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EUFULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

RAMAH CHURCH, BARBOUR COUNTY, ALA..

— BEGINNING THURSDAY, OCT. 21, 1886.



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The next Session will be held at Midway, Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1887.



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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1886-7.

G. A. Nunnally,	W. H. Patterson,
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W. T. Weaver,	S. G. Robertson,
W. D. Reeves,	John A. Walker,
B. B. Davis,	F. C. Hall.

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G. A. Nunnally, D. D., Eufaula,	W. H. Patterson, Eufaula,
T. H. Stout, Eufaula,	W. N. Reeves, D. D., "
Z. T. Weaver, Harris,	H. E. Brooks, "
H. R. Schramm, Glennville, Ala.	

LICENSED MINISTERS IN BOUNDS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Riley Herring, Louisville,	G. W. Harrison, Clayton,
L. D. Hughes, "	C. J. Stephens, Eufaula,
J. B. Bludworth, Star Hill.	

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT NEXT SESSION.

Sabbath Schools—J. J. S. Willis, M. E. Pruitt, Monroe Floyd.
State Missions—John A. Walker, T. Weathers, J. M. Whitmore.
Home Missions—R. J. Orr, J. A. Wood, H. L. Floyd.
Foreign Missions—J. M. Thornton, M. N. McEachem.
Obituaries—J. G. Hitchcock, T. J. Hudgins, W. N. Whittington.
Education—B. Davie, Extón Tucker, T. J. Kennedy.
Indigent Ministers—W. S. Paullin, A. B. Starke, R. L. Baker.
Bible and Colportage—J. G. Sinquefield, J. W. Miller, D. Bradley.
Evangelization of the Colored People—J. E. McCormick, M. L. Vaughn, Willie Johnson.

PREACH NEXT SESSION.


Introductory Sermon—W. T. Weaver; Alternate—T. H. Stout.
Missionary Sermon—G. A. Nunnally; Alternate—H. R. Schramm.

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 Churches, 3, Finance, 4, Nominations.
7. Receive Correspondents from Associations,—Bethel, Centennial, Columbus, Judson, Montgomery, Newton, Salem, Tuskegee, Hannis, Columbia.
8. Receive Agents of Boards and Visitors.
9. Report of Executive Committee.
10. Report on Education.
- Recess.
11. Devotional Exercises.
12. Call for Correspondents.
13. Reports on Missions. 1. State Missions; 2, Home Missions; 3, Foreign Missions.
14. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
- Recess.
15. Devotional Exercises.
16. Return Correspondents.
17. Report on Temperance.
18. Report on Ministerial Education.
- Recess.
19. Devotional Exercises.
20. Report on the State of the Churches.
21. Report on Bible and Colportage work.
22. Report on obituaries
23. Report of Special Committees.
24. Report on Nominations.
25. Report of Treasurer and Finance Committee.
26. Miscellaneous Business.

SABBATH.

27. Report on Sabbath Schools.
28. Missionary Sermon.
29. Miscellaneous Business.
30. Final Adjournment.



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—MINUTES—

1. The thirty-third annual session of the Eufaula Baptist Association was held with Ramah Church, Barbour county, beginning Thursday night, October 23, 1886.

2. Rev. H. R. Schramm preached the introductory sermon at 8 o'clock p. m., from John 5:39, "Search the Scriptures."

FRIDAY MORNING.

3. The Association was called to order by Rev. W. H. Patterson, the Moderator, who read Ps. 46. Rev. G. A. Nunnally made prayer. Sang "Jesus Lover of my soul," etc., and prayer by Rev. W. T. Weaver.

4. The Clerk, Rev. W. S. Rogers, not being present, T. H. Stout was requested to act as Clerk pro tem.

5. Brethren G. A. Nunnally and W. T. Weaver read the letters from the churches.

6. The names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Bethlehem—J. E. McCormick, J. G. Sinquefield, Charles Shellby,

Center Ridge—J. J. S. Willis, A. B. Barr, F. L. Miller,

Clayton—B. Davie.

Cowkeec—Thomas Weathers, T. Hudgins, D. Bradley.

Enon—T. Morton, J. H. Pruden.

Eufaula—G. A. Nunnally, T. H. Stout, George B. Davis, W. H. Patterson, John A. Walker, C. Rhodes, John D. Godwin, James D. Rhodes.

Evergreen—Not represented.

Glennville—W. S. Paulin, H. R. Schramm, J. H. Whitmore.

Hurtsboro—T. R. Leslie, George Ferrell, J. T. Eperson, B. W. Burch, R. H. J. Simmons, W. T. Harbuck.

Midway—M. W. Hall, W. T. Hendon, George McLaney, J. G. Hitchcock, M. E. Pruitt, F. C. Hall.

Mt. Olive—D. H. Blair, W. E. Warren.

Mt. Zion—A. W. Beverly, R. J. Vann, R. J. Orr, R. L. Baker, Frank Cobb.

