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MINUTES

—OF THE—

TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Gentennial Baptist Association

HELD WITH

HARDAWAY BAPTIST CHURCH, MACON COUNTY, ALA.,

OCTOBER 14th, 1897

OFFICERS.

GEORGE WILLIAMS.....Moderator.  
B. T. ELEY.....Treasurer.  
F. E. TOMPKINS.....Clerk.

*The next session of this body will be held with Liberty Church,  
Bullock County, on Thursday before the second Sunday  
in October, 1898.*

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## MINUTES.

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The Centennial Association convened with Hardaway church, Macon county, in twenty-second annual session, at 11 o'clock a. m., Thursday, October 14th, 1897.

The Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. H. R. Schramm; text, Mark 14:8: "She hath done what she could."

### EVENING SESSION, 2 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Geo. Williams. After singing, Eld. S. O. Y. Ray led in prayer,

The letters from the churches were handed in and read by Elds. Ray and Schramm. The names of the delegates were enrolled as follows:

Aberfoil—J. A. Beverley, J. C. Beverley, W. R. King and W. R. Phelps.

Fairview—

Fitzpatrick—W. C. Hufham and G. R. Knight.

Greenwood—H. S. Kirby, G. W. Davis, C. S. Orum.

Hardaway—W. J. Hooks, C. A. Davis, J. D. Brooks, S. W. Gardner, G. T. Howard.

Indian Creek—J. S. Finlayson, E. M. Thomas, J. C. Cope, A. A. Cope, G. A. Norris.

Loflin—E. A. Brooks, William Dozier.

Liberty—T. M. Hough.

Macedonia—W. A. C. May, P. F. Rotton.

Midway—

Mt. Carmel—J. E. Jenkins, J. R. Padgett, D. G. Jones.

Mt. Zion—J. H. Cogdell, V. H. Tillery, Jno. English.

Perote—Elder G. W. Harrison, John Carrol.

Sardis—J. L. Childs.

Union Springs—George Williams, T. M. Gholston, George Carlisle.

The present officers were re-elected, viz: Geo. Williams, Moderator; B. T. Eley, Treasurer; F. E. Tompkins, Clerk.

The church at Fitzpatrick's presented a letter, applying for admission. The letter was read and the church was received.

The names of correspondents and agents were enrolled as follows:

Eufaula Association—H. R. Schramm, agent for Alabama Baptist and Howard College, and S. O. Y. Ray.

The Executive Committee reported that there has been nothing before them during the year.

None of the committee on Foreign Missions being present,

the Moderator appointed Eld. G. W. Harrison, J. H. Cogdell and John English as committee.

The committee on Home Missions reported. The report was discussed and adopted.

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

(Mark 16:15.) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. (Luke 24:47.) Beginning at Jerusalem.

The gospel must be preached all over this fair land of ours. It is our duty to help. The gospel will be preached. It is our privilege to help. God gives us the opportunity. We accept or reject. The work goes on. We are blessed according to our decision. Let us grasp the opportunity while it is passing by. It will come this way no more. Let us begin at Jerusalem. (Micah 4:2.) And he will teach us of his ways and we will walk in his paths for the law shall go forth of Zion and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

#### THE BOARD.

The Home Mission Board is located at Atlanta, Ga., Dr. I. T. Tichenor, Corresponding Secretary. The offices of the board are administered judiciously and economically. At the Southern Baptist Convention in May the board was rid of its debt and put on a sound footing.

#### THE WORK BEFORE US.

The board has requested the Southern churches to contribute for Home Missions this year \$100,000. Our work needs to be increased. The demands are more pressing than ever before. The fields are wider. The gateways are open. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. Our work needs to be increased among the foreign populations that are drifting to this country, and among the negroes and destitute places all over the South, in Cuba, on the frontier and everywhere. The world must be conquered for Christ, beginning at Jerusalem.

