

MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Shelby Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Bethesda Church, Shelby Co., Alabama,

September 10, 11 and 12, 1890.

OFFICERS.

W. C. CLEVELAND, D. D.....	Moderator.
C. W. O'HARA.....	Clerk.
HOWARD GRIGGS.....	Treasurer.

The next session will be held with Cahaba Valley Church, five miles west of Ashby, on the E. T., V. & G. R. R., commencing on Wednesday after the first Sabbath in September, 1891.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read Letters from Churches.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Invite visiting Ministers to seats.
5. Invite Churches to join the Association.
6. Appoint Committee on Devotion.
7. Appoint Committee on Finance.
8. Appoint Committee on Documents.
9. Inquire whether the Standing Committees appointed at the last session are present or not; if not, fill vacancies.
10. Call for Correspondence.
11. Return Correspondence—To Canaan, Cahaba Valley, Coosa River and Mulberry Associations.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjourn.

SECOND DAY.

14. Devotional Exercises.
15. Read the Minutes of the first day and call the roll.
16. Report on Family Religion.
 17. Education.
 18. Ministerial Education.
 19. Periodicals.
 20. Missions—State, Home and Foreign.
 21. Aged and Infirm Ministers.
 22. Temperance.
 23. Sabbath Schools.
 24. Nominations.
 25. Finance.
 26. Treasurer.
27. Appoint Time and Place for next session.
28. Appoint Standing Committee to report at next session—
 - On Family Religion.
 - Education.
 - Ministerial Education.
 - Missions—State, Home, Foreign.
 - Aged and Infirm Ministers.
 - Temperance.
 - Periodicals.
 - Bible and Colportage Work.
29. Appoint some one to preach the Introductory Sermon.
30. Appoint Delegates to State Convention.
31. Order Clerk's salary paid and 500 Minutes printed.
32. Miscellaneous Business.
33. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Shelby Association met with Bethesda church on Wednesday, the 10th day of September, 1890.

The Moderator read the 84th Psalm and devotional exercises were engaged in for about thirty minutes, consisting of singing and prayers.

Introductory sermon was preached by C. W. O'Hara, from Joshua 7:10: "Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?"

After an intermission of one hour, for dinner, the Association convened.

Prayer was offered by Rev. F. M. Woods.

Brethren Howard Griggs and H. C. Taul were appointed to read. Letters from the churches were called for, received, read and the names of the delegates enrolled, as follows:

Brierfield—Not represented.

Cahaba Valley—C. R. Miller, Forest Harper.

Calera—J. W. Mathis.

Dogwood Grove—F. M. Woods.

Euon—J. A. Whitfield, J. P. Atcherson, Charles Johnson.

Montevallo—W. C. Cleveland, Howard Griggs, H. C. Reynolds.

Mar's Hill—J. M. Campbell, G. W. Sorrell.

Macedonia—Not represented.

Helena—C. L. Whittemore, John McWhorter, H. W. Bowers.

New Antioch—Not represented.

Six Mile—R. H. Pratt, J. M. Williams.

Bethesda—J. C. Lyon, M. E. B. Jones, W. W. Armstrong, J. F. Parker.

Columbiana—C. W. O'Hara, R. Z. Hill, Wm. G. Parker.

Florence—J. M. Crenshaw, J. M. Vick, J. V. Lyon.

Hopewell—Henry T. Cabaniss, J. J. Keith.

Kingdom—G. W. Templin, A. H. Templin.

Liberty—Jas. D. Martin, J. E. Adams, W. C. Wilder, Wm. Spearman.

Mt. Calvary—G. W. Stone, N. Thomas, John Moore.

Mt. Carmel—Not represented.

Rocky Ridge—J. W. Wood, J. R. Davis, James Davis.

Summer Hill—James Gould, W. E. Price, J. C. Reinhardt.

Bethlehem—James Houston.

The former Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer were re-elected by acclamation.

Invited visiting ministers to seats. Bro. W. S. Henderson was present from the Coosa River Association and accepted the invitation.

Invited churches to join the Association. Appointed a committee on Devotional Exercises consisting of the pastor and delegates of this church.

On Finance—Henry T. Cabaniss, John McWhorter, R. Z. Hill.

On Nominations—H. C. Reynolds, J. W. Wood, J. F. Parker.

