do farm work, while the girls do various kinds of house work, from scrubbing in the kitchen to the making of a dress.

The family life of the children is about like that of any well-regulated family. There are no written rules to govern the children, but they are taught to observe one rule that contains all others: viz. "Do right." While the physical and industrial life of the children is looked after carefully, their spiritual life is not neglected. Many of them have been baptized. All that are large enough attend Sunday School and church, and regular family worship is held every evening.

The 136 children that have been received since the Home was started came from 30 counties, as follows: Autauga 2, Barbour 8, Bibb 2, Bullock 1, Butler 3, Chambers 1, Conecuh 2, Covington 8, Dallas 4, Elmore 4, Escambia 11, Hale 3, Henry 4, Mobile 1, Monroe 4, Montgomery 8, Morgan 3, Pike 2, Russell 4, Shelby 1, Talladega 10, Tallapoosa 2, Tuscaloosa 9 and Walker 6. Of these 2 boys and 4 girls have died; 2 boys have been apprenticed; 2 boys and 1 girl have been irregularly discharged; 13 boys and 18 girls have been returned to their people, and 15 boys and 14 girls have been adopted, making 34 boys and 37 girls that have gone out from us, leaving 29 boys and 36 girls in the Home. 136 received, 71 gone out, 65 here, in the Home.

Our great constant need is money or food for the regular support of these children, and our special urgent need is another building, so that we could take proper care of our children when they are sick. All our rooms are regularly occupied by the family, and when we have sick children it is impracticable to take proper care of them, or to isolate them in case of contagious diseases. "I was sick and ye visited me."

It takes about \$10.00 a day for the regular support of these children. We have no income except the free-will offerings of the friends of our work. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord."

Who will dare to say these defenceless children should not be cared for? Why are there still five hundred Baptist preachers in Alabama who, so far as is known, have never shown the least interest in this work? Why are there at least twelve hundred churches that have not yet been heard from?

Your committee respectfully urge that all pastors bring the needs of this work before the people, both for the regular support of the work and also to help in any special work necessary.

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. SMITH, Chairman.

Reports on Missions were read :

STATE MISSIONS.

The State Board of Missions commenced its work at the beginning of the present Convention year under the most favorable auspices. The debts that had shackled it so long were all paid and the Board had secured the services of that fearless, discreet and consecrated champion of missions, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, as secretary; who, by his indomitable energy and burning zeal has done more perhaps than any other man to arouse the mission spirit in the Baptists of Alabama.

We regret that the Centennial movement inaugurated for the purpose of creating a livelier interest in all mission work, to the end that this, the closing year of the century, might be the crowning year and mark an era of great progress in this great cause, has not met with the success it deserved. The present policy of the Board is to increase as far as possible the contributions from the churches; to supply destitution in our cities, towns and in the country, and especially to meet the demands of the new towns that are constantly and quickly springing into existence. We believe that the Baptists of Alabama are convinced of the necessity of the work trying to be done by this Board and are generally in sympathy with it, and the only obstacle to prevent a great and glorious work from being accomplished is a lack of money. If every church could be gotten to contribute to this cause and every member of every church be made a contributor, it would not be long before the "deserted places would blossom as the rose." We recommend that the churches composing this Association co-operate with the Board as in the past; that we increase our contributions as liberally as we can, and that our pastors do their utmost during the coming year to get every member of their churches to contribute to this cause.

Respectfully submitted.

M. B. CURRY, Chairman.

HOME MISSIONS.

No work should more earnestly claim our attention than Home Missions, as out of Home Missions comes the spirit of world-wide evangelization.

During the past year, no work has prospered more in our hands under God.

Home Missions includes under its direction the field in the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board is pushing the work as best it can with present facilities: First, in the mountain region, which comprises parts of the states of Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia; second, among our negro population, about eight millions in number; third, on the frontier, a field roughly estimated as being one thousand miles long and five hundred miles wide; fourth, in Cuba, whose suffering and down-trodden people have recently been delivered from a terrible political bondage. It is ours now to deliver them from a more terrible enslavement: the bondage of sin, of superstition and of priest-craft, by preaching unto them Christ, who will make them free indeed.

Oh! the crying need on every hand, the entering of newly opened doors, the appeal for help from our weak churches and destitute places comes to every Christian heart and should call forth our deepest sympathy, earnest prayer and the contribution of our means to its support.