Summary of the work the last conventional year:

Missionaries employed, 372; weeks of labor, 11,075; churches and stations, 1,983; sermons and addresses, 49,505; prayer meetings, 11,273; religious visits, 62,175; baptisms, 4,709; received by letter, 4,746; churches constituted, 139; houses of worship built, 57; houses of worship improved, 129; amount expended on houses of worship, \$52,041; Sunday Schools organized, 313; teachers and pupils, 10,725; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 2,837; tracts distributed (pages), 645,846.

The State Mission Board of Alabama and of a good many other States are in co-operation with the Home Board in its work.

#### AVERAGE COST.

Per Missionary employed.....	\$330 00
Per Baptism.....	27 00
Per Addition.....	13 00
Average addition per missionary, 27.	

#### THE MOUNTAIN REGION.

The mountain region is divided among several States, Alabama being in the number. There is no one convention lying wholly within it, except the convention of Western North Carolina. The Home

Board is aiding in this field in connection with some of the conventions, and also independently. About forty missionaries in this field are aided by the Board. They have baptized about five hundred believers and done much good service for the cause.

Education is receiving very gratifying attention in the mountain region. Associations and other bodies are establishing schools of better grades. Every association in the Western North Carolina Convention has either built or is building a high school for the education of its people. Your committee would call special attention to the matter of education, and would earnestly request that some steps be taken by this body toward the establishment of a better grade of schools in our district and State.

#### THE CUBAN WORK.

The Cuban work in Florida has been attended by difficulties, but it has made some progress. Report: Missionaries 6, with 5 stations, 613 sermons, 1,871 visits, 4 churches constituted and 3 Sunday Schools organized with 103 pupils and teachers.

#### FOREIGN POPULATION.

The Board has two missionaries among the Germans in Baltimore doing a good work. The Board, under the auspices of the ladies of Baltimore, aided by some of the pastors of the metropolis, have opened a mission among the thousands of Germans in Washington, Louisville, St. Louis and other points.

The Board is doing good work among the foreigners. There is more than two million of the foreign population in the Southern States. The Board, in co-operation with the Home Mission Board of New York, in connection with State Boards both white and colored, are doing good service in several of the States, principally among the negroes.

#### FRONTIER WORK.

The Board has had ninety missionaries in its employ the past year working in co-operation with the General Association of Western Arkansas, the Indian Territory and the Oklahoma Convention. These missionaries have received during the year, in cash and supplies, \$15,149.84, with results: By baptism, 1,274; by letter, 1,176; total, 2,450; constituted 27 churches; built and repaired 12, at a cost of \$2,492.

#### FLORIDA WORK.

Missionaries, 35; churches and stations supplied, 105; sermons preached, 3,193; baptisms, 394; by letter, 307; total, 701; churches constituted, 12; built 3; improved 47, at a cost of \$3,420; Sunday Schools organized, 22, with 800 pupils.

#### LOUISIANA

Has 19 parishes, 7 cities of over 2,000 inhabitants, six towns of over 1,000 population without Baptist churches. There is over a quarter of a million people in the State destitute of the gospel.

#### TEXAS.

Missionaries, 63; churches and stations, 675; baptized, 898; by letter, 779; total, 1,674; churches constituted, 19; built, 6; improved, 53; Sunday Schools organized, 53; pupils, 1,065.

The religious destitutions in our Christian America are woefully alarming. The subject of Home Missions should (above all things else) receive the careful and prayerful attention of every American

citizen, especially the liberty-loving Baptist. It is estimated that there is in Tennessee alone 1,064,800 adult souls lost. It is estimated that to fully supply the religious destitutions in the eight States comprising Kentucky, Mississippi, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Louisiana, Tennessee and Texas, it would require 1,392 missionaries, with \$480,000 to support them, besides what their field of labor would furnish, and about an equal amount for church building for the next ten years. Including the remaining States within our Convention, there would be required to supply the religious destitutions 2,000 missionaries and an annual expenditure of a half million dollars.

There are 52 penitentiaries and over 17,000 jails in the United States. They cost \$500,000,000 to build. Over 900,000 persons were incarcerated in the year 1892. The criminal expense to the country is not less than \$100,000,000 a year.

