

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

EUFULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Midway Baptist Church, Barbour County, Ala.,

Beginning Thursday, October 20th, 1892.

OFFICERS.

REV. T. H. STOUT, Moderator.....Midway, Ala.
GEO. B. DAVIS, Clerk.....Eufaula, Ala.

*The next session will be held with Ramah Church, Barbour County,
Ala., beginning at 10 o'clock Tuesday before the
fourth Sabbath in October, 1893.*

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ORDER OF BUSINESS OF THE EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order. Devotional Exercises conducted by the Moderator.
3. Read Letters and enroll Delegates.
4. Election of Officers.
5. Applications for Membership.
6. Appointment of Committees to report at this session: 1, Religious Exercises; 2, State of the Churches; 3, Finance; 4, Nominations.
7. Receive Correspondents from Associations—Bethel, Centennial, Columbus, Judson, Montgomery, Newton, Selma, Tuskegee, Harris, Columbia, Summer Hill.
8. Receive Agents of Boards and visitors.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Report on Education.
11. Call for Correspondents.
12. Report on Missions: 1, State Missions; 2, Home Missions; 3, Foreign Missions.
13. Woman's Work.
14. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
15. Return Correspondents.
16. Report on Temperance.
17. Report on Ministerial Education.
18. Report on Sabbath-schools.
19. Missionary Sermon.
20. Report on State of the Churches.
21. Report on Bible and Colportage Work.
22. Report on Obituaries.
23. Report on Special Committees.
24. Report on Nominations
25. Report of Finance Committee.
26. Miscellaneous Business.
27. Final Adjournment.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

T. H. Stout.....	Mid way, Ala.
G. W. Harrison.....	Clayton, "
W. N. Reeves.....	Eufaula, "
H. E. Brooks.....	Eufaula, "
W. C. T. Moseley.....	Eufaula, "
R. Herring.....	Louisville, "
N. C. Underwood.....	Clayton, "

MINUTES.

MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, Oct. 20, 1892.

1. The thirty-ninth annual session of the Eufaula Baptist Association was held with the Midway Baptist Church, beginning to-day at 10:40 a. m.

2. The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. N. C. Underwood from Exodus 8:10, 11; 10:24, when the body took a recess until 1:30.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

3. Bro. T. H. Stout called the meeting to order. Prayer by Bro. C. W. Hare.

4. Bros. N. C. Underwood and C. W. Hare read the letters from the churches.

5. The names of delegates were enrolled as follows:

- Bethlehem—J. M. Hobdy, G. W. Little, R. Herring, G. W. Harrison.
- Clayton—N. C. Underwood.
- Center Ridge—L. O. Barr, A. B. Barr, B. Broom.
- Cowikee—J. S. Cade.
- Enon—W. F. Provost.
- Eufaula—G. B. Davis, A. B. Bush, S. G. Robertson, W. N. Reeves, W. C. T. Moseley, C. Rhodes.
- Evergreen—Not represented.
- Glennville—Not represented.
- Hawkinsville—Virgil Crawford.
- Midway—T. H. Stout, W. C. Jordan, M. W. Hall, W. J. Cowart, W. H. Cox, W. J. Jordan, M. E. Pruett, J. G. Hitchcock.
- Mt. Olive—D. H. Blair, J. W. Morrison.
- Old Mt. Zion—L. L. Cockran, J. H. Scroggins.
- Mt. Zion—M. P. Johuson, R. L. Baker, Frank Cobb, Rev. A. F. Dix.
- Pea Creek—Not represented.
- Pleasant Grove—C. Seay.
- Pleasant Hill—Eugene Blackmon, John Curry, W. H. McEachern, J. A. Baker.
- Prospect—L. L. Baker.
- Ramah—W. W. Vaughan, B. F. Gary, A. H. Pruett.
- Union—J. E. Fenn, S. A. Blakey.

6. Bro. T. H. Stout was elected Moderator by acclamation.

7. Bro. Geo. B. Davis was elected Clerk by acclamation.

8. Adopted the Order of Business as printed in the minutes for last year, adding Ministerial Education.

9. Bro. W. C. Cleveland was requested to write the report.

10. The following committees were appointed:

Religious Exercises—Bro. A. B. Bush and the delegates of Midway Church.

Finance—W. J. Jordan, J. E. Fenn, W. W. Vaughan.

State of the Churches—R. Herring, B. Broom, W. C. T. Moseley, George W. Harrison, Eugene Blackmon.

Nominations—B. F. Gary, L. L. Cockran, W. H. McEachern.

11. Received correspondence:

Centennial Association—H. J. Ming, Rev. J. O. Hixon, Rev. C. Crawley,
 Rev. A. W. Beverly, Rev. G. W. Dolby, W. M. Thornton.
 Montgomery Association—Rev. G. B. Eager.
 Bethel Association—Rev. H. R. McLendon.

12. Received agents of boards:

State Missions—Rev. W. B. Crumpton.
 Judson Institute—Rev. W. B. Crumpton.
 Home Missions—Rev. G. S. Anderson
 Colportage—Rev. G. S. Anderson.
 Howard College—Rev. B. F. Riley.
 Ministerial Education—Rev. W. C. Cleveland
 ALABAMA BAPTIST—Rev. C. W. Hare.
 Centennial Committee—Rev. G. B. Eager.

Rev. C. B. Pilley, of the Methodist church, was invited to a seat with us.

The Executive Committee's report was read and ordered spread on the minutes as follows:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

EUFULA, ALA., October 19, 1892.

During the year we have held only one meeting, on December 29, 1891, when we organized by electing Rev. T. H. Stout, Chairman, and George B. Davis, Secretary and Treasurer.

