

# MINUTES

OF THE

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# UNITY

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

CLANTON BAPTIST CHURCH, CHILTON CO., ALA..

*Saturday, Sunday, Monday, October 2d, 3d, 4th, 1886.*



## OFFICERS:

A. J. BROOKS, MODERATOR.....	Verbena, Ala.
T. M. HENLEY, CLERK .....	Randolph, Ala.
K. WELLS, TREASURER.....	Verbena, Ala.

The next session will be held with Plantersville Church, Dallas county, Ala.,  
on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1887.



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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Introductory Sermon preached.
2. Intermission, one hour, for dinner.
3. The Moderator called the Association to order.
4. Letters read.
5. Organization.
6. Rules of Decorum read.
7. Ministers who are not Messengers invited to seats.
8. Admission of new churches.
9. Correspondents received and returned.
10. Appoint Committees on—
  - (a) Preaching.
  - (b) Letters and Documents.
  - (c) Missions.
  - (d) Bible Schools.
  - (e) Education.
  - (f) Temperance.
  - (g) Periodicals.
  - (h) Deceased Ministers.
  - (i) Aged and Infirm Ministers and Families of Deceased Ministers.
  - (j) Finance.
  - (k) Special.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Adjourn
13. Reassemble.
14. Roll Call.
15. Previous Minutes read.
16. Reports of Committees in the above order.
17. The Committee on Preaching to appoint some one to preach the Introductory Sermon next session.
18. Miscellaneous Business.
19. Treasurer's Report.
20. Adjourn.

## —\*MINUTES.\*—

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1. The Unity Baptist Association assembled in its Thirty-Second Annual Session with the Clanton Baptist Church, Chilton county, Ala., on Saturday, October 2, 1886. At 11 A. M. the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. Hardy Jones, from the last clause of the 12th verse, 2d chapter of Phillippians.

2. At 2 P. M. the Messengers from the Churches assembled in the church building and were called to order by the Moderator, A. J. Brooks.

3. After reading the 8th Psalm and singing "What a Friend we have in Jesus," the Association was led in prayer by Eld. Geo. W. Mills.

Elds. W. N. Huckabee and W. J. Ruddick read the letters from the Churches.

5. Following is the enrollment of the names of the Messengers:

- Shady Grove—\*A. Andrews, J. M. Clay.
- Plantersville—\*G. W. Mills, \*W. N. Huckabee, Rufus Walker.
- Verbena—\*L. G. Skipper, K. Wells, W. C. Adair, A. J. Brooks.
- Randolph—T. M. Henley, A. J. Woolley, H. S. Latham, J. O. Butler.
- Shiloh—J. H. Griffis, A. C. Poole, R. S. Owens, †T. J. Billingsley, Sidney Scott, Jas. J. Owen, A. W. Powell, R. W. Scott, Walter Poole.
- Liberty—S. B. Wilder, Thomas Blake.
- Collins Chappel—B. N. Martin, Wm. D. Martin.
- Clanton—J. H. Chandler, J. M. Ponder, W. D. Sartor.
- Evergreen—W. W. Caffey, J. H. Apperson, J. L. Wright.
- Big Springs—W. W. Carter, W. W. Gaines, W. J. Lindley, J. A. Wyatt.
- Mulberry—W. J. Fleming, J. L. Raspberry.
- Bethesda—J. S. Poole.
- Harmony—C. H. Morgan, J. Griffis, H. E. Wallace.
- Mt. Zion—H. C. Young.
- Providence—Moses Roberson, Riley Roberson, E. H. Parish, A. J. Powell, B. F. Wyatt, M. J. Parish.
- Valley Creek—Daniel Mitchell.

- New Prospect—J. T. Satterwhite, G. W. Coburn.  
 Friendship—\*Isaac Bice, John M. Pyron.  
 Chestnut Creek—\*Hardy Jones, Walter Boyd, J. E. White, J. W. G.  
 Kicker.  
 Cane Creek—†Jas. M. Thacker, W. M. Goer, E. H. Lowe, Jos. Goer, Jr.  
 Ebenezer—\*W. J. Ruddick, J. A. Stephens, John Parnell.  
 Autangaville—Letter and money.  
 Corinth—R. D. May, W. D. Goss, H. J. Norris.  
 Bozeman—\*J. Falkner, W. T. Smith, H. Eavins, W. A. B. Falkner.  
 Beth Salem—John Moore.  
 Pilgrims Rest—J. A. Rowlinson.  
 Chestnut Hill—No delegates.  
 Fellowship—J. R. Hooks.  
 Pleasant Grove—†Joseph Selman, J. H. Shultz.  
 Sardis—†A. G. Patrick, Monroe Deason.  
 Poplar Springs—B. H. Wells, J. L. Ray.  
 Mt. Carmel—R. M. Roebuck, M. M. Abram.
- \*Ordained ministers. †Licentiates.

6. Eld. J. Falkner stated that on account of Bro. W. T. Smith being taken sick and going home, the letter from Bozeman Church was incomplete and asked that after reading the statistics, he be allowed to retain the letter until he could complete it. Granted.

7. Bro. Jno. Moore was recognized as a delegate from Beth Salem.

8. On motion of Eld. Huckabee the rules were suspended and the officers were elected by acclamation, resulting in the choice of the former officers, A. J. Brooks, T. M. Henly and K. Wells as Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer respectively.

9. The Moderator returned his thanks to the Association for its renewed confidence in him and declared the body organized and ready for business.

10. Rules of decorum were read by Eld. W. J. Ruddick.

11. Ministers, not Messengers, were invited to seats.

12. An invitation to new churches to unite with this Association was responded to by Fellowship, Pleasant Grove and Chestnut Hill Churches (former members of the body) and Sardis Church. On motion, they were received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to those of their Messengers who were present.

13. Correspondents received from Sister Associations as follows:

Shelby—Eld. W. J. Elliott.

Mulberry—Package of Minutes, through Bro. T. M. Henley.

14. On motion of Eld. Falkner, Eld. G. W. McQueen and Mack Pruitt of the Alabama, and Eld. W. Wilkes of the Coosa River, were received as correspondents from their respective associations.

15. Returned correspondents as follows:

Shelby—H. S. Latham, G. W. Mills, A. J. Woolley, T. M. Henley, J. M. Selman.