And thus give to Home Missions, and thus you cultivate the spirit of giving for Foreign Missions; pray for Home Missions, and you cannot keep back a prayer that will inevitably spring up in the heart for the complete evangelization of the whole world.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. CALDWELL, Chairman.

On motion, Bro. Jas. B. Hodo was requested to prepare the Report on Foreign Missions and submit it in the afternoon.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your Committee has endeavored to carry out the instructions of this body in looking after the destitution within the bounds of our Association.

A meeting was held on October 24th, 1899, and after due deliberation, Bro. W. L. White was employed as missionary pastor at Reform and Gordo, to preach at Reform Sunday at 11 a. m. and at Gordo at night, one Sunday in each month. Bro. G. W. Kerr was also employed for one Sunday as missionary pastor at Ethelville. Your committee appropriated \$25.00 to each of these places to supplement the salary.

Reform and Ethelville have each an organized church, and each has held good meetings. Five were baptized at Reform. The pastor was assisted by Bro. J. F. Gable, of Montgomery. While there were no visible results of the meeting held at Ethelville, by the pastor and our Bro. Baird, yet much good was done. A meeting is in contemplation at Gordo for September.

These towns are growing fast. Reform has nearly doubled its population since our last Association. A large mill plant is located there with over fifty operatives. Gordo is still growing.

None of these places have as yet a house of worship. Money is being raised on subscription, and we hope to build in all these places before our next meeting.

We would recommend that larger appropriations be made to each of these places, that they may have a strong man for at least one Sunday in each month.

Your committee has taken the destitute places in other parts of the Association into consideration. McBee and Oak Ridge have been looked after, and we find they have very few members in each of these churches and have had no regular preaching or conference meetings for more than three years. We recommend that they be communicated with, and if they do not do something for the cause of Christ before our next meeting that they be stricken from our roll of churches.

Your committee has tried to hold regular quarterly meetings, and keep in touch with all our churches by circular letters and recommendations, which many of them have not noticed. Under the guidance of God we have been blessed in our work.

W. L. WHITE, Secretary.

Reports were discussed by Elder J. W. Caldwell and F. M. Roof.

Pending discussion, Elder W. L. White preached Missionary Sermon; text, Matt. vi:10. Collection taken for missions, \$11.00.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Moderator conducted devotional exercises.

Bro. W. L. White was excused from further attendance on account of death in home, and Bro. J. D. Ray was requested to act as clerk pro tem.

REPORT ON TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT.

The Southern Baptist Convention has inaugurated a movement for the purpose of celebrating the dawn of the Twentieth Century in a manner that will rally the Baptists of the South, in solid array, for the mighty conflict with sin and the powers of darkness, under the banner of our King Immanuel. Without going into details, your committee beg to say, that the execution of this movement is under the direction of our State Secretary.

I was appointed Associational chairman, with request to appoint four other brethren who, with the chairman, would constitute the Associational Committee; and also to appoint a committee of three in each church, all of which was done, and a notice in circular form mailed to each, urging co-operation.

The program looks to the higher education of our people in the history and achievements of Baptists, and the ultimate victory of the Lord's hosts, that we may have a better knowledge of our duty to God and fallen humanity. Programs and literature can be obtained by writing to W. B. Crumpton, at Montgomery, Ala.

We recommend and urge our churches and pastors to heartily unite in this movement and make it one of great profit to the cause of our blessed Redeemer.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

Report on Twentieth Century Movement discussed by W. G. Robertson and D. O. Baird, and adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Our foreign work is under the supervision of a Board located at Richmond, Va., Rev. R. J. Willingham, Corresponding Secretary. The Foreign field includes China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. In these fields we have ninety-four missionaries, against seventy-six of last year. We are able to report 1,341 baptisms, against 701 of last year. We closed the year with all debts paid and a balance on hand of \$14,737.82, against \$2,975.96 of last year. This is indeed gratifying, and we should see to it that we listen to the demands for greater work. Let us not be disheartened. Jesus said: "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." China may seem dark, but let us remember man's extremity is God's opportunity. Let all our pastors take regular monthly or weekly contributions, and distribute mission literature, which may be had by addressing Dr. R. J. Willingham, Richmond, Va. Respectfully submitted.

J. B. HODO.

Reports on Missions taken up and further discussed by Hix B. Chappell, J. W. Stewart, J. A. Howard and J. W. Caldwell, and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We fully realize the necessity of educating our people. Education, properly speaking, is the harmonious development of the mental, moral, physical and spiritual. This is desirable, because the highest cultivation depends upon it as well as the greatest happiness to our fellows and to ourselves. Therefore, we would earnestly recommend that we patronize only those schools that look strictly to the religious training of the individual as well as the mental.

