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## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be called "The Colored Baptist Missionary Convention of the State of Alabama."

ART. II. It shall be the object of this Convention to propagate the Gospel of Christ, and to advance the interest of His Kingdom, by supplying vacant churches when requested; by sending ministers into destitute regions within our reach, and by planting and building up churches wherever a favorable opportunity offers; and, also, to promote the educational interests of the destitute. This Convention shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of Churches or Associations.

ART. III. Every Baptist minister, who is in good and regular standing in any Baptist church, and who is acceptable to the pastor or pastors of said church or churches, provided he or they are members of this Convention, may become a life member by contributing two dollars to its funds; every church, association, or missionary society, shall be entitled to one representative, and another for each two hundred of its members. Any person in good standing may become a member by contributing one dollar annually. None but a Baptist in good and regular standing shall be entitled to vote on questions before the Convention.

ART. IV. The officers shall be a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer, who shall be members of the Executive Board, and the Board shall not exceed fifteen in number; who shall be annually elected by acclamation.

ART. V. The Executive Committee shall constitute a board for the transaction of all business during the recess of the Convention. They are to apply the funds appropriated by the Convention on approved missionary fields and labors. Five members of the board shall constitute a quorum, without which no business shall be transacted.

ART. VI. The Treasurer shall give such security as shall be approved by the Convention, for all moneys committed to his trust; he shall keep a faithful account of all moneys received and expended, and report the same to each annual meeting. No money shall be drawn from the treasury during the recess of the Convention, without an order from the Corresponding Secretary, signed by the President and Vice President, and regularly ordered by a majority of the Executive Committee.

ART. VII. The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the doings of the Convention; he shall enroll the names of all the members of the Convention from the time of its origin to the time being, and submit the same for examination at such annual meeting.

ART. VIII. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Board. All communications from societies, churches, and individuals, relating to the Convention, must be made to him; all letters, papers, packages, etc., officially received by him, shall be the property of the Convention. He shall present all bills of the postage on the same, and shall present reports of the doings of the Board, at each annual meeting, for acceptance and payment; he shall draw drafts on the Treasurer, according to Article VI of this Constitution.

ART. IX. The Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of members present, at any annual meeting, provided at least six months notice has been given to the Corresponding Secretary, who shall report the same to the annual meeting.

## RULES OF ORDER.

- 1—The President of the previous year shall call the meeting to order, and preside until another is appointed.
- 2—The Secretary of the last year shall serve until another is appointed.
- 3—The Committee for the Nomination of Officers for the ensuing year shall be appointed.
- 4—Immediately after the organization of the Convention, the President shall read the Rules of Order.
- 5—Every sitting of the Convention shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 6—The usual invitation shall be given to visiting brethren.
- 7—Committees shall be appointed by the Chair, and confirmed by the Convention :
  - On the admission of churches;
  - On the circular letter;
  - On the examination of minutes of corresponding bodies;
  - On the collection of moneys for various objects;
  - Other committees, if any.
- 8—No subject shall be opened for discussion until a motion has been made and seconded.
- 9—When a motion has been made and seconded, if any member opposes its being discussed, the President shall immediately put the question: Shall this subject be discussed? and, if negatived, the subject shall be dismissed.
- 10—Every person speaking, on a motion, shall arise from his seat, and address the President, and shall avoid using personalities in debate.
- 11—No person shall speak more than twice, nor longer than five minutes on any subject, without permission from the President.
- 12—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded, unless so ordered by the Convention.
- 13—Delegates sent to this Convention shall remain until the business is finished, unless excused by the Convention.
- 14—All resolutions presented by the Convention shall be reduced to writing.
- 15—Unfinished business of the previous year.
- 16—Written accounts from the churches, with prayers and singing, as the President may request.
- 17—Application for admission.
- 18—Reports of committees, in the order of their appointment.
- 19—Choice of place for the next meeting of the Convention.
- 20—Choice of a preacher and alternate.
- 21—Choice of writer of the circular letter.
- 22—Business of the relief fund.
- 23—Miscellaneous business.

## MINUTES.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Tenth Session of the Colored Missionary Baptist Convention of Alabama, convened in the First Colored Baptist Church of Eufaula at 11:17 o'clock, a. m., on 14th of November, 1877, former President, M. Tyler, in the chair.

Elder Tyler called the convention to order and advised that each member should feel that he is here by the blessings of God, and here only to attend to the things of His kingdom. After which he read first psalm—"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly," &c., and sang hymn 627—

"Children of the Heavenly King,  
As we journey sweetly sing."

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Foster, of Montgomery.  
After singing hymn—

"Lord in the morning thou shalt hear  
My voice ascending high,"

and prayer, Bro. Tyler proceeded to preach the introductory sermon from John xv, 16—"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you." The speaker urged upon the Convention the great need of close study of our work, and earnest devotion to our calling, in order that our consecration may be apparent, and our claims be verified.

Rev. W. J. Stephens closed by singing hymn—

"Am I a soldier of the cross,  
A follower of the Lamb;"

and leading in prayer.

The following resolution offered by Bro. H. Thompson was adopted:

*Resolved*, That there be prayer meeting from 8 to 9, a. m., each day of this session; that the first session of the day begin at 9 a. m., and close at 3 p. m. of each day; that the last session begin at 7 p. m. and close at will.

In answer to call of church roll the several bodies tributary to the Convention answered as follows:

## ASSOCIATIONS.

*Auburn*—Rev. Thomas Glenn of Columbus, Georgia.  
*Alabama District*—Revs. J. A. Foster, T. Smith, M. Tyler.

*Rushing Springs*—C. O. Booth of Citronelle, Mobile, county.

*Bethlehem*—Delegates failed to attend.

*Dallas County*—Revs. Thos. Mosely and Wm. Jones of Mitchell Station, Dallas county, Alabama.

*Uniontown*—Revs. J. Dozier and H. Stevens of Uniontown, and W. R. Pettiford of Marion.

*Eufaula*—Revs. J. Shorter and D. H. Shivers of Eufaula, Alabama.

*Colored Bethlehem*—Rev. A. Cunningham of Belleville, Conecuh county.

*Union*—Rev. S. Adams of Greenville.

*Borum*—

*Pinegrove*—Rev. E. Thornton and Bro. P. Matthews of Union Springs.

*Mt. Pilgrim*—Rev. A. C. Jackson of Birmingham.

*Shelby Springs*—Rev. H. Wood of Talladega.

*Snow Creek*—

*Serapshar*—

## NEW ASSOCIATIONS.

*New Cahawba*—Rev. W. Wyatt of Marion.

*Salem*—Revs. J. H. Young and Wright of Troy.

*Antioch*—Revs. S. Flantroy and E. McCally of Eufaula.

*Muscle Shoals*—Rev. J. P. Barton of Tuscumbia.

*Easton*—Revs. T. Lee and M. Borger of Abbeville, Henry county.

## OLD CHURCHES.

*Jacksonville*—Salem Church, ———.

*Beula*—Little Mt. Moriah, ———.

*Old Elam*—Delegate, Rev. J. Coles of Montgomery.

*Mulberry and Macedonia*—Rev. S. M. Ransom of Calhoun Station, Lowndes county.