This amount expended in the support of Mission work in United States would speedily depopulate these penitentiaries and jails, and convert them into temples of industry, education or praise, and bless the homes and be instrumental in saving the souls of an innumerable host.

#### OUR HOME FIELD.

While the Home Board is doing a good work in the mountain regions and among negroes of Alabama, in co-operation with the State Board, your committee thinks that much good would come of a few thousand dollars expended in some of the other waste places of Alabama. Our State evangelist (Ray) recently reported from South Alabama 8,000 white Baptists destitute of houses of worship, and many more are compelled to worship with classes of people who just simply feed the sheep and who deny the operation of the Holy Spirit. It would not require \$10,000 cathedrals for these brethren to worship in—just a few hundred dollars here and there to build a church house and to support a pastor for a short time. They would soon become self-supporting, and not only this, but the Board would begin at once to receive help, direct and indirect, by small contributions and the use of Sunday School literature. Shall we not see to it? Your committee would recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention series, and also the Home Field, published by the Home Board, subscription price ten cents, or fifty to one address five cents.

Respectfully submitted,

D. A. CAYLOR,

The Moderator appointed a committee on Religious Exercises as follows:

Elder G. W. Harrison and delegates from Hardaway church.

Hours of meeting and adjourning were adopted as follows: Meet at 9 o'clock a. m., adjourn at 11 o'clock for preaching; meet at 2 o'clock p. m. and adjourn at option.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported that there will be devotional exercises tonight, conducted by Lee A. Mal-lory.

On motion of J. R. Padgett special prayer by Elder S. O. Y. Ray was offered in behalf of Eld. A. E. Pinckard, who is very sick at China Grove. After benediction by Elder Schramm the Association adjourned.

## FRIDAY—9 O'CLOCK A. M.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Maj. J. G. Harris. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted. The Moderator announced the special committees:

On Finance—W. C. Huffham, Geo. Carlisle, J. C. Cope.  
 On Documents—E. A. Brooks, John English, John Carrol.  
 On Nominations—J. H. Cogdell, J. R. Padgett, P. F. Rotton.  
 Auditing Committee—J. D. Brooks, A. A. Cope, J. A. Beverley.

The names of correspondents were enrolled as follows:

Montgomery Association—Maj. J. G. Harris.  
 Tuskegee Association—C. W. Hare, W. T. B. Lynch  
 Eufaula Association—W. C. Jordan.

Special prayer was offered for Eld. E. W. Marshall, led by Eld. C. W. Hare.

The report on Foreign Missions was read and discussed.

## REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We, your committee appointed to report on Foreign Missions, beg leave to report the following: The Master said, Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believeth not shall be damned. So the Foreign Mission Board is trying to carry out these instructions and thus they have missionaries preaching in Southern China, Northern China, Central China, Africa, Italy, Brazil, Mexico and Japan. This Board is located at Richmond, Va., and Rev. R. J. Willingham is the Corresponding Secretary. This Board, at the last Southern Baptist Convention at Wilmington, had a debt on it of \$13,500, which was practically settled by the different States assuming the debt; but it seems that while the States were paying this debt they failed to send in their regular contributions, so the Foreign Mission Board will soon have a heavier debt than before, as the expenses of the Board are \$9,000 each month. The Board has often had to borrow money at a high rate of interest that the churches could save by contributing at least quarterly to Foreign Missions and sending it at once through our State Board to the Foreign Board. One year the Foreign Board had to pay \$1,500 interest on borrowed money. This ought to be invested in men to preach the gospel in foreign fields. The Foreign Mission Board has received since May 1st to September 15th, including what was paid on the debt, \$19,634.18. We find that the missionaries have done well on all the fields, and that the Lord has blessed their labors more than the preachers in this Christian land of ours, according to the amount of men and money expended.