New Hope—A. A. Adams, C. Gachet, H. McLane.
 Pea Creek—Not represented.
 Pleasant Grove—Columbus Seay.
 Pine Grove—J. M. Thornton, G. W. Sparks.
 Pleasant Hill—J. A. Wood, R. A. Stratford.
 Prospect—H. L. Floyd, M. Floyd, T. F. J. Green, M. N. McEachem.
 Ramah—J. B. Davie, William Johnson, M. L. Vaughan, C. J. Jones, W. P. Gary, R. R. Gary.
 Union—J. T. Watkins, J. E. Fenn, S. A. Blakey, Eddie Farrior, W. F. Hall.

7. Re-elected Rev. W. H. Patterson, Moderator; elected T. H. Stout, Clerk; re-elected A. B. Starke, Treasurer.

8. Amended the order of business for last year and adopted it for this session.

9. The Moderator announced the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—The pastor and delegates of Ramah church.
 On State of the Churches—George McLaney, J. H. Pruden, M. Floyd.
 On Finance—J. T. Watkins, H. L. Floyd, M. W. Hall.
 On Ministerial Education—G. A. Nunnally, J. G. Hitchcock, W. P. Gary.
 On Nominations—W. S. Paullin, T. E. Morton, J. J. S. Willis.
 On Temperance—H. R. Schramm, Thomas Weathers, J. E. McCormick.

10. Correspondents were received from the following Associations:

Bethel—W. B. McLendon, W. E. Gay, Sr.
 Centennial—A. Bean.
 Columbus—None.
 Tuskegee—None.
 Newton—C. W. Mizell.
 Harris—I. P. Cheney, C. H. Tallman.

11. Recognized Rev. G. A. Nunnally as a member of the Ministerial Board of Education of the Alabama Baptist Convention, and as agent of Howard College, and of the *Alabama Baptist*.

12. The report of the Executive Committee was read by T. H. Stout, and referred to the following special committee: John G. Sinquefield, W. T. Hendon, George B. Davis.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1885-6.

The committee organized in Eufaula, May 18th, 1886, by electing Rev. G. A. Nunnally, D. D., Chairman, and T. H. Stout, Secretary.

Rev. W. S. Rogers having moved out of our bounds, Bro. S. G. Robertson of Eufaula was appointed in his place.

DEATH OF REV. A. H. BORDERS.

This venerable and Godly man, faithful and zealous minister, a member of our committee at the time of his death, fell asleep in Jesus on the 31st day of last March. He was an earnest and self-sacrificing laborer in the Masters vineyard, and did much to build up His cause. But he rests from his labors and his works follow him.

His place on the Committee was filled by electing Bro. J. J. S. Willis, of Center Ridge church.

BUILDING PARSONAGES.

On account of the many and urgent demands for means to carry on our denominational work, we have not thought it wise to make any attempt in building parsonages; but we advise all churches that can do so, to prepare these homes for their pastors.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

We appointed a meeting for Sabbath School workers at Center Ridge church, beginning on Friday before the 5th Sabbath in May. It was well attended, and resulted, as we trust in much good. For full particulars of the meeting we refer to their Minutes.

DESTITUTION.

We have within our bounds a considerable territory said to be entirely destitute of Baptist preaching. We call the attention of the Association to this destitution.

BALANCE IN TREASURY.

The balance (17.77) reported to the Association last year was not appropriated. We suggest that it be appropriated to furnishing stationary, printing, etc., for the use of the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. NUNNALLY, Ch'n.

T. H. STOUT, Sec'y.

13. Rev. G. A. Nunnally read the Report on Education. The report was discussed by Brethren W. T. Hendon, T. N. Cox and G. A. Nunnally, the last of whom made an appeal in behalf of the endowment of Howard College, and procured cash and subscriptions amounting to \$1,380.00; after which the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg to report, that while as citizens and Christians we have always by word and argument recognized the importance of education and approved educational institutions. Yet as individuals or as organized disciples of Jesus we have done but little practically towards organizing, controlling and maintaining schools within our bounds, or in the bounds of our State Convention. The schools generally have been left to struggle for themselves and their character and standard have been determined by the capacity of the teacher. We hold that it is time for us to take hold of this matter in a more vigorous and practical manner, believing as we do, that in ability to mould character, to prepare for usefulness in society and in business and in government, that the common and grammar schools and colleges are second only to the ministry of the word.

We therefore recommend that the Executive Committee of this association be charged with the duty as they may have the means of locating schools and securing competent teachers throughout our territory, and that said committee be authorized to accept any property that may be tendered them for school purposes upon such terms as may to them seem wise and expedient. We would further make it the duty of this committee to institute inquiry concerning educational destitution, and take such steps as in their judgment will tend to supply said destitution. We would urge our pastors to co-operate with this committee in their noble endeavor. While we would not demand that these schools for academic instruction be sectarian in their scope or patronage, yet we should require that our educational facilities be brought under the best moral influences.