*Elbethel and St. Paul's*—Rev. G. J. Brooks of Selma.

*Town Creek*—Rev. W. Braxton of Union Springs.

*New Hope* and *Rock Creek*—Rev. Lewis Calvary of Burkeville, Montgomery county.

*Green Oak* of Greene county, *Pinetop* of Sumter county, and *Palestine*—Rev. J. McKisson of Demopolis.

*Tuskegee*—D. M. Philips.

*Greenwood* and *Union Springs*—Revs. H. Coleman and P. Matthews of Union Springs.

*Roxanna*—Rev. S. Taylor of Montgomery.

*Mt. Pisgah*—Rev. A. C. Jackson of Birmingham.

*Second Baptist* of Marion—Revs. W. H. McAlpine, E. K. Love, and Bro. A. H. Curtis.

*Mt. Zion Somerfield* of Somerfield, and *Mt. Zion* near Selma—Rev. J. W. White of Selma.

*Antioch No. 1.*—P. Lucas of Montgomery.

*Cubahatchie* of Crosskeys—Rev. J. W. Wood.

*Hopewell*, Marion—A. H. Curtis.

*Salem*, Greensboro—Rev. H. Stephens, Uniontown; Union Grove, Mt. Vernon, Little St. Louis, Cahawba, Mt. Moriah, New Hope, Providence, Kingston, Mt. Olive, Harper Springs, Bethel, and Rushing Springs churches, no delegates.

*Spring Hill* of Lowndes county, and *Ramah* of same county—Rev. C. Blount of Calhoun Station.

*Stone Street* of Mobile—Elder B. Burke.

*Pleasant Grove*, Youngsboro— — — — —.

*Mt. Zion*, Loachapoka— — — — —; *Mt. Sinai*, Auburn— — — — —.

*St. Louis Street*, Mobile— — — — —.

*Mt. Zion*, Mobile, and *Whistler* of Whistler—Rev. A. Butler of Mobile.

*Friendship*, Marion—W. Wyatt of Marion.

*Kelly Springs*— — — — —.

*First Colored Baptist*, Montgomery—Rev. J. A. Foster, and Bro. H. Thompson.

*Bethel*—Rev. Geo. C. Casby of Montgomery.

*Mt. Zion*, Elmore county—Rev. Thos. Smith of Montgomery.

*Second Baptist*, Selma—Rev. J. Blevins.

*Union* of Scranton, Mississippi; *Shiloh* of Mobile county, and *Cottage Hill*—Rev. J. Butler of Springhill, Mobile county.

*Rehoboth*—Rev. T. Smith and Bro. S. Wade of Montgomery.

*Lowndesboro*—Rev. M. Tyler of Lowndesboro, Lowndes county.

*Newbern*—Rev. H. Stephens.

*Mt. Canaan* of Talladega—C. O. Booth.

*Wetumpka Baptist*—Rev. S. Jones.

*Morning Star* of Demopolis—Rev. J. Scott.

*Eufaula First Colored Baptist*—Bro. J. E. Timothy and Rev. J. Shorter of Eufaula.

*Mt. Zion* of Mt. Hebron, and *Mt. Hebron* of Mt. Hebron—No delegates.

*Union Academy*—J. Jenkins of Montgomery.

*Elizabeth* of Cotton Valley, Macon county—Revs. G. Germany and L. Ellington.

*Thankful*—D. H. Shivers of Eufaula.

*Flat Rock* and *Hickory Bend*, Elmore county—Rev. F. C. Coles of Montgomery.

*New Canaan*, Montgomery—Rev. J. Ware.

*Mt. Sinai*—Rev. A. Scott of Selma.

*New Union*—A. H. Curtis, Marion.

*Sardis* of Clayton—Rev. J. P. Hix.

*Damascus*, on Montgomery and Eufaula Railroad—Rev. J. N. Wood.

*Macedonia*—R. Fagins of Seal's Station, Russell county.

#### NEW CHURCHES.

*Spring Hill Zion*—A. Rivers.

*Epsabab* of Montevallo—Dea. H. Scott.

*Mt. Silva* of Louisville, Barbour county—Rev. J. P. Hix.

*Second Baptist*, Montgomery—Letter.

*Pike Road*—S. Franklyn of Pike Road, Montgomery county.

*Magnolia*—Rev. A. Butler of Mobile.

The following Sabbath Schools were enrolled:

Sabbath School of Second Baptist Church, Marion—A. H. Curtis.

Rama Sabbath School—C. Blount.

Lowndesboro Sabbath School—M. Tyler.

Bethel Sabbath School—G. C. Casby.

First Baptist Church, Union Springs Sabbath School—Wm. Witherspoon.

First Colored Baptist Sabbath School, Birmingham—  
A. C. Jackson.

Bethany Sabbath School—A. Cunningham.

All the Delegates being enrolled, the President announced as Committee on Application of New Bodies, Revs. J. A. Foster, A. Cunningham, H. Wood, B. Burke, J. White, A. Butler, S. Adams.

As Committee on Permanent Organization: Revs. H. Stephens, S. Jones, A. Cunningham, P. Murrell, W. H. McAlpine, G. J. Brooks, J. Ware.

At the request of Stone Street Baptist Church, a committee was appointed to examine Bro. E. Spradly of Montgomery Hill, as to his fitness for the Gospel Ministry. Revs. B. Burke, P. Murrell and J. Blevins, committee.

Three o'clock having arrived, and Rev. O. F. Gregory being present, it was agreed that Bro. O. F. Gregory should present the fraternal greetings of the white convention at 10 a. m., Thursday.

Adjourned to 7 p. m.

#### NIGHT SESSION.

President in the chair.

After usual devotional exercises, Elder A. Butler, of Mobile, preached the doctrinal sermon from Acts viii, 37, 38: "I believe that Jesus Christ is the son of God," &c.

A collection of \$8.05 was raised.

The sermon was closed by Elder J. A. Foster.

Adjourned.

#### SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, November 15, 1877.

From 8 to 9 a. m.; prayer meeting led by Bro. Petteford.

Nine o'clock, a. m., President in the chair. Usual devotional exercises conducted by Elder D. M. Philips, of Tuskegee, who read xv. Psalm, sang and prayed:

"Every heart feels bowed in worship."

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

Ten o'clock, a. m., Bro. B. B. Davis and Rev. O. F. Gregory were introduced to the Convention. The business of the hour being to hear the report of the committee from the Alabama Baptist State Convention (white.) Bro. B. B. Davis, after making some statements, read from the minutes of the Alabama Baptist Convention the following :

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE AFRICAN RACE.

We are gratified to note some recent changes in the relations of the white and colored races, which once more bring the colored people within our religious influence. The alienation which sundry influences had effected, soon after their emancipation, we believe is passing away, and the obligation on our part to supply them with religious instruction is asserting itself with some of its wonted power. While they were slaves it was a gratifying fact that a larger proportion of them were professors of Christianity than of any other people to whom we had ever sent the Gospel, so that whatever may be said of the right or wrong of slavery, in itself considered, the final award of history cannot be otherwise than this: that the brightest page in the history of the Negro race which has ever been written will be furnished from these Southern States.