Bro. G. W. Harrison was voted \$35.00 towards paying his expenses to the Ministers' Institute at East Lake, Ala. I have received as Clerk of the Association for his expenses the following amounts:

Pleasant Grove Church.....	\$ 5 00
Pea Creek Church	5 00
Midway Church.....	6 25
Union Church.....	4 10
Clayton Church.....	10 00
Ladies' Aid Society (Bethlehem).....	50
Centre Ridge.....	5 00
Total.....	\$35 85

GEORGE B. DAVIS, Clerk.

13. On motion, the report on Ministerial Education was made the special order for Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

14. On motion, the report on Education was made the order of business for Saturday morning at 10:30.

15. The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read and adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

One year ago the chairman of your committee paid the regular subscription price for ten copies each of the State Mission Quarterly and Foreign Mission Journal. These copies were intended for gratuitous distribution among the officers and teachers of the Clayton Baptist Sunday-school, and were so disposed of. And now, on the last Monday night preceding the meeting of the association before which this report must come, your said chairman, after diligent search, has found one copy of the July number of the State Mission Quarterly, and in reading it carefully over for some basis for this report, has actually done his first reading from the only number he has read during the year. He is aware that his brethren of the ministry will stand aghast at the statement that he presents a view of things

which may at once become a target for lively discussion, if not of criticism, as many hands go up in horror at the confession—and yet he lays claim to the manhood to acknowledge the truth and suffer the consequences in the estimation of brethren and friends, if by so doing he may discover to you an evil of great prevalence, and demanding a remedy at your hands.

More than one member of this committee heard in Eufaula a few Sabbaths since, from the lips of our Bro. Crumpton, words that made our hearts burn within us, while at least one of them settled then and there upon the exact amount of a liberal contribution to be sent in with the mission fund of his church to this meeting of your body; so much for an appeal *by word of mouth*—so much for a sledge hammer blow, straight from the shoulders, as it were, in the presence of scores of hearers, by an earnest and faithful representative of the living ministry of our Lord and Master. And yet, by chance as it were, I find to-night, to my surprise, much of that information, many of those same precious words in the State Mission Quarterly, as well as many other things that appeal to every feeling of the Christian heart for consecrated benevolence.

Brethren, if we are correct in the premises already indicated, we arrive, by logical process, to the intelligent and reasonable belief that your chairman represents a large percentage of our membership who are simply asleep on duty and dead to the vital issues that surround us, because practically uninformed upon missionary questions; and progress in this direction, and to this great end, will necessarily be slow till our ministers take the matter in hand and from their pulpits follow up the dissemination of missionary literature with unremitting effort to develop and stimulate a spirit of inquiry and of information upon this great and momentous subject which should be commensurate and coexistent, in your committee's humble conception, with the highest, most useful and successful type of Christian and church life.

In the paper already referred to, Bro. Crumpton presents an extended list of contributions to the State work. While your committee is aware of the faithful canvass of the State, both by Bro. Crumpton in his untiring zeal for the cause, and also by Bro. Crumpton in his special meetings and rallies throughout the State, every one of which has not only proven a manifold blessing to the locality where held, but has almost everywhere elicited liberal and cheerful donations to the cause. And yet, so unshaken is our faith in the progress of the blessed work which we have committed to the hands of these brethren, that we believe that all that has yet been seen, or known, or accomplished, can, must and will be eclipsed by grander and greater results to our Master's glory.

We note also the impetus which has been given to our Baptist Missionary enterprises, not only in our own State, but in remoter regions, and desire to incorporate in this report as representatives or exponents of your body, our gratitude to the Lord of the harvest for new laborers which this centennial year has sent into the field. But so much remains yet to be done, and we can commend to you no more effective method under God's blessing than that our pulpits, Sunday-schools, prayer meetings and ladies' societies commence at once a prayerful and systematic prosecution of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

B. DAVIE, Ch'n.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

In reviewing the work accomplished during the last decade by the Home Mission Board, we are struck with admiration and constrained to exclaim, "This is the Lord's doing!" In 1882 it did seem that the Board had almost outlived its usefulness, but new life and new energy was infused into the members of that Board, by the same Spirit that inspired the prophet, to write, "Spare not, lengthen thy cords and strengthen thy stakes," and they began to enlarge the place of their tent. Hence we find instead of forty missionaries under appointment, there are 365 regularly employed by the Board. In 1882 the receipts were \$28,000. For the year ending April 30th, 1892, the receipts were \$84,871 19 besides co-operative work, which amounted to \$98,683 40. At the beginning of the last decade the Board had left few men employed west of the Mississippi river, except in the Indian Territory.

Now we have in Texas alone 143 missionaries regularly employed; and that we may better conceive of what is being done, we submit here a brief record of its work for the past ten years:

Missionaries employed.....	2,692
Churches constituted.....	2,290
Sunday-Schools organized.....	2,117
Houses of worship built.....	640
Additions to churches.....	67,169
Money received and expended.....	\$1,320,000 00

Notwithstanding a great work has been accomplished, it has just begun. There is Cuba, the doors to which has so recently been opened for the open Bible and Missionary operations, under the beneficent influence of the preached word, is fast becoming Christianized, and the Lord's name is being magnified through the preaching of the Gospel of Christ by 21 native missionaries.

Among the 800,000 Germans in the State of Missouri it would require a corps of preachers greater than the whole number now employed by the Home Board, to properly evangelize them. Truly "the field is white unto the harvest." "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers unto his harvest."

We find that our missionaries on the home field have made the following showing for the past year:

Missionaries.....	365
Weeks of labor.....	10,640
Churches and stations.....	1,324
Sermons and addresses.....	46,866
Prayer meetings.....	14,042
Baptisms.....	5,274
Received by letter.....	5,973
Sunday-schools organized.....	342
Teachers and pupils.....	17,785
Religious visits.....	54,336
Churches constituted.....	179
Houses of worship built.....	80
Bibles and Testaments.....	4,304
Pages of tracts distributed.....	919,472

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. S. WILLIS, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

There has never been more to influence a man in preparing a report on this subject than now, to branch out on the imaginative. We are now at the close of the first one hundred years of modern missions to the heathen. As we look back over these years, our hearts fill with pride as a denomination, and gratitude to God as Christians. We exclaim, "What hath God wrought!" as we behold, at the close of this first century, the whole world girdled with the light of His truth. Indeed "hath God confounded the mighty by what seemed to human weak."