We commend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville to our churches as a grand institution and in every way worthy of our moral and financial support, and whenever practicable we would advise our young men who expect to enter the ministry by all means to avail themselves of the advantages offered them in more fully preparing them for the high vocation to which they have been called.

In a peculiar manner Howard College appeals to the Baptists of Alabama for support and patronage. Its curriculum of study is equal to that of any similar institution, its thoroughness of instruction is unsurpassed, and the moral influence surrounding the college is unrivaled. It needs and deserves the patronage of the Baptists of the State. We will find it to our interests to send our boys to this institution. But further, in the effort now being made for its endowment, we hold that it is the duty of every Baptist to contribute as he may be able. If every one will do what the Lord has made him able to do, the endowment will not be a burden to any one nor a work of many years. The Baptists of the State are amply able to raise this endowment in a short time and thus speedily give to Howard increased facilities and secure to the students reduced expenses.

It is with pleasure that we learn of the prosperity and efficiency of the high school at Midway, conducted by Bro. W. T. Hendon and commend it as worthy of patronage and of imitation by other communities, and trust that at an early day we will have many such schools organized by our Executive Committee and largely patronized by our denomination.

As a college for girls, the Judson Institute is without an equal and is justly receiving a large patronage and doing a grand work for our daughters. The graduates of this institution are found in every section of the State, and whether seen in the house, in the school-room or in the church they are refined, competent and useful. Send your daughters to the Judson.

M. S. SWORTER, Ch'n.

14. Dismissed with the benediction by the Moderator.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

15. Prayer by Rev. H. R. Schramm.

16. Received Rev. W. B. Crumpton, in his official capacity, as Corresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist Convention, and Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe as editor of the *Alabama Baptist*.

16. The Report on Aged and Indigent Ministers was read by Bro. J. E. McCormick.

Rev. W. B. Crumpton addressed the Association on the subject of the report; after which the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee beg leave to report that there are no aged or infirm ministers within bounds of this Association, who are in need of financial assistance from the association. While under God's blessing in this particular, your committee would call attention to the fact that other associations are perhaps much taxed in this regard, and respectfully suggest that our efforts be used to assist others less fortunate than ourselves. Support of aged or worn out ministers is the absolute duty of all who are now enjoying the advanced moral worth and influence of the church, in effecting which their lives have been spent.

Respectfully submitted,
J. E. McCORMICK, Ch'n of Com.

17. The Report on Bible and Colportage work was read by Bro. H. B. Florence.

The report was discussed by Brethren T. H. Stout, Z. T. Weaver, G. A. Nunnally and W. B. Crumpton; after which the report was adopted as follows:

BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE WORK.

This department of our State Mission Board was reported at our last State Convention as in an unsatisfactory condition. Many books in the hands of colporters had not been paid for and some promised funds had not been paid in. The convention, upon this information, instructed the board to suspend its active operations in this department until it could collect its funds and get the business in better shape.

What effect this had or may have upon our Stratton Paulin fund we do not know, but we suppose that it is not being appropriated at this time. We doubt not that our own State Board will in due time get the funds and books in such a form as to press forward in this important work.

We are persuaded that there is very little need for the distribution of Bibles in the bounds of our association, but we think there is great need of denominational books and tracts and other wholesome religious literature. When the State Board has again reorganized this department of its work, we recommend that it be informed of our need in this respect and be requested to cause a colportage under its employ to visit our association and endeavor to meet such necessity as may exist, as there is at present no organized effort to supply the demand in our association.

We suggest that brethren who are trying to promote the glory of our Master might accomplish much good by gratuitous distribution of Bibles, books and tracts where they find need.

H. B. FLORENCE, Ch'n of Com.

18. The Report upon Obituaries was read by Bro. R. R. Gary.

Remarks were made upon the life and character of Rev. A. H. Borders and Deacon T. J. Florence, the brethren

whose death was referred to in the report, by T. H. Stout, A. B. Starke and H. R. Schramm; after which the report was then adopted as follows:

REPORT ON OBITUARIES.

To the Eufaula Baptist Association:

Dear Brethren,—We regret that through the dispensation of divine providence it is made our sad duty to report the death of Elder A. H. Borders, who died in Atlanta, Ga., on the 31st day of March, 1886. Bro. Borders was born in Jackson county, Ga., on Dec. 3, 1811. He removed to Barbour county, Ala., in 1858, since which time he has been among us, and for twenty-five years has been a devoted minister of the gospel. The Lord blessed his preaching to the conversion of many souls and for several years he baptised more converts than any minister in our association. If the infallible test that “the tree is known by its fruits” be applied to our brother’s works, the conclusion is irresistible that the Lord had truly called him to be a messenger to men. One distinguishing feature of his character to which we call special attention was his social qualities.

