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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES
OF THE

137th Session

Selma Baptist Association,

WITH THE

Center Ridge Church, Dallas County, Alabama.

1895.

B. F. ELLIS, Moderator, Orrville, Ala.

J. E. BARNES, Secretary, Selma, Ala.

M. H. TRAYLOR, Treasurer, Benton, Ala.

Next session to be held with Benton Church, Lowndes
County, Ala., Tuesday, before the Third
Sunday in August, 1896.

PREACHERS.

Introductory Sermon by W. M. Blackwelder.

Missionary Sermon, by W. J. Elliott.

COMMITTEES TO REPORT.

On State Missions—I. A. White, H. S. D. Mallory, J. R.
Strickland.

On Home Mission—J. M. Fortune, O. P. Woodruff, M.
H. Traylor.

On Foreign Mission—A. J. Dickinson, J. C. Yates, J. E.
Long.

On Sunday Schools—W. M. Blackwelder, Geo. W.
Coker, Law Lamar.

On Temperance—D. B. Edwards, J. P. Melton, A.
Edwards.

On Education—W. J. Elliott, W. C. Stewart, C. Canty.

On Ministerial Education—H. S. D. Mallory, H. A.
Haralson, W. F. Moseley.

On Literature—J. J. Pipkin, P. W. Johnson, Joe Swink

On Woman's Work—Lewis Johnson, J. E. Dunaway,
W. H. Small.

On Orphan's Home—J. W. Bailey, H. L. Dudley, R. B.
Hardy.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

1. The Selma Baptist Association met in its Thirtieth Annual session with Center Ridge Church, Dallas County, August 13th, 1895.

2. In the absence of W. J. Elliott, I. A. White preached the Introductory Sermon from Matt. 19:30. "But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first."

3. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, B. F. Ellis.

4. On motion, the following committee on enrollment was appointed: Lewis Johnson and J. R. Crumpton.

5. The following is the report of the committee:

Ash Creek—G. K. Bradley.

Benton—Charley Canty.

Bethany—W. J. Dunklin, R. A. Arnold, J. M. Fortune.

Center Ridge—Joe Swink, B. F. Burton, J. H. Yates, R. M. Burton.

Mt. Gilcad—M. H. Traylor, Asa May, E. Hicks, Wm. Cowling.

Hopewell—C. H. Coleman, W. N. Ray, Evans Hinson.

Macedonia—W. T. Bruner, E. W. Blalock.

New Bethel—W. T. Hagood, J. R. Strickland.

Orrville—B. F. Ellis, R. B. Hare, W. F. Moseley.

Pleasant Hill—J. W. Bailey, J. R. Crumpton, Eugene Bailey, Howard Crumpton, W. M. Blackwelder.

Providence—Lewis Johnson, H. L. Dudley, W. E. Purifoy, L. W. Moseley, Frank Averett.

Ruhama—Wm. Small, J. E. Long.

Selma—C. C. Cleveland, H. F. Reese, W. L. Ward, H. S. D. Mallory, F. M. Lamar, H. A. Haralson, A. J. Dickinson, J. E. Barnes.

Shiloh—D. B. Edwards, P. S. Haine, W. W. Stewart.

Sister Springs—J. P. Melton. Jas. Hooper, Clarence Day, R. N. Smoke.

Town Creek—T. E. Whatley, J. J. Pipkin.

6. On Motion I. A. White cast the vote of the Association for B. F. Ellis, Moderator; J. E. Barnes, Clerk; M. H. Traylor, Treasurer.

7. On motion a Committee on Order of Business was appointed, consisting of W. M. Blackwelder, H. A. Haralson, D. B. Edwards. (See Art. XIII.)

8. I. A. White moved that the Association adjourn for a recess of one hour and a half.

9. Benediction by J. J. Pipkin.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

10. On reassembling the Association sang a song and was led in prayer by I. A. White.

11. On motion a committee consisting of I. A. White and H. S. D. Mallory was appointed to read the reports sent up by the churches, before the Association.