Coosa River—J. Falkner, L. G. Skipper.

Montgomery—J. Falkner, W. C. Boyd, W. B. Strock, L. G. Skipper, G. W. Coburn, K. Wells, W. W. Carter.

Mulberry—H. S. Latham, T. M. Henley, J. Falkner.

Cahaba—J. R. Hooks, G. W. Mills, T. M. Henley, H. S. Latham, J. H. Shoultz, J. M. Selman.

Selma—W. N. Huckabee.

Tallapoosa—J. Falkner.

State Convention—C. H. Morgan, A. J. Brooks, L. G. Skipper, G. W. Mills, W. N. Huckabee, W. J. Ruddick, J. M. Hatcher, T. M. Henley, Hardy Jones, J. M. Clay.

16. Following is the list of Committees appointed by the Moderator to report this session; those to report next session to be announced Monday morning:

On Preaching—Pastor and Deacon of Clanton Church with Bro. K. Wells.

Our Letters and Documents—W. J. Ruddick, W. W. Carter, Moses Roberson.

On Deceased Ministers—H. S. Latham, J. A. Stephens, James Griffis.

On Periodicals—J. M. Clay, G. W. Coburn, W. C. Adair.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers—W. N. Huckabee, T. J. Kingsley, A. C. Poole.

Finance—W. D. Sartor, H. Eavins, J. M. Pyron.

Special—G. W. Mills, Rufus Walker, Jacob Griffis, H. W. Watson.

17. Miscellaneous business being in order, Eld. W. J. Ruddick said he would like to ask some of the older ministers if any member of a Baptist church except Deacons could hand around the elements at the communion table. Elds. Falkner, Watson and Wilkes made some remarks. Elds. Falkner and Watson thought lay members could. Eld. Wilkes thought the same way, but suggested that in absence of deacons the ministers ought to administer himself. Bro. Ruddick did not wish a vote taken.

18. A motion of Eld. Mills to hold a night session to-night was, on motion of J. M. Clay, laid on the table.

19. Committee on Preaching made the following report: Eld. W. J. Ruddick to preach at Baptist church to-night. Eld. Geo. W. McQueen to deliver Sabbath School address at Baptist church to-morrow at 9:30 A. M. Eld. H. W. Watson to deliver Sabbath school address at Methodist church at same hour. Eld. W. B. Crumpton to preach at 11 A. M. to-morrow at Baptist Church, and Eld. W. Wilks at the Methodist Church to-morrow at same hour; Eld. J. Falkner to preach at Baptist church to-morrow night. Eld. G. W. Mills at Methodist church to-morrow night.

20. On motion of Eld. W. N. Huckabee a collection was ordered to be taken up at the conclusion of the 11 o'clock services to-morrow.

21. On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Eld. Falkner.

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SABBATH, October 3, 1886.

Eld. W. J. Ruddick preached Saturday night from Rev. 22 c. 17 v. Eld. W. B. Crumpton preached at Baptist church at 11 A. M. from Math. 28 c. 19 and 20 v. Eld. W. Wilkes at 11 A. M. at Methodist Church from Romans 8 chap. 28 v. Eld. Geo. W. McQueen at Court-House at 11 A. M. from 1 John, 5 c. 20 v, last clause. Eld. W. B. Crumpton at Baptist church at night from II Peter, 1 c, 5, 6 and 7 verses.

Eld. H. W. Watson at Methodist church at night from Mark 9 c, 17-27 verses.

Eld. G. W. McQueen and Bro. J. G. Harris delivered Sabbath school addresses at Baptist church at 9 A. M. Eld. H. W. Watson delivered a Sabbath school address at Methodist church at 9 A. M. At 4 P. M. Bro. J. G. Harris delivered an eloquent lecture at Baptist church, subject, David and Absalom. Amount of collection \$36.14. Amount collected at night for Brierfield church \$13.10.

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MONDAY, 9 A. M., October 4, 1886.

22. The Association was called to order by Moderator and after singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," prayer was offered by Eld. Andrews.

23. The calling of the roll was dispensed with until after dinner, first thing before miscellaneous business.

24. The minutes of Saturday were read and adopted.

25. Following are the committees appointed by the Moderator to report next session.

On Missions—W. J. Ruddick, A. J. Wooley, Oliver Mullens.

On Sabbath Schools—H. W. Watson, W. W. Carter, C. H. Morgan.

On Education—L. G. Skipper, J. H. Chandler, W. J. Fleming.

On Temperance—J. Falkner, H. J. Norris, J. A. Mullens.

25. On motion of Eld. W. J. Ruddick, Eld. W. B. Crumpton was recognized in his official capacity as Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board.

26. Report on Letters and Documents was read by W. J. Ruddick. Adopted after discussion by W. J. Ruddick.

27. Report on Missions was postponed till the hour of 11.

28. Report on Bible Schools was read by Eld. W. J. Ruddick. Discussed by J. S. Poole, W. J. Ruddick, W. B. Crumpton, G. W. Coburn, L. G. Skipper, C. H. Morgan, A.

J. Brooks, (Eld. G. W. Mills in the chair), A. Andrews, H. W. Watson. On motion of C. H. Morgan report was adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

29. The question of the District Meetings and the S. S. Convention was referred to the special committee, G. W. Mills, Rufus Walker, Jacob Griffis.

30. The hour of 11 having arrived, the report on Missions was read by Eld. Falkner. Adopted, after discussion by W. B. Crumpton and A. Andrews.

31. On motion of Eld. Huckabee, a committee of five was appointed by the Moderator to recommend to the churches the amounts to be raised by them respectively, the amount called for by the State Board; also to recommend the Envelope system or plan. Committee, W. N. Huckabee, L. G. Skipper, J. M. Ponder, J. E. White, Jno. Moore.

32. On motion, adjourned till 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Eld. W. J. Elliott.

33. On reassembling sang "I am coming to the cross." Prayer by Eld. I. Bice.

34. On motion, debate was limited to 10 minutes to each speaker.

35. Report on Temperance was read by T. M. Henley. Discussed by I. Bice, W. N. Huckabee, W. J. Ruddick, L. G. Skipper, W. B. Crumpton, G. W. Coburn. Adopted.

36. No objection being made, Bro. K. Wells offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

*Whereas*, in the judgement of the many wise Brethren of this Association, the efficiency of this body would be greatly increased by a change in the time of its annual meeting.