We recommend that all the families of the churches composing this Association take the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va., which costs 35 cents single copy and 25 cents in clubs of ten, for it is a great instructor on Foreign Missions. The greatest trouble for the advancement of Foreign Missions is money. We need more money. We have the men ready to go and anxious to go, but we have not the money to send them; so we hope that all the churches will pray for the prosperity of this work, and contribute largely to this, the cause of the greatest Foreign Missionary, Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

G. W. HARRISON,  
 Chairman.

Adjourned for preaching.

At 11 o'clock Missionary Sermon or Map Lecture by Elder  
S. O. Y. Ray.

EVENING SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

The report on Education was read, discussed and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee are glad to report the outlook for our own schools in Alabama brighter than for many years in the past, and, with the blessings of God, will go forward with renewed energy.

HOWARD COLLEGE.

This old school has at last reached a position of safety, so far as the ugly debt is concerned, which has for so many years hampered them; the \$40,000 debt has been reduced to \$20,000 with five years to pay half the debt and ten years to pay the other half; the interest has also been reduced to five per cent. This debt can, with all ease, be removed by the time it is due; then the anxiety of our people has been removed, as regards this, our College.

JUDSON INSTITUTE.

This school has at last been reduced of all debt; \$25,000 has been paid on this institution the past year, thus entirely relieving them of this burden; we are glad to say that the opening this year is larger than for many years, and that, too, with all the patronage cut off from Mississippi and Louisiana, and also from many places in Alabama on account of the yellow fever scare; \$45,000 paid the past year by our people is an index of what these schools are to our State.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Howard College is open to young men who are called of God to preach the Gospel; the churches are asked to help them in educating these young men.

The time has come when the condition requires an educated ministry. We cannot ignore this truth, nor would we ignore the fact that through the instrumentality of these schools our churches are being supplied with an educated ministry. Let us take up this work and help on in this work which promises so much to the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BROOKS, Chairman.

The report on Orphans' Home was read. During the discussion Mrs. Ansley made a statement in regard to the Orphanage, after which a collection was taken for the Orphanage, amounting, in cash and pledges, to \$65.70. The report was then adopted.

THE ORPHANS' HOME

Was formally opened in Evergreen, March 10th, 1893, under the management of Rev. John W. Stewart, he being pastor of the church there at that time.

A permanent home was purchased that fall, consisting of 80 acres of land, a commodious 10-room brick building, and good out-houses. Into this Home have been gathered seventy children; nine have been



returned to their people, and good homes have been found for twenty-three, leaving thirty-eight in the Home.

The boys work on the farm, attend the stock and look after such other duties as are usually required of them.

The girls do house work, sew and attend to such other duties as are required of them.

All attend church and Sunday School, marching in a body each Lord's Day, under the care of one of the ladies of the Home. The larger children attend the Southwest Alabama Agricultural School, while the smaller children are being taught at the Home.

At evening the children are gathered around the family altar, and in songs and prayer are committed to the care of Him who has promised to be a father to the fatherless. All the churches of the Centennial Association should make regular contributions to this worthy cause.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. MALLORY,  
Chairman.

#### PLEDGES FOR ORPHANS' HOME.

Aberfoell, 10 gallons of syrup	\$ 4 00
Fitzpatrick's	5 00
Greenwood, 5 gallons syrup	2 00
Hardaway	5 00
Liberty	5 00
Loflin	5 00
Macedonia	5 00
Mt. Carmel	10 00
Mt. Zion	5 00
Perote	10 00
Sardis (paid)	3 20
S. J. Ming	5 00
J. S. Finlayson	1 00
Walter Rotton	50
Total	\$65 70

The report on Religious Literature was read and adopted:

#### REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We, your committee appointed to report on Religious Literature, beg leave to make the following report:

We feel that religious literature is the moving power in the cause of Christ, and we recommend that our homes be well supplied with religious literature for our children to read, for our children are going to read something. Our children must be indoctrinated in our religious principles. We recommend the Alabama Baptist as the paper that should go into every Baptist home in this Association, and we hope it may receive a hearty support. We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal and the Home Field to be taken by members of this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. C. MAY, Chairman.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that Elder Ray will preach to-night.