12. The following visiting brethren were recognized: W. B. Crumpton, State Board of Missions; S. W. Averett, Judson Institute; J. T. Murfee, fraternal delegate from the Cahaba Association; E. K. Robbins, Seneka Powell, W. N. Huckabee, Wm. Albritton, C. E. Breithaupt, G. W. Stewart, F. M. Fletcher, W. A. Huckabee, fraternal delegates from Pine Barren Association; J. W. Steward, Orphans' Home; J. Bass Shelton, Alabama Baptist,

13. W. M. Blackwelder read the following report on Order of Business:

1. Miscellaneous—Admit new churches; receive and appoint correspondents; appoint committees.

2. Report of standing committees—State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Sunday Schools, Temperance, Education, Ministerial Education, Literature, Woman's Work, Orphans' Home. 3. Reports of Special Committees. 4. Miscellaneous

14. Vacancies on standing committees were filled as follows: On Orphans' Home, J. W. Bailey, W. N. Ray, R. B. Hare.

15. The following committees were appointed to report during this session: On Finance, C. C. Cleveland J. R. Crumpton, L. W. Moseley; On nominations, M. H. Traylor, W. L. Ward, Joseph Swink; On Time and Place, D. B. Edwards, H. L. Dudley, Chas. Canty; Apportionment, L. Johnson, J. C. Yates, H. S. D. Mallory; On State of Religion in the Churches, J. J. Pipkin, W. F. Moseley, J. P. Melton.

16. Report on State Missions being next in order, D. B. Edwards read the report in the absence of W. J. Elliott, Chairman.

Report on State Mission, as amended by A. J. Dickinson.

REPORT ON STATE MISSION.

Twenty years ago this Board was organized. The old Domestic and Indian Mission Board was then located in our state, but very little was being done towards the development of the benevolence of our people.

As our State Secretary has said in reciting this history, great things may have been expected from God, but great things were not attempted for God by the churches.

From the very beginning of this Board, its aim and effort has been to stimulate and develop our people in Christian benevolence and missionary activity.

Out of this institution came the Ministerial Education and Bible and Colportage Board, and every other agency of our conventions has felt its fostering influence. And to-day it is the representative and helper and head center of all our missionary and benevolent enterprise. The work of the Secretary and his associates for the past year has been progressive. The results achieved have been gratifying. Notwithstanding the cry of hard times during the past year, the contributions

to the Board of State Missions have been nearly \$8,000.00. Our Secretary has written hundreds of letters, and distributed a large number of circulars, seeking the aid and co-operation of churches and individuals. He held special rallies, for the purpose of arousing enthusiasm and imparting information. Almost everywhere he has been a new impetus has been given to the work. Many churches and individuals who have been holding themselves aloof from co-operation, have fallen into line, and are moving in harmonious step with the great host of regulars.

We recommend that our pastors in their ministrations urge more frequently upon their congregations systematic contributions to the cause of Missions.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

AMENDMENT.

Whereas, the State Board of Missions expressed its desire to open an account on its books with every Baptist Church in Alabama to encourage regular and direct giving to the work of God prosecuted by the Alabama Baptist State Convention.

Therefore, be it resolved, 1. That we heartily approve this step as wise, and

2. That we urge our churches to put themselves in correspondence through the proper officers with the Board, and open an account upon its books, as regular contributors.

The report as amended, was adopted after discussion by W. B. Crumpton, W. M. Blackwelder and A. J. Dickinson.

17. The Moderator appointed the following committee on Devotional Exercises: W. M. Blackwelder, J. C. Yates, Joe Swink.

18. A. J. Dickinson moved that the report on Home Missions which was next in order, be postponed till ten o'clock the following morning. Carried.

19. W. N. Huckabee was appointed to conduct the Devotional Exercises at 9:30 the day following.

20. Adjourned with prayer by J. M. Fortune till August 14th, ten a. m.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

21. Association reassembled at 9:30, and Devotional Exercises were conducted by W. N. Huckabee.

22. Association was then called to order by the Moderator, the minutes of the preceding day's session were read and approved.

23. I. A. White read the report on Home Missions.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Home Missions is the work of preaching the gospel to our native white population of the South; Christianizing foreign immigrants, and the Indians of the West; enlightening and elevating the evangelized negroes of the south; and supporting the gospel work on the island of Cuba.