At Kettering, a town in England, on the 2nd day of October, 1792, twelve Baptist preachers met, and there and then organized the first society for sending the gospel to the heathen. Wm. Carey and Dr. Thomas were their first missionaries, and sixty-five dollars their first contribution. This effort, small as it was, embraced all that the Christian world was doing for the heathen, at that time, in a religious way. Except, however, a public effort made by the Moravians among the heathen, and the established church of England among the English-speaking people of India. In 1812 the Baptists of the United States, by a strange providence of God, were forced to make an organized effort in this direction. This providence was developed in the persons of some missionaries, who, while on their way to the foreign field, under the appointment of other boards, were converted to the teaching of the Bible, as held to by us. Among these was Adoniram Judson, than whom a grander nor more consecrated man never lived. From 1812 to 1845,

the Baptists worked together in all their missionary efforts. In 1845 the Southern Baptist Convention was organized. Since that time we have been doing work on the foreign field, independent of other organizations.

The remainder of this report will be devoted to that part of the work. We shall not enter into details of the work through all these years, as the report would be too lengthy and the time too short.

We shall content ourselves with a comparison of the beginning of the work, as above detailed, with what we, as Southern Baptists, are at this time doing. Then there were but two missionaries on the foreign field, with but sixty-five dollars as the prospect for their support. Now, the Southern Baptists alone have one hundred and seventy-two missionaries, and \$114,325 as the amount for their support the last year. The success which has attended the efforts of God's people during these years, is enough to create in every Christian's heart the profoundest feeling of gratitude, and highest meed of praise to God, the Giver of all good. But brethren, are we doing our whole duty? Can we, in the light of figures, satisfy our conscience that we are doing in proportion to God's blessings on our efforts?

Let us see. We have a white membership in the territory covered by the Southern Baptist Convention numbering 1,194,520, paying per annum, \$114,325. The amount paid, divided by the number of members, shows the insignificant sum of a little more than nine cents per capita. Is it enough, think you? With this question on your mind, and hoping that the love of God is in your heart, we respectfully submit this report.

N. C. UNDERWOOD, Ch'n.

The reports were discussed by Brethren W. B. Crumpton and W. C. Cleveland.

16. On motion, the association adjourned until 8:30 to-morrow morning, when the discussion of missions will be continued.

SECOND DAY.

17. The association joined in singing, "How sweet, how heavenly, is the sight." Prayer by Rev. R. Herring.

18. Minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

19. The roll of delegates was called and corrected.

20. Vacancies were filled on the following committees:

Aged and Infirm Ministers—S. A. Blakey, J. H. Scroggins.

Temperance—L. O. Barr.

Bible and Colportage—Jno. Curry.

Obituaries—A. B. Barr.

Sunday-Schools—A. Pruitt.

21. The discussion of Missions was continued by Bro. G. S. Anderson.

22. The report on Ministerial Education was read by Bro. W. C. Cleveland and adopted. Report as follows:

Your Committee on Ministerial Education respectfully report the following:

Resolved, 1st. We are in hearty sympathy with the work of the Board of Ministerial Education.

2nd. We urge the churches of this Association to make liberal contributions to the treasury of this Board.

3rd. Contributors are earnestly requested to send their contributions to Geo. W. Ellis, the treasurer of the Board, at Montgomery, Ala., in November, or by the 1st of February.

4th. That the Committee on Ministerial Education be one of the Standing Committees of this Association to report at each of its meetings.

W. C. CLEVELAND.

Discussed by Bro. W. C. Cleveland.

The subscription for Ministerial Education by the various churches resulted as follows:

Bethlehem.....	\$ 10 00
Center Ridge.....	10 00
Clayton.....	25 00
Cowikee.....	10 00
Euon.....	5 00
Eufaula.....	100 00
Midway.....	50 00
Mt. Olive.....	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	5 00
Old Mt. Zion.....	5 00
Pea Creek.....	5 00
Prospect.....	5 00
Ramah.....	10 00
Union.....	3 00
Total.....	\$250 00

Adjourned until 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

23. The Association joined in singing, "At the cross." Prayer by Bro. McLendon.

24. On motion the rules were suspended so as to attend to some miscellaneous business.

25. On motion a committee were appointed on apportionment of the churches. Committee as follows: N. C. Underwood, A. B. Bush, J. M. Hobdy, M. E. Pruett, E. L. Graves.

26. On motion, this hour and any other portion of the session necessary be devoted to the centennial work.

27. The report of the Centennial Committee was read by Bro. N. C. Underwood and adopted. Report as follows:

REPORT OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

At the last session of your Association the above committee was appointed, whose duty it was to hold meetings in the interest of the centennial movement among the Baptists. We had expected to hold these meetings every fifth Sabbath during the year, at different places in the Association. We are sorry to say we held but one. On Saturday before the fifth Sabbath in May, we met with Bethlehem church, at which time we had a very profitable meeting. We had large congregations.

The ministry of the Association responded to the call with good talks on the different subjects, with becoming unanimity. I think every one of the preachers in the Association was present and took part in the meeting. Dr. J. C. Hiden, who was then pastor at Eufaula, preached a missionary sermon on Sabbath; at the close of the sermon we took a collection to this work, amounting to \$13 25, which amount was forwarded to Bro. Crompton, and his receipt for same sent to me, which receipt we now have.

This is all we have to report.

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. UNDERWOOD, Ch'n.