Recognizing the obligation of the past, and accepting the responsibilities of the present, we feel that whatever Christian philanthropy suggests, in the way of evangelizing any people, now exists in its fullest force in regard to this race. They are at our doors; they work our fields; they are enfranchised citizens of our country, and are sharers with us of the burdens and privileges of a common Government. We therefore suggest:

First. That as a missionary field the colored race amongst us has claims in many respects paramount to all others, except our own people.

Second. That we stand ready to co-operate with all judicious agencies from all sources which contemplate the mental, moral and religious improvement of this people.

Third. That the encouragement of ministerial education among the colored preachers is especially binding upon us by all the methods in our power, as they are mainly dependent on their own pastors for their future religious development.

Fourth. That five of the delegates of this Convention be appointed to attend the Colored Baptist Convention of Alabama for the purpose of extending to that body our kindest sympathies in their work, and offering them such co-operation as we may be able to give, in the way of evangelizing their race and educating their ministers.

Fifth. That as colored ministers are better adapted to the work of preaching to colored people here and elsewhere, we stand ready to aid in any practical method every effort to prepare them for the great work, both at home and abroad.

Sixth. That a committee on the evangelization of colored people be enrolled among the standing committees of this Convention.

IRA R. FOSTER, Chairman.

The Rev. Mr. Gregory also read a paragraph of similar spirit from the minutes of the Southern Baptist

Convention, held in New Orleans, Louisiana, and then expressed to us a fraternal greeting that greatly encouraged us, and made us think that notwithstanding the diverse colors, customs and degrees of culture among men, human nature, in the main, is everywhere the same.

Committees on nomination of officers reported, and the report was adopted as follows:

Rev. H. Tyler of Lowndesboro, President.

Rev. B. Burke of Mobile, Vice-President.

[Rules suspended for prayer.]

Rev. C. O. Booth of Citronelle, Mobile county, Recording Secretary.

Rev. Geo. C. Casby of Montgomery, Corresponding Secretary.

Rev. Thos. Smith of Montgomery, Treasurer.

Announced as committee to arrange business of session, Rev. W. H. McAlpine, J. A. Foster, E. K. Love.

J. Shorter, H. Thompson and J. Butler were announced as committee on preaching during the session.

The committee appointed to examine Bro. E. Spradly, recommended that Bro. Spradly be ordained to the Gospel ministry. Report endorsed, and same committee requested to perform the rites of ordination at 7:30, p. m.

A. H. Curtis, H. Stephens and A. C. Jackson were appointed a committee on finance.

S. Jones, W. R. Pettiford, J. Glenn, C. Blount and H. Wood were appointed a committee on temperance.

Revs. D. M. Phillips, J. Blevins and S. Adams were appointed a committee on deceased ministers and members of the Convention.

W. J. Stephens, A. Scott, W. Jenkins, S. Humphreys and D. H. Shivers were appointed a committee on time and place of next session, &c.

W. H. McAlpine and C. O. Booth were appointed a committee on communication to the white Baptist Convention of Alabama.

Three p. m. having arrived, the Convention (after prayer by Bro. Jones, and Bro. Reeves being introduced to the Convention,) adjourned to 7 p. m.

## NIGHT SESSION.

7:30 p. m., President in the chair.

Elders Burke, Blevins and Murrell ordained Bro. E. Spradly to the Gospel ministry.

Reading by Elder Burke; prayer by Elder Blevins, and charge by Elder Murrell.

8 o'clock p. m. After singing and prayer by Elder J. Dozier, Bro. Booth read first verse of second chapter of Second Timothy, and then very earnestly labored to lay before us the great need of a thorough understanding of the scripture, a deep piety, faithfulness at the posts of duty and strength in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. He said that to fully develop ourselves mentally, morally and spiritually, was to fully educate ourselves.

Prayer by Elder Burke; a collection of \$15.05 raised. Adjourned to 9 a. m. Friday.

## THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, November 16, 1877.

From 8 to 9 a. m., prayer meeting led by S. Jones.

9 a. m., President in the chair. Minutes of previous day read and approved with corrections. Report of Committee on Business of Session was adopted as follows:

Executive Board report at 10 a. m. to-day; Bro. Woodsmall at 10:30 a. m.; Sabbath School Board at 11 a. m.; Committee on Georgia question at 12 m.; Trustees report at 2:30 p. m.; Missionary report at 10 a. m. Saturday; Report of Committees at 11 a. m.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Elder L. Solomon, from Georgia, was introduced to the Convention, and requested to participate.

Executive Board reported as follows:

Your Board would recommend that the Mission question be referred to the various associations of the State, with the request that when one association is too weak to employ a missionary, that two or more associations unite themselves in the selection and support of a good man as their missionary; that the Sabbath School

Board be requested to prepare and propose a plan for the prosecution of the Sabbath School work of the State, and that the Board of Trustees prepare and submit to the Convention a plan for the arrangement, commencement and conducting of the proposed school. Adopted.

Bro. Woodsmall, before making his report, presented to Bro. Spradly, in the name of the Convention, a copy of the Annotated Par. Bible, from Dea. A. Wilbur of Boston, and Sheldon & Co. of New York.

Bro. Woodsmall's report was ordered on the minutes.

*To the Colored Baptist State Convention of Alabama:*

DEAR BRETHREN—I submit the following report of work done as Missionary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and your representative, during the past year:

I was only able to spend about six months in the State. During that time I held "Ministers and Deacons' institutes" at the following places: Montgomery, Selma, Uniontown, Greensboro, Demopolis, Eutaw, Lowndesboro, Eufaula, Union Springs, Troy, Greenville, Evergreen, Mobile, Pine Apple, Opelika and Calhoun, and attended the Muscle Shoals Association in Northern Alabama. I spent a month at Montgomery, about two weeks at Selma and Mobile, though only a week or less at other points. I found, as it seemed to me, a door opened of the Lord everywhere, and at every meeting I felt the blessedness of His presence and aid. The attendance at most of the meetings were good, at some large; though small at some places, owing to lack of notice and bad weather. The brethren manifested much interest in the meetings, and everywhere received me with brotherly kindness; and though I nowhere asked for or even suggested a collection, the brethren at nearly every place gave something to aid me in the work. I received at Montgomery \$5.50, and of this amount Bro. H. A. Loveless gave \$5.00; Uniontown \$4.20, and from a Methodist brother 25 cents; Greensboro \$5.15; Demopolis \$7.15; Eufaula \$4.25 and hotel bill was paid, \$3.50; Union Springs \$6.00; Troy \$7.50; Greenville \$3.41, Sister Bell 25 cents, and Bro. Buffington paid 75 cents to drayman; Mobile \$19.20, and from white brethren at Mobile \$7.05; Pine Apple \$2.20; Opelika \$5.25; Calhoun \$2.20; Muscle Shoals Association \$7.05, making in all \$90.86. In addition to this the brethren saved me several hotel bills by entertaining me and entertaining me well, too, at their own homes. At a few places white brethren kindly and cordially entertained me. Without the aid thus given I would at times have had to stop my work for want of means, as I was dependent upon my own means and voluntary contributions for my support.

The instructions given embraced Bible lessons; doctrines as stated in the "Articles of faith"; the qualifications and duties of pastors and deacons; Church discipline; the Sunday School work, &c.