We further recommend that our people remember the Howard, the Judson and the Central of Tuscaloosa as standing for the higher Christian development and proper mental training. We have given them our prayers and sympathy; let us give them our hearty support.

We further recommend that we enlist ourselves in the great work of raising a permanent endowment for our colleges.

We stand face to face to-day with the demands of our churches for a better educated ministry. We have established a Seminary at Louisville, Ky., for the training of our ministers.

We further recommend that we give our sympathy, prayers and means in aiding and encouraging a higher education for our ministers.

Respectfully submitted.

JAS. D. RAY, Chairman.

Report on Education, after discussion by Jas. D. Ray, Profs. F. M. Roof and B. F. Giles and J. A. Howard, adopted.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

The influence of true literature is always instrumental in shaping the character and destiny of the youth of our land.

We would most heartily recommend the study of the Bible.

We also desire that our state paper, "The Alabama Baptist," should be read in every family.

We recommend the reading of the "Foreign Mission Journal," that we may be brought into sympathy with the great cause of missions.

S. S. THORNTON, Chairman.

Bro. J. A. Howard spoke on this report, in behalf of "The Alabama Baptist;" report adopted.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that Prof. B. F. Giles would preach at the Baptist Church at 7:30 p. m.

Under Miscellaneous Business, the committee appointed at the last Association to advise with Hickory Grove Church reported, and report adopted. It follows:

We, your committee appointed to visit Hickory Grove Church and advise with them, submit the following:

We visited the church and found that R. J. O'Briant has received a letter of dismission.

We also found that J. W. Wright is teaching and preaching unsound doctrine.

We therefore recommended Hickory Grove Church to exclude the said J. W. Wright with all members of said church who believe and hold with him, if they will not renounce such heterodoxal faith.

G. B. COLEMAN,
D. O. BAIRD,
G. W. KERR, } Committee.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

Moderator conducted devotional exercises; prayer by Elder D. O. Baird.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your committee appointed to consider the recommendations contained in the Bible and Colportage Report, submit the following:

We fully realize the need of Bible and colportage work, but we do not deem it advisable to put any man in the field unless he shall be efficient and competent; we should also give him a sufficient salary to support him. We know of no one whom we could now recommend to this responsible position.

Therefore, we recommend that it be left to the careful and judicious consideration of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted.

HIX B. CHAPPELL, Chairman.

 REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman's work as advocated by this report proposes to remove all unwarranted restrictions on her liberty of service to the Redeemer. It asks the sisters of the churches to join hands with one another in whole-hearted activity for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

It is a lamentable fact that we have so many women in our churches whose influence in God's service is unfelt, because of no organic and co-operative plan in this noble work. We would, therefore, solicit a more earnest interest in this work on the part of pastors and churches; and would recommend that our women's societies be asked to send messengers to represent their several organizations, to meet in separate assembly during the session of this body.

Sister S. A. Robertson, of Carrollton, Ala., is our efficient Associational President, and will take pleasure in furnishing literature to the sisters of any church, and otherwise assisting them in organizing societies. Respectfully submitted. J. W. CALDWELL, Chairman.

Discussed by J. W. Caldwell, D. O. Baird and W. G. Robertson, and adopted.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons report the following:

Since the last session of this Association our Heavenly Father has called our much-loved and esteemed brother, Elder Joseph Perry Lee, from earth to his heavenly rest.

Brother Lee had passed the meridian of life when he entered the ministry and, without the advantages of even an academic education, he made a faithful and much-loved pastor.

The deceased was born May 27th, 1820, in Union County, South Carolina, came to Alabama about 1848, and died in Columbus, Miss., May 31, 1900, having reached his four-score years. Brother Lee married first Miss Miriam Troutman, who lived only a few months, and, in 1851, he married Miss Pina Ann Stringfellow, who survives him with two sons and a daughter. We extend to these our sympathy and condolence in their loss and affliction.

Brother Lee was licensed by Oak Ridge Church, November 2nd, 1867, and was ordained by same church at February conference, 1869, the presbytery being Elders George M. Lyles and James M. Land. Brother Lee served as pastor the following churches: Alabama—Oak Ridge, Enon, Spring Hill, Mineral Spring and Arbor Spring; Mississippi—Mt. Zion, Pleasant Hill, Border Springs, New Salem, Jim's Creek and Bethel. The last few years of his life he was quite feeble and had to desist from the active duties of the ministry.