A collection was taken up amounting to \$4.46.
Adjourned until to-morrow morning at 8:30.

THIRD DAY.

28. The Association joined in singing, "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun." Prayer by Bro. Moseley.

Bro. Stout read the 72nd Psalm.

29. The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

30. The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by Bro. S. A. Blakey and adopted.

Report as follows:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

The duty of supporting the wornout and infirm servants of the Lord is one that is demanded, not only by gratitude, but by justice itself.

Human governments pension their disabled and wornout soldiers; and shall the Lord's people be less feeling and less just than they?

How many ministers have worn out themselves in the service of churches that have permitted them to pass their last days in absolute want? What a shame on such churches!

We invite the attention of your body to the following clause in the report of this committee last year:

"We believe it to be our duty to recommend that each church of this Association appropriate so much (a certain part) of their funds annually to this cause."

How few of our churches have paid any attention to this recommendation of that committee.

Though we have no minister in our bounds needing assistance, yet we have two maiden daughters, Misses Mary and Harriet, of our beloved brother, the late Rev. Joel Sims, who spent his ministerial life in working for our Master within the bounds of the Eufaula Association. They are worthy and needy. We recommend that whatever funds have been sent up to this Association for aged and infirm ministers be paid to the delegates of Union church for the above named sisters.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. BLAKEY.

31. Appointed correspondents as follows :

Bethel—W. C. T. Moseley, R. Herring, G. W. Little, A. B. Barr.

Centennial—Geo. W. Harrison, W. C. Jordan, T. H. Stout.

Judson—W. C. T. Moseley, S. G. Robertson, G. B. Davis, B. Broom.

Montgomery—R. Herring.

Newton—W. C. Jordan, G. W. Little, G. W. Harrison.

Tuskegee—T. H. Stout, B. Broom, W. C. Jordan.

Harris—A. Pruett, W. C. Jordan, G. W. Harrison, W. C. T. Moseley.

Summer Hill—W. C. T. Moseley.

32. Report on Temperance was read by Brother G. R. Hall and adopted. Report as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance, have been unable to ascertain the progress of temperance in all sections embraced in this Association; but

from those heard from, we feel that the work is progressing, and that much good has been accomplished. At this place, Midway, also, where local prohibition prevails, the decrease in intemperance is very noticeable, both among the whites and blacks; and every day the citizens experience good resulting from prohibition. At other places the good emanating from temperance may not be so perceptible, still there are some benefits, and the Christian people of such places should take courage, and with renewed energy make an effort to eradicate the great evil. We regret that in some places where we should expect better that prohibition does not prevail. The people of God seem to be asleep. They make no effort to throw off the shackles of intemperance, or if an effort is ever made, it is so weak that the disease takes firmer hold.

We would beseech such to awake to their interests. Let all Christian people, of whatever denomination, come together and by concert of action, and in the name of the Most High, overcome this great drawback to Christianity, which is arrayed against good society, good morals, good health, and against the church of God.

We, your committee, therefore recommend that the friends of Temperance, and friends to the cause of Christ unite, and make a grand effort to overthrow intemperance. Let those that have reaped the benefits of temperance aid others where prohibition does not prevail.

Respectfully submitted.

G. R. HALL,
L. H. PERKINS,
W. W. WHITTINGTON,
Committee.

Discussed by Brethren J. O. Hixon, S. J. Ming, C. W. Hare, G. L. Dolbey, A. F. Dix.

On motion, the special order was discharged and made the special order immediately after dinner.

The hour having arrived for the report on Education, it was read by Bro. R. Herring and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The committee charged with the work of submitting a statement upon the matter of education, beg leave to report:—

That it is an occasion of sincere gratification to be able to indicate that there is a perceptible growth in the spirit of education among our people. It is rarely true that any difference is manifested in this matter. In the rural regions the best teachers are eagerly sought in order to the preparation of boys and girls for a higher standard of education. Indifferent and incompetent teachers no longer find employment in our country schools, as has been true sometime in the past. The reactionary influence of the country and college is steadily lifting our people upon a higher plane of progress. By degrees our people throughout the entire country are becoming aroused to the importance of maintaining distinctively Christian or denominational institutions of learning. In a period in which vice so widely prevails and seeks to present itself in so many insidious forms, it is necessary to erect safeguards about our youth while their minds are being trained and their characters are being formed. Foreseeing this necessity, our fathers established two colleges, the Howard and the Judson, for the education of the sons and daughters of Baptist parents. In these institutions are placed men and women who throw around the youth of both sexes the most wholesome Christian influences. Howard College, now located at East Lake, has just celebrated its fiftieth birth-day. For half a century it has been the pivot upon which has turned the denominational thought and sentiment. It has contributed many valuable men to the pulpit, to the bar, and to institutions of learning. There were in attendance last session 196 students, 20 of whom were preparing for the ministry. It has a valuable property at East Lake, consisting of five brick structures, besides other valuable buildings. The

Judson Institute, at Marion, for more than fifty years has been the great centre of female education for the daughters of Baptist parents. Last year there were enrolled 159 students, 21 of whom graduated with honor to themselves and to the institution. Your committee does not hesitate to say that the Judson is the equal of any college in the South for the education of young women, and the superior of most of them. It is scarcely necessary to urge upon our people the importance of sustaining these schools which are peculiarly our own.

Respectfully submitted,

R. HERRING, Ch'n.

AMENDMENT TO REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Resolved, That the Eufaula Association is in profound sympathy with the sentiment relative to the establishment of high schools under the auspices of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, to be contributed to the Howard and the Judson.

Discussed by brethren R. Herring, B. F. Riley, J. O. Hixon, A. F. Dix and W. C. Jordan.

Adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

33. The association joined in singing, "Jesus, lover of my soul."

34. On motion, the committee on Centennial Missions was continued, Rev. T. H. Stout's name being substituted for Rev. J. C. Hiden's.