It was gratifying to me to find many earnest, faithful ministers; men who are sound in the faith, and anxious to learn more of God's word. I was sorry though to find some, or rather to hear of them,—for such men do not like to attend meetings where their ignorance and evil ways are likely to be exposed—who were plainly incompetent and unworthy to fill the great office of teachers and leaders of God's people. In fact one of the greatest hindrances to the progress of the colored Baptist of

Alabama, as well as elsewhere, is the large number of ignorant, immoral self-seeking preachers and deacons. Other hindrances are, neglect of proper discipline in the churches; lack of pastoral support, owing largely to lack of system in raising money in the churches, and want of interest in Sunday Schools and in educational work generally.

The remedy lies, first, in the exercises of greater care in the licensing and ordaining of preachers and selection of deacons; the selection of none, in either class, who do not possess the qualifications prescribed in the third chapter of First Timothy, and first chapter of Titus; especially those who are "blameless" and "have a good report of them which are without."

Second. Greater care in the reception of members; in carrying out the Baptist, rather the Gospel idea, that none but those who give evidence of having been "born again" should be received into the Church; and the enforcing of Bible discipline in the churches; teaching, nursing and training the weak, and excluding the disorderly.

Third. Ceasing to depend upon the custom of raising money for the support of the pastors, and for other purposes; upon table collections—a custom which often results in shameful confusion; ministers to pride and vanity, and which will prove the more unsatisfactory the longer it is followed; and in its stead the adoption of a more systematic plan.

Fourth. Greater attention to education. In fact education is the ground work of all progress. Schools and churches are the hope of the colored people; and educated preachers and teachers are their greatest want to-day. The people will be as their leaders—pastors must be examples in education; by studying themselves, providing themselves and families with books and papers, as far as possible, and by taking the lead in keeping up Sunday Schools and day schools.

There ought to be to-day young men and young women from every church in Alabama in such Baptist Schools as the Nashville Institute; Leland University, New Orleans, and the Augusta Institute. Until a school is established in the State, pastors and others ought to make every possible effort to have young men and women attend these schools. A Baptist school in the State, however, is a necessity. The colored Baptist of Alabama are able, if they will only unite, to build up a good school. And as they are not likely to have one soon, at least, unless they build it themselves, the sooner the work is begun the better.

Books and papers are an indispensable educational agency. I have furnished a good many preachers and others books, which I have purchased of the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. The Society has also supplied us with several thousand Sabbath School papers to be given away. The American and Foreign Bible Society, New York, furnished me during the year a large number of Bibles and Testaments, which, for the most part, I placed in the hands of pastors to be sold.

Deacon A. Wilbur, Boston, and Sheldon & Co., New York, sent me \$180 worth of Annotated Paragraph Bibles, a valuable book, and one which every preacher ought to have, which I sell at \$3.00—half price. I have also received a large number of books from Sunday Schools and individuals in the North, which I have distributed in destitute parts.

I hope that meetings for the instruction of preachers and others may be held in every part of the State. In many places good white brethren will no doubt gladly assist in giving instruction if asked to do so.

I feel sure that there is a great future for the colored Baptists of Ala-

bama, if you but plan wisely and work faithfully. Those of you who are leaders have a vast opportunity, and, at the same time, a vast responsibility. May the Holy Spirit direct and bless your labors.

H. WOODSMALL.

J. Dozier, J. P. Hix, G. J. Brooks, H. Thompson and D. M. Phillips, Committee on Ministerial Institutes and Sabbath School Board, reported as follows:

Your Board would recommend that each Association of the State be requested to devote at least one-half day to the consideration of the Sabbath School work, with the view of putting into operation a well organized effort in support of the Sabbath School interest in all the churches and mission stations connected with its union. Your Board would also recommend that the Association hold Sabbath School mass meetings for the purpose of creating an enthusiasm in favor of Sabbath Schools, and would state that, in our opinion, Sabbath School officers would do well to buy their bibles, papers and other books from the American Baptist Publishing Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Report adopted, after suspending to receive report of the Committee on New Bodies.

The following is an extract from the report of the Committee on New Bodies:

Your Committee find that the Second Baptist Church of Selma are grieved at the Dallas county Association for retaining a disorderly church under the pastoral care of Henry Blevins.

Ordered that the Dallas county Association be requested, through the Secretary, to drop said disorderly church.

(See roll of churches, &c., for other part of report on new bodies.)

The Committee on Deceased Ministers reported as follows:

Your Committee learn that Brethren B. Ware, R. German and M. Austin have departed this life since our adjournment from Talladega, November, 1876. Death invaded both the pulpit and the pew, and carried away the good as well as the bad. Our brethren are gone, and soon we shall follow on, and, like them, see our Judge and hear our doom.

After prayer by Bro. S. Franklyn, the Convention adjourned to 7 p. m.

#### NIGHT SESSION:

7:30 p. m., President in the chair.

After other devotional exercises, Bro. McAlpine preached the Missionary sermon from Mark xvi., 15

and 16. The sermon made our renovated souls yearn for the poor Christless heathen, from the frozen poles to the burning tropics. Bro. Love of Marion, who, for several years, has been at the Georgia Baptist Institute, assisted in the services. A collection of \$20 was raised; congregation dismissed, and the Convention proceeded to business.

Elder H. Williams of Georgia was introduced to the Convention.

Elder Love offered a resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Education.

Elder McAlpine offered the following:

WHEREAS, The phrase "doctrinal sermon" is too comprehensive;

*Resolved*, That one of the following sermons shall, annually, take the place of the doctrinal sermon: 1. Sermon on Baptism; 2. On the Lord's Supper; 3. On Church Government; 4. On Baptist Church History; 5. On perseverance of the Saints.

The Committee on Time and Place of next Meeting reported as follows:

Your Committee recommend that the Convention hold its next session with the Second Baptist Church of Marion, on the Wednesday before the third Sabbath in November, 1878, and that the preaching be as follows:

Introductory sermon—Rev. H. Stephens, alternate Rev. S. Jones.

Baptismal sermon—Rev. John Blevins, alternate Rev. J. Shorter.

Sermon on the Lord's Supper—Rev. E. Thornton, alternate ———, [can't understand the name on the report.]

Sermon on Church Government—Rev. G. J. Brooks, alternate Rev. A. Scott.

Sermon on Baptist History—W. H. McAlpine, alternate Rev. D. H. Shivers.

Educational sermon—C. O. Booth, alternate G. C. Casby.

Missionary sermon—W. J. Stephens, alternate S. Adams.

W. J. STEPHENS,

S. HUMPHREYS,

A. SCOTT,

D. H. SHIVERS,

WM. JINKINS,

Committee.

#### FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, November 17, 1877.

Prayer meeting from 8 to 9 a. m., led by Wm. Jinkins.  
9 a. m., President in the chair.

Elder Burke conducted the devotional exercises by

reading the 27th Psalm, "The Lord is My Life," &c., and singing hymn—

"When sorrows round us roll  
And comforts we have none."

Prayer by Elder Barton of Tuscumbia.

Minutes of previous day read and approved.

On motion, the following resolution by Mr. Brooks was adopted:

WHEREAS, There are churches belonging to this Convention that commune with pedo-Baptist churches, and receive the members of said churches to their watch-care.