While the hand of the Almighty was certainly with him in public, it was in his private conversation, around the fire side and in the social circle, that he shone with more than common brightness. His colloquial powers were among the most useful parts that made up the full grown man. Nature and grace combined to make him one of the most congenial companions that it was ever our pleasure to know.

In the departure of our venerable brother we feel that the church of which he was a member and this association has sustained a loss that can hardly be repaired.

In this report we would also call attention to the death of Brother T. J. Florence, a former deacon of Ramah church, and who at the time of his death, which occurred on the 5th day of August, 1886, was a deacon of the Midway church. We are sad to call to mind the memory of the long and useful services of this good man, and know that he has gone from among us to meet us here on earth no more.

This report is not intended to give a detailed account of the lives and works of these sainted brethren, but to stimulate the living to renewed activities by calling to mind the examples of these great and good men. May the God of love and mercy continue to spare our lives, and we sincerely pray that the light of the dead may shed a halo around the path of the living.

Respectfully submitted,

R. R. GARY, Ch'n.

19. Adjourned till 9.30 in the morning, after singing the doxology, “Praise God from whom all blessings flow,” etc., and prayer by Rev. W. B. Crumpton.

FRIDAY NIGHT—7 O’CLOCK.

20. Rev. W. B. Crumpton preached from Rom. 12:1-9.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 23.

21. Met at 9.30, sang the hymn, "Jesus lover of my soul," etc. Rev. I. P. Cheney led in prayer.

22. Appointed correspondents as follows:

To the Bethel Association, Ga.—H. R. Schramm, W. H. Patterson, T. H. Stout.

To the Centennial Association—J. E. McCormick, M. E. Pruitt, A. W. Beverly, A. R. Vann, R. J. Orr.

To the Columbus Association—J. T. Epperson, D. H. Blair, T. H. Stout.

To the Judson Association—J. A. Walker, G. A. Nunnally, J. G. Sinquefield.

To the Montgomery Association—F. C. Hall, M. Floyd.

To the Newton Association—J. E. McCormick, J. G. Sinquefield.

To the Salem Association—G. McLaney, J. M. Whitmore.

To the Tuskegee Association—Z. T. Weaver, T. H. Stout.

To the Harris Association—G. A. Ferrell, J. T. Epperson, T. R. Leslie.

To the Columbia Association—John A. Walker, J. M. Thornton, G. A. Nunnally.

23. Appointed the following committee to consider and report upon the circular of the State Mission Board: F. C. Hall, J. R. Vann, J. A. Walker, J. M. Whitmore, J. J. S. Willis.

24. The Report on Temperance was read by H. R. Schramm. The subject was discussed by Brethren H. R. Schramm, T. H. Stout, W. T. Weaver, G. A. Nunnally, T. N. Cox; after which the report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee on the subject of Temperance, beg leave to submit the following report.

We feel that this is a very important subject and should command the effort of every man, woman and child to advocate its interest, whether they be followers of Christ or followers of Satan.

We are gratified that the cause of temperance is progressing and that the interest of temperance is increasing. Since our last associational year several towns have adopted prohibition and efforts are being made to get it out of other towns and even out of the State. Conventions have been held in the different counties and delegates were appointed to the State convention to be held in Montgomery on the 16th of November, 1886. Several lectures have been delivered at different places which have aroused the people to action.

We do not think it necessary to tell of the ruin and destruction caused by this ferocious monster, for we feel that the time is passed when the people shall fail to discover by observation his work. We would recommend that pastors present the subject from the pulpit, that deacons and laymen quit drinking or selling it, and that they quit visiting bar-rooms and use their best efforts to suppress this evil: that the ladies, young and old, lend a helping hand to drive this monster from our land; that prayer specially be offered for his removal, and all our efforts be used to crush him. We

trust that the time is not far distant when we shall no longer be tormented with this destructive evil. Then we feel that our churches will be built up, missions increased, the Bible be distributed through the land and the facilities for education be improved. God speed the day.

Respectfully submitted,

H. R. SCHRAMM, Ch'n.

25. The speeches for the rest of the session were limited to ten minutes.

26. Rev. G. A. Nunnally read the report on

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education beg to report that the necessity of an educated ministry is generally admitted, and the demand for such is constantly increasing. We also report that in view of this necessity and demand the denomination is trying to provide facilities for the education of young ministers at the Seminary and at Howard College. The Board of Ministerial Education appointed at the late state convention, is located at Montgomery and has more than a score of young men under its charge now in school studying for the ministry, and many worthy application on file, action on the same being deferred for the lack of money, and it stands in urgent need of funds to meet the expenses incident to this work.

We therefore recommend this association to endeavor to raise three hundred dollars for this cause, and would suggest that this amount be as far as possible distributed among the churches or assumed by individuals during the session of this body.