35. On motion, the rules were suspended so as to allow the reports of the special committees.

36. The committee on Apportionment made their report, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT.

Your committee on Apportionment beg leave to submit the following report:

Bethlehem.....	\$ 60 00
Clayton.....	100 00
Enon.....	12 00
Evergreen.....	12 00
Hawkinsville.....	20 00
Midway.....	230 00
Mt. Zion.....	30 00
Pleasant Grove.....	18 00
Prospect.....	60 00
Center Ridge.....	72 00
Cowikee.....	15 00
Eufaula.....	400 00
Glenville.....	10 00
Mt. Olive.....	15 00
Old Mt. Zion.....	25 00
Pea Creek.....	10 00
Pleasant Hill.....	20 00
Ramer.....	50 00
Union.....	36 00
Total.....	\$1,200 00

Respectfully submitted,

N. C. UNDERWOOD, Ch'n.

37. The report of the committee appointed to inquire and report as to the fellowship of the Eufaula church as regards the fellowship to the association, is as follows, which was adopted:

To the Eufaula Baptist Association, Midway, Ala. :

DEAR BRETHREN—In the matter of fellowship relating to our sister church at Eufaula, your committee beg leave to report that we were recently invited to a conference of that church, called for the purpose of aiding us in discharge of the duty assigned us at your last session. To this conference of our brethren of the Eufaula church we were welcomed in the spirit of kindness and love, and every phase of the matter was fully presented to us. We deem it unnecessary to go into details, but in our opinion there is no irregularity in their proceedings as a Baptist church, but contrariwise, not only a disposition but a determination emphatically expressed, that no action of theirs in these premises shall bring reproach upon the cause of our Master, or incur the disapprobation of our association upon a question of fellowship.

Recognizing, therefore, as we do, the sincerity of their purpose and their good faith as one of the churches of this association, we recommend that they be not hurried in their management of this matter, and that your committee be granted further time.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. JORDAN,
B. DAVIE,
J. E. FENN,
J. M. HOODY,
C. J. JONES,
Committee.

38. Bro. W. C. T. Moseley read the report on Bible and Colportage Work as follows, which was adopted:

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

We regret very much to have to say that we have no colporteur, therefore cannot report any colportage work done in the bounds of this Association. The Alabama Baptist State Convention has a colportage board located at Opelika, Ala., which is doing all it can to supply the people of Alabama with Bibles and other good Baptist books, tracts and Sabbath-school literature.

The board has twelve colporteurs in the field, but all are not in active service all the while, they work when it is convenient for them to do so. Some are doing very well considering the stringency of the times. Their sales for this year are somewhat behind those of last year. Up to this time, owing to the dull sales of the colporteurs, they are at least 50 per cent short in their purchases this year as compared with last year, and all are complaining of the tightness of money matters and the disturbed condition of the country, which tends to depress business in all branches.

The board has not been able to put out any more colporteurs on account of not having sufficient means to carry them through the Centennial year. At the last Convention the board was promised about \$4,000 as contributions, but up to this time has received only about \$700 from associations, churches and individuals. The board, however, anticipate good contributions from the associations when convening, and the churches should feel deeply and truly impressed, and accordingly make such contributions as may be necessary to meet the great need of money to carry on the work successfully by equipping more colporteurs to carry the Word of God to every family in the State, and to distribute tracts and other Baptist literature throughout the country. The sales up to this time amount to \$4,000. The board carries the Southern Baptist Convention series of Sunday-school literature in stock, and mail everything from Opelika, Ala. Also, sells the American Baptist Publication Society series of Sunday-school literature.

Any and all orders addressed to J. B. Collier, Opelika, Ala., for either series, will receive prompt and careful attention. By sending orders to the board every Sabbath school contributes 20 per cent of the amount to the board, and receives the same amount of literature that would be sent from headquarters.

If a school orders \$5 00 worth of literature it contributes \$1 00 to the colportage work and gets the same amount of literature that \$5 00 would purchase at headquarters. The board desires the hearty co-operation of all the Baptists with it, to aid it liberally and to patronize it when in need of Bibles, song books and Baptist literature generally. The board sells as cheap, if not cheaper, than other houses, and does all it can to please in every particular.

We recommend that a missionary colporteur be employed in this Association as soon as possible, and that he be enabled to faithfully supply the destitute with the Word of God and other good Baptist literature. There are numbers of families in our bounds that are without the Scriptures, and a great many that are entirely destitute of other good Baptist literature, and this destitution should be supplied. Let us remember that the colportage work is a great power for good. A great many Christian people are becoming more and more enlightened through this agency, and sinners turned from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Let us do all we can in this direction to the honor and glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. T. MOSELEY, Chairman.

Discussed by Bros. W. C. T. Moseley and C. W. Hare. Further discussion was deferred until to-night.

39. Report of committee on Nominations was read and adopted. Report as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Representative to Southern Baptist Convention—T. H. Stout; alternate, N. C. Underwood.

Representatives to Alabama Baptist Convention—J. A. Foster, Dr. S. G. Robertson, J. E. Fenn, L. H. Perkins, R. Herring, G. B. Davis, W. C. Cowart, E. L. Graves, Geo. W. Harrison, T. H. Stout.

Executive Committee—T. H. Stout, J. J. S. Willis, C. L. Boyd, A. B. Bush, G. B. Davis, R. R. Gary, J. M. Hobdy, N. C. Underwood, J. E. Fenn.

To preach Introductory Sermon—G. W. Harrison; alternate, R. Herring.

Missionary Sermon—N. C. Underwood; alternate, T. H. Stout.

We suggest that the next session of this body meet on Tuesday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m. at Ramah.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. GARY,
W. H. McEACHERN,
L. L. COSERN,
Committee.