Filled Vacancies on Sunday-schools—M. E. B. Jones, J. M. Crenshaw.

Called for correspondence. Brethren Abner Williams, J. F. Pope and W. S. Henderson were recognized as correspondents from the Coosa River Association and welcomed among us.

Returned correspondence :

To the Coosa River Association—C. W. O'Hara, E. B. Teague.
To the Cahaba Association—J. M. Williams.
To the Mulberry Association—R. H. Pratt.

Rev. H. C. Taul represented the Board of Bible and Colporteur Work by offering a resolution which, after some amendments and discussion by H. C. Taul, R. H. Pratt, W. C. Cleveland, L. P. Arnold, Henry Cabaniss, J. M. Crenshaw and C. W. O'Hara, was adopted.

Resolved, That this Association request Bro. F. M. Woods to act as colporteur in our bounds, and recommend him to the Board at Opelika and to the brethren wherever he may go in his work. And that we raise \$25.00 to be used in securing books and tracts necessary for this enterprise. And that the colporteur travel and sell books, tracts, &c., so far as the commissions on the same will justify him. And that all pastors be requested to correspond with him, notifying him of the number of books and tracts needed, and that Bro. Wood thus supply destitution in literature through the pastors.

Took up collection for the above, amounting to \$25.00.

On motion, fixed the time of meeting and adjourning. Meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m.; meet at 1 p. m., adjourn at 4 p. m.

Took up a collection for the benefit of Hopewell church, amounting to \$3.35. After prayer by Bro. Abner Williams, adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, Sept. 11.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayers by C. W. O'Hara and W. S. Henderson.

Minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

Report on Family Religion was read and discussed by C. W. O'Hara and W. S. Henderson.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

We, your committee on Family Religion, ask permission to submit the following: We think, to make a full and concise report on family religion, an impractical idea. We know of no plan by which we might know the amount of religious piety that exists in our bounds. We believe there is a creditable amount of religious influence in our Association, but the extent thereof we cannot tell. It may be suggested that we could determine, by inquiring how many hold family prayer. But that would not be sufficient, for Christ said, of those who hold prayer three times a day, that except righteousness exceeded such, we could in no case enter the kingdom.

We wish to offer this concluding suggestion: That religious piety should engage our most sincere attention, and that if we (by the help of God) can wield an undisputed religious influence over those around us, our religious effort in life will be a happy success.

JAMES D. MARTIN, Ch'n.

Report on Education was read. Prof. S. W. Averett, president of the Judson Female Institute, being present, was recognized in his official capacity. He then favored the Association with an address pertaining to the Judson, and the subject of general education, endeavoring to press upon the hearts of parents the great importance of educating their boys and girls. After some further discussion the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Never in the history of our government has the cause of Education been more encouraging than at present. New school houses are being built throughout the country, and the demand for educated men and women was never greater than now, and the increased appropriation of one hundred thousand dollars to the common school fund places a common school education within the reach of almost every child in the State. We recommend in the selection of teachers that great care be taken in securing earnest, Christian teachers, for intellectual culture without the moral training is ruinous and pernicious in its tendency; this fact is attested by the history of nations as well as individuals. We heartily recommend the Howard College and the Judson Institute to those having boys and girls whom they desire to give a collegiate education. These institutions are doing a grand work in upbuilding the great educational interest of the country, and are justly the pride of the Baptists of Alabama.

A. P. LONGSHORE,
W. D. LOVETT,
EMMETT McMATH,
Committee.

Report on Ministerial Education was read, amended and discussed by H. C. Taul, C. W. O'Hara, W. S. Henderson and W. C. Cleveland, and adopted.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We deem it to be the duty of a church, upon whom the Lord has bestowed the *gift*, to exercise great care to determine whether the young man is *worthy* of this "high calling;" and then the responsibility of church and pastor does not cease, until they have done all that can be done to develop this gift.

The education of a Baptist Christian ministry for the coming generation is at once the most sublime and profitable of all the agencies for the propagation of Baptist principles. Education will never impair but will always improve the *right man*.

Our Board of Ministerial Education at Montgomery afford us the means by which a young man can secure the cheapest and most thorough education that can be obtained. We recommend that contributions be taken regularly for this purpose and forwarded to the Board, and then reported by voucher to the Association.