G. A. NUNNALLY.
J. G. HITCHCOCK.
W. P. GARY.

Bro. Nunnally also addressed the body and raised by subscription \$195 for aiding the Ministerial Board of Education in their work.

PLEDGES FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Bethlehem Church.....	\$10 00
Center Ridge	10 00
Cowihee.....	10 00
Enon.....	5 00
Eufaula	75 00
Glennville	5 00
Huntsboro.....	10 00
Midway	25 00
Mt. Olive.....	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	10 00
Pine Grove.....	10 00
Prospect.....	5 00
Ramah.....	10 00
Union.....	5 00
Total.....	\$195 00

27. The Report on Home Missions was read by Bro. A. B. Starke.

Bro. W. T. Weaver read the report on State Missions.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. W. S. Paullin.

The following are the three reports as read.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

To the Eufaula Association:

This Board was organized forty years ago and has been in operation since that time and is not an experiment. Its work for the last conventional year: Missionaries employed, 255; churches constituted, 70; meeting-houses built, 49; baptisms, 3812; received by letter, 2344; contributions, \$90,000. This board has charge of the destitute in the different fields in all the states where needed. In New Orleans, among the Indians, which is the most important, as we think, of our foreign population, of our colored population, which is making some progress.

The last Southern Baptist convention agreed to raise \$10,000 for the purpose of instructing their preachers as to the best means of reaching that people. The mission to the Spaniards in Havana has been a wonderful work, and we think shows the Master is with us. Brother Dias had baptised 100 up to May, this year, and for the last quarter 30, being absent more than half the time.

What have the Baptists of Alabama done for this work? The 80,000 white Baptists have given but \$2,289.98, which is less than three cents per member. Our association has given nearly fifteen cents per member. The convention calls for \$5,000 from Alabama, which will be only six cents per member. Shall we try to raise it? Dear brethren, are we doing our duty when we have the last command of our Master to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature?

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. STARKE, Ch'n.

REPORT ON STATE MISSION.

Your committee ask leave to submit the following as their report:

We find from the report of Bro. Crumpton, our able Corresponding Secretary to the State Convention, what has been done in our State the present year, and we are glad to be able to say that much good has been accomplished by its employees. The amount of work done by these men is simply surprising to us, and it should be very gratifying to know that their labors have resulted in so much good. To those who doubt the efficiency of the work and its need, and hence are lukewarm on the subject of sustaining state missions, we commend a careful perusal of the report referred to.

It appears to this committee, however, that a fault lies somewhere that necessitates so much work to be done by this board. By reference to the statistics as to number of communicants of the churches composing this association for the last fifteen years, if the question were asked, where is the fault? we would find that there has been a net gain of only 125 in that length of time. Less than 10 per cent. net gain in fifteen years! Let us suppose that it is the same case with every association in the State. What does it argue? What does it imply? Is not the answer apparent to every one? The members of the churches and pastor, one or both, neglecting duty. And we cannot refrain from urging the churches to bestir themselves or they will not only not gain ground but lose it.

The fact referred to speaks a volume in itself and we forbear to say more. As we suggested in the report last year, there are cities fast springing up in

our midst that need the missionary's labor, and there are remote places all over the land where the missionary Baptists have no one to proclaim the *glad tidings*.

Let us therefore help these destitutions by responding readily and cheerfully with the amounts suggested to the various associations by the State Board.

WM. A. BISHOP, Ch'n of Com.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The cause of missions should be dear to every Christian heart. The very spirit of Christianity is but an embodiment of the command of Jesus, which bids us go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, and inspired by the promise, lo, I am with you always, men and women, soldiers of the cross, have gone forth into every land carrying the glad tidings of salvation to the benighted.

Foreign missions, less than a century in growth, has lost none of its claims to a divine origin. Amid the vicissitudes of the past, Cary and Marshman, Judson and Rice, toilers in hope, saw of the travail of their souls and in a certain sense were satisfied. But it has been reserved for us their successors, to note the wonderful results of their labors. Seeds sown by them and others in heathen lands are now ripening into a glorious harvest to be gathered into heavens granary. The fields under the supervision of our own Southern Baptist Convention have, during the year that is past, given evidence of God's special favor. China and Africa, Brazil and Mexico have all been blessed with manifestations of the Spirit's presence in the conversion of many from idoltrous practices to the service of the true God. While the rod of affliction has been laid heavily upon us in removing from their chosen work some of our dear missionaries, others have been ready to enter upon and carry forward the grand enterprise of evangelizing the world.

In contemplating the apparent preparation of the nations for the reception of the gospel, can we as Christians fail to heed the injunction of the Master whom we profess to serve. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers, and shall we not add largely to our contributions in carrying on the triumphs of the cross.

The world is to be converted for Christ. God has spoken it, and it must be done and that too by human instrumentality. Let us then as Christians and members of the Eufaula Association do our part in this work and great will be our reward.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. PAULLIN, Ch'n.