Surely has a good man fallen—one in whom the churches and Association had the most implicit confidence. May we as an Association emulate his example.

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Deacon J. F. Fason, of Hebron Church, departed this life on the 6th day of February, 1900. We regret that we have not the data to record the principle events of his life. His earlier days were spent in Greene County, Alabama, and on losing his first wife he came to Pickens with his family of children, married Miss Martha Hamiter and settled near Hebron Church. The widow and five children survive him, to whom we extend sympathy and condolence.

Brother Fason was a good man, possessing the love, esteem and confidence of all who knew him. May we cherish his memory and emulate his life.

HIX B. CHAPPELL, Chairman.

 REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee regret to report that they can see but little, if any, progress in this cause. Intemperance, the fountain-head of the many evils that afflict us, is still abroad in our land, and its power for evil is still being seen and felt by many a fond parent. In the name of Israel's God we ask, "Why not stop this demon in his accursed work?" This moral question ought not to be circumscribed by denominational or political bounds. The Christians of the land have the power, but alas! not the will to stop this accursed traffic. We have only to stand breast to breast, and shoulder to shoulder, and vote as honestly as we pray. Then, and not till then, can we abolish the sale of whiskey. Believing some progress can be made in this cause, your committee would recommend, that we wage an unceasing and an uncompromising warfare against the open saloon.

Respectfully submitted. HIX B. CHAPPELL, Chairman.

Discussed by Hix B. Chappell, D. O. Baird, J. W. Caldwell and W. G. Robertson, amended and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee on Nominations begs leave to submit the following:

The next session of this body will be held with Cross Roads Church, Tuesday before the 2nd Sunday in September, 1901.

Introductory Sermon by Elder J. D. Ray; alternate, Elder W. J. Beatty.

Missionary Sermon by Elder D. O. Baird; alternate, Elder J. A. Estes.

Doctrinal Sermon by Elder W. L. White; alternate, Elder O. E. Wooten. Subject: The Final Perseverance of the Saints.

W. C. HANCOCK, Chairman.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We regret to report that from the letters we, as a body, have made little progress in extending our Master's kingdom. We are glad to report that some churches have experienced gracious revivals, but many others, we are sorry to say, deplore their cold spiritual condition. Many churches report no prayer-meetings and Sunday schools; while many others have no pastors. Only a comparative few take "The Alabama Baptist." Respectfully submitted.

HIX B. CHAPPELL, Chairman.

Report adopted.

At 11 a. m. Bro. J. D. Ray preached the Doctrinal Sermon on Regeneration; text, 1 John v:12.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Moderator; prayer by J. D. Ray.

Returned Correspondence. Messengers to

Southern Baptist Convention—Elder D. O. Baird; alternate, W. G. Robertson.

Alabama Baptist State Convention—W. G. Robertson, J. F. Hodge and W. C. Hancock.

Sister Associations—Any brother bearing a minute of this Association.

On motion, churches were requested to send money to defray expenses of messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention.

On motion, the same Executive Committee of last year was retained, viz: 1st District, J. F. Hodge; 2nd District, J. A. Pearson; 3rd District, M. B. Curry; 4th District, J. Upchurch; and the Moderator and Clerk.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

Bethlehem	\$12 00	Enon	\$20 00
Liberty	10 00	Prairie	25 00
Fellowship	8 00	Shiloh	15 00
Spring Hill (Lamar)	15 00	Bethel	60 00
Millport	15 00	Beulah	50 00
Kennedy	25 00	New Hope	20 00
New Salem	7 00	Forest	25 00
Arbor Springs	12 00	Zion	5 00
Mineral Springs	15 00	Flat Woods	5 00
Spring Hill (Pickens)	15 00	Cornelius Chapel	5 00
Hebron	10 00	Grant's Creek	50 00
Big Creek	15 00	Chalcedony	5 00
Cross Roads	10 00	Union Center	10 00
Hickory Grove	5 00	Ethelville	7 00
Mt. Pleasant	10 00	Reform	7 00
Pickensville	25 00	Unity	20 00
Carrollton	40 00		
Ebenezer	15 00	Total	\$593 00

JAS. B. HODO, Chairman.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Received for Minutes	- - - - -	\$30 85
" " Associational purposes	- - - - -	9 50
" " Missions and other purposes	- - - - -	61 01
Total Cash sent	- - - - -	\$100 36

