



MINUTES

—OF—

THE THIRD SESSION

OF THE

Sunday School Convention

OF THE

Coosa River Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Coosa Valley Baptist Church, Friday, Saturday and Sunday,
April 27, 28 and 29,

...1900...



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EASONVILLE, ALA., April 27, 1900.

Delegates to compose the third annual session of the Baptist Sunday School Convention of the Coosa River Baptist Association met with the Coosa Valley Baptist Church, Easonville, St. Clair County, Ala., Friday, 8:00 p. m., April 27, 1900.

The Convention was called to order by the Moderator, after which Rev. T. M. Callaway preached from Matt. 5:14.

Adjourned to 9:30 a. m., Saturday.

SATURDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Association called to order.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Lealis Law.

The welcome address was delivered by D. F. Funderburg, and was responded to by J. A. Woodward.

On account of several being absent expected to discuss subjects on the program, J. H. Hayden, A. H. Kidd and D. F. Funderburg were appointed a committee to rearrange the program.

Reports were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

SYLACAUGA—J. L. Wilkes and Mrs. S. Fluker.

SPRING CREEK—W. H. Kidd, A. C. Wilder, Miss Fannie Clements and Miss Ethel Kidd.

TALLADEGA—Rev. T. M. Callaway, J. H. Hayden, J. A. Woodward and W. S. Hyatt.

FAYETTEVILLE—(No report)—Rev. O. P. Bentley and Miss Beulah Wilson.

ANTIOCH—(No report)—Rev. F. G. Mullen.

WILSONVILLE—(No report)—Rev. A. E. Burns.

COOSA VALLEY—J. C. Walker, Mrs. R. M. Clayton, Miss Lucie Willingham and D. F. Funderburg.

CROPWELL—Rev. Lealis Law, Miss Daisy Heaslett, Miss Addie Roberson, T. J. Smith and John Shurbett.

LINCOLN—Henderson Beavers, Miss Pearl Jones, Miss Addie Best and C. D. Lanier.

HARPERSVILLE—R. M. Borum.

RIVERSIDE—H. T. Caldwell, J. H. Wylie, Miss Willie Coleman and Miss Kate Dobbins.

REFUGE—Report; no delegates.

President Wilkes then made his annual address.

Officers elected as follows :

J. L. WILKES, President.

W. S. HYATT, Secretary and Treasurer.

E. D. ACKER, Vice President, 1st District.

J. A. WOODWARD, Vice President, 2d District.

D. F. FUNDERBURG, Vice President, 3d District.

Report of J. H. Hayden, Chairman of the Executive Committee. It was stated that no request had been received from schools unable to buy literature. Bro. Hayden thought we needed to meet and come in touch with each other, that we may know each others wants, and be able to do better work.

On motion, the President appointed Rev. Lealis Law, J. H. Hayden, Rev. A. E. Burns and W. H. Kidd a committee to draft resolutions on the death of Bro. S. P. Burns.

After a song, "The Spiritual Opportunities of Convention," were discussed by Rev. A. E. Burns and Rev. Lealis Law, Rev. T. M. Callaway and J. A. Woodward.

THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS : Prepare for the work ; Adhere to suggestions made by Sunday School workers ; Lean on the Bible, not so much on helps ; This is an age of progress in Sunday School work ; The helps good in their place ; Churches inactive without schools ; " The mill never

grinds with the water that has passed;" Plant seed of spirituality in the hearts of the young, and demons and men cannot remove them; You cannot make an honest boy of one with whom you have been dishonest.

Song, prayer and adjournment to 2:00 P. M.

SATURDAY, 2:00 P. M.

Service of song.

Devotional exercises conducted by J. H. Hayden.

"An Ideal Sunday School:" (a). Superintendent, discussed by J. A. Woodward—Let him be practical, not entirely theoretical; Let him be sincere, honest, faithful; If possible let him be an example to the young people; Don't try to teach that you do not believe. (b). Teacher, discussed by Rev. O. P. Bentley—Absolutely necessary that he be Godly; One that loves children; Must study to be able to teach; Visit your class, and be social. (c). Pupil, D. F. Funderburg—One that can realize their need of knowing of the plan of salvation; Should not be prejudiced, and willing to be taught. Further discussed: Rev. T. M. Callaway—It must be known the school amounts to something, and individual influence be used; Teachers must be able to get and hold their confidence and attention; Teach them not what they desire most to know, but what they ought to know. J. H. Hayden—No ideal pupil, but out of roughness can be made a beautiful structure.

A motion prevailed that each Vice President of the Association arrange a Sunday School rally for each district of the Association at a time that may be thought best.

The committee appointed to draft resolutions on the death of Bro. Burns, offered the following which were adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL OF SAMUEL P. BURNS.

The subject of this report, Bro. Samuel P. Burns, was born near Lincoln, Talladega county, Ala., June 1852. Died in Talladega, March 1, 1900. His boyhood life suggests to many of us an expe-

rience of mixed joy and pain. His father, the venerable Theodore R. Burns, a deacon of the Lincoln Baptist Church, in furnishing some data of his early life writes me that "he, (Samuel P.) professed a hope in Christ at Refuge Church in 1864; but, he was so small for his age, and so young, too, that I advised him not to unite with the church, a fact I have always regretted, for, he told as bright an experience as I ever heard. He did not unite with the church until about 1882 or 1884, at Talladega during a revival conducted by the Purser brothers."