The importance of this work in its several departments cannot be overestimated. While emphasizing the obligation and necessity of Foreign Missions we claim sovereign importance for Home Missions. Foreign Missions is an idle dream—a castle of the air—except it be firmly established upon the broad basis of Home Missions.

When the grave problems of Foreign Mission work, and the mighty obstacles to its progress are considered, the conclusion is forced upon us that the solution of the problems, and the secret of power to progress lie in home work, deep and radical.

The Home Mission Board made its fiftieth annual report at the recent Convention in Washington. The showing is quite encouraging. The Board had in its employ during the last convention year, 425 missionaries, who baptised 5,921 people, received by letter 6,519, more, constituted 178 churches, built 52 houses of worship and organized 23,702 teachers and pupils into 2,110 Sunday Schools.

The Board's cash receipts for the year were \$88,640 20, of which Alabama contributed \$5,218.69. This year's work was commenced with a debt of \$6,763.34; but after meeting all obligations and expending in addition \$11,862.12 on church buildings, May the 1st. was reached with a debt of less than \$1,000.00.

The forces among our native white population should be increased, for no field brings richer fruits, and no work is fraught with more serious issues.

The demands of patriotism, the interests of social and political life unite with the gospel urging the prompt evangelization of the Indians and foreigners. The work is uninviting, but we neglect it at our peril.

The negroes are accessible and whensoever we will we may do them good. A most effectual work is being done here in Alabama, through the Board, in holding "Institutes" for the training and indoctrinating of their preachers.

The work in Cuba goes bravely on. It is so well and favorably known, to mention it is but to awake your sympathy, and thanksgivings to God. We commend the Mission to your prayers while they now pass through horrors of civil war. In conclusion, we would make grateful mention of the worthy share in work and results contributed by the women of our Southern Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

I. A. WHITE, Chairman.

Adopted, after discussion by I. A. White, W. B. Crumpton.

24. The report on Foreign Missions was read by J. M. Fortune. On motion of A. J. Dickinson, W. B. Crumpton delivered his Missionary map lecture, then followed the Missionary Sermon by A. J. Dickinson from Acts 1:8: "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." [See Article 27.]

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions report: The last conventional year was, on account of the depressed condition of all branches of business, and the stringency in money matters, one of the most trying in the history of modern missions. Still God's blessing rested upon our missionary work. These times of depression seem to call for more faith, and more earnest consecration, and greater liberality. And so God's people seem to be awakening to a greater interest in missions than ever before. Our Foreign Mission Board received last year contributions from all sources, \$129,348.72. The largest sum it has ever received in one year. It also received from the Sunday School board, \$1,000; from the Foreign Mission Journal, \$300, and from the American Baptist Publication Society, \$500.00. The Board reduced a debt of over \$30,000, to less than \$20,000, and sent out six new missionaries. One of these, Miss Willie Kelly, went from Alabama. Many others have applied to the board to be sent to foreign fields, but the board could not send them for want of the necessary funds. The board report 581 baptisms on foreign fields the past year, and a movement in several fields toward self-support.

We have lost, by death three of our most consecrated missionaries. July 11, 1894, Mrs. C. M. Newton died of fever in Africa. July 26, Brother Newton, her husband, also died. August 19, 1894, Mrs. Z. C. Taylor, of Brazil, after much suffering, passed to her reward.

Notwithstanding the recent war between China and Japan, terminating in the humiliation of China, seeming to lay that country open to the missionaries of the cross as never before, the spirit of intolerance and hatred of all foreigners seems to be on the increase in that country. Let fervent prayer be everywhere made to God to protect the life and property of our devoted workers in that wicked land.

Notwithstanding the difficulties before us, the outlook for the mission cause is encouraging. Let us thank God and press on,

J. M. FORTUNE, Chairman.

25. Adjourned with prayer by A. J. Dickinson, for a recess of one hour and a half.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

26. On reassembling the Association sang "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross," and was led in prayer by J. Bass Shelton.

27. The discussion of Foreign Missions was resumed and adopted after it was discussed by the following brethren: J. M. Fortune, I. A. White, W. B. Crumpton, A. J. Dickinson. Collection for Foreign Missions, \$13.53.