Resolved, That churches thus continuing to offend shall, on conviction, be excluded from this body.

The Committee on Claims Against the Convention, was announced as follows: A. H. Curtis, E. K. Love, P. Matthews. Ordered that the trustees of the school report at 7 o'clock, p. m.

#### TEMPERANCE REPORT.

No sin enslaving the human family is more degrading to our race than the foolish and fatal habit of whiskey drinking. It dethrones the mind, cuts or rots the reins of the will, deadens the affections, enflames the passions, corrupts the heart and destroys the love of the pure and good; it hinders the progress of the Kingdom of Christ, and holds up the hands of the devil; it causes hungry, naked, ignorant, sickly, homeless, broken-hearted women and children; it makes men unable to pay their debts and inclines them to be liars and fools besides. In view of these sad truths, we would solemnly recommend that our churches refuse to allow whiskey drinking preachers to enter their pulpits.

S. JONES, Chairman Committee.

The Committee sent to the Georgia Convention presented the following letter from that Convention:

AUGUSTA, GA., May 28, 1877.

To Revs. M. Tyler, B. Burke, and J. A. Foster,

Committee of the Alabama Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Your communication in reply to one laid before your Convention, by delegates from our body, on the 16th of November last, is at hand. In addition to the letter we have had verbal explanations from two of your members. You request that we shall "propose a plan that will be as likely to locate the school in Alabama as in Georgia." To this we make this reply: The proposition for a union of Georgia and Alabama did not originate with us, but with the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, and consequently it would not be in good taste, even if we thought it expedient for us to make any other proposal to you than the one laid before us by the above named society. By reference to the communication submitted to you by our delegates and printed in your minutes, you will see

that our delegates were only sent to bear to you the proposition of the Home Mission Society.

Trusting that the good Lord will direct us all and bring all things together for his glory, we remain yours in Christ,

FRANK QUARLES, President,  
Miss. Bapt. Con. of Georgia.

Approved by the Convention this 28th day of May, 1877.

GEO. H. DWELLE, Secretary.

After hearing this report, the report was ordered in the minutes, with agreement that all communication with the Georgia Convention, relating to the school question, was closed.

Carried that the Missionary report at 7:30 p. m.

The Committee on Claims submitted a report, which was recommitted.

On motion, the following resolution by E. K. Love was adopted:

WHEREAS, The American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York, proposed to the States of Georgia and Alabama, that if said States would jointly raise \$25,000 for the erection of a theological school at Atlanta, they would give \$50,000; and, whereas, said States of Georgia and Alabama were unable to unite; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That a committee of five, including the Secretary, be appointed to correspond with said Society; returning to them the thanks of this Convention for their kind proposition; informing them of the failure of the two States to so unite, and of our intention to build a school in Alabama; and asking them whether they can make the State of Alabama a proposition of a similar nature.

Committee to correspond with the American Baptist Home Mission Society—C. O. Booth, W. H. McAlpine, J. Dozier, J. A. Foster, E. K. Love.

Elder Flantroy was excused until Monday.

The Committee on Sabbath Devotional Exercises, reported as follows:

#### METHODIST CHURCH.

To address the Sabbath School at 9 a. m.—Rev. E. K. Love.

To preach at 11 a. m.—Rev. S. Jones, H. Wood.

At 3 p. m.—Rev. J. P. Barton, W. Jenkins.

At 7:30 p. m.—Rev. P. Murrell, W. J. Stevens.

#### BAPTIST CHURCH.

To Address the Sabbath School at 9 a. m.—H. Thompson.

To preach at 11 a. m.—Revs. B. Burke, S. Adams.

At 3 p. m.—Revs. E. Thornton, J. Blevins.

At 7:30 p. m.—Rev. J. A. Foster, T. Glenn.

J. SHORTER,

J. BUTLER,

H. THOMPSON,

Committee.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock, p. m.

## NIGHT SESSION

5 p. m.; President in the chair.

Revs. L. Calvary of Montgomery, J. P. Hix of Clayton, and E. K. Love of Marion, paid \$2 each for life membership in the Convention.

Reading letters.

Reading letters suspended.

On motion, the following resolution by W. H. McAlpine was adopted:

*Resolved*, That Hixcox Star Book be the guide of this Convention, and that each member be requested to purchase one of these books and carefully study it.

(This book may be bought of Mr. U. D. Ward, No. 150 Nassau street, New York.)

The Board of Trustees reported as follows:

1. Your Board recommend that all matters pertaining to the organization and incorporation, opening and conducting schools, buying property and collecting funds by agency or otherwise, be referred to the Board of Trustees.

2. That the Board be instructed to provide for the wants of the denomination in the State by arranging for *literary* as well as *theological* instructions, and for the education of young women as well as for the training of young men.

3. That one thousand dollars of the money now on hand, and all that may be collected on former subscriptions, be used for the purchase of school property; when, in the judgment of the Board, a good investment can be so made; and that collections be taken in all the churches during the months of December and January, and that money so raised—along with what may be collected otherwise—or that may be in the treasury after reserving the one thousand dollars, for the purchase of property as above provided, be used to meet the current expenses of the school.

4. That the Treasurer of the Convention be instructed to receive and pay out, by the direction of said Board of Trustees, all money raised or in his hands, in accordance with the foregoing provisions, until the organization of the school is perfected; then turn over to the Treasurer of the new organization all money intended for school purposes remaining in his hands.

5. That when the present Board of Trustees have perfected an organization as contemplated above, and the new Board are ready to take charge of the work, that they turn over the management of the school to said new Board, and make a full report of their proceedings to the next session of the Convention.

6. That the Convention locate the school at Montgomery.

Bro. A. H. Curtis moved to strike out Montgomery and insert Marion.

The vote sustained Montgomery.

Bro. Curtis then moved to strike out Montgomery and insert Lowndesboro.

The vote sustained Montgomery.

Bro. E. K. Love then moved to strike out Montgomery and insert Selma.

Selma was sustained by a majority of three.

Report adopted.

Missionary reported as follows :

EUFAULA, ALABAMA, November —, 1877.

*Dear Brethren of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

I am glad to be spared, and permitted by Divine Providence, to tender to you this, my third annual report. According to your order at last session, I went forward into the work, but after about three weeks labor I found that there was danger of involving the Convention in a very great debt on account of the financial condition of the whole State. I, therefore, tendered to the Board my resignation, which was accepted, and I was then appointed by the Board as Agent; and it was made my duty to do all I could by writing and traveling to collect the unpaid subscriptions, visit Associations and churches, and do all I could to raise money and to look up students for the theological class. In accordance with the instructions and arrangements of the Board I went forward.

I have worked about four months. About one month of this time has been spent in writing, and the other three in traveling. I have visited six Associations, twenty Churches, and six Sunday Schools; written about 500 letters, and traveled about 1,387 miles. My work in visiting Associations was very much hindered by not having money to travel on. Some of the time I did not have money to get writing material, and could scarcely get from one church to another. I feel that great good has already and will yet result from my visits among the Associations.

There is a great field for useful labors among the Associations. I think it would be a good work if some one could visit all the Associations at their annual sessions.