Adjourned, with benediction by Elder Hare.

At 7:30 p. m. sermon by Elder Ray. Text, Luke 19:26.

## SATURDAY—MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. H. Cogdell. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted. The following, offered by Elder Harrison, was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association adopt Bro. T. M. Thomas as its beneficiary; that it give him all the aid it can towards obtaining an education to better qualify him to preach the gospel; that it asks all the churches to take up a collection during the year and forward the same to the Board of Ministerial Education for the benefit of Bro. Thomas, he having been highly recommended by Indian Creek church.

On motion of T. M. Gholston, one member from each church of the Association was appointed a committee to ascertain the amount each church will pay towards the support of Bro. Thomas at Howard College and report the same to the Executive Committee at its next meeting. The following brethren were appointed: Aberfoil, J. C. Beverley; Fairview, B. Broome; Fitzpatrick, W. C. Hufham; Greenwood, C. S. Orum; Hardaway, M. J. Smith; Indian Creek, J. S. Finlayson; Loflin, E. A. Brooks; Liberty, M. F. McClendon; Macedonia, P. F. Rotton; Midway, M. B. Gilmore; Mt. Zion, V. H. Tillery; Perote, T. B. Miles; Sardis, J. W. Robinson; Union Springs, B. T. Eley; Mt. Carmel, James Jones.

Report on State Missions was read, discussed and adopted:

## REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This work has been vigorously prosecuted this year by several means:

1. We mention the six evangelists who have been under the employment of our Board the past year. These men have vigorously prosecuted their work in every part of the State. We hope to increase the number of these men to eight or ten the coming year.

2. They have aided some of the weak churches in our cities. This work must be continued.

3. They have employed a few missionaries who have gone into the destitute places, carrying to them the word of life. This number must be increased another year.

We call attention to the fact that the churches of this Association are expected to help. Let sermons be preached, collections be taken and a systematic work be done in every church, and we will be able to do all that God requires at our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. CHILDS, Chairman.

The report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

The report of committee on Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Families was read and adopted:

## REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

Your committee on Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Families report as follows:

We have lost one by death. We have been informed that our aged

brother, Charles Crawley, is in need of aid, and we recommend that the churches help him. Our ministry seems to be in good condition.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. HUFHAM,  
A. C. DAVIS,  
W. A. MARTIN,  
Committee.

A collection was taken for Elder C. Crawley amounting to \$3.30.

On motion, the funds sent up from the churches for indigent ministers was ordered to be paid to Elder C. Crawley.

The report on Sunday Schools was read and adopted:

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to report as follows:

We find that most of our churches have Sunday Schools. Only a few of them report any statistics. We insist that those churches which have no Sunday Schools organize at once. "The entrance of thy word giveth light." We think that all of our people and the children of every community should be in the Sunday School. This feature of church work has grown to good proportions, and is a great factor in evangelizing the masses. God's kingdom of grace has very much advanced by means of the Sunday School. We insist that each church furnish statistics of its Sunday School to the Association every year. We recommend that the Executive Committee put a Sunday School evangelist in the field, should it be thought advisable.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. FINLAYSON, Chairman.

The report on the State of the Churches and Associational Field was read and adopted:

#### REPORT ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your committee on State of the Churches and Associational Field make the following report:

The churches have been greatly strengthened, numerically and spiritually, the present year. We find some of our churches without Sabbath Schools or prayer meetings. The pastors are very well paid. All of our churches but two—Aberfoil and Midway—had regular pastors the last year. We are fearful that those churches have not done what they could. We believe that all churches should have regular pastors. We find that many of our people know very little about true Baptist principles and doctrines, because our preachers do not always take the time nor the pains to teach the people on this line. The principle of giving is not pressed upon the people as it should be. The small amounts reported in our letters to the Association for missions is sufficient proof that our pastors and churches are negligent on this line of work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. JENKINS, Chairman.