Brother, we would sometimes act more wisely not to meddle with the Lord's work in the enlightening and conversion of souls. In my own long life work with the young I have found some very solid testimonials of the Holy Spirit's work in the conversion of young children fully evidenced in the consecration of more mature years. "Quench not the Spirit" is sometimes as applicable to others as to our own individual life. The testimony of his brethren of the Talladega church reveals a useful, active, consecrated church life, private and official. Some of his brethren of that church present at our recent Sunday School Convention expressed their sorrow at his loss to them in the activities of the church, but were consoled by the many evidences presented during his connection with the church of his devotion to the Master's cause, and his consequent preparedness to meet and accept the summons to come up higher.

Our deep sympathy goes out to his bereaved companion and children, and to his aged parents and the only brother and sister living; and may the consolation of our Elder Brother's abounding grace comfort them in their bereavement.

Fraternally,

LEALIS LAW, Chairman.

Adjourned, with song and prayer.

SATURDAY, 7:30 P. M.

On account of the inclemency of the weather, only a few assembled. A praise service was held, and an interesting talk made by D. F. Funderburg.

SUNDAY, 9:30 A. M.

After devotional exercises, Rev. O. P. Bentley defined "The Power and Place of the Sunday School in Missionary Work." Further remarks were made by Rev. Castleberry and Bro. Embry, aged Sunday School workers.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Rev. A. E. Burns preached. The discourse was eloquent, thoughtful, and of much interest to Sunday School workers.

Collection taken amounting to \$5.36.

After remarks on the charming way in which the delegates of the Convention had been entertained, W. S. Hyatt offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote :

RESOLVED, That the delegates attending this Convention extend to the people of Easonville and vicinity, regardless of denomination, heartfelt thanks for their unbounded Christian hospitality, and wish for them in the future God's richest blessings.

There being no further business to come before the body, after appropriate remarks by the President, and a parting hand shake, the Convention adjourned sine die, subject to a call of the Sunday School Board of the Coosa River Association.

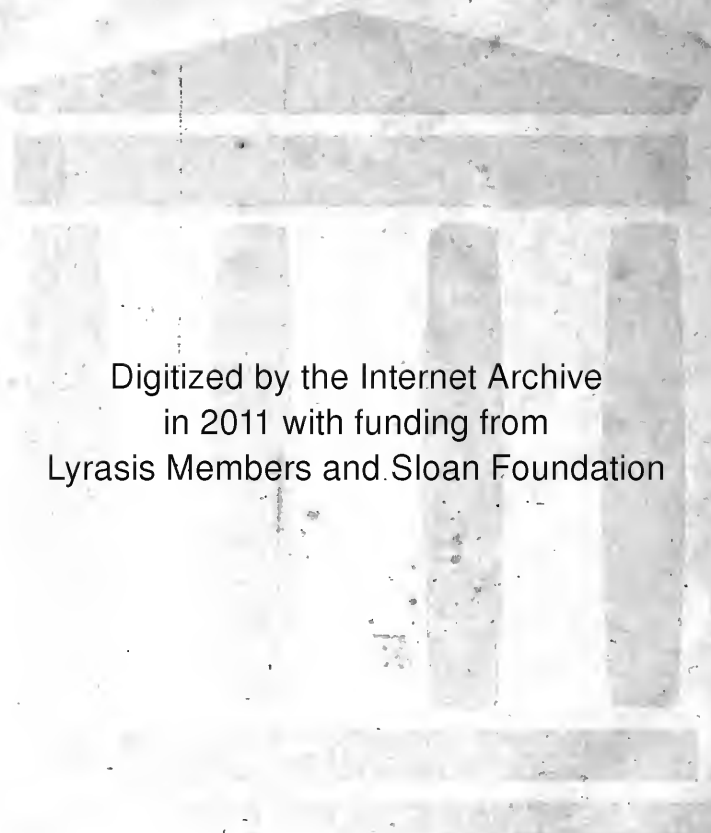
J. L. WILKES, PRESIDENT.

W. S. HYATT, SECRETARY.



STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL TABLE.

SCHOOL.	SUPERINTENDENT.	SECRETARY.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Number of Teachers.	Number of Pupils.	Total.	Amount for Sunday School Literature.	Amount for Mis- sions, Orphans' Home, etc.	Amount sent to Convention.
Sylacauga	W. O. Peice	Graham Darby	Sylacauga	8	89	97	\$11 10	\$41 22	\$1 00
Riverside	C. T. Caldwell	J. G. Marbury	Riverside	4	42	46	4 23	. . . . .	1 00
Lincoln	E. D. Acker	B. C. Best	Lincoln	5	70	75	20 20	. . . . .	3 50
Harpersville	J. F. McGraw . . . . .	. . . . .	Harpersville	5	50	55	10 00	. . . . .	. . . . .
Cropwell	Rev. Leatis Law	Goode S. Heaslett	Cropwell	6	60	64	3 75	5 00	1 00
Talladega	Geo. W. Bishop	W. S. Hyatt	Talladega	9	147	156	28 00	33 31	2 50
Coosa Valley	R. M. Clayton	Joseph Willingham	Easonville	3	35	38	4 85	3 30	2 25
Spring Creek	C. H. Florey	E. P. Kidd	Vincent	6	60	66	8 50	27 50	1 00
Refuge	A. H. Griffin	J. H. Hackney	Lincoln	3	46	49	5 20	15 85	75
							\$95 83	\$126 18	\$13 00



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