H. C. TAUL, Ch'n.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That we recommend our brethren in the ministry to attend the Theological Institute which is to be held annually at Howard College, and that our churches see to it that their pastors attend the Institute by paying their expenses.

The missionary sermon was preached by H. C. Taul from Rom. 10:15: "How shall they preach except they be sent?"

Adjourned for one hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. Prayer by S. P. Lindsey.

Report on Periodicals was read, and, on motion, Bro. S. P. Lindsey was recognized as the representative of the Alabama Baptist and invited to address the Association in the interest of the same.

Distributed the State Mission Quarterly.

Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read.

Report on State Missions was amended. The general subject of missions was then discussed by R. H. Pratt, W. S. Henderson, Abner Williams, J. D. Martin, W. C. Cleveland, F. M. Woods and Charles Johnson,

A collection was taken for Missions, amounting to \$24.00.

On motion, this amount was divided equally between State, Home and Foreign Missions.

The reports were then adopted:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

The State Mission Board, located at Selma, is thoroughly organized for the accomplishment of its purposes, and during the past year has done gratifying work in supplying the gospel at home.

The most effective means for securing the Word of God for the heathen nations is to develop the resources awakened by its power at home. The spirit of giving to the Master's cause in proportion to its needs, is found only where His divine grace has been planted in the hearts of the people, and the means he has given them are properly used.

In the older towns and cities of the State where large population has obtained by steady growth, the Word of God is preached and the people respond to its demands. But never in the history of Alabama has the State Mission Board been so taxed to supply the demands made upon it as now. The large towns that are springing into life where new railroad and commercial enterprises are being pushed, bring into the State hundreds of people whose religious character is undetermined, yet who will be live factors in the progress of our material wealth. If they are promptly offered the means of salvation, what a powerful addition they may become to God's cause! Small communities long undisturbed are contributing to the population of these new towns, and are left in a weakened condition, and need outside assistance from this board; and the board is cognizant of this fact.

In pursuance of its plans it constituted during the past year 14 churches, organized 54 Sunday-schools, and 10 ladies' mission societies; it held 869 prayer meetings, commenced the erection of 16 meeting houses and finished five; it visited 581 churches, and reports 132 preaching stations without churches.

Let us respond to its calls, and by generous contributions, regularly taken, render still more effective its good work in diffusing the gospel "unto the salvation of men."

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD GRIGGS,
H. C. REYNOLDS,
WILL LYMAN,
Committee.

AMENDMENTS.

1st. *Resolved*, That this Association endeavor to raise 33 cents per member, as suggested by the State Mission Board, for all the objects fostered by the denomination, and that we co-operate with the State Mission Board.

2nd. *Resolved*, That this Association recommend the churches in our

bounds to take collections for missions quarterly, and forward the same to Bro. Howard Griggs, Treasurer of the Association, to be by him applied to such objects as may be indicated by the church.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Association, it ought to be regarded a privilege as well as a duty, on the part of stronger churches, to aid weaker ones in the regions around them, attempting to occupy *centers of population*, in getting foothold and maintaining the worship of God.

2. *Resolved*, That where other services can not be maintained in centers of population, it is a good policy for enterprising brethren to organize Sunday-schools, which have often, under such circumstances, proved the germ of churches.

3. *Resolved*, That State Mission Boards, within their respective States, have done a good work in looking out *larger* centers of population, and appointing ministers to occupy them.

4. *Resolved*, That *still larger* centers like New Orleans, Savannah, Memphis and other like places, presenting great destitution, are the appropriate field of her Home Mission Board. And that all these departments of mission work, as the best our brethren collectively have been able to devise, deserve our interest, prayers and liberalities. No necessary confusion results, when we choose what appears most to demand our assistance, whether one or more or all. Also, that the contributions ought to be carefully reported in the letters of the churches to the Association, for information, system and mutual encouragement.

5. *Resolved*, That churches were designed to be self edifying bodies, to the end that they might "do good and communicate," rather than get good and accumulate; that therefore Home Missions are the basis of Foreign Missions, the one a necessity to the other; and that the maxim applies to the two departments, "this ought ye to do and not to leave the other undone." The primitive organization of Christianity was a system of *propagandism*, adjusted to the times and circumstances; the system was not left to be changed, but the adjustments left to the intelligence of the age.