Adjourned to 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

40. The Association joined in singing "Pass me not, O gentle Savior." Prayer by Rev. J. O. Hixon.

41. The report on Obituaries was read by Bro. E. L. Graves and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

We, your committee on Obituaries, beg leave to make the following report: God, in his providence, has removed from our midst since last we met Dea-

con Lem Hixon, of Clayton church, who died in Clayton, Ala., Sept. 6, 1892, after a long and protracted illness. Bro. Hixon had been a consistent member of the Baptist church for over fifty years, and by his godly walk and conversation he showed to the world that there is a reality in the religion of Jesus Christ. He showed his faith by being faithful.

In this report we would also call attention to the death of Rev. F. C. Plaster, who was at the time of his death pastor of Ramah church. Bro. Plaster had served this church but a short while, but in that limited time he had endeared, not only the church to him, but the whole community in which the church was situated. We are sorry that we cannot furnish you with a short biographical sketch of his long and useful life. He had been in the ministry for many years, most of it being spent in Kentucky. We think he had been in our State for eight or ten years, serving churches in Lowndes, Butler, Crenshaw and Montgomery counties. He was a sheaf full ripened, and we fully believe, judging from his constant life, that he has been taken up higher.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. FENN, Chairman.

Discussed by brethren T. H. Stout, W. C. T. Moseley, J. O. Hixon, B. Broom and W. C. Jordan.

42. Discussion was resumed on the report of the Bible and Colportage Board, by Bro. B. F. Riley.

43. The report on the State of the Churches was read by Bro. B. Broom and adopted. Report as follows:

REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee on State of the Churches submit the following report:

Bethlehem held a protracted meeting and the church was revived. The church desires better spiritual condition. Contributions decreased. Manifest and active interest in Sunday-school work.

Centre Ridge—No spiritual revival, and contributions the same as last year; has a good Sunday-school and prayer meeting.

Clayton—No spiritual revival during the present year; contributions decreased; has a good Sunday-school and prayer meeting.

Eufaula—No pastor at present, and spiritual condition not good; prayer meeting with small attendance, and Sunday-school largely attended; contributions decreased. This church has a regular Ladies' Aid society.

Glennville—No accessions and no regular services; contributions decreased.

Hawkinsville—No revival; regular services; contributions decreased.

Midway—Spiritual condition good; contributions increased; Sunday-school and weekly prayer meeting, with Ladies' Aid Society and Sunbeams; reports protracted meeting.

Mt. Zion—Spiritual condition not good; contributions increased; no Sunday-school; no prayer meeting.

Old Mt. Zion—Church in good condition; contributions not changed; no Sunday-school and no prayer meeting.

Pea Creek—Spiritual condition good; contributions increased; no Sunday-school; no prayer meeting.

Pleasant Hill—Regular monthly services; spiritual condition good; no prayer meeting; regular Sunday-school; contributions decreased.

Prospect—Spiritual condition good; have a Sunday-school; no prayer meeting; contributions decreased.

Pleasant Grove—Spiritual condition not good; no Sunday-school and no prayer meeting; contributions decreased.

Ramah—Spiritual condition not good; regular Sunday-school and prayer meeting; contributions decreased.

Union—Spiritual condition good; contributions unchanged; Sabbath-school; no prayer meeting.

Evergreen—No letter.

Mt. Olive—Letter misplaced.

Discussed by brethren Dolbey, T. H. Stout, J. O. Hixon and B. Broom.

44. On motion \$50.00 of the unappropriated funds of the Association was voted to sisters Misses Mary and Harriet Sims.

45. The report of the Finance Committee was read and ordered printed in the minutes.

46. On motion the clerk was authorized to have 600 copies of the minutes printed as cheaply as possible.

47. On motion the clerk was voted twenty-five dollars for services.

48. On motion the clerk was ordered to divide the remaining funds of the unappropriated fund equally between State, Home and Foreign Missions.

49. On motion a committee on Woman's Work was ordered placed on the regular order of committees to report at the next session.

50. Meeting adjourned until 9 a. m. Sunday.

SABBATH.

51. The Association joined in singing, "Children of the heavenly king."

52. The report on Sabbath Schools was read by Bro. E. L. Graves. Report as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday-Schools beg leave to make the following report:

On examining the minutes of this Association for the years 1890 and 1891, we find that in 1890 there were 650 pupils and 74 teachers reported from the churches, and for 1891. there were 762 pupils and 78 teachers. Showing an increase in favor of 1891 of 112 pupils and 4 teachers. We also find from the report on the State of the Churches, that the interest in the Sunday-schools was on the upward grade, and also that during the year 1891, there was about fifty dollars contributed to Misses Sims by the Sunday-schools of this Association. This is indeed encouraging, and it should prompt us to do better in the future than we have in the past. We should not be satisfied until we have a flourishing Sunday-school in each church of our Association, furnished with good literature from our Sunday-school Board at Nashville, Tenn., and a well selected library. Thus equipped we believe our Sunday-schools will be the means in the hand of our church of accomplishing more good than any other, except that of God's appointment, the ministry. We, therefore, urge upon the churches the necessity of having good libraries for their Sunday-schools. And also, to encourage the children of their respective Sunday-schools to contribute to missions.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. GRAVES,
W. T. HOWARD,
A. H. PRUETT.

The report was adopted.

53. The Standing Committees to report next session were announced:

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT NEXT SESSION.

State Missions—W. C. T. Moseley, M. E. Pruett, S. A. Blakey.
 Home Missions—R. Herring, H. B. Florence, A. B. Bush.
 Foreign Missions—Geo. W. Harrison, W. J. Jordan, G. W. Little.
 Woman's Work—B. Davie, W. C. Jordan, J. M. Hobdy.
 Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. E. Fenn, L. O. Barr, W. F. Provost.
 Temperance—Geo. Hollingsworth, W. W. Vaughan, W. E. McEachern.
 Bible and Colportage—E. L. Graves, Jno. A. Walker, W. B. Finney.
 Education—Geo. R. Hall, John Hollingsworth, R. L. Baker.
 Sabbath-schools—N. C. Underwood, M. W. Hall, J. M. Blackmon.
 Ministerial Education—A. F. Dix, E. I. Shorer, W. J. Cowart.
 Obituaries—J. J. S. Willis, Jno. E. Warr, Thos. Weathers.