A letter from Elder E. M. Brooks, an aged and indigent minister of the Salem Association, was read, and a collection was taken up for him amounting to \$3.49.

Special prayer, led by Elder Harrison, was offered for him.  
Adjourned. Benediction by Elder Hare.

### EVENING SESSION—2 O'CLOCK.

Prayer by S. J. Ming.  
Committee on Temperance reported, and discussion of the report was postponed.

### REPORT ON TEMPRANCE.

It is a cause for great rejoicing that our preachers all preach temperance to their congregations, and that more of our churches exercise strict discipline touching the sale and use of intoxicants by their members. But while this is encouraging, we urge upon our church members the necessity of refraining from the use in any form of strong drink. We further urge that the fight against intemperance be continued with renewed zeal.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. GHOLSTON,  
Chairman.

The report on Documents was read and adopted:

### REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on Documents, find nothing to report.  
Respectfully submitted,

E. A. BROOKS,  
JOHN ENGLISH,  
JOHN CARROL,  
Committee.

The Treasurer's report was read and referred to Auditing Committee:

### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Herewith I hand you statement of all monies received and disbursed by me since my last annual statement:

1896.		DR.		
Oct. 15.	To Balance as per last report.....	\$	5 62	
	Am't as per vouchers 1 to 12.....		134 24	
	Cash for Associational purposes.....		5 45	
	Cash for Missions.....		6 50	
	Cash for Minutes.....		14 25	\$166 06.
1896.		CR.		
Oct. 17.	By am't paid W. C. B., State Mis., v. 1.....	\$	37 45	
	For. Mis., v. 1.....		17 70	
	Home Mis., v. 1.....		14 10	
	Orphanage, v. 1.....		7 31	
	T. E. T., Clerk, v. 2.....		10 00	
	From Indian Creek ch., For. Mis., v. 3.....		2 50	
	" " " " Home Mis., v. 3.....		2 50	
	" " " " G'boro ch., v. 4.....		5 00	
	" " " " Orphanage, v. 5.....		4 00	

Greenwood ch., How. Col., v. 6.....	11 00
"    "    State Mis., v. 7.....	3 80
Mt. Pleasant ch., State Mis., v. 8.....	2 50
Mt. Carmel ch., State Mis., v. 9.....	1 33
Macedonia ch., Orphanage, v. 10.....	5 00
Mt. Carmel ch., Orphanage, v. 11.....	8 50
"    "    "    "    v. 12.....	1 50
Midway ch., Orphanage, v. 13.....	8 00
Loflin ch., Aged Ministers, v. 14.....	3 00
Minutes of Association, v. 15.....	12 75
Am't sent W. C. Bledsoe, Mis., v. 16.....	4 56
Balance on hand.....	3 51—\$166 06

Respectfully submitted,

B. T. ELEY, Treasurer.

The report on Nominations was read, amended and adopted:

#### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report the following:

1. We recommend that this body hold its next session with Liberty church, Bullock county, commencing on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1898.

2. That Elder G. W. Harrison preach the introductory sermon.

3. That Elder E. W. Marshall preach the doctrinal sermon.

4. That Elder G. W. Harrison be the delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, Elder E. W. Marshall alternate.

5. That George Williams, V. H. Tillery, John English, William Dogin, L. A. Mallory, Elder J. A. Jenkins and W. C. Hufham be the delegates to the Baptist State Convention.

6. That the meeting of the Eastern District of the Association be held with Perote church, and the Western with Macedonia church, the times and programs to be arranged by those churches.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. COGDELL,

J. R. PADGETT,

P. F. ROTTON,

Committee.

The report on Temperance was adopted.

Finance Committee reported and the report was adopted.  
(See back of Minutes).

On motion, it was ordered that all funds which have been or may be collected for missions during the sessions be applied to Foreign Missions.

On motion, it was ordered that all money sent up from the churches for ministerial education be applied to the education of Bro. T. M. Thomas.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the Clerk ten dollars for his services.