The interest which we foster as a Convention should be represented in all the Associations of the State. I have endeavored to get the Associations to arrange to hold ministers meetings in their bounds for the instruction of ministers, deacons and Sunday School workers; and, also, to select at least one young minister to our proposed class, and to try and raise some money among the churches for their support.

I feel that the future can only tell the good results of my labors this year among the Associations. I regret very much that I have not been able to do more of this work among the Associations. I have not made the raising of money the special object of my efforts this year, still I have labored hard to raise the unpaid subscriptions among the churches, to take public collections and to get new subscribers. In many cases I have visited churches and on account of the church claims I was not able to raise any money; some churches would write me not to come at that, after I had sent my appointment. In some cases where I did visit they would say they could not do anything until they had sold cotton, and as I could not wait I had to pass on without anything.

In the midst of all there is much to encourage us in this work. I may say that there is a manifest interest and willingness to help forward the educational movement of the Convention. Many have

already paid their subscription, and the others say they intend to pay as soon as they can.

I have collected the following amounts from the churches by public collections:

Hopewell Church, near Marion, Perry county, Alabama.....	\$ 1 30
Uniontown Church, Uniontown, " " "	2 00
Talladega Church, Talladega, Alabama.....	10 70
Birmingham Church, Birmingham, Alabama.....	8 05
Elyton Church, Jefferson county, " "	5 70
Gadsden Church, Gadsden " "	3 05
Calera Church, Calera " "	1 90
Rama Church, Calhoun Station, Lowndes county, Alabama..	35
Wood Station Church, Jefferson county " "	4 50
Greensboro Church, Greensboro, Alabama.....	12 05

Total public collections from churches this year.....	\$ 49 70
Paid in by subscription.....	108 70

Total of collections and subscriptions .....	\$158 40
Traveling expenses .....	106 40

Balance.....	\$ 52 00
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Yours very truly,

W. H. McALPINE.

### Prayer by Elder Williams of Georgia.

Adjourned until Monday.

During Sabbath we were much refreshed by the sermons of the various brethren appointed to preach; especially were we greatly humbled and also much rejoiced by a sermon by Elder Burke of Mobile, upon the theme "Death shall die." Notwithstanding the pleasant things of the Sabbath, we were called upon to endure one unpleasant thing: A brother went to the Methodist Church and claimed Bro. Barton's appointment at 3 o'clock p. m. This was much disliked by the pastor and his people. Brethren should be more careful in such things. This action was really ugly.

## FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, November 19, 1877.

9 a. m.; President in the chair.

Usual devotional exercises led by Elder H. Stephens of Uniontown.

It was agreed that the session close at 2 instead of 3 p. m.

Letter reading was resumed and finished; Antioch

Sabbath School entered on the roll; and it was voted that Bro. Flantroy be allowed to become a life member of the Convention.

Elders J. A. Foster, E. Thornton and D. M. Phillips were appointed on Missions.

C. O. Booth and W. H. McAlpine were elected as Messengers to the Alabama Baptist State Convention to convene at Talladega in June, 1878.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Mt. Pilgrim Association	\$ 5 00
First Colored Baptist Church, Birmingham	2 00
"    "    "    "    Tuscaloosa	1 00
"    "    "    "    Union Springs	1 00
Union Academy Church	1 00
Shelby Grove	1 00
Aaston Association	3 00
Salem	5 00
Auburn	12 00
Union	5 00
Antioch	5 00
Rushing Springs Association	5 00
Uniontown	5 00
Alabama Association	10 00
Antioch Association Sabbath School	2 60
Colored Bethlehem Association	6 00
Eufaula Association	10 00
New Cahawba Association	10 00
Shelby Springs	10 00
Snow Creek	5 00
Dallas county	10 00
Morning Star Baptist Church	4 00
Antioch, Mt. Meigs	3 00
Palestine	3 00
Greene Oak	2 00
Pinetop	2 00
Pike Road	1 00
Elizabeth	2 00
Old Elam	3 00
Zion Springs Church	1 00
Gilfield	1 00
Rock Creek	2 00
Epsabah	14 80
New Hope	2 00
Good Ship	2 00
New Elam	1 00
St. Paul's	2 00
Sardis	1 00
Elbethel	1 00
Mt. Olive of Tuskegee	3 85
Opelika	1 25
Auburn Church	1 60
Macedonia	1 00
Lowndesboro	8 00

Uniontown Church	2 00
Lowndesboro Sabbath School	5 00
Rama Church	1 35
St. Louis Street Church	3 00
Magnolia	3 00
Mt. Zion	2 00
Whistler	3 00
Cottage Hill	3 00
Little Moriah	1 00
Mulberry Church	1 25
Macedonia Church	35
Bethel Church of Montgomery	1 50
Whisler Church	1 00
Mt. Zoar	1 00
Rehoboth Church	2 00
Mt. Zion	1 00
Second Baptist Church of Marion	2 00
Pleasant Hill	1 00
Union Grove Church	1 25
Mt. Sinia	1 00
Fort Browder	1 00
Mt. Olive	3 00
Hopewell	3 00
Citronelle Church	1 00
New Canaan Church	3 00
J. Harris	1 00
N. Thomas	1 00
J. Parker	1 00
Wm. Miron	1 00
Geo. Jones	1 00
Thos. Harris	50
H. Harris	50
Mt. Zion Church	75
Somersfield Church	75
Stone Street Baptist Church	6 00
Greensboro Church	2 50
Cubahatchee Church	1 00
Newbern Church	1 00
Damascus Church	1 00
Salem Church	3 00
Flat Rock Church	50
Hickory Bend	50
Bethany Sabbath School	2 00

Total from all sources, am't in Treasurer's hands not included, \$447 22

On recommendation of Committee on Ministerial Institutes, Bro. Woodsmall was requested to remain in the State, and the Executive Board instructed to assist him in arranging the order of his institutes.

On motion of Elder Love, the Convention voted thanks to the citizens of Eufaula for hospitalities, and to the various railroads for liberalities bestowed upon the members of the Convention.

On motion of Bro. Thompson, thanks were voted the

**officers of the Convention for impartial discharge of duty.**

The Committee on Claims for and against the Convention reported as follows:

Elder P. Murrell debtor to Convention	\$ 7 00
" J. A. Foster " " "	20 00
Bro. A. Blacksher " " "	60 00
" H. Thompson " " "	25 00
" C. O. Booth " " "	15 00

**Total**.....\$127 00

Rev. B. Burke, cr., expenses as delegate to Georgia Convention	\$ 44	50
“ M. Tyler “ “ “ “ “ “	26	00
“ J. C. Casby, cr., for writing	15	00
Sexton of Eufaula Church, cr., for labor, oil, &c.	3	25
Elder McAlpine, cr., for 4 months work as Ag't of Convention	175	00
To W. R. Pettiford, cr., by cash		35

**Total.....\$264 10**

Brethren H. Stephens, S. Ransom and Perry Matthews were appointed as committee to settle claims.

Messengers were appointed as follows:

To the Georgia Convention—Revs. Thos. Glenn and E. K. Love.

Tennessee Convention—Rev. J. P. Barton.

General Association of Mississippi—Rev. J. McKisson.

A motion to appoint a missionary was lost.

On motion of Dea. H. Thompson, it was agreed that the Clerk print 1,000 copies of the minutes; that \$75 be donated for printing, and that \$30 be paid the Secretary for compiling and mailing minutes.