J. D. MANNING, } Committee.
T. H. NOLAND, }

On motion, the Clerk was requested to superintend the printing of the minutes, and receive \$15.00 for his services.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. L. White, Treasurer, in account with Union Association:

To amount received from Finance Committee	- - - - -	\$100 36
" " " since Association	- - - - -	7 43
Total cash	- - - - -	\$107 79
Paid for minutes	- - - - -	\$30 00
" Clerk	- - - - -	15 00
" over to Executive Committee	- - - - -	62 79
		\$107 79

W. L. WHITE, Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

W. G. Robertson, Treasurer Executive Committee, in account with Union Association :

Sept. 25, 1899	To amount on hand for State Missions.....	\$61 03
" 1, 1900	" received for	99 65
"	" " Foreign "	13 98
"	" " Home "	11 63
"	" " Orphanage	2 23
"	" " Ministerial Education.....	10 26
"	" " Church Building	21 40
"	" " from W. L. White, Clerk and Tr.	62 79
	C.R.	-----\$282 97
	By am't paid Rev. Geo. W. Kerr, Ethelville Mission..	\$25 00
"	" " Rev. W. L. White, Gordo ..	25 00
"	" " " Reform " ..	25 00
"	" " Rev. J. F. Gable, ass't Reform " ..	23 20
"	" " Rev. W. B. Crumpton, Se'y, State Miss ..	20 00
"	" " Foreign Mission Board	23 83
"	" " Home " ..	19 08
"	" " Ministerial Education Board.....	14 25
"	" " Orphanage	6 07
"	" " Building—Entaw and Alabama City.....	5 15
"	" " Postage, Circulars, &c	5 14
"	" reserved for Ethelville Building	16 25
"	" " Associational Missions.....	75 00
		-----\$282 97
Sept. 1, 1900	To balance on hand for Associational Missions	\$75 00
"	" " Ethelville Building.....	16 25
		-----\$91 25

Respectfully submitted.

W. G. ROBERTSON,
Treasurer Ex. Comm.

The following resolutions were adopted:

TO SUSTAIN HOWARD COLLEGE.

Resolved, That it is the Christian duty of every member of this Association to urge our people to work for and sustain Howard College, for if we neglect to develop or educate the intellectual powers we neglect the soul, and will be held responsible. JAS. B. HODO.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this body be extended to the good people of Millport Church, and all other denominations of this community, and especially the ladies, for their bountiful hospitality; and also to the Southern Railway Company, for courtesies extended this Association. W. C. HANCOCK.

The Moderator appointed the following Standing Committees :

STATE MISSIONS—W. C. Mayes, U. E. Allen and Jno. W. Cox.

HOME MISSIONS—Rev. Jas. D. Ray, S. S. Thornton and John Upchurch.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—J. B. Hodo, I. M. Noland and P. H. Howard.

EDUCATION—Rev. W. L. White, Rev. Hix B. Chappell and G. S. Keenum.

LITERATURE—Rev. W. J. Beatty, W. P. Peden and H. B. Chappell, Jr.

WOMAN'S WORK—M. L. Stansel, J. M. Lofton and T. H. Sanders.

ORPHANAGE—Rev. D. O. Baird, W. C. Williams and J. M. Mills.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—M. B. Curry, Jno. A. Pearson and Rev. O. E. Wooten.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. G. W. Kerr, Grant Taylor and J. W. Gardner.
 BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE—Rev. J. W. Caldwell, W. C. Hancock
 and G. B. Coleman.

TWENTIETH CENTURY MOVEMENT—W. G. Robertson, M. L. Stansel, Revs. J. W. Caldwell, W. L. White and D. O. Baird.

ORDER OF BUSINESS—Moderator and Clerk.

On motion, adjourned. The parting hand was extended, prayer offered, and the 65th Annual Session of the Union Association was over.

W. G. ROBERTSON, Moderator.

W. L. WHITE, Clerk.

ADDENDA.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

Your Committee begs leave to report the following:

We believe this one of the most important of the enterprises of this Association at this time. We find great need of Bibles and Baptist literature in the Association.

We recommend that the Association employ a competent man who shall give his entire time to the Bible and Colportage work and preaching to the destitute of the Association.

We recommend that the one doing said work shall receive the sum of \$200.00, with all the profits on the sales made by him.

We recommend that the Executive Committee pay the money quarterly, and that the churches be requested to take quarterly collections and send the amount collected to the Executive Committee.