*Resolved*, That we meet on Thursday at 10 o'clock, before the third Sabbath in September instead of on Saturday at 11 o'clock before first Sabbath in October.

*Resolved*, That instead of the Introductory sermon we have a Missionary sermon, and that the sermon be preached at night of the first day of the meeting of the Association.

*Resolved*, That the ninth article of the Constitution be so changed as to read two (2) delegates instead of three (3).

37. By leave, Eld. J. Falkner offered the following preamble and resolutions taken from Act 62, State Convention Minutes, which, on motion, were adopted :



*Whereas*, The constant desecration of the Sabbath by railroad companies and other public works is a disgrace to the country, and whereas we believe it to be the duty of all Christians, in their individual or collective capacities, to take and maintain a position of unalterable opposition to such violation of this holy day, and believing it to be both the duty and privilege of this Association to enter its protest against the non-observance of the teaching of God's word on this subject. Be it therefore,

*Resolved*, (1) That the running of railroad trains or engaging in any secular work, except works of charity and necessity, on the Sabbath day is sinful in the sight of God, and is a desecration that should not be tolerated or allowed in any part of our country.

*Resolved*, (2) That it is the duty of our Legislature, by stringent laws, to prohibit such desecration, and to enact such penalties as shall make such prohibition effective.

38. Report on Education was read by Eld. Hardy Jones. Discussed by W. B. Crumpton, J. Falkner and Hardy Jones. Amended by striking out that part of the report which refers to State University. Report as amended was then adopted.

39. Report on Periodicals was read by J. M. Clay. After discussion by W. N. Huckabee, W. Wilkes, J. M. Clay and L. G. Skipper, the report was amended by substituting for "Kind Words," "Literature published at Atlanta, Ga., by Home Mission Board." Report as amended was then adopted.

40. Report on Deceased Ministers was read by J. A. Stephens. Adopted.

41. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read by W. N. Huckabee. Discussed by W. N. Huckabee, J. Falkner. Amended by adding the name of Sister Goss. Report as amended was then adopted.

42. Report on Finance was read by W. D. Sartor. Adopted.

43. Report on Special Committee was read by Geo. W. Mills. Discussed by J. Falkner, H. W. Watson, J. S. Poole, C. H. Morgan and W. N. Huckabee. On motion the report was re-committed for a fuller report.

44. On motion of W. N. Huckabee, the Sabbath School Convention of this Association was recognized as part of this Association.

45. Bro. T. M. Henley offered an amendment to the Constitution which was adopted. (See Constitution.)

46. Committee on Preaching reported Eld. J. Falkner to preach the Missionary sermon. Eld. H. W. Watson, alternate.

47. Roll called and absentees marked.

48. Report of Special Committee was read and adopted.

49. J. M. Clay offered a resolution in regard to requesting the State Board, through a Committee, to use the funds from this Association for State Missions within her bounds. Discussed by W. B. Crumpton, W. N. Huckabee, A. Andrews, W. J. Ruddick, J. M. Clay, J. Falkner, L. G. Skipper. On motion of A. Andrews the resolution was laid on the table.

50. Eld. H. W. Watson made some remarks in regard to assisting Bro. J. M. Selman, of Pleasant Grove Church, in getting an education. Eld. Crumpton stated that upon a proper presentation of the matter by his church to the Board of Ministerial Education, Bro. J. M. Selman would be assisted towards procuring an education.

51. On motion of Eld. W. J. Ruddick the State Mission Board was requested to render assistance to Autaugaville Church.

52. On motion of K. Wells, an Executive Committee of five, with the Moderator as Chairman, was appointed, to which shall be referred all matters in the Association requiring its attention, not to conflict with the State Mission Board. Following is the Committee: A. J. Brooks, K. Wells, J. Falkner, Hardy Jones and L. G. Skipper.

53. The roll of churches was called and the following amounts in cash and pledges were subscribed for Ministerial Education, one-half of which Eld. Crumpton said should be paid by the middle of this month and the remainder by the 1st of February next:

	SUBSCRIBED. PAID.
Verbena.....	\$25 00
Shady Grove.....	5 00
Plantersville.....	5 00
Harmony.....	5 00
Evergreen.....	5 00
Big Spring.....	2 50
Liberty.....	2 50

Bozeman.....	10 00	
Shiloh .....	5 00	\$ 50
Friendship .....	5 00	2 00
New Prospect (G. W. Coburn).....	1 25	1 25
Chestnut Creek.....	5 00	
Corinth .....	2 50	
Providence .....	3 00	
Clanton .....	10 00	
Mulberry .....	1 50	1 50
Randolph.....	5 00	
Mt. Carmel.....	2 50	
Ebenezer.....	10 00	
Fellowship.....	5 00	
Mrs. Brooks.....	1 00	1 00
Mrs. Crenshaw .....	1 00	1 00
Mrs. Ellington.....	5 00	5 00
	<u>\$122 75</u>	<u>\$12 25</u>

54. The committee, W. N. Huckabee, Chairman, to whom was referred the amount called for by the State Board, reported the following amounts to be apportioned to the churches:

Shady Grove.....	\$25 00
Plantersville.....	20 00
Bethel .....	5 00
Bethesda .....	20 00
Harmony .....	20 00
Autaugaville.....	5 00
Evergreen .....	10 00
Big Springs.....	15 00
Liberty .....	15 00
Bozeman.....	150 00
Beth Salem.....	5 00
Shiloh .....	25 00
Friendship.....	10 00
Verbena.....	125 00
New Prospect.....	10 00
Chestnut Creek.....	25 00
Corinth .....	15 00
Providence.....	25 00
Cane Creek.....	10 00
Poplar Springs.....	15 00
Mount Zion.....	30 00
Clanton .....	40 00
Mulberry .....	25 00
Pilgrims Rest.....	5 00
Randolph.....	30 00
Valley Creek.....	10 00
Mt. Carmel.....	10 00
Collins Chappel.....	5 00
Ebenezer.....	25 00
Fellowship.....	25 00
Chestnut Hill.....	5 00
Sardis .....	5 00
Pleasant Grove.....	5 00
	<u>\$770 00</u>

55. The following resolution, offered by Bro. J. M. Clay, was adopted :

*Resolved*, That we favor the rigid enforcement of the laws and that Hygiene and Physiology be taught in the schools, and we think and believe that a knowledge of these studies will tend to the suppression of the use of ardent spirits.