28. On motion of A. J. Dickinson the report on Sunday Schools was postponed, and the report on Education and Ministerial Education were read and discussed jointly.

These reports were read by A. J. Dickinson as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The work of educating the youth of our country is recognized as all important to the improvement of human society by both state and church as well as philanthropic individuals. Our people afford a fertile field for the cultivation of the highest type of manhood and womanhood, made but a little lower than God and set over the work of his hands. The purest type of Anglo-Saxon blood is to be found in our land. A people who, in native capacity, excel all others and have proved the greatest agents in human development. But our fertile social soil is yet in the crude, uncultured state of new countries. The proportion of uneducated talent is yet very great. If America, and Alabama in particular, is to contribute to humanity the natural talents of its people, would warrant the world to expect at our hands, they must be educated and trained for the most efficient exercise of these talents.

Institutions to this end in our public and private schools, universities and colleges, have been put in operation and ought to be filled with the youth.

The Baptist of this State, appreciating this great work, have ever encouraged the people to avail themselves of these schools, and instituted the Judson and Howard to help meet the need for plants for education.

Your committee, while lamenting the growing up of young men in ignorance all over the land, yet rejoice to report that during the past year our schools have been attended by a goodly number. Still, the fact stares us in the face that out of a population of over a million and a half, less than five thousand are in our schools of higher learning.

The Judson and Howard have had very prosperous years and are in better shape, being more than ever worthy of patronage.

We recommend these schools to our people who have sons and daughters to educate. Respectfully submitted,

A. J. DICKINSON, for Committee.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

This work is two-fold:

1. There is need to have the ministers endowed of God and called of God to this work. The harvest indeed is plenteous and the laborers are few in Alabama. The people are distressed and harrassed as sheep without shepherds, a social condition which evoked our Lord's compassion and moved him to send forth his immediate disciples to preach. The antidote of social unrest is the preached word. Our woes are not a little to be attributed to a stringency of the gospel of peace. Efficient churches, where the fullness of Christ is often and adequately preached, will bless human society above everything else.

We need preachers to bear this gospel to men, and it is one of the functions of the churches to furnish this social need. Pray the Lord of the harvest to thrust out more laborers into his harvest and then look out for the hand of the Lord in answering this prayer. Let the churches not forget to furnish the Board with all men called of God to this work.

2. The second great need is to train the men for the work to which they are divinely called. The Board helped nineteen out of twenty young ministers at the Howard last year, and five out of six at the Seminary. The conduct of these young brethren has been circumspect, and their work in their studies excellent. We find no difficulty in getting the men, but the great need is more money to assist them with. There are pastors in our State who, unable to leave their work to attend the Seminary, have realized much benefit from correspondence courses in our universities.

The Board wishes it were in its power to help these brethren deprived of a regular course of theology.

H. S. D. MALLORY, for Committee.

Discussed by S. W. Averett, J. T. Murfee, W. B. Crumpton, A. J. Dickinson, W. N. Huckabee. [See Art. 30.]

29. The Committee on Devotional Exercises announce that J. Bass Shelton would preach at 8 o'clock that night.

30. A. J. Dickinson moved that the Association have a session after the sermon, at which time the discussion on education would be resumed. Carried. [See Article 33.]

31. Adjourned with prayer by J. W. Steward.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

32. J. Bass Shelton preached from Mat. 25; 10. "And they that were ready went in with him to the marriage."

33. The discussion of the report on education was resumed according to motion (see Art. 30), and was adopted after discussion by A. J. Dickinson and J. Bass Shelton.

34. Adjourned with prayer by J. M. Fortune till August 15, 9 a. m.

THIRD DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

35. Report on Sunday Schools was read by W. M. Blackwelder, in the absence of Geo. W. Coker, chairman committee.

The Moderator called for reports from the various schools, which was responded to by representatives from all the schools, except two or three.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

"But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."—Matt. 15-19.

A proper understanding of the scriptures is necessary that we should be able to worship God in a manner acceptable to him. How much more necessary then that we should know our duty to him and our fellow man.

They are they which testify of our Saviour, and it is from that source that we learn what he is and what is his will concerning us.