54. Adopted the following resolution by rising vote:

Resolved, That we return our sincere thanks to the members of Midway church and community for their unbounded hospitality shown us while in their midst.

55. Rev. B. F. Riley, D. D., preached the missionary sermon. A collection was taken up, amounting to \$23 55.

56. On motion, the association adjourned, to meet with Ramah church on Tuesday before the 4th Sabbath in October, 1893, at 10 a. m.

T. H. STOUT, MODERATOR.

GEO. B. DAVIS, Clerk.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF EUFAULA ASSOCIATION.—CASH.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		State Missions.		Ind't, Ministers.		Ministerial Education.		Minutes.		Associational Purposes.		Undesignated— Bible and Colp.		S. S.—Foreign Missions.		Woman's Society.			Total.									
	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$	¢	\$		¢								
Bethlehem.....	\$11	15	\$11	15	\$11	30	\$	\$	\$	1	75	\$	1	50	\$		\$		\$	1	00	\$	2	00	\$	40	00				
Clayton.....					90	00			1	75		2	00													93	75				
Center Ridge.....													2	00												4	00				
Coville.....												50	10	00												10	50				
Enon.....																															
Eufaula.....					9	45						2	80													12	25				
Evergreen.....																															
Glenview.....	2	50	2	00	5	00					50															10	00				
Hawkinsville.....	1	00	1	00	2	00			18	75	30															4	30				
Midway.....			2	40	1	50	1	00	5	00																16	50				
Mt. Olive.....	1	00	50	1	50	9	60	5	00	5	00	1	25			30										5	55				
Mt. Zion.....	4	80	4	85																						23	50				
Old Mt Zion.....																										6	25				
Pea Creek.....			1	50																						6	30				
Pleasant Hill.....	3	50	2	00	3	50			1	50	2	00		3	10	1	00									16	10				
Pleasant Grove.....	1	50	1	50	1	50			2	00	1	50		3	00											6	00				
Prospect.....									5	00	5	00		34	00												41	00			
Ramah.....	9	65	9	60					5	00																25	75				
Union.....	3	45	3	50								1	75													11	20				
Total.....	\$38	55	\$40	00	\$137	25	\$6	00	\$39	50	\$22	35	\$	\$172	35	\$1	30	\$16	75	\$	1	00	\$	2	00	\$	7	00	\$	484	65

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—VOUCHERS.

CHURCHES.	SUNDAY-SCHOOL.										Woman's Society.		Ministerial Education.	S. B. T. Seminary.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	A. B. P. Society.	Havana House.	Total.		
	Home Missions.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education, H. G. W.	Centennial Chapel Bld'g.	State Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	Ministerial Edu.	Bible and Colpt.	State Missions.	Home Missions.							For'gn. Missions.	
Bethlehem.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Clayton.	6 00	20 00	23 25	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	12 73	21 40
Center Ridge.	4 00	6 00	10 60	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	65 98
Cowkeec.	3 73	5 00	8 29	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	51 48
Enon.	44 70	70 95	82 90	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	5 00
Eufaula.	26 90	70 95	82 90	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	22 00	207 22
Evergreen.	55	25 75	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	55
Glenhville.	16 73	17 83	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	288 94
Hawkinsville.	55	25 75	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	55
Midway.	16 73	17 83	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	288 94
Mt. Olive.	16 73	17 83	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	55
Mt. Zion.	16 73	17 83	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	288 94
Old Mt. Zion.	16 73	17 83	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	55
Pea Creek.	16 73	17 83	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	288 94
Pleasant Hill.	16 73	17 83	25 10	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	6 25	55
Pleasant Grove.	88	5 30	1 15	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	8 95	7 85
Prospect.	11 51	3 88	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	26 10
Ramah.	11 51	3 88	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	7 98
Union.	11 51	3 88	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	4 10	7 98
Total.	\$70 59	\$69 89	\$132 73	\$159 80	\$145 98	\$1 50	\$72 46	\$5 74	\$2 05	\$1 91	\$13 15	\$9 92	\$44 75	\$61 85	\$24 80	\$7 45	\$1 66	\$1 50	\$	\$687 50

*For Centennial Chapel Building.