56. The following resolution, offered by Bro. G. W. Coburn, was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of the Association be and they are hereby tendered to the Clanton Church, and citizens of Clanton and community for their princely hospitality during our stay, and to the Methodist Church for their courtesy in extending to us the use of their house of worship.

57. On motion of K. Wells the sum of sixty-five dollars was appropriated to the Clerk for printing and distributing 800 copies of the minutes and his services, and the remainder in the hands of the Treasurer to be paid over to Eld. W. B. Crumpton, Corresponding Secretary State Board.

58. Bro. T. H. Henley exhibited a blank form of an Associational Church letter which he had received from the American Baptist Publication Society, and stated that if the association would adopt it the publication society promised to furnish the clerk, free of cost, copies enough to do the churches for two years. On motion, the blank letter was adopted.

59. The Treasurer read his report which, on motion, was adopted.

60. The following resolution offered by Eld. J. Falkner was adopted :

In order to obtain uniformity among our churches in hymn books used by them.

*Resolved*, That we recommend all the churches of this association to adopt and procure "The Baptist Hymnal," published by the American Baptist Publication Society, of Philadelphia, Pa., to be used in their respective churches, in their public worship.

61. The reading of the minutes of Monday was dispensed with.

62. Having finished the business of the Association, we sang "Sweet Bye and Bye," united in prayer with Eld. H. W. Watson, then adjourned to meet with the Plantersville Baptist Church, Plantersville, Dallas county, Alabama, on

Thursday, 10 a. m., before the third Sabbath in September, 1887.

T. M. HENLEY,  
Clerk.

A. J. BROOKS,  
Moderator.

Time and place of meeting of the Associational Sabbath School Convention.

At Randolph Baptist Church, Bibb county, Ala., beginning on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in August, 1887. Committee on Programme, C. H. Morgan, W. N. Gains, W. W. Carter.

Times and places of District meetings.

1st. Bethesda Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before 5th Sabbath in October, 1886. Committee on Programme, O. W. Sherer, H. E. Wallace, J. S. Poole.

2d. At Shiloh Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before 5th Sabbath in January, 1887. Committee on Programme, J. W. Scott, A. C. Poole, James Griffis.

3d. At Mt. Zion Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before 5th Sabbath in May, 1887. Committee on Programme J. A. Mullens, Oliver Mullens, G. W. Vines.

4th. At Mulberry Baptist Church, beginning on Friday before 5th Sabbath in July, 1887. Committee on Programme, D. A. White, James Rasberry, W. J. Fleming.

#### DISTRICTS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

FIRST.	SECOND.	THIRD.	FOURTH.
Autaugaville,	Beth Salem,	Cane Creek,	Collins Chapel,
Bethel,	Big Spring,	Chestnut Creek,	Chestnut Hill,
Bethesda,	Bozeman,	Clanton,	Ebenezer,
Evergreen,	Friendship,	Corinth,	Mt. Carmel,
Fellowship,	Liberty,	Mt. Zion,	Mulberry,
Harmony,	New Prospect,	Poplar Springs,	Pleasant Grove,
Plantersville,	Shiloh,	Providence.	Pilgrims Rest,
Shady Grove.	Verbena.		Randolph,
			Sardis,
			Valley Creek.

## REPORTS.

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### REPORT ON LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS.

We find on examining the letters from the churches that very many report revivals and large additions. For this we have reason to thank God and take courage. And we would urge the churches to train these new members for the Master's service.

We find that eleven of our churches report no Sabbath Schools.

We are glad to learn that so many report prayer meetings and have made contributions for the Mission cause during the past year.

We find that Pilgrims Rest Church has licensed Brother Jas. M. Todd to preach the Gospel.

Plantersville Church has asked that the next session of the association be held there. We so recommend it.

We notice that the Autaugaville Church has had no preaching during the past year, and asks for some suggestion in regard to their church and property. We would insist on the church holding fast to their organization and property, and recommend that the association take such action as shall give them a supply for the coming associational year.

Beth Salem Church reports through its delegate that they have had only occasional preaching, but no regular pastor.

All of our churches are represented this session either by letter or delegate, except Bethel.

We would recommend that Fellowship Church be placed in the First District, and that Sardis, Pleasant Grove and Chestnut Hill be placed in the Fourth District.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. RUDDICK, Ch'n.

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### REPORT ON BIBLE SCHOOLS.

#### *To the Unity Association:*

We have no information on this subject on which to base a report that will show the standing of the grand cause in the territory covered by your body.

We expected to have had the figures that would be reported to our Associational Convention as data from which we could report to this body the increase or decrease of this very important work.

The convention was not attended as it ought to have been; not one minister of our own association being present, and two from other associations, consequently we must look to other sources for information.

As far as we can learn the Bible School work is largely on the increase. Churches that to our knowledge have had no Bible School for a long time, now meet regularly every Lord's day for the study of God's word.

Brethren, we are glad of this, but one fact makes us sad, and it is this: The work of the Bible School is dependent in each church on a *very few* faithful men and women, whose hearts God has touched, and who have the salvation of souls at heart.

This ought not to be. The Bible Schools are church work and ought to be carried on by the church, and ought to have the sympathy, prayers and presence of every member of the church (who is not incapacitated from attending) every Sabbath day.

As to the importance of the Bible School work it is almost needless to say anything. We all know its beneficial influence on our older members by stimulating them to more zeal in the Master's causes; on our young

members in training them for the Master's service, and stirring their minds with precious truths, that they may grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ; on our young people and children that they may be led to the Savior.

It is our belief that the grand object of all Bible School work should be the salvation of souls and the training of our rising church membership. We would urge upon our brethren in the ministry that they foster this grand interest. It is one that helps them in their pastoral work and stimulates them to a more earnest study of God's word. Let our teachers be men and women who know from experience that the Lord is good and then they can invite others to go with them.

Finally, brethren, do not let us *send* our children to the Bible School; let us *go* with them, that our presence may encourage others to do likewise.

Let us take that blessed word of God with us, and with the assistance of our helps we will get the benefit of the wisdom from the ablest minds in our denomination in its study.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. RUDDICK, Ch'n.