Then when and where should they be taught? As to time we can hardly conceive how much can be taught in early childhood. These impressions are perhaps the most lasting.

The home circle is the best place to begin the lessons. But experience teaches that the Sabbath School connecting with the lesson, the worship of the God who is taught, brings to the mind of the child a personal obligation, which he owes to God, and leads him or her to seek to know what God would have them to do.

This brings us to another question. Who should teach?

The great apostle to the Gentiles admonished Timothy to study, to show himself approved unto God. A workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Oh that men and women who teach could always realize the responsibility that rests on them. That they are training immortal souls for God's service. Guiding immortal spirits to eternal life, or permitting them to go into eternal death.

Who should be taught? A half life time spent in this work constrains us to say that the children are not the only ones who need teaching, and we find that when Christians take an interest in Sabbath Schools, greater good is accomplished.

The want of this interest has been, in our experience, the greatest difficulty to overcome.

GEO. W. COKER.

The report was adopted after discussion by J. W. Steward, W. B. Crumpton, W. N. Huckabee, J. R. Crumpton and A. J. Dickinson.

36. The Association then sang one stanza of "Happy Day."

37. J. C. Yates read the report on Temperance.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The success of the cause of Temperance is centered in the work of instilling into the minds of the rising generation the baneful results of intemperance.

The overthrow of this gigantic evil will never be accomplished till public sentiment is strong enough to enforce the laws of our country and meet the claims of our fellow-men.

It is the solemn duty of every Christian to seek to arouse the public conscience on this question, and set an example of abstinence, and to vote as we pray.

Respectfully,

J. C. YATES.

Discussed by A. J. Dickinson, W. B. Crumpton, J. R. Crumpton. Adopted.

38. J. W. Bailey presented the following report on Orphans' Home.

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

Our Orphans' Home was opened March 10, 1893. Since then forty-six children have been received. Ten have been adopted, one is serving apprenticeship, this leaves thirty-five in the Home at present. The current expenses of the Home are about \$200.00 per month.

The ladies of Evergreen have raised enough money to buy a cooking range, and money is at present needed to build a cook room, so they can buy and use the range. The last payment, plus \$273.00, still due, must be met on January 1, 1896. We recommend that the churches composing this Association raise \$150.00 on this last payment, and also pay \$150.00 for current expenses during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. BAILEY, Chairman.

After the discussion of the report by J. W. Stewart, a collection was taken, which amounted in cash and subscription to \$43. Adopted.

39. J. E. Barnes read the report on Literature.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

The importance of having the very best literature in our homes and Sunday Schools, is fully realized by all right thinking persons. The best literature is that which instructs and assists in building Christian character. Too much care, therefore, cannot be exercised by our parents in selecting reading matter for their homes. No home is complete without a good religious paper, and your committee believe it best for the cause, for each home within the bounds of this Association to have the *Alabama Baptist* a weekly visitor there.

Your committee would call attention, also, to that literature which instructs our people in regard to our mission work, the fields, laborers and general needs of same. The consolidation of the *Home Field* and *Foreign Mission Journal*, will do this, beginning October 1, 1895. Only fifty cents a year for a 48 page journal.

Much good can be accomplished by our Sunday Schools distributing weekly, among their pupils, a large number of *The Weekly Kind Words*, also by securing a library of good books and a proper use of same.

Any book you may desire can be had through J. B. Collier, Montgomery, Ala.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. BARNES, Chairman.

A. J. Dickinson offered the following amendment to the report, which was adopted.

Resolved, That being the friends of the *Alabama Baptist* and desirous of promoting its usefulness and efficiency as the organ of the Baptists of the state, we would respectfully petition the proprietor of that paper to take the steps necessary to its improvement, so that it will adequately meet the demands of the people in this regard.

After discussion of the report by J. E. Barnes, A. J. Dickinson, I. A. White and W. B. Crumpton, it was adopted as amended.

40. Adjourned for a recess of one hour and a half.
Benediction by A. J. Dickinson.

THIRD DAY.—EVENING SESSION.

41. The Association re-assembled promptly at two o'clock, and after singing, "I Am Coming To The Cross," was led in prayer by J. M. Fortune.