We recommend that the Executive Committee employ the one to do the work as soon as possible, and that he begin the work by the first day of October, 1900, or as soon as possible.

We respectfully recommend that one sermon be preached to each of the churches of this Association on the tenet of the Baptist Church—said sermon to be preached by the Colporteur. He shall also preach on missions, and take collections and turn the money collected over to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

D. O. BAIRD, Chairman.

SECOND DISTRICT.

The next session of the Second District will convene with Big Creek Church on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in December, 1900.

Introductory Sermon by Elder Hix B. Chappell; alternate, Elder J. W. Caldwell.

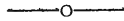
Missionary Sermon by Elder W. L. White; alternate, Elder G. W. Kerr.

J. A. PEARSON, Secretary.





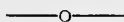
List of Ordained Ministers in this Association,
with Their Post-offices.



D. O. BAIRD,	Coalfire,	Pickens	County,	Alabama.
W. J. BEATY,	Kennedy,	Lamar	"	"
HIX B. CHAPPELL,	Dillburg,	Pickens	"	"
J. A. ESTES,	McBee,	"	"	"
W. A. ESTES,	Palmetto,	"	"	"
J. D. HAMNER,	Romulus,	Tuscaloosa	"	"
G. W. KERR,	Reform,	Pickens	"	"
W. P. PEDEN,	Olney,	"	"	"
J. L. RAY,	Booni,	Tuscaloosa	"	"
J. D. RAY,	"	"	"	"
W. L. WHITE,	Pickensville,	Pickens	"	"
O. E. WOOTEN,	Gentry,	Lamar	"	"
J. W. CALDWELL,	Carrollton,	Pickens	"	"



Synopsis of Minutes of Sunday School Convention.



The 32nd Annual Session of the Sunday School Convention of Union Baptist Association was held with Hebron Church, Pickens County, Alabama, July 27th, 28th and 29th, 1900. There were twelve schools represented by either letters, messengers or reports.

The delegates present being enrolled, the Convention was organized by the election of J. H. Stinson as President and J. A. Pearson as Secretary and Treasurer.

Order of business as reported by Committee adopted.

The subject, "The effect of home training on the Sunday School," was discussed by Bro. W. G. Robertson and Rev. J. F. Gable.

The 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th subjects were ably discussed by all the brethren.

On motion, the phraseology of the 6th subject be changed so as to read, "Should the distinctive doctrines of the Baptist Church be taught in the Sabbath School." The subject was discussed by Rev. W. L. White, Rev. J. F. Gable and Bro. W. G. Robertson.

The subject, "What shall our children read, and how shall it be supplied?" was very profitably discussed.

Sabbath collection given to Foreign Missions.

The next session of the Convention will be held with Spring Hill Church, commencing on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in July, 1901. Introductory Sermon by Rev. D. O. Baird; Missionary Sermon by Rev. W. L. White.

QUERIES AND ESSAYS.

1—The Relation of the Sunday School to Missions. Opened by J. F. Hodge.

2—The use of the open Bible in the class, with other helps. Opened by J. H. Stinson.

3—What is the purpose of Sunday School? Opened by J. A. Pearson.

4—What should be the purpose and motive of teachers? Opened by S. L. Cox.

5—The necessity and importance of evergreen schools, and how to have them? Opened by E. L. Ferguson.

6—What is essential to the highest attainments in the Sunday School work? Opened by M. B. Curry.

7—Temperance—Prohibition or Dispensary? Opened by Rev. W. L. White.

8—The obligation of adult members to the Sunday School? Opened by Chas. W. Fort.

9—What are the qualifications of Superintendants? Opened by W. G. Robertson.

10—How may the young people be kept interested in Sunday School work? Opened by Rev. J. D. Ray.

Finance Committee reported \$9.20 from the various schools for Sunday School work.

On motion, the Central Committee appointed at last session be continued.

On motion, the former Secretary and Treasurer, Bro. W. C. Mayes, is requested to turn over to the present Secretary and Treasurer all monies in his hands belonging to this Convention; and that the funds in the hands of the Treasurer be subject to the orders of the Central Committee of the Convention, to be used in Sunday School work.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. A. Pearson, Treasurer, in account with Sunday School Convention:

To amount received from W. C. Mayes, former Treasurer	\$7 93
“ reported by Finance Committee - - - - -	9 20
“ on hand - - - - -	-----\$17 13

J. A. PEARSON, Treasurer.