Sang the hymn "All hail the power of Jesus name," etc. Bro. W. B. Crumpton spoke on the general subject of Missions. Took a recess of an hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

28. Prayer by Bro. J. E. Chambliss.

The consideration of the subject of missions being still before the body, Bro. Crumpton concluded his speech.

Brethren W. T. Weaver, J. J. D. Renfro, G. A. Nunnally, H. R. Schramm all addressed the Association.

The three reports were then adopted.

29. The report on the State of the Churches was read by Bro. H. R. Schramm, and adopted as follows :

REPORT ON STATE OF CHURCHES.

Glennville—Numerically, decreased. Spiritually revived. Protracted meetings, number of days not reported. Prayer meeting weekly. Sunday school well attended except summer months. Some interest manifested by church members.

Mt. Zion—Numerically, increased. Spiritually revived. Protracted meetings of days. No prayer meetings or Sunday schools reported.

Union—Numerically, increased. Spiritually about same as last reported. A Sunday school but no prayer meeting reported.

Center Ridge—Numerically, decreased. Spiritually revived. Contributions not increased. Protracted meeting of days. No prayer meeting. Sunday school six months only and but little interest manifested.

Mt. Olive—Numerically, increased. No prayer meeting or Sunday School.

Prospect—Numerically, increased. Spiritually strengthened. Contributions not increased. Protracted meeting of ten days. No Sunday school or prayer meeting.

Evergreen—Numerically, increased. Spiritually revived. Protracted meeting of eight days. Prayer meeting and monthly Sunday schools.

Hurtsboro—Numerically, increased. Spiritually strengthened. Protracted meeting of ten days. Prayer meeting weekly, much interest. Evergreen Sunday school with some interest manifested by church.

Midway—Numerically, increased. Spiritually revived. Protracted meeting of ten days. Sunday school in a flourishing condition. Prayer meeting is kept up and generally well attended and has proved a blessing to the church.

Pleasant Hill—Numerically, increased. Spiritually revived. No Sunday school or prayer meeting reported.

Eufaula—Numerically, increased. Spiritually improved. Held special meeting for four consecutive Sabbaths and days and nights intervening. Rev. T. Thomasson assisting our pastor. Prayer meeting weekly, which are well attended. Sunday school every Sunday. Usual amount of cooperation of church members.

Cowikee—Numerically and spiritually about the same as last reported. No Sunday school or prayer meeting reported. No protracted meeting.

Ramah—Numerically, increased. Spiritually strengthened. Protracted meeting of eight days. Weekly prayer meeting since August. Sunday school but no prayer meeting.

New Hope—Numerically and spiritually weak. No protracted meeting. No prayer meeting or Sunday school. Contributions a little increased.

Clayton—Numerically, decreased. Spiritually, not reported. Sunday school? Yes, about sixty-three on roll.

Bethlehem—Numerically, decreased. Spiritually weak. No prayer meeting. Sunday school? Yes, very good. but few church members take any interest.

Enon—Numerically, weak. Spiritually strengthened. No Sunday school or prayer meeting reported.

Several churches are not represented, hence no report on them.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. PRUDDEN,

M. FLOYD,

H. G. McLANEY,

Committee.

30. The report on Nominations was read and adopted as follows:

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

To preach the Introductory Sermon—Rev. W. T. Weaver; alternate, T. H. Stout.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—Rev. G. A. Funnally; alternate, Rev. H. R. Schramm.

Executive Committee—G. A. Nunnally, W. H. Patterson, J. E. McCormick, W. T. Weaver, T. H. Stout, S. G. Robertson, W. N. Reeves, John A. Walker, B. B. Davis, F. C. Hall.

Delegates to the State Convention—G. A. Nunnally, W. H. Patterson, T. H. Stout, H. R. Schramm, B. Davie, J. E. McCormick, W. T. Weaver, John A. Walker, M. L. Long, J. T. Watkins, T. N. Cox, A. B. Starke, W. S. Paulin, T. E. Morton, J. J. S. Willis.

31. Adopted the report of the Committee on Circular of the State Mission Board as follows:

REPORT ON CIRCULAR OF STATE MISSION BOARD.

The Committee on Circular of State Mission Board make the following report, to-wit:

We recommend that the churches of this Association raise the sum of twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00) outside of Ministerial and Howard College Fund, and to be apportioned among the churches as follows, to-wit:

Bethlehem.....	\$50 00
Centre Ridge.....	25 00
Clayton.....	80 00
Cowicee.....	35 00
Enon.....	20 00
Eufaula.....	425 00
Evergreen.....	10 00
Glennville.....	20 00
Hawkinville.....	25 00
Hurtsborough.....	75 00
Midway.....	150 00
Mt. Olive.....	25 00
Mt. Zion.....	50 00
New Hope.....	25 00
Pea Creek.....	10 00
Pine Grove.....	25 00
Pleasant Grove.....	15 00
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00
Prospect.....	35 00
Ramah.....	75 00
Union.....	20 00

Total.....\$1200 00

Respectfully submitted,

F. C. HARE, Ch'n.

32. The report of the Special Committee on the report of the Executive Committee was read, and after having been amended, was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, the Committee appointed to report on the report of the Executive Committee, report favorably and recommend its adoption.