42. D. B. Edwards presented the report on Woman's Work, which was adopted after discussion by D. B. Edwards, J. W. Steward.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The Woman's Missionary Union was organized seven years ago. It has done and is still doing a grand work. It restricts its work along the lines indicated by the Southern Baptist Convention, through the Foreign and Home Mission Boards. The recommendations of the Boards for this year relate to missionary day in Sunday Schools, Christmas offerings, support of women missionaries, boxes for frontier missionaries, also to foreign and colored population.

The ladies of this Association united in this work a few years ago; and efforts are now being put forth by the Vice-President, Miss Zaidee Ellis, of Orrville, to organize a society in each church. We commend these Christian women to God, and pray his blessings upon their labors of love.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. EDWARDS, Chairman.

43. J. R. Crumpton read the report on Finances, which appears on last page of minutes.

44. J. E. Barnes read for committee the following report on nominations.

PREACHERS.

Introductory Sermon—by W. M. Blackwelder.
Missionary Sermon—by W. J. Elliott.

Delegates to State Convention—E. Lyon, J. P. Melton, W. D. S. Morgan, P. Hamilton, Lewis Johnson, Law Lamar, D. B. Edwards, Sr., W. C. Stewart, Geo. W. Coker, W. F. Moseley.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—B. F. Ellis, J. C. Yates.

Executive Board—H. S. D. Mallory, B. F. Ellis, Lewis Johnson, M. H. Traylor, J. W. Bailey.

W. L. WARD, Chairman.

Adopted.

45. Lewis Johnson presented the following report on Apportionment.

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphanage.
Ash Creek	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Benton	20.00	5.00	5.00
Bethany.....	30.00	5.00	10.00
Centre Ridge.....	30.00	15.00	10.00
Mt Gilead.....	50.00	15.00	15.00
Hopewell	25.00	10.00	5.00
Orrville	90.00	40.00	20.00
Pleasant Hill.....	70.00	20.00	11.00
Providence....	75.00	25.00	15.00
Selma.....	700.00	100.00	50.00
Sister Springs.....	5.00	5.00	3.00
Shiloh	50.00	10.00	5.00
Town Creek.....	80.00	20.00	15.00
Macedonia	5.00	5.00	3.00
New Bethel	10.00	5.00	5.00
Ruhama.....	5.00	5.00	3.00
	\$1260.00	\$290.00	\$180.00

The amounts for Education and Orphanage should be paid by January 1st, if possible.

LEWIS JOHNSON, Chairman.

46. Report on State of Religion in Churches, was read by J. J. Pipkin. Adopted.

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION IN CHURCHES.

Nine of the sixteen churches composing this Association, report prayer meetings, twelve; Sunday Schools, four; revivals, seven; Spiritual condition good.

While encouraged over the progress made by the churches, your committee believe a general awakening, both spiritually and financially is much needed. Respectfully submitted,

J. J. PIPKIN, Chairman.

47. M. H. Traylor, Treasurer, made the following report :

TREASURER'S REPORT.

M. H. Traylor, to Selma Association.

1894.

Aug. 14, to amount from Finance Committee for minutes	.....\$34 70
Aug. 14, to amount from Finance Committee for missions	.... 6 00
Aug. 14, to amount from Finance Committee Orphans' Home	... 3 00
Aug. 14, to amount collected after Missionary Sermon 10 66
Aug. 14, to amount collected for Orphans' Home 13 74
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	\$68 10

Aug. 14, 1894.

By voucher No. 1, J. E. Barnes for minutes\$34 70
By voucher No. 2, J. W. Steward for Orphans' Home 13 74
By voucher No. 3, G. B. Eager for missions 19 66
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	\$68 10

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. Traylor, Treasurer.

48. D. B. Edwards read the following report on Time and Place:

REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

Your committee recommend Tuesday, before the third Sunday in August, 1896, as the time, and Benton, Lowndes county, as the place.

Respectfully submitted,

D. B. EDWARDS, Chairman.

Adopted.

49. On motion, the Treasurer was instructed to pay he clerk ten (\$10.00) dollars for services rendered. Carried.

50. The Moderator appointed the standing committees, which are to report next session. See inside of front cover of minutes.