E. B. TEAGUE.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions, leaving out the usual details, and even the usual summary of statistics, confine discussion mainly to a single subject, namely—the oneness of Foreign with all other missions. We are accustomed to speak of State Missions, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, etc., localizing the departments of the work. This habit is sometimes misleading, as the work in fact and in Scripture is but one; hence, when people sometimes say they are in favor of Home Missions, but not of Foreign Missions, or *vice versa*, it is a contradiction in terms. Let us see whether this is so or not:

I. The first commission given to the twelve Apostles was in these words: "Go not into the way of the Gentiles and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Mat. 10:5, 6, 7. That is, the Apostles were sent, for the time being, only to Israelites. Some churches to this day act as if under the first commission, confining themselves to their own neighborhood.

II. But the first commission applying to the brief period between the calling of the twelve and our Lord's ascension was superseded on the eve of that event by another, making the field the world: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in the earth; go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." That is, if they carry out the orders, in fact and spirit, aiming to preach the gospel everywhere, in its purity and fullness, and all its requirements. Mat. 28:19, 20.

There were present on this occasion, when the second commission was given, with the "eleven" on the mountain in Galilee where Jesus had ap-

pointed (Mat. 26:32; 28:7), and other disciples, a large number; it would seem, probably, the "five hundred" mentioned by Paul in 1 Cor. 15:6, who saw the Lord at once after his resurrection. An illustration of the way in which the discipleship at large began to carry out the commission is found in the fact that, leaving the Apostles at Jerusalem, on the persecution raised about Stephen, they "went everywhere preaching the gospel" among the Samaritans and Gentiles as well as Jews. The order of the work is intimated in our Lord's words recorded by Luke, just as he was about to ascend to the Father: "Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise the third day from the dead, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" 24:47-49

III. Peter, James and John, on the one hand, and Paul on the other, who appear to have been leaders even among the Apostles, formed an agreement after awhile, that the former should go to the circumcision, the latter, as especially directed, to the heathen. Peter's diligence is to be inferred from his Epistles. Paul's we trace a little farther as an example for us Gentiles.

Not long after his conversion, we find him at Antioch in Syria exercising his ministry there with many others. "As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul, for the work whereunto I have called them." They went forth preaching in many cities and centers of population in Asia Minor, the Holy Spirit attended the work, and many churches were founded. Returning after a while to report, they were sent forth a second time, with similar success among Jews and Greeks, in Achai as well as Asia Minor. This was all Foreign Mission work. Of course, the church at Antioch defrayed the expenses.

Paul says afterward it was his "rule" to be "enlarged" by the churches already founded, "to preach the gospel in regions beyond." 2 Cor. 10:16. Brazil, Italy, and even China and Japan are now, practically, nearer to us than were Asia Minor and Greece to Palestine.

IV. Who should bear the expense of missions and in what proportion? We answer, Every one "according to that he hath;" according as God hath prospered every one. The rich of their abundance, the poor of their penury. The widow who gave two mites, all her living, gave more in God's sight than all the rich. The grace of God was so bestowed on the churches of Macedonia that their "deep poverty abounded to the riches of their liberality." 2 Cor. 8:1-8.

There is just as much necessity for one class to give as another, as the object of the Master is not the accumulation of money or means especially, "as though he needed anything," but to exercise our benevolence and gratitude, to let us see whether we love the souls of men enough to expend money in sending the gospel to them, or love Jesus enough to give ourselves and our money to Him; to see whether we have any kinship to Him who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor that we might be rich. If we give willingly, we shall receive a reward; if unwillingly, a dispensation is laid upon us.

Bro. F. M. Woods accepted the appointment of Colporter of the Association.

On motion, appointed a standing committee on Bible and Colportage Work.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 12.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by J. W. Wood.

Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read, amended, and, after some discussion, adopted:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, beg leave to report, that at the last meeting of this Association it was recommended that churches having within their membership brethren needing pecuniary assistance would confer with the committee, stating their necessities, that the committee might take such steps for their relief as were necessary. No communication of this kind has reached us from any source; we therefore conclude that there must be few or no cases needing relief of this kind, or else the churches are remiss in not making reports. Contributions to this fund will probably be sent in by the churches and reported to the Association, but the committee have so far no knowledge of it. It is difficult for your committee to make a satisfactory report upon this important subject without information from the churches, and we would therefore recommend that each church in the Association be requested to appoint a committee, or adopt such other means as it may deem most efficient, to ascertain the true condition of this class of ministers and make a full report of the same to this committee as early as practicable. The sum of \$5.10 was paid by Columbiana church to Bro. J. W. Wood. Other churches have doubtless contributed to the same, but no reports have been made to this committee. In our judgment this subject has claims upon the Association which should not be overlooked. We regret that we are not able to report larger contributions to and a greater interest manifested in this subject, and hope your next committee may be able to make a more favorable report.