**Report on nominations was adopted as follows:**

Executive Board—E. Thornton of Union Springs, S. Jones of Wetumpka, D. M. Phillips of Tuskegee, A. Butler of Mobile, H. Wood of Talladega, A. Cunningham of Belleville, J. G. Brooks of Selma, J. A. Foster of Montgomery, and officers of Convention,

Sabbath School Board—H. Thompson of Montgomery, W. R. Pettiford of Marion, J. W. White of Selma, A. Cunningham of Belleville, S. Jones of Wetumpka, D. H. Shivers of Eufaula, P. Matthews of Union Springs, G. C. Casby of Montgomery, E. K. Love of Marion, J. P. Barton of Tuscumbia, J. Butler of Mobile, A. C. Jackson of Birmingham, S. Ransom of Calhoun Station, Lowndes county, H. Wood of Talladega, and W. Wyatt of Marion.

Board of Trustees (one year term)—Officers of Convention.

Two years term—J. W. Stephens, J. Shorter, J. Blevins, A. H. Curtis, W. H. McAlpine.

Three years term—A. Butler, J. Dozier, H. Stephens, C. Blount, P. Murrell.

The Treasurer's report, and all matters pertaining to his office, was referred to the Executive Board.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE OF WHITE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

*Dear Brethren B. B. Davis and O. F. Gregory, Messengers from Alabama Baptist State Convention:*

We have obtained no little encouragement from the knowledge we have received regarding the notice given us by the last session of your Convention, and kindly repeated and verified by your presence among us, and expressions toward us during our session in this city. True, there is room for growth in Christian love among the Southern people, both white and colored; but it must be confessed that a love which is able to live and grow through the quakes, wrecks and ruins which we severally and jointly have passed through, is a love of wonderful strength. This love which is now unfolding itself from white men toward black men, and from black men toward white men, has lived in some smothered form during all the bitter days of our apparent antagonism, and though often no love was seen the hallowed flame was ever felt and always burning within.

No doubt Bunyan's man has found the holy oil from behind the wall. May our beloved Lord so join us together that no creature shall be able to separate us. Doubtless you see in our plans for and efforts at enterprise much to disgust and discourage you, but when you remember that we are as so many 12 year old boys, poor, and standing beneath all of the responsibilities of life, you will also see in our efforts much to fire your admiration, as well as much to enlist your sympathy and move your pity.

Fraternal greetings, expressed in sympathy's quickening tongue, are always welcome to the struggling; but to us whose hearts are sad over the needs of the homeless, immoral, irreligious and uneducated millions of our people, your salutations come as the shower upon the scorching fields.

We have resolved to begin a school at once in which to prepare young men to become Christian leaders of our people. For this object we have but little money, and we can't tell where more is coming from. We trust God is with us. If your Convention would take an interest in this school, how much you would bless us eternity alone can reveal. But, of course, dear brethren, we do not ask you for what you cannot give.

We rejoice that some of your number are holding institutes for the instruction of our present ministry. We hope this work will be extended and continued, for most of our ministers have no other means of instruction.

In conclusion, we would say that if at any time you wish to be with us in any of our meetings, or wish to know of any of our objects and

plans, feel that the way is always open and that we shall be glad to answer any question that you may desire to ask us.

Your brethren in hope of heaven,

C. O. BOOTH,  
W. H. McALPINE,  
Committee.

Bro. Booth paid the \$15 he owed the Convention.

After giving the parting hand the Convention adjourned to meet on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in November, 1879, at Marion, Alabama.

M. TYLER, President.

C. O. BOOTH, Clerk.

Our school begins in Selma on the first of January under the supervision of Bro. H. Woodsmall, of Indiana, to whom is especially committed the work of instructing young ministers.

If churches and individuals prefer to do so they may send their donations to Elder W. H. McAlpine, Marion, Alabama, instead of to Elder Smith, Montgomery.

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I have done all in my power to prevent mistakes.

SECRETARY.

## MINUTES OF TRUSTEE'S CONFERENCE.

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EUFAULA, November 19, 1877.

Agreed that five members shall constitute a quorum.

Agreed that Elder W. J. Stephens, of Montgomery, be employed as agent of the Board of Trustees, at a salary of \$37.50 per month, with the understanding that the Board may suspend his agency if, at any time, such a course shall appear to be necessary.

Agreed that Bro. McAlpine be assistant agent upon same terms and subject to same conditions as Bro. Stephens.

The Board stipulated with Rev. H. Woodsmall for a salary of \$600.00 to teach the school at Selma.

The Recording Secretary was elected Clerk and Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

A committee was sent to Selma to search for a proper place for the school.

It was ascertained that the Treasurer had \$1,008.44 on hand of fund of last year.

Board adjourned to meet on 20th of December.

M. TYLER, Chairman.

C. O. BOOTH, Clerk.

DEAR FRIENDS :—There are a great many who have signed the subscription list and have only paid a part of what they have signed. In this list I have only given the names of those who have paid all that they promised. Just as soon as the whole amount is paid that each one has promised, their names will also be printed in our next minutes. All who owe anything on my subscription books can send it to me at Marion, Alabama, either by registered letter or by postoffice order. We want to collect all that has been promised before another Convention.

Yours in Jesus,

W. H. McALPINE.

#### LIST OF THE PAID SUBSCRIBERS.

*Mobile*—Thomas P Miller \$5.00, Levi W Lawler 10.00, C E Thames 5.00, A P Bush 5.00, D P Bester 2.50, E Blow 2.50, C Simmons 2.00, S Brewer, 5.00, A G Levey 2.00, W H Anderson 2.00, E A Shaffer 2.00, Orange Stawlesworth 1.00, A C Danner 1.00, Henry Brown 1.00, Anderson Adams 1.00, Artemus Stainsburg 1.00, Louisiana Multon 50.

*Saint Louis Street Church*—Loucinda Johnson \$1.00, Mary Oliver Gordon 1.00, Gracy Ann Girod 3.00, Margret Barlow 1.00, F A Banyon 50, Julia Fish 1.00, Henry Taylor 1.00, Venter Wood 50, Bell Benton 50, Eliza Jackson 50, Mary Martin 1.00, Dilsey Brown 1.00, Virginia House 1.00, Elsey Robertson 50, J H Holley 5.00, Charley Blanton 50, Mary Gitan 1.00, Lucy Turner 1.25, Mana Clay 1.00, Eliza Thompson 1.00, Sempy McFall 50, Vinah Nelson 1.00, Mrs J Palmer 1.00, Mrs Della Savage 1.00.

*Stone Street Church*.—Rev B Burk 5.00, Wm Raper 2.00, Spotsports Brown 2.00, Nelson Bullock 1.00, Thomas Sewyers 2.00, Harris Lewis 1.50, Henry Deloach 2.00, Geo W Jones 1.00, Mary Collon 1.00, Mrs Leatherman 1.00, Harriet Stokes 1.00, Marrie Brown 1.00, Mary Jane Burk 1.00, Cornelia Baits 2.00, Joseph Dickerson 50, Eliza Fields 1.00, Elizabeth Brown 50, Charlott Moore 1.00, Sallie Harris 50, Nellie Read 1.00, Matilda Smith 2.00, Mary Jane Smith 1.00, Sam Johnson 1.00, Joseph Green 2.00, Stephen Johnson 1.00, Henry Pendleton 1.00, Jessie Wilson 1.00, Adaline Williams 1.00, Mary Jane Henderson 1.00, N G Margin 1.00, Pelmira Ginsley 1.00, Sallie Golaskey 1.00, Agnis Brown 50, Melia Linsley 1.00, Frank F Moore 1.00.