51. Lewis Johnson offered the following resolution of thanks, which was adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved. That this Association tender its thanks to this church and community for their unbounded hospitality during its session.

52. On motion, the Association adjourned, after singing, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds," and after prayer by I. A. White, to meet Tuesday before the third Sunday in August, 1896 with the Benton Church, Lowndes County.

B. F. ELLIS, Moderator.
J. E. BARNES, Secretary.

RECORD OF THE SELMA ASSOCIATION.

Organized in 1883 with 11 churches around Selma.

Year.	Place of Meeting.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1883	Shiloh. (organ.)	Ellis, B. F . . .	Baber, E. F . .	Edwards, H. W.
1884	Mt. Gilead. . . .	Baber, E. F . .	Eskew, I. R. . .	Edwards H. W.
1885	Center Ridge. . .	Baber, E. F . .	Traylor, M. H.	Moseley, J. B.
1886	Providence. . . .	Baber, E. F . .	Eskew, I. R. . .	Ellis, J. B.
1887	Pleasant Hill.	Mallory, H.S.D	Eskew, I. R . .	Ellis, J. F
1888	Town Creek.	Lawhon, A. D.	McIver, J. M.	Ellis, J. F
1889	Orrville.	Lawhon, A. D.	McIver, J. M.	Ellis, J. F
1890	Shiloh.	Mallory, H.S.D.	Moseley, W. F.	Ellis, J. F
1891	Mt. Gilead . . .	Mallory, H.S D.	Moseley, W. F.	Ellis, J. F
1892	Providence.	Ellis, B. E . . .	Moseley, W. F.	Ellis, J. F
1893	Bethany,	Ellis, B. F. . . .	Barnes, J. E . .	Ellis, J. F
1894	Hopewell.	Ellis, B. F. . . .	Barnes, J. E. . .	Traylor, M. H.
1895	Centre Ridge. .	Ellis, B. F. . . .	Barnes J. E. . .	Traylor, M. H.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE SELMA ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.		State Missions.	Home Mission.	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education.	Howard College.	Judson Institute.	S. B. F. Seminary	Orphans' Home.	Colportage Fund.	Minutes and Clerk's Fee.	Church Expenses	Pastor's Salary.	Value Church Property.
Ash Creek	.....	\$ 3.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 300
Benton	.....	12.95	3.80	\$ 3.25	\$ 5.00	.....	.....	.....	\$ 5.00	4.35	1.50	\$ 39.70	\$ 120.00	1000
Bethany	.....	5.72	5.72	5.72	5.7	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	2.00	7.00	100.00	250
Center Ridge	.....	10.20	1.00	3.35	4.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	.....	100.00	3000
Mt. Gilend	.....	30.43	8.14	11.23	6.07	.....	.....	.....	11.00	.....	2.00	28.75	200.00	2500
Hopewell	.....	14.05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	59.00	1000
Macedonia	.....	80	30	30	60	.....	.....	.....	70	.....	1.15	.....	50.00	.....
New Bethel	.....	2.00	1.00	1.35	1.00	.....	.....	.....	5.00	.....	50	.....	.....	.....
Orville	.....	60.00	20.00	20.00	25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 505.00	\$ 25.00	26.70	8.00	2.25	75.30	300.00	3300
Pleasant Hill	.....	30.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6.60	.....	1.50	50.00	400.00	1500
Providence	.....	18.25	11.85	10.85	25.00	.....	.....	.....	6.60	.....	3.00	85.00	400.00	2500
Selma	.....	446.74	100.00	213.05	54.00	.....	.....	.....	60.00	.....	6.50	1047.99	2000.00	23200
Shiloh	.....	27.22	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.00	5.22	73.25	800
Sister Springs	.....	2.71	2.45	1.15	2.50	.....	2.05	.....	.....	1.20	1.25	10.02	60.00	2000
Town Creek	.....	10.31	13.81	12.26	5.94	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.50	37.00	250.00	800
Ruhama	.....	70	90	75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	.....	425