The Moderator announced the standing committees:

On Foreign Missions—E A Brooks, T J Bates, J F Martin.

On Home Missions—W A Powell, T O Smith, L A Mallory.

On State Missions—T M Thomas, H J McGilvery, John Carrol.

On Education—Prof J M Sanders, D G Jones, H S Kirby.  
 On Religious Literature—D A Caylor, A P Bates, J A Beverley.  
 On Deceased, Aged and Infirm Ministers and their Families—G W Harrison, J J O'Neil, John English.  
 On Sunday Schools—E W Stark, J L Childs, W A C May.  
 On State of the Churches and Associational Field—J A Jenkins, M B Phillips, L W Barron.  
 On Temperance—J D Brooks, M B Gilmore, W R King.  
 On Orphans' Home—C A Davis, George Carlisle, John Foreman.

M. N. Eley, E. W. Marshall, F. O. Bickley, T. M. Gholston, W. A. Powell and James E. Jenkins were re-elected Executive Committee.

On motion, any member of a church of this Association who may attend a meeting of a sister Association is authorized to represent this body.

The Auditing Committee reported and the report was received:

#### REPORT ON AUDITING.

We have carefully examined the Finance and Treasurer's reports and recommend that they be received.

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. BROOKS, Chairman.

The committee on Religious Exercises reported that there will be services here to-night, Sunday School Mass Meeting to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m., and preaching at 11 o'clock a. m. by Elder Harrison.

The following was adopted:

Resolved, That in future the names of all delegates who leave without consent of the body be stricken from the roll; also that the churches request their delegates to remain until the business of the body be completed.

The following was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered this church and the citizens of Hardaway for the bounteous hospitality shown it during its sessions, and that their kindness will long be remembered by the members of the body.

The roll was called and corrected.

Sang "God be with you till we meet again," during which the parting hand was extended.

The body adjourned, to meet with Liberty church, Bullock county, on Thursday before the second Sunday in October, 1898.

GEORGE WILLIAMS,  
 MODERATOR.

F. E. TOMPKINS,  
 Clerk.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M. N. Eley	Union Springs.
J. O. Hixson	Union Springs.
E. W. Marshall	Union Springs.
Charles Crawley	Indian.
B. Broome	Pickett.
J. A. Jenkins	Mt. Hilliard.
G. W. Harrison	Perote.
J. W. Dossett	At Seminary.
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T. M. Thomas (Licentiate)	Danville.

HARDAWAY, ALA., Oct. 17, 1897.

Resolved, That this community, and especially Hardaway church, are due and hereby tender their sincere thanks to Bro. W. C. Hufham and sons for their generous and liberal support given towards entertaining the Centennial Association at this place.

Adopted by Hardaway church.

A. C. DAVIS,  
Church Clerk.

G. W. HARRISON,  
Moderator.

# FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF-CENTENNIAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1897.

CHURCHES.	State Missions.		Home Missions.		Foreign Missions.		Church Buildings.		Associational—Cash	Ministerial Education—Cash.	Ministerial Education—Voucher.	Howard College—Voucher.	Orphan's Institute—Voucher.	Orphan's Home—Cash.	Orphan's Home—Voucher.	Minutes.	Home Expns.			Total.	Value of Property.
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.									Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Sunday Schools.		
Aberfoil	\$ 1 20		\$ 1 20		\$ 1 25											50				\$ 4 15	
Fairview	1 00		8 87		1 00											1 50				12 97	700 00
Fitzpatrick										3 10						1 00	83 00		3 00	90 10	400 00
Greenwood	65	3 16														1 50		50 00		55 81	400 00
Hardway																1 50		2 00		28 27	450 00
Indian Creek	2 15		5 18						3 00	5 00	3 04					1 35	45 00		1 00	101 06	600 00
Lodin	3 00				3 00			2 66	1 50							1 00	125 00			197 65	500 00
Liberty												2 25				1 05	60 00		2 50	88 55	500 00
Macedonia																					
Midway																					
Mt. Carmel		1 00		2 88		4 07										2 00	150 00			162 95	100 00
Mt. Zion		2 62			1 80											1 50	100 00			107 42	400 00
Perote	4 40	9 27	4 40			11 31										1 50	150 00	90 00	20 00	286 48	800 00
Sardis	5 00		4 00		4 00		8 00							3 30		50	100 00			24 50	600 00
Union Springs		39 98		11 52		45 39					25 40	25 00	270 00				800 00	48 30		1097 77	5000 00
TOTALS	\$18 00	\$61 21	\$13 10	\$23 27	\$11 65	\$60 68	\$ 8 00	\$ 2 66	\$ 4 50	\$ 8 10	\$29 34	\$27 25	\$270 00	\$ 3 30	\$52 77	\$14 70	\$1713 00	\$ 258 30	\$36 50	\$2707 78	\$10450 00