That the reported destitution be referred to the Executive Committee, and if any action be found necessary to supply this destitution, such action be taken through our State Mission Board.

33. Heard the report of the Finance Committee and ordered it printed.

Appropriated all funds not specially designated.

34. The next session of the body was appointed at Midway, beginning at 11 o'clock, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1887. The Introductory Sermon was appointed for Thursday night.

35. The Moderator appointed the usual standing committees to report next year as follows:

Sabbath Schools—J. J. S. Willis, M. E. Pruitt, Monroe Floyd.

State Missions—John A. Walker, Thomas Weathers, J. M. Whitmore.

Home Missions—R. J. Orr, J. H. Wood, H. L. Floyd.

Foreign Missions—J. M. Thornton, M. N. McEachem, E. Farrison.

Obituaries—J. G. Hitchcock, T. J. Hudgins, W. W. Whittington.

Education—B. Davie, Exton Tucker, T. J. Kennedy.

Indigent Ministers—W. S. Paullin, A. B. Starke, R. L. Baker.

Bible and Colportage Work—J. G. Siquetfield, J. W. Miller, C. Bradley.

Evangelization of Colored People—J. E. McCormick, M. L. Vaughan, Willie Johnson.

36. Called and corrected the Roll.

37. Voted the Clerk \$25 for his services.

Adjourned till 9:30 Sabbath morning.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

SATURDAY NIGHT, 7 O'CLOCK.

38. Rev. J. J. D. Renfroe preached from James 1:27:

“Pure Religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this—To assist the Fatherless and Widow in their affliction, and to keep Himself unspotted from the World.”

SABBATH.

SUNDAY, October 24, 9:30 A. M.

39. The report on Sabbath Schools was read this morning. Addresses were made by Brethren I. P. Cheney and W. B. Crumpton. The report was then adopted as follows :

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The importance of Sabbath Schools is well nigh universally admitted.

As an evidence of their weight and influence for good, we need only to look where one is found to exist.

This system of imparting religious instruction is now no new theory ; it stands approved. The only matter of speculation, that it is not universally practiced.

We would that we could say something that would inspire the churches to greater zeal and activity in this direction, but it is not our province to discuss the subject.

As your Committee, therefore, we present the facts and figures as far as can be ascertained from the churches—which, to our minds, if properly understood and rightly considered—are the most potent arguments that can be produced and urged in defense and support of this grand christian enterprise.

In order to give a true, concise and yet comprehensive statement concerning the work, we have deduced from the information we have, a synoptical view of the whole, trusting the same will give general satisfaction to all interested.

SYNOPSIS.

There are in the Eufaula Association 22 churches, 1365 church members.

Ten churches report Sabbath Schools.

Twelve churches report no Sabbath Schools.

Total number of scholars, 657.

Total number of church members in school, 292.

Total number of non-church members in school, 374.

Total number received into the church from Sabbath school, 82.

Six schools report contributions to Missions.

One school reports contributions to Bible Work.

Five schools and eight churches were represented in Sabbath School Convention.

Very few of the older church members take part in the schools.

Officers and teachers manifest much enthusiasm in the work.

Lesson papers employed: American Baptist Publication Society's Periodicals and *Kind Words*.

Average time schools were open, ten months in a year.

SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The Sabbath School Convention met with Centre Ridge Baptist Church on the fifth Sunday in May, 1886. Although there was but a small repre-

sentation from the schools and churches, they held a profitable and pleasant session. The general characteristics of the schools reported, are marked by good order, good lessons and good attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. BAKER, Ch'n.

40. Brother H. R. Schranrn offered the following vote of thanks, which was unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered to this community for their kind hospitality rendered us during this Association, as we feel that everything has been done to make us comfortable.

41. The Missionary Sermon was delivered at 11 o'clock by T. H. Stout, from Phil. 3:8: "The excellency of the Knowledge of Christ Jesus." A collection was taken for Missions amounting to \$17.55, which, on motion, was turned over to Rev. W. B. Crompton, to be appropriated by the State Mission Board to the various Missions.

42. The Association then adjourned to meet with the church at Midway, Alabama, at 11 o'clock, on Thursday before the fourth Sabbath in October, 1887.

W. H. PATTERSON, Moderator.

T. H. STOUT, Clerk.

Fifth Annual Sunday School Convention of the Eufaula Baptist Association held with Centre Ridge Baptist Church, May 29 and 30, 1886.

Introductory Sermon by W. H. Patterson.

The meeting was called to order and organized by the election of J. G. Sinquefield, President and T. R. Searcy, Secretary.