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Churches.	Superintendent.	Post Office.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Pupils.	No. of Baptisms.	Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Home.	Colportage Fund.	Sundries.	Contributions reported from Women's and Young People's Societies.						
											Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Orphans' Home.	Church Expenses.	Church Repairs.	Colportage Fund.	
Ash Creek																	
Benton						\$ 6.50											
Bethany	A. Edwards	Collirine	6	43		\$7.00	\$7.00	\$5.00									
Center Ridge	R. F. Rowell	Carlowville	6	31		1.00		8.00									
Mt. Gilead	W. E. Mealing	Benton	6	28	4	26 71		11.30					\$ 3.00	\$13.00	\$130.00		
Hopewell	D. A. Coleman	Mt. Willing	4	25										25 00			
Macedonia																	
New Bethel	J. R. Strickland	Braggs	6	20			11.55										
Orrville	J. A. Dunaway	Orrville	6	46	2	15 00		6 00									
Pleasant Hill	W. R. Hardy	Pleasant Hill	12	65					\$10 00	32.56					10.00		
Providence	L. Johnson	Orrville	5	25		6.00		5.00									
Ruhama																	
Selma	L. Lamar	Selma	32	195	9												
Shiloh	W. Stewart	Berlin	7	30													
Sister Springs	J. P. Melton	Dallaston	3	15	7												\$1.20
Town Creek	T. E. Whatley	Soap Stone	9	35						19.96	31 15	\$6.10					

STATISTICS OF SELMA ASSOCIATION, 1895.

Churches.	County.	Pastor.	Clerk.	Clerk's Post Office.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Membership Last Reported.	Increase.				Decrease.			Present Membership.	Preaching Sabbaths.	Reported Prayer Meetings.	Reports Revival.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Statement.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Deaths.				
Ash Creek	Lowndes	J. E. Barnes	L. B. Bradley	Gordonville	11	7	11	6	8	1	1	1	1	19 1/2 a. m.	no.	Yes.		
Benton	"	J. M. Fortune	E. S. Martin	Benton	26	26	35 3/4	4	5	2	2	2	34 2nd	yes.	no.			
Center Ridge	Dallas	W. M. Blackwelder	R. F. Howell	Lowndesville	36	36	34 2nd	3	1	1	1	1	40 3rd	yes.	no.			
Mr. Gilead	Lowndes	W. J. Elliott	M. H. Traylor	Benton	40	40	62 1st	1	1	2	1	1	62 1st	yes.	no.			
Hopewell	"	J. B. Powell	W. N. Ray	Mr. Wilhng	64	64	57 2nd	1	1	2	1	1	57 2nd	yes.	yes.			
Macedonia	"	J. M. Fortune	O. P. Woodruff	Macedonia	37	37	38 4th	1	1	1	1	1	38 4th	no.	yes.			
New Bethel	"	J. B. Powell	J. R. Strickland	Braggs	37	37	55 1st & 4th night	1	1	1	1	1	55 1st & 4th night	yes.	no.			
Orrville	Dallas	L. A. White	G. W. Hunt	Orrville	52	52	53 4th	6	4	3	3	2	53 4th	yes.	no.			
Pleasant Hill	"	W. M. Blackwelder	J. R. Crumpton	Pleasant Hill	67	67	74 2nd & 4th	5	5	1	1	1	74 2nd & 4th	yes.	yes.			
Providence	Lowndes	L. A. White	T. W. Berry	Tasso	9	9	9 4th	1	1	1	1	1	9 4th	no.	no.			
Kilham	"	J. B. Powell	J. E. Long	Farmersville	44	44	40 4 Every	34	38	4	2	8	40 4 Every	yes.	yes.			
Selma	Dallas	A. J. Dickinson	C. C. Cleveland	Selma	52	52	51 1st & 3rd p. m.	2	1	1	1	1	51 1st & 3rd p. m.	no.	no.			
Shilo	"	J. E. Barnes	J. W. Johnson	Dallas	23	23	33 4th p. m.	5	5	1	1	1	33 4th p. m.	no.	yes.			
Sister Springs	"	J. E. Barnes	Jas. Hooper	Dallas	55	55	49 2nd & 3rd	1	1	5	5	3	49 2nd & 3rd	yes.	no.			
Town Creek	"	J. J. Phipps	R. S. Ellis	Searstone	1	1												

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