NOTE.—Union Springs gave \$203.55 for Incidentals. Societies of Union Springs gave \$50.00 for Home Expenses, \$23.05 for Orphan's Home, Sunday School of Union Springs gave \$31.35 for Missions, \$10.00 for Education. Sunday School of Hardway—\$18.70 for School Expenses. Collected at Association—\$7.42 for Foreign Missions, \$6.79 for Elders Cravley and Brooks, \$1.00 for Orphan's Home.



# STATISTICS OF CENTENNIAL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR 1897.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK'S NAME AND Post-OFFICE.	Increase						Decrease			Present Membership			SUNDAY SCHOOL.		Preaching Sabbath.		
				By Baptism.	By Letter.	By Voucher.	By Restoration.	By Letter.	By Erasure.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	By Letter.	By Erasure.	By Exclusion.	By Death.	Officers & Teachers	Pupils.		SUPERINTENDENT'S NAME AND Post OFFICE.	
Aberfoott	Bullock		J. A. Beverley, Inverness.	33	3	1				7	1			29					3	
Fairview	Bullock	B. Broome		39										39						
Fitzpatrick's	Bullock	J. M. Loflin	W. P. Carter, Fitzpatrick's											11					6	
Greenwood	Bullock	J. W. Dosselt	H. S. Kirby, Fitzpatrick's	48	1	1				1		3		46	5		31	H. S. Kirby, Fitzpatrick's	4	
Hardaway	Macon	G. W. Harrison	C. A. Davis, Hardaway	53	8	1				2	2	1		58	7		40	C. A. Davis, Hardaway	8	
Indian Creek	Bullock	G. W. Harrison	G. H. Norris, Perote	97	5					5	2	2		93	7		39	R. E. Cope, Indian	2	
Loflin	Pike	G. W. Harrison	L. W. Barron, Josie	60	1	1				1	3	1		63	5		25	E. A. Brooks, Perote	1	
Liberty	Bullock	J. W. Dosselt	T. M. Hough, Mascotte	63	17	6				2	10	2		73	6		40	D. C. Grider, Post-Oak	4	
Macedonia	Bullock	J. W. Dosselt	W. A. C. May, Mascotte	51	2					1	3	2		49						
Midway	Montgomery			48										48					3	
Mt. Carmel	Bullock	A. E. Pinckard	James Jones, Shopton	73	10	4				2	2	1		86						
Mt. Zion	Bullock	W. A. Cumble	James Bates, Inverness	112	11					1	7	1		115	5		49	J. H. Cogdell, Inverness	1	
Perote	Bullock	S. O. Y. Ray	J. T. Davis, Perote	46						5				47	6		27	M. Ivey, Perote	2	
Sardis	Bullock	J. O. Hixson	J. F. Martin, Union Springs	32						2				34					1	
Union Springs	Bullock	E. W. Marshall	Geo. Williams, Union Springs	227	46	13				2	3	1		285	14		149	B. T. Eley, Union Springs	ev'ry	
TOTALS.				982	104	33				19	45	13		3	8		994	55	382	

†Reports Prayer Meeting. †Reports Revival. Church organized during the year: Fitzpatrick.

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