The following churches were represented: Bethlehem, Centre Qidge, Clayton, Eufaula, Evergreen, Hawkinsville, Mt. Olive and Ramah.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

2:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

The subject of Benevolence was discussed by Brethren Z. V. Weaver, J. J. S. Willis and Pilly, followed by W. H. Patterson: Subject—"Necessity of Training;" followed by Brother Brooks: Subject—"The Proper Mode of Teaching."

SUNDAY.

9:30 O'CLOCK A. M.

Sunday School addresses by Brother B. Davie and Dr. Crews. At 11 o'clock a. m., sermon by W. H. Patterson.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

Address to the children by W. H. Patterson: Subject—
“Evil Communication Corrupt Good Manners;” followed
by Brethren Z. T. Weaver, Brooks and J. J. S. Willis.

STATISTICS OF EUFAULA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, ALABAMA, 1886.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERKS' POST OFFICES.	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 Sab-baths.	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
Bethlehem	Barbour	N. C. Underwood	D. L. McRae	Clayton					3	4			2	86						
Center Ridge	"	W. T. Weaver	J. J. S. Willis	Mt. Andrew	89	1	3		1	8	2		2	85	3	20			2	
Clayton	"	B. Daire	J. E. Moore	Clayton		7	3			9			3	77	7	63	200			
Cowicee	"	W. T. Weaver	J. E. Moore	Batesville	27		2			1				29					3	
Enon	Bullock	A. F. Dix	J. B. Cox	Midway						5			3	15						
Eufaula	Barbour	G. A. Nunnally	George B. Davis	Eufaula	297	89	17		1	25	4		5	370	23	176			evry	
Evergreen	"	G. W. Harrison	J. R. Tillery	Clayton		3	1		1	2	1		1	51					4	
Glennville	Russell	H. R. Schramm	E. N. Stewart	Glennville		2	2			6				30					2, 4	
Hawkinsville	Barbour	W. T. Weaver	H. Hawkins	Hawkinsville	11								1	10						
Hurtsboro	Russell	I. P. Cheney	M. L. Long	Hurtsboro		10	8		1	1				92	6	69			2, 4	
Midway	Bullock	W. H. Patterson	W. J. Cowart	Midway	125	15	10		1	5			1	145					1, 3	
Mt. Olive	Barbour	H. R. Schramm	D. H. Blair	White Oak	32	2				5				29						
Mt. Zion	Bullock	J. O. Hixon	R. L. Baker	Three Notch		4	1			1				60					2	
New Hope	Barbour	W. H. Patterson	C. Gachet	Mt. Andrew	26	1	2			3				26					3, 5	
Pea Creek	"		No letter											*35						
Pine Grove	"		George Boyer	Eufaula						2				32						
Pleasant Grove	"		No letter											74						
Pleasant Hill	"	W. D. Joiner		Howe		4	2		3					21						
Prospect	"	T. H. Stout	T. F. J. Green	Clayton	106	14			2	5	2			115					4	
Ramah	"	W. T. Weaver	W. P. Gary	Harris		9	3		4	4	1		2	78	9	50			4	
Union	"	H. R. Schramm	J. T. Watkins	Clayton		2	3		1	2	2			90	4	31			3	
Total						163	59		18	88	12		20	1550						

*Last year's report. No. reported last year.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE. We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

CHURCHES.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	Students' Fund, Howard College.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Bible Work.	Howard Endowment.	Total.
Bethlehem	2 00	31 25						20 00	53 25
Center Ridge.....	2 00	13 00						3 00	20 00
Clayton.....	2 00	32 00						47 00	81 00
Cowikee.....	1 00	17 40							18 40
Enon.....	50	25 00							25 50
Eufaula.....	3 50		71 37	109 65	124 15	114 60	34 05		457 32
Evergreen.....	1 50								1 50
Glennville.....	1 00	1 15	5 30	7 20	7 75	2 60		10 00	35 00
Hawkinsville.....		15 00							15 00
Hurtsboro.....	2 00	40 00							42 00
Midway.....	3 00	148 50							151 50
Mt. Olive.....	1 00			8 00	8 00	8 00			25 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 50	52 60					5 00		59 10
New Hope.....	75	23 35							24 10
Pine Grove.....	50			6 00					6 50
Pleasant Grove.....	1 50					4 75			6 25
Pleasant Hill.....	1 00	2 50							3 50
Prospect.....	3 00	25 00						10 00	38 00
Ramah.....	2 00	45 00						5 00	55 00
Union.....	2 00		7 91	5 06	7 15	4 88		5 00	32 00
Collections in body.....			15 65						15 65
Sabbath Collection.....									17 55
Total.....	\$31 75	\$474 75	\$100 23	\$135 91	\$147 05	\$134 83	\$39 05	\$102 00	\$1183 12

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. WATKINS, Ch'n.

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