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### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions submit the following report: We as an association do well as all the churches of which this body is composed profess to be missionary bodies. The question arises, "Do we show our faith by our works?" There are connected with our churches about members. The amount suggested by our State Board that they desired us to raise this year was \$700. At our last session the churches by their representatives were called on to state how much of this sum they would endeavor to raise in their respective churches, and the amount the delegates then said they would endeavor to raise aggregated \$668.33. How much of this sum has been raised? Your committee are unable to state. Some of the churches have exceeded the amounts there stated, but from the information we have received we fear that many of the churches have fallen short. At that time we had 1552 members. Seven hundred dollars divided among them would be about forty-five cents per member. If every member would contribute according to his ability we could raise a much larger amount. And when we see the fields all open to us, and already white to the harvest, shall we not say "Men of Israel, help?" Workers now in the field within our own state we have forty men, a part of the year we had sixty-five, for the whole or part of their time.

In foreign fields we have: In Mexico, 11; in Brazil, 12; in Africa, 9 and several native assistants; in Italy, 14; in China, 32 missionaries and probably as many native assistants.

In the home mission field the Board has had the past year two hundred and fifty men. From peculiar circumstances the Cuban mission has been committed to this Board.

The glorious work and grand success of this mission, so far as we are informed, has not a parallel on the American continent.

Brethren, let us "come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty" lest the curse of Meroz should fall upon us. The Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us" comes from every quarter.

Brethren, a great and grand opportunity is before us. "Let us go up and possess the land for we are able." "Let us expect great things from our God." "Let us attempt great things." In all our churches let us take up collections for this great work at least once a quarter, if not once a month or oftner, and let our prayers go up with our contributions.

"To do good and communicate (that is to contribute), forget not, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased."

Respectively submitted,

W. T. SMITH, Ch'n.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee are glad to report the rapid growth of public sentiment in favor of the great cause of temperance. The question of legal interference has been settled and now no longer doubted. The great good resulting from the prohibition of the sale of intoxicants is clearly seen in every community where it prevails, prosperity and quiet now reigns where revelings and disorder ruled the hour. Much yet remains to be done. The field is inviting. The masses are awakening to the great movement. Let all Christians unite and by earnest prayer, faithful labor and consistent example, hasten the glorious day of deliverance. The churches should take high ground. Let them see that Bible teaching on this subject be rigidly enforced. As a denomination we should not be satisfied short of entire and absolute prohibition, and we should earnestly labor to this great end, and, by the blessing of the Lord upon us, success will crown our efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. RAY, Ch'n.

#### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of education beg leave to report that as God has endowed his creatures with mental faculties, it is our duties to cultivate them. Parents cannot afford to neglect the moral and mental training of their children. As the spirit of the age demands an education, perhaps, more than any past generation, it behooves us, as Baptists, to keep pace with the times, in order that Bible truth may be preserved unsullied and defended in the future as it has been hitherto. As the world grows older, the machinations of Satan grow stronger; cavilers and infidels embolden, and multiform societies are being organized from time to time in imitation of the Church of Christ. It is our duty to enable our young ministry to obtain a liberal education, that they may be able to compete with opposition, and correct error by contending *advisedly* as well as earnestly for *the faith once delivered to the Saints*. We recommend, therefore, that the association foster that class of education, but use precaution in the selection of beneficiaries. We need men who have been called of God, not only regenerated, but consecrated to the ministry, so enthused with the spirit of their calling as to be propelled into the nooks and corners, regardless of city salaries, for we insist that the less informed need the more intelligent ministry. We believe that such a course would arouse a general interest, and soon all our brethren would see the necessity and come up to help of the Lord against the mighty with contributions for their education.

But in our zeal for the young men, let us be reminded that woman, also, has excellent talents worthy of culture, for it is now manifest that her work is more available than we once thought. Since God is so signally blessing her organized mission work, let us not depress her usefulness by neglecting her education. For the girls we recommend the Judson and the Central Female Colleges. For the young men, Howard College and the Seminary at Louisville.

We are informed by the President of Howard College that Brother J. M. Kailen, from our association, is there this year, and has so demeaned him-



self as to receive the eulogy of being a good, studious and worthy young man.

Respectfully submitted,

HARDY JONES, Ch'n.

#### REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The *Alabama Baptist* is the recognized organ of the Baptists of the state, endorsed by the State Convention and nearly all the various associations. It is a necessity in our families, being an exponent of Baptist ideas and doctrines; it furnishes information that cannot be obtained from any other source in the state about our denomination. We would urge upon all who are able to subscribe, and give it that circulation which it deserves, and we hold that it is the duty of those Baptists who read to sustain it.

For Sunday Schools we would recommend the literature published at Atlanta, Ga., by the Home Mission Board, which will prove a source of great interest both to children and to adults. This literature has a very large circulation, and has the hearty endorsement of the Southern Baptist Convention. We also recommend the literature of the American Baptist Publication Society. As its publications teach and disseminate the doctrines for which the Baptists are distinguished through the civilized parts of the world. The extensive circulation of denominational literature begins and erects the foundation of permanent denomination prosperity.

The report is respectfully submitted,

J. M. CLAY, Ch'n.

#### REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your committee to whom was referred the duty of preparing a report as to whether any one or more of the ministers belonging to the Unity Baptist Association have died during the past associational year, beg leave to report that none have died.

Respectfully submitted,

H. S. LATHAM,  
JAS. A. STEPHENS,  
JAS. GRIFFIS.

Committee.

#### REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, the committee having the subject of Infirm Ministers and their wives and children under consideration, beg leave to report that we find none in our bounds entitled to the benefaction of this association except Sisters Longaier and Goss, who are entitled to the serious consideration of this body.

W. N. HUCKABEE,  
T. J. BILLINGSLEY,  
H. C. POOLE,

Committee.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTIONS AND DISTRICT MEETINGS.

The committee appointed on the Sabbath School Convention within the bounds of this body beg leave to report that we recommend that said Sabbath

School Committee convene in its next annual meeting on Wednesday before the second Sabbath in August A. D. 1887, and that it convene in the Baptist church at Randolph, in Bibb county, Ala., and that C. H. Morgan, W. N. Gains and W. W. Carter be appointed to prepare a programme of the meeting, and that they have the same published in the *Alabama Baptist* thirty days before the meeting of said convention. Also the following:

*Resolved*, That District Meetings be held in each district during the associational year, viz:

At Bethesda, 1st district, on Friday before the first fifth Sunday next ensuing.