J. L. PETERS, Ch'n.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That Revs. W. W. Armstrong and J. W. Wood be made the beneficiaries of this Association, as indigent ministers, and that all the churches in our bounds be requested to take collections for their benefit during the month of November, forward the same to the Treasurer of the Association and that he be instructed to divide the amount equally and pay over to the brethren named.

Report on Sunday-schools was read and discussed by F. M. Woods, J. M. Crenshaw, H. C. Taul and R. H. Pratt. Report adopted:

REPORT ON SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath-schools rejoice to know that interest is manifestly increasing in this great work; but feel sure that there is yet much to be done on this line before a satisfactory report can be made.

We suggest that the International Lessons be thoroughly studied at home.

We fear that too many of our teachers and children are content to merely read over the lesson, and gather the little they can from this way of reciting. We would call the attention of parents to the fact that if they would have their children benefited, they *must* teach them at home. Otherwise, they can not understand it sufficiently to impress their minds to that extent which the Sabbath-school is intended to do.

We further suggest that every Sabbath-school in our bounds get their literature from the Colportage Board at Opelika, Ala.

We gather from the letters to this session the following: Number of churches reporting Sabbath schools, 13; number of teachers, 75; number of scholars, 604.

We insist that a Sabbath-school be organized in every church in the land. All of which is respectfully submitted,

F. M. Woods, Ch'n.

Report on Temperance was received, and, after discussion by H. C. Taul, L. P. Arnold and Charles Johnson, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report, to-wit: While we have some grounds to congratulate ourselves that

temperance is gaining ground, we fear that prohibition is a failure to some extent. We find the Blind Tiger is doing considerable harm. Bitters or tonics are doing equally as much. We find this vile stuff sold at many places of business. We see the youth of our country drunk on it in the ditch. Such is to be deplored.

We, my Christian brethren, as the salt of the earth, should support the officers of the law in bringing every offender of the law to justice, and we should petition to the Legislature to make laws to stop the making and sale of such vile stuffs as bitters or tonics. It is just an evasion of the law, and for no good.

The temperance cause is the Christian's field, and we should lay hold and work for the interest of our fellow man and posterity. How many have gone to ruin on earth and to perdition by drink? It is awful to contemplate!

The world is full of broken hearted mothers and children, raised in degradation, sin, misery and uneducated, to go forth into the world to lead corrupt and unprofitable lives by means of this vile trafic. Numerous are the cases that have come under our observation. We should be up and at work. We have an immense work for our Master. We should go to the fountain head, study, analyze and purify the waters, so as posterity travels down the stream of time they will not find the breakers, falls and whirlpools that we have encountered. As we glance backward, oh! how many do we see who have been caught in the whirlpool of rum and sunk so low that they never could clear themselves of the pool until down, down they went to perdition.

Brethren, let us work for temperance as if it was our own child, and never cease. Let us leave the world better than we found it.

L. P. ARNOLD, Ch'n.

Report on Finance was received, amended and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report that the amount contributed by the churches during the year for the various objects fostered by the denomination as indicated by the financial exhibit, which we herewith submit, is \$1,893 53; of this amount we have received, in cash, \$142.96; paid over to the Treasurer, \$142.96.

HENRY CABANISS,
R. Z. HILL,
JOHN MCWHORTER,
Committee.