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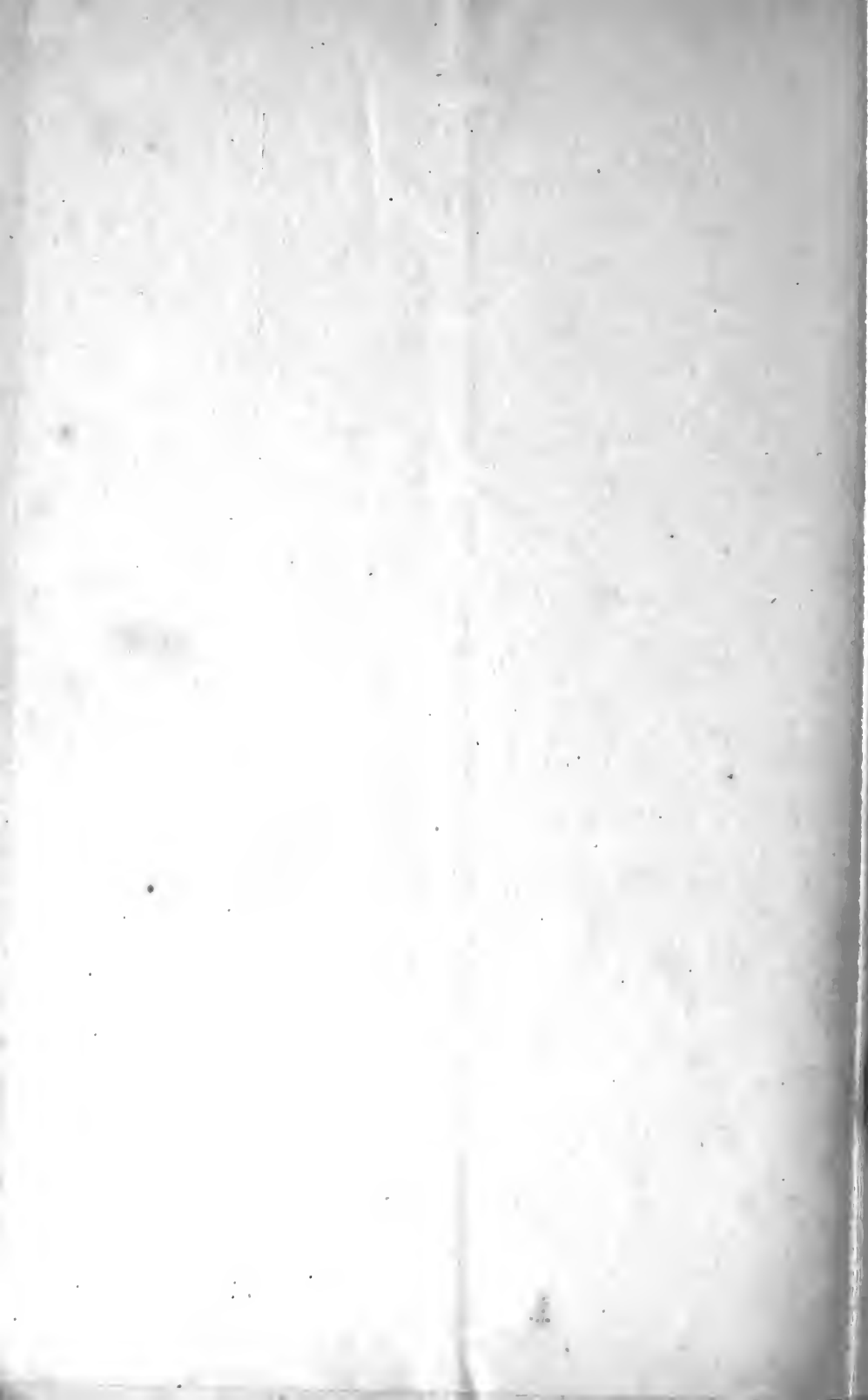
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STATISTICS OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POSTOFFICE.	Ordained Ministers	Increase by Decrease by							Reports	Reports	Reverals	Prayer Meetings.		
						Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Transfer.	Death.					Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.
Bethlehem	Barbour	N. C. Underwood.	D. L. McFae	Hurst.	2	109	6	11	12	3	11	3	110	6	30	2	Yes	None
Clayton	Barbour	N. C. Underwood.	L. H. Perkins	Clayton.	1	106		1	11	5	4	8	10	150	1	3	No	Weekly
Center Ridge	Barbour	T. H. Stout	J. J. S. Willis	Mt. Andrew.	99		6	9	9		1	95	5	50	4	No	None	
Cowlece	Barbour	H. E. McLendon.	J. S. Cade	Bakewille.	37			7	7			30	6	30	3	Yes		
Enon	Bulloch																	
Barbour	Barbour		George B. Davis	Eufaula.	3	316		22	6	2		332	16	188	Every	No	Weekly	
Evergreen	Barbour																	
Glennville	Russell		E. C. Perry	Glennville.	9							9					None	
Hawkinsville	Barbour	W. D. Joiner	H. Hawkins.	Hawkinsville.	14			2	12	17	14	12	17	14		2	Yes	None
Midway	Bulloch	T. H. Stout	G. R. Hall	Rames.	1	183	4	8	15			165	11	85	1	3	Yes	Weekly
Mt. Olive	Barbour	G. W. Harrison	J. W. Morrison	White Oak	33		1	31				31	3	50	2	Yes	Weekly	
Mt. Zion	Bulloch	A. F. Dix	G. T. Baker	Floral	39			21				39				No	None	
Old Mt. Zion	Barbour	G. W. Harrison	L. J. Cochran	Ziegler	32		7	7				50				No	None	
Pea Creek	Barbour	G. W. Harrison	F. M. Grubbs	Boyd	47							47				No	None	
Pleasant Hill	Barbour	W. D. Joiner	Eugene Blackmon	Clayton.	30		3	4	1			25	1	22	3	Yes		
Pleasant Grove	Barbour	G. W. Harrison	J. A. Johnson	Eufaula.	50			3				96		30	3	Yes	None	
Prospect	Barbour	N. C. Underwood.	T. F. J. Green.	Lindsay.	124		7	3	11			122	5	30	1	Yes		
Ramah	Barbour		H. B. Florence.	Harris.	52		1	5	4			51	8	50	1	Yes	None	
Union	Barbour	T. H. Stout	J. F. Watkins	Clayton.	82		2	5	5			78			2	Yes	None	
Total					1													

Sunday-School Superintendents and their Postoffices—Bethlehem, W. H. Harrison; Clayton, B. Davis; Clayton, Center Ridge, J. S. Willis; Mt. Andrew, Cowley; J. F. Moore; Batesville; Eufaula, A. A. Conrie; Eufaula; Hawkinsville, J. F. Hooks; Hawkinsville; Midway, W. J. Cowart; Midway; Mt. Olive, W. A. Bishop; Clayton; Pleasant Hill, J. M. Blackmon; Eufaula; Prospect, J. N. Danford; Lindsay; Ramah, E. L. Graves; Harris.

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