At Shiloh, 2d district, on Friday before second fifth Sunday.

At Mount Zion, 3d district, on Friday before the third fifth Sunday.

At Mulberry, 4th district, on Friday before the fourth fifth Sunday.

We recommend that the Moderator appoint a committee of three in each district to arrange a suitable programme for said meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
GEO. W. MILLS, Ch'n.

#### REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your Committee on Finance, report:

Amount for Indigent Ministers and families.....	\$ 21 35
“ “ Minutes and Associational purposes.....	74 50
“ Collections on Sabbath.....	36 14
“ Missions and Ministerial Education.....	88 45
<b>Total amount of cash.....</b>	<b>\$220 44</b>

Amount of vouchers.....	\$420 87
Amount of vouchers claimed,	
Clanton Church.....	\$ 4 50
Mulberry Church.....	5 75
Friendship Church.....	1 25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$11 50</b>
Amount for Briarfield Church.....	13 10

\$665 91

Respectfully submitted,  
W. D. SARTOR, Ch'n.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

K. Wells, Treasurer, in account with Unity Baptist Association.

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To cash from all sources.....	\$220 44
“ am't vouchers sent.....	420 87
“ “ “ not sent.....	11 50
“ cash for benefit of Briarfield Church.....	13 10
{To cash for ministerial education paid to Treasurer....	{ \$12 25}
{By receipt of W. B. Crumpton.....	{ 12 25}
<b>Total cash and vouchers.....</b>	<b>\$665 91</b>

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By am't paid clerk for Minutes and services.....	\$ 65 00
“ “ “ W. J. Elliott.....	13 10
“ “ vouchers.....	432 37
“ receipt of W. B. Crumpton.....	155 44

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 \$665 91

Respectfully submitted,

K. WELLS, Treas.

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 ARTICLE OF FAITH.
 

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1. We believe in one only living and true God—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost ; these three are one—1 Corinthians 8:6; Deuteronomy 6:4; Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14; 1 John 5:7.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only correct rule of faith and practice—2 Peter 1:21; 2 Timothy 3:16.
3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the foundation of the world, through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth—1 Peter 1 2 5; Ephesians 1:4; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.
4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin—Romans 3:23; 5:12; 3:10.
5. We believe in man's inability to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature—Romans 5:6; John 6:44; Ephesians 2:1-5; 5 Philippians 2:13.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ—Romans 5:1; Galatians 2:16-20.
7. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never finally fall away—2 Corinthians 12:9; Collossians 3:4; Romans 8:38-39.
8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of the church of Christ, and that true believers are the only proper subjects, and that immersion only is baptism—Matthew 3:5, 6, 13, 16; Acts 2:37-38; Acts 8:38-39.
9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment. Acts 17:31; John 5:28-29.
10. We believe that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting—Matthew 25:46.
11. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances except those who are called of God and have been regularly baptised, approved by the church, and come under the impositions of hands by a Presbytery—1 Timothy 4:14; Acts 26:16.
12. We believe that none but regularly baptised believers have right to partake of the Lord's Supper—Acts 2:42-44; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 1 Corinthians 11:23, 29.

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 CONSTITUTION.
 

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ARTICLE I.—This Association shall be known as the “THE UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,” and shall be composed of delegates from such churches as constitute, or may hereafter unite with this body.

ART. 2—The design of its labors shall be to promote the cause of Christ and to encourage those objects supported by Baptists generally.

ART. 3—This Association shall hold its sessions Annually, at such a time and place as it may appoint.

ART. 4—The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer—to be elected at each session—who shall perform all the duties appertaining to such offices in similar bodies; and in case of the absence of any officer, one *pro tem*, shall be appointed by the Association until an election is declared.

ART. 5—A record of the proceedings of this Association shall be kept by the Clerk, and, as soon as practicable after the close of each session, he shall superintend the printing of the minutes thereof, and shall furnish each church with a suitable number of copies.

ART. 6—Any church subscribing to our Abstract of Faith may be admitted into this Association by the consent of the members in session.

ART. 7—Any church orthodox in faith and practice, which has complied with this Constitution may withdraw from this body by the consent of a majority of the members in session.

ART. 8—This Association, in regular session, may dissolve its connection with any church which may differ with it in doctrine or practice.

ART. 9—Any church of this Association, with thirty members or less, shall be entitled to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members or fractional part thereof.

ART. 10—It shall be the duty of each church to forward a written communication to every session, specifying the names of its delegates and the state of the church.

ART. 11—If a difficulty should arise in a church, which cannot be settled thereby, the church shall call aid from two or more sister churches; if the matter cannot then be adjusted, it shall be referred to the Association for advice.

ART. 12—All queries must be acted upon by the churches in which they may originate, and when they fail to be disposed of therein, must be reported, by letter, to the Association; the decision thereof shall be considered an advisory answer.

ART. 13—This Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted and paid over to the Finance Committee, and said committee to pay over to the Treasurer.

ART. 14—Any article of this Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the delegates present at any regular session.

Amendment to Constitution adopted October, 1886:

This body, realizing the great value of Sabbath Schools, will hold a Sabbath School Conventiou, annually, within its bounds, at such time and place as may be fixed.

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## RULES OF DECORUM.

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1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. The officers of the Association shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have discretionary right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with his decision may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one member shall speak at a time, and he shall rise, and, obtain-

ing permission, proceed; such permission being signified by the Moderator naming the person, or otherwise.

6. No person shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject; and every motion made and seconded, in order, shall come under the consideration of the Association, and be decided, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

7. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided or withdrawn before another is offered.

8. When a question has been introduced, and sufficient time allowed for debate, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association upon the subject; those in the affirmative shall make it known by saying aye, and those in the negative, nay. If a division on the question is called for, the decision shall be made by the members rising to their feet.

9. The appellation "brother" shall be used in the Association when one brother addresses another, but this article shall not be so construed as to ignore the Moderator.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission from the Moderator.