Treasurer's Report was received and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HOWARD GRIGGS, Treasurer, in account with Shelby Baptist Association :

1889.		DR.	
Sept. 4.	To amount from former Treasurer—		
	for Foreign Missions.....	\$ 4 00	
	for State Missions.....	13 80	
	for Ministerial Education.....	1 50	
	for Indigent Ministers' Fund.....	3 10	
	for Minute fund.....	8 55	
	To amount from Finance Committee—		
	for Foreign Missions.....	8 75	
	for Home Missions.....	7 90	
	for State Missions.....	1 00	
	for Indigent Ministers' fund.....	6 00	
	for Ministerial Education.....	15 65	
	for Minute fund.....	43 25	
	for State Missions.....	11 65	
Oct. 27.			
1890.			
Jan. 11.	To amount from Bethesda Baptist church—		
	for Foreign Missions.....	3 75	
Jan. 31.	for Ministerial Education.....	20 00	
Mch. 26.	from Mt. Calvary Baptist church—		
	for Foreign Missions.....	2 55	
Apl. 26.	for Bible and Colportage Board.....	20 00	
July 27.	for State Missions.....	22 15—\$193 61	

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1889.				
Sept. 4.	By cash to H. C. Taul, missionary.....		\$ 14 80	
	to E. B. Teague, indigent minister		6 00	
	to C. W. O'Hara, Clerk.....		15 00	
Sept. 5.	to W. B. Crumpton for Missions.....		12 75	
	for Home Missions.....		7 90	
	to Geo. W. Ellis for Ministerial Education fund.....		17 16	
Mch. 26.	to W. B. Crumpton for Foreign Missions		6 30	
Nov. 15.	to Baptist Printing Co. for Minutes.....		30 00	
21.	to W. B. Crumpton for State Missions.....		11 65	
1890.				
Feb. 1.	to Geo. W. Ellis for Ministerial Education.....		20 00	
May 2.	to J. B. Collier for Bible and Colportage Board		20 00	
Aug. 4.	to W. B. Crumpton for State Missions		22 15	
Sept. 10.	Cash balance on hand		9 90	-\$193 61
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13.	To amount from Finance Committee.....		142 96	
	Total.....		\$152 86	

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD GRIGGS, Treas.

Report on Nominations was read and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The committee on Nominations, after due deliberation, respectfully submit the following report:

1. That the Executive committee on Mission Work in the bounds of this Association be composed of the same members and located at the same place; viz.: John K. Milner, Columbiana, chairman; A. P. Longshore, Columbiana; Howard Griggs Montevallo; John McWhorter, Helena; Thomas M. Fancher, Six Mile.

2. That the introductory sermon at the next session be preached by Jas. D. Martin; M. E. B. Jones, alternate.

3. That the missionary sermon be preached by F. M. Woods; W. W. Kirkland, alternate.

4. We recommend as delegates to the Southern Baptist convention: W. C. Cleveland; E. B. Teague, alternate.

5. As delegates to the State convention, we propose the names of brethren H. C. Taul, R. H. Pratt, Howard Griggs, J. F. Hill, Walter Riddle, W. C. Cleveland, J. F. Parker, F. M. Woods, H. F. Cabaniss and J. D. Martin.

We find two churches asking for the next Association, both earnestly presenting their claims. We finally decided, under all the circumstances, to recommend that the next annual meeting of this Association be held with Cahaba Valley church, beginning as heretofore—on Wednesday after the first Sunday in September next.

Respectfully submitted,

H. C. REYNOLDS, Ch'n.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your committee on Periodicals, would report that, in our opinion, we believe that our people are sadly negligent in reference to the sustenance of our denominational literature. While we look upon the Bible as being the Book of books, and should be read first and above all others, yet we deem it highly important that our people read our denominational literature as a means of posting themselves in reference to what is to be done. This, in our opinion, is the reason why so many of our church members are derelict in the discharge of many Christian duties. We would especially recommend the Alabama Baptist, Home Field, Foreign Mission Journal and State Mission Quarterly. Many others are worthy of recommendation. We would caution our brethren against the many vile sheets that flood our country. While the one is potent for good the other is equally potent for evil.

J. R. WELLS, Ch'n.

Appointed standing committees.

- On Family Religion—F. M. Woods, N. J. Jarvis, R. E. Woolley.
 On Education—Howard Griggs, Dr. R. Davis, J. W. Arnold.
 On Ministerial Education—J. L. Peters, A. P. Longshore, J. W. O'Hara.
 On Periodicals—J. C. Lyon, J. F. Parker and W. A. Dunham.
 Aged and Infirm Ministers—J. M. Crenshaw, N. Thomas, J. R. Davis.
 On State Missions—R. H. Pratt, J. D. Farrington, J. A. Caruth.
 On Home Missions—H. C. Reynolds, E. W. North, John McMath, Jr.
 On Foreign Missions—H. C. Taul, W. C. Denson, John McWhorter.
 On Temperance—M. E. B. Jones, A. H. Templin, W. T. Crumpton.
 On Sabbath-schools—Thomas M. Fancher, E. B. McGuire, Forest Harper.
 On Bible and Colportage Work—F. M. Woods, R. E. Woolley, Howard Griggs.