11. The names of the delegates shall be called as often as the Association shall direct.

12. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges of speaking as any other member, provided he appoints another to his seat; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided. He may also appoint committees necessary for transacting any business that may, from time to time, come before the Association.

13. Any member violating these rules shall be reprovved by the Moderator, but only on the day such violation occurs.

14. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and may be altered or amended whenever a majority of the members present shall deem it necessary.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.	STATE.
A. Andrews.....	Burnsville.....	Dallas.....	Alabama.
J. Falkner.....	Mountain Creek.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
G. W. Mills.....	Plantersville.....	Dallas.....	Alabama.
C. C. Billingsley.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. A. Mullens.....	Clanton.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
G. P. Olive.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
W. J. Ruddick.....	Stanton.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
T. J. Elam.....	Randolph.....	Bibb.....	Alabama.
W. N. Huckabee.....	Plantersville.....	Dallas.....	Alabama.
Isaac Bice.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. L. Long.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. R. Caldwell.....	Deatsville.....	Elmore.....	Alabama.
J. R. Johnston.....	Deatsville.....	Elmore.....	Alabama.
J. H. Ray.....	Deatsville.....	Elmore.....	Alabama.
Hardy Jones.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
L. G. Skipper.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
H. W. Watson.....	Randolph.....	Bibb.....	Alabama.

LICENTIATES.

W. W. Jones.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. M. Thacker.....	Clanton.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. M. Dennis.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
A. G. Patrick.....	Kincheon.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
John Taylor.....	Verbena.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
W. M. Wood.....	Lily.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. M. Kailen.....	Callierville.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
T. J. Billingsley.....	Kincheon.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.
J. M. Todd.....	Maplesville.....	Chilton.....	Alabama.

STATISTICS OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1886.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Membership last reported.	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Member-ship.	SUNDAY SCHOOL					
						Baptism.	Letter.	Experience	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers.	Pupils.	Volumes in Library.	Preaching Sabbath.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
Autaugaville.	Autauga	Letter, but no Del.	O. W. Sherer.	Autaugaville	8					1			7							
*Bethel	Not repres'n'd				37															
Bethesda.	Autauga	J. H. Ray	J. H. Bates	Independence	49					8			41	5	30			4		
*Beth Salem.	Represented,	but no Letter			10															
Big Spring.	Autauga	W. N. Huckabee	J. C. Butler	Billingsley	62	19	6	6	1	3		1	90	5	59			2	1	1
Bozeman.	Autauga	J. Falkner.	T. F. Thomason.	Bozeman.	78	11	12			18		2	81	10	80					
Cane Creek.	Chilton	J. A. Mullens.	W. C. Giles.	Clanton.	39	4	1			4	1		39					1		
Chestnut Creek.	"	J. L. Long	N. J. L. Dennis	Coopers Station.	86		4	7		7	1	2	87					1		1
Chestnut Hill.	"	J. M. Heard.	W. B. Bearden	Maplesville.		8	1						40						1	
Clanton.	"	L. G. Skipper	J. H. Aldridge	Clanton.	60	8	6	1		5			70	60				4		
Collins Chappel.	"	W. G. Riggins	Peter Nix	Strasburg	20	28	8	7					63	5	59	500		1	1	1
Corinth.	"	J. L. Long	W. D. Goss.	Verbena	58		8	16		2		1	64		20					
Ebenezer.	"	G. W. Mills.	J. A. Stephens.	Dixie	86	9	3	3		7	1	1	90		30			1-3		1
Evergreen.	Autauga	S. M. Adams	J. H. Apperson	Milton	24	5	8						37		65			1		
Fellowship.	Dallas	W. J. Ruddick.	J. M. Williams	Morrowville.	117	26	2			2		2	141	5	20			3	1	1
Friendship.	Elmore.	Hardy Jones	W. J. Maxwell	Verbena.	78	4	8	1		10		2	78	7	22			1	1	1
Harmony.	Autauga	S. M. Adams	G. W. Taylor.	Milton.	64	4	5			4			69	5	21			1		
Liberty.	"	J. H. Ray.	W. R. Brassell	Wadsworth	113	3	3			11	4	1	103					3	1	
Mt. Carmel.	Chilton.	W. J. Ruddick	W. W. Sauson	Maplesville.	36	20	9	3		2	4	1	65	3	25			4	1	1
Mt. Zion.	"	A. E. Burns.	H. C. Young	Jumbo	70	25	5	5	4	5	1	1	102					2	1	1
Mulberry.	"	J. M. McCord.	J. L. Williams.	Lilly.	95	16	3	1	2	4	1	3	109		35			3	1	1
New Prospect.	"	Jno. R. Caldwell.	B. M. Rollins	Bozeman.	9	3	3						15					1		
Plantersville.	Dallas	G. W. Mills	W. H. McGee	Plantersville.	43	2	5			2			49		20			1		
Pleasant Grove	Chilton	H. W. Watson	J. H. Shultz.	Maplesville.	38								54					2		1
Pilgrims Rest.	"		J. M. Patrick	Dixie	25	6	4	3		2	6	2	32					4		1
Poplar Springs	"	W. G. Riggins.	Wm. Ray.	Coopers Station.	41	2	1			8	3	1	36					4		
Providence.	"	W. G. Riggins.	Riley Roberson	"	135	12	1	10		9	15	3	131					3	1	1
Randolph	Bibb.	G. T. Lee	T. M. Henley	Randolph	51	7	3					1	60	11	101			1		1
Sardis.	Chilton.	E. M. Hicks	Lee Hays.	Maplesville.	8	2	10	1					21					3		
Shady Grove.	Dallas	W. N. Huckabee.	C. A. Arnold	Selma.	37					1			36	3	20	36		3	1	
Shiloh	Chilton	G. W. Mills	W. J. Mullens.	Kincheon.	98	30	16	1	3	5	3	4	130					2	1	1
Valley Creek.	Dallas	G. W. Mills	T. M. Cook	Plantersville.	32		3					2	36		30					
Verbena.	Chilton	L. G. Skipper	N. J. Brooks	Verbena.	61	26	12	1		5	2	3	90		75			1-3	1	1
Total.					1777	280	150	46	26	125	42	2	32	2066	119	712			16	16