Resolved, That we, the delegates and visitors to the Shelby Association, held with Bethesda Baptist church, tender our thanks to the kind people of the community for the kindness and hospitality we have received at their hands.

After singing, extending the parting hand, and prayer, adjourned.

W. C. CLEVELAND, MODERATOR.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

W. C. Cleveland, D. D.....	Montevallo,	Ala.
N. T. Lucus.....	"	"
N. J. Jarvis.....	"	"
F. M. Woods.....	"	"
H. C. Taul.....	Helena,	"
W. D. Hubbard.....	Birmingham,	"
M. E. B. Jones.....	Wilsonville,	"
W. W. Armstrong (indigent and aged beneficiary of Asso.)	"	"
J. C. Lyon.....	"	"
J. F. Parker.....	"	"
J. D. Martin.....	Weldon,	"
E. B. Teague, D. D.....	Columbiana,	"
J. W. Wood (indigent and aged beneficiary of the Asso.)..	"	"
C. W. O'Hara.....	"	"
W. W. Kirkland.....	Lewis,	"
J. D. Mills.....	Longview,	"

LICENTIATES.

W. M. Kerbo.....	Six Mile,	"
Charles Johnson.....	Montevallo,	"
James Davis.....	Columbiana,	"

STATISTICS OF SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	No. Ordained Ministers.	No. Licensed Ministers.	Increase by							Present Membership.	S. S. Off. & Teach.	S. S. Pupils.	Preb'ng Sabbaths	
							Membership Last Reported.	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience.	Restoration.	Exclusion.	Resure.					Death.
FIRST DISTRICT.																		
Brierfield.....	Bibb.....	J. W. Mitchell.....	E. M. Crider.....	Brierfield.....	.....	.....	22	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15	.....	2
Bethlehem.....	Shelby.....	N. J. Jarvis.....	J. W. Arnold.....	Montevallo.....	.....	.....	29	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	27	.....	3
Cahaba Valley.....	Bibb.....	W. J. Ruddick.....	E. B. McGuire.....	Six Mile.....	.....	1	98	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95	.....	2
Calera.....	Shelby.....	H. C. Moss.....	H. C. Moss.....	Calera.....	.....	.....	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32	.....	2
Dogwood Grove.....	Shelby.....	F. M. Woods.....	R. E. Wooley.....	Montevallo.....	.....	2	121	7	3	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	117	.....	2
Enon.....	Shelby.....	N. T. Lucas.....	W. R. Lucas.....	Montevallo.....	.....	1	56	11	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	171	.....	1
Longview.....	Shelby.....	.....	L. P. Arnold.....	Longview.....	.....	1	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17	.....	45
Montevallo.....	Shelby.....	W. C. Cleveland.....	Thos. J. Williams.....	Montevallo.....	.....	1	73	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	59	.....	68
Mar's Hill.....	Jefferson.....	L. P. Craig.....	W. N. Hubbard.....	Brock's Gap.....	.....	.....	38	20	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	.....	2,4
Macedonia.....	Shelby.....	H. C. Taul.....	H. W. Bowers.....	Helena.....	.....	2	42	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	42	.....	3
Helena.....	Shelby.....	.....	H. W. Bowers.....	Helena.....	.....	2	36	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	39	.....	.....
New Antioch.....	Shelby.....	.....	.....	Helena.....	.....	2	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....
Six Mile.....	Bibb.....	C. W. O'Hara.....	W. E. Fancher.....	Six Mile.....	.....	.....	98	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85	.....	1
SECOND DISTRICT.																		
Bethesda.....	Shelby.....	J. C. Lyon.....	R. A. O'Hara.....	Wilsonville.....	.....	4	125	2	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	117	.....	6
Columbia.....	Shelby.....	E. R. Teague.....	J. L. Peters.....	Columbiana.....	.....	2	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	.....	2
Florence.....	Shelby.....	W. W. Kirkland.....	W. M. Creshaw.....	Shelby.....	.....	1	24	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	3
Hopewell.....	Shelby.....	J. F. Parker.....	H. Cabanis.....	Shelby.....	.....	.....	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36	.....	41
Kingdom.....	Shelby.....	M. E. B. Jones.....	W. T. Crumpton.....	Wilsonville.....	.....	.....	22	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	3
Liberty.....	Shelby.....	J. D. Martin.....	A. F. Carden.....	Weldon.....	.....	1	104	6	1	3	2	.....	.....	.....	111	.....	3
Mt. Calvary.....	Shelby.....	M. E. B. Jones.....	N. Thomas.....	Columbiana.....	.....	.....	50	5	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	58	.....	1
Mt. Carmel.....	Shelby.....	.....	.....	Columbiana.....	.....	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	.....	.....
Rocky Ridge.....	Shelby.....	J. C. Lyon.....	W. M. Davis.....	Columbiana.....	.....	1	51	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	4
Summer Hill.....	Shelby.....	.....	L. Q. Gould.....	Columbiana.....	.....	.....	48	1	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46	.....	.....
Total.....	16	3	1227	76	57	8	2	66	27	16	171	234	74	598

*The previous total is given where the church was not represented.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.—E. M. Crider, Brierfield—Brierfield Church; Thomas M. Fancher, Six Mile—Cahaba Valley church; M. I. Wooden, Montevallo—Dogwood Grove church; J. M. Daniel, Montevallo—Enon church; E. W. North, Montevallo—Montevallo church; James Nunnally, Helena—Mar's Hill church; R. H. Pratt, Six Mile—Six Mile church; W. E. Riddle, Wilsonville—Bethesda church; A. P. Longshore, Columbiana—Columbiana church; Newton Vick, Lewis—Florence church; George Crumpton, Wilsonville—Kingdom church; J. F. Crane, Weldon—Liberty church.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF SHELBY ASSOCIATION, 1890.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home).	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers.	Bible and Colportage.	Howard College.	Minutes.	Associa'l Purposes and Undesignated.	Howard College (building).	Judson Female Institute (building).	School Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Build'g and Furniture.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Brierfield	1 00			3 60				1 00	1 00						
Bethlehem			9 80					2 00	1 00			12 20	75 00	87 00	425 00
Bethesda						3 00		1 00	1 00						2000 00
Calera	1 65	2 50	8 15	1 65				1 50	1 50			16 00	100 00		400 00
Cababa Valley	8 00		24 65	19 87	5 10	10 00		1 50	1 50	42 50	5 00	25 00	130 00	15 87	1000 00
Columbiana	2 60		2 00	2 30	3 50			70 00	1 00			5 00	27 35		400 00
Dogwood Grove		40 00						1 25	50 00			5 00	41 70	5 00	500 00
Enon			1 00	1 70	1 20			1 00	50 00			1 08			
Florence			1 00					1 00	50 00				4 50		200 00
Hopewell			6 50		1 20			1 50	50 00					25 00	1000 00
Helena				2 10				30 00	50 00			1 25	8 25		300 00
Kingdom			2 50		60 00			2 00	1 00				35 00		300 00
Longview				33 80	2 00	20 00	20 00	1 50	1 50				515 00		300 00
Liberty								1 50	50 00				65 00		3200 00
Montevallo								1 00	50 00						
Mars' Hill								2 00	50 00						
Macedonia			2 85		2 00				50 00						
Mt. Calvary															
Mt. Carmel															
New Antioch															
Rocky Ridge			12 00	4 55				1 50							
Six Mile			3 00					1 50	1 75				110 00		1500 00
Summer Hill		3 35	8 00	8 00											
Collections	8 00				25 00										
Total	\$21 25	\$45 85	\$80 61	79 47	\$15 60	\$45 00	\$33 00	\$27 60	\$15 50	\$42 50	\$5 00	\$71 53	\$1131 80	\$181 02	\$9725 00

Name of Moderator—W. C. Cleveland; Postoffice of Moderator—Montevallo, Name of Clerk—C. W. O'Hara; Postoffice of Clerk—Columbiana. Session of 1890 held with Bethesda Church, Shelby county, on September 10th, 11th and 12th, 1890.



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