\*Membership last reported. Churches organized during year: Sardis. Fellowship Church withdrew from this association in 1884 and was received back into this association in 1886. Pleasant Grove Church withdrew from this association in 1884 and applied for admission in 1886. Chestnut Hill Church was dropped in 1884 and restored in 1886.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF UNITY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1886.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Church Building (not at home)	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Indigent Ministers and Families.	Bible and Colpor- tage.	Ministerial Education.			Minutes.	Associational Pur- poses.	Sunday School.		Women's Society.			S. S. Missionary Hen's Nest.	Total.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, The Poor, etc. and other Ministers	Value of Building and Furniture.	Value of Chapel and Parsonage.
							Colored Stu- dents.	Howard Col- lege.	Southern Bap- tist Theologi- cal Seminary.			Benevolence.	School Expen- ses.	Home Missions.	Foreign Mis- sions.							
Antaugaville.....	1 00		1 00	5 00						1 00							8 00					
Bethel.....																						
Bethesda.....				1 70	30	3 17				1 50	1 50	1 00					9 17	50 00				
Beth Salem.....																						
Big Springs.....			3 50	3 50						1 50	1 50						10 00	75 00				
Bozeman.....	200 83			25 00						2 00	2 00	7 50	55 00				292 33	150 00	50 00			
Cane Creek.....										1 50							1 50	25 00				
Chestnut Creek.....										2 00	2 00						4 00					
Chestnut Hill.....																						
Clanton.....			25 00							1 50			26 28				32 78	200 00	16 45	700		
Collins Chapel.....										1 50							1 50	50 00				
Corinth.....			5 00	5 00						1 00							11 00					
Ebenezer.....	80		5 00	10 90		3 92		4 95		2 50	2 50						30 57	100 00				
Evergreen.....	10 00									1 50	1 00					1 25	13 75	65 00				
Fellowship.....				3 10						1 50	1 50						6 10	100 00			400	
Friendship.....				50	30					1 50	1 40						3 70					
Harmony.....	1 15		80	5 40				85		1 50	1 50						11 20	125 00				
Liberty.....				4 75						2 00							6 75					
Mt. Carmel.....	1 35		15	2 90		2 40		2 15		2 10			3 50				14 55	50 00	8 70	450		
Mt. Zion.....	50		3 00	3 80						1 50							8 80	60 00	45 88			
Mulberry.....	12 25									1 50							13 75	100 00				
Mew Prospect.....	2 25									50	50						3 25	50 00				
Plantersville.....				4 45	26 60					1 50	1 50						34 05	50 00				
Pleasant Grove.....										1 25	1 25						2 50					
Pilgrims Rest.....										1 50							1 50					
Poplar Springs.....										75	75						1 50					
Providence.....										1 50	1 50						3 00					
Randolph.....	3 71		3 71	3 72		3 40				1 50	1 50						1 50	200 00	114 25	760		
Sardis.....										1 00	1 00						2 00					
Shady Grove.....				3 95						1 50	1 50		4 00				10 95	50 00		1000		
Shiloh.....				1 80						3 00	2 00						6 80		75 00	300		
Valley Creek.....			1 50		4 15			2 00		1 50							9 15	50 00		400		
Verbena.....	12 96		12 25	21 28		11 86		28 40		1 50	1 50	2 61					97 36		76 30	1000	650	
Collections at Asso'n.....		13 10		36 14				12 25									61 49		52 00			
Total.....	\$246 80	\$13 10	\$60 91	142 89	\$31 35	\$24 75		\$50 60		\$46 10	\$27 90	\$11 11	\$88 78	\$5 00			\$750 58	\$1550	438 58	\$5010	\$650	

\*By Children's Society for Cuban cemetery. †Amount paid on parsonage. ‡Still owe \$128.47.



TIMES AND PLACES OF MEETING AND OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION FROM ITS ORIGIN TO THE PRESENT.

Year.	Place of Meeting.	Preacher of Introductory Sermon.	Moderator.	Clerk.	Treasurer.
1855	Shady Grove.....	J. R. Sartor.....	B. B. Smith.	J. N. Gradick,	J. Nunn.
1856	Plantersville.....	A. C. Patillo.....	B. B. Smith.	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.
1857	Mulberry.....	A. Andrews.....	B. B. Smith	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.
1858	Kingston.....	D. M. Lloyd.....	J. D. Moodie.	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.
1859	Harmony.....	J. H. Ray.....	I. U. Wilkes.	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.
1860	Ebenezer.....	J. D. Moodie.....	I. U. Wilkes.	J. I. Lamar...	J. Nunn.
1861	Chestnut Cr�ek.....	W. Wilkes.....	I. U. Wilkes.	J. I. Lamar...	L. B. Parker
1862	Bethesda.....	A. Andrews.....	I. U. Wilkes.	A. L. Haralson.	L. B. Parker.
1863	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1864	Randolph.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1865	Plantersville.....	A. Andrews.....	A. Andrews.	W. R. Grandy.	L. B. Parker.
1866	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1867	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1868	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1869	Bethel.....	A. Andrews.....	A. Andrews.	W. C. Adair.	L. B. Parker.
1870	Mt. Hebron.....	W. Lee.....	A. Andrews.	W. C. Adair.	L. B. Parker.
1871	Mulberry.....	J. Allen.....	A. Andrews.	W. C. Adair.	L. B. Parker.
1872	Chestnut Creek.....	W. Lee.....	A. Andrews.	J. L. Williams.	W. C. Adair.
1873	B g Springs.....	J. A. Mullens.....	A. Andrews.	H. E. Longcrier.	W. C. Adair.
1874	Plantersville.....	G. W. Mills.....	A. Andrews.	H. E. Longcrier.	K. Wells...
1875	Mt. Zion.....	Wm. Lee.....	Wm. Lee...	H. E. Longcrier.	K. Wells...
1876	Ebenezer.....	J. A. Mullens.....	Wm. Lee...	H. E. Longcrier.	K. Wells...
1877	Harmony.....	A. Andrews.....	Wm. Lee...	H. E. Longcrier.	K. Wells...
1878	Chestnut Creek.....	F. M. Vines.....	A. Andrews.	H. E. Longcrier.	K. Wells...
1879	Fellowship.....	A. L. Bizard.....	A. Andrews.	H. E. Longcrier.	K. Wells...
1880	Bethesda.....	G. W. Mills.....	J. Falkner...	H. E. Longcrier.	K. Wells...
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