*Livingston, Sumter County*.—Abbie Baits 1.00, Charlotte Scales 50, Loucinda Smith 75, Sophia Abram 1.00, Cursey Greenfield 1.00, Edie Little 1.00, Penney Adams 1.00, Martha Fellows 50, Dicy Colea 50, Sulah Arrington 2.00, Alice Parmer 50, Sarah Moore 50, Jane Coles 50, Lizzie Adams 50, Avie Forman 50, Binah Arrington 1.00, James Gales 1.00, Ben Benum 1.00, Rhodes Abram 1.00, Lucy Morris 1.00, William Buits 1.00, James Kennard 1.00, Winzer Brient 1.00.

*Jones Creek Church, Sumter County*.—Letha Hynes 50, Eliza Rob-

ert 75, Rebecca Brown 50, Fanny Fauxley 50, Sarah Lewis 2.00, Francis Low 1.00, Cynthia Ann Pratt 50, Amey Chaptman 1.00, Virgee Brown 1.00, Stephen Hynes 1.00, Armstard Chatman 1.00, James Green 1.00, Laison Green 1.00, Jerry Lewis 1.00, Jeal Hynes 1.00, Mary Jane Harrison 50, Charley Eason 25, Beckey Brown 50, George Read 1.00, R. Hutchinson 1.00.

*Sumterville Church.*—Edmond Brown 1.00, Lewis Brown 1.00, Orange Brown 1.00, Robert Brown 1.00, Ann Sands 50, Mary Pleasant 50, Amanda Reed 50, Henrietta Walker 50, Amanda Hutcherson 50, Silva Hill 50, Lelah Brown 50, Catherine Lyge 50, Margaret Davis 50.

*Jones Place Church.*—Iverson Dorsey 1.00.

*Demopolis Church.*—Edward Rome 1.00, Alex McAlpine 1.00, Mary Thompson 1.00, Mary Carter 1.00, Ellen Carter 2.00, Sophia Gaines 1.00, Parma Canady 1.00, Eliza Gamble 1.00, Mary Harris 1.00.

*Uniontown Church.*—Rev John Dozier 5.00, Mariah Cox 5.00, Jack Berry 1.00, Millie Hudson 5.00, Admon Henson 5.00, Mary Gray 2.50, Pollie Turner 2.00, R R Hudson 1.00, Selia Dozier 2.00, Francis Curry 2.50, Jane Terrel 1.00, A J Colley 1.00, Lucy Gray 5.00, Ann Jackson 1.00.

*Montgomery, Alabama.*—Alfred Thomas 5.00, L D Phillips 1.00, Samuel Phillips 1.00, Cornelia Wyman 1.00, H A Lovelis 1.00, Mrs. Lovelis 1.00, Ann Starton 1.00, C A Lanair 1.00, Geo B Homes 1.00, R W Cobb 1.00, R R Boyd 1.00, D S Sawyers 1.00, May Lovelis 1.00, Rebeckah Thompson 1.00, Marinda Battle 1.00, Martha Phillips 1.00.

*Selma, Alabama.*—Charley Harris \$1.00, Elie Adams 1.00, Ben Benjamins 1.00, Edward Sawyers 5.00, Jordan Walker 1.00, Andy May 1.00, Wm. Gibson 1.00, Roxey Battle 2.00, Mary Iving 2.00, Sallie Daniel 1.00, Sarah Bailey 1.00, Ellen Strong 1.00, Wesley Johnson 1.00, Henrietta Johnson 1.00, Sarah Sawyers 3.00, George Rude 1.00, Vina Fudenweider 1.00, Laura Harington 1.00, Ann Brooks 1.00, Ann Ray 1.00, Charlotte Briant 1.00, Emelia Iving 1.00, Joshy Chafine 1.00, Ella Jackson 2.00, Charlie Road 1.00.

*Oxford Alabama.*—Matilda Matison 1.00, Ned Snow 1.00, Harriet Snow 1.00, George Gunnals 1.00, Henry Woods 2.40, Jesse Cunningham 1.00, D. D. Draper 1.00, Thomas J. Williams 50, O. M. Beebe and son 50, cash near Oxford 50, R. R. King 50, J. V. Draper 50, James R. Draper 1.00, T. M. Draper 25, S. C. Kelly 1.00, Julia Snow 1.00, Clark Snow 25, Susie Draper 1.00, Webb Mathison 1.00, Carter Piles 1.00.

*Birmingham, Alabama.*—R. E. Mataw 5.00, Rachel Bingham 1.00, Emma McHenry 1.00, Narcissus McCaw 1.00, Ephriam Murphy 1.00, Alex. Nabers 50.

*Elyton, Jefferson County, Alabama.*—J. R. Capers 1.00, Stephen Walker 1.00.

*Gainesville, Sumter County.*—James Bliss 2.00, H. P. Snow 1.00, W. W. Russell 2.00, B. B. Woodson 50, C. D. Woodruff 2.50, cash 50, J. N. Snedecar 1.00, C. D. Walker 1.00, cash 50, J. E. Windham 1.00, cash 50, Wm. Steal 1.00.

*Sumter County Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church.*—Larrig Gibson 1.00, Thomas Jones 1.00, Thomas Russell 1.00, Allen Stansel 1.00, LUNCH Beal 1.00, Sam. Patterson 1.00, Luke Jones 1.00, George Patterson

1.00, George Russell 1.00, Johnson Lyons 1.00, Sarah Jones 1.00, Easter M. Washington 1.00, Alsey Beck 50, Delphia Washington 50, Wilson Harris 1.00, Harriet Stansel 50, Alabama Stanton 50, Mary Jones 1.00, Mary Ann Patterson 1.00, Louisa Patterson 1.00, Suthara Gibson 1.00, Easter S. Washington 1.00, Mary Ann Jones 50, Susan Jones 1.00, Amanda Russell 1.00, John Dudley 1.00, Charley Dudley 1.00, John Jones 1.00.

*Antioch Church, Pickens County.*—Rev. Primus Lemmons 5.00, Daniel Jones 1.00, Simmons Fortune 1.00, Louisa Hargro 1.00, Lottie Lemmons 1.00, Queen Wilson 50, Dianna Washington 1.00, George Gray 50, Mary Larkins 20, Primus Lemmons, jr., 50, Rachel Jones 50, Harriet Jones 1.00, Alfred Simmons 1.00.

*Bethlehem Church, Greene County.*—Barnsby Spencer 1.00, Larkin Franklin 1.00, Foster Spencer 1.00, Peter Collins 1.00, Samuel Haywood 1.00, Charley Morgine 1.00, Dick Tommy Hill 1.00, Spot Brownridge 1.00, Ephraim Spencer 1.00, Peter Williams 1.00, James Morgine 1.00, Balum Jolley 1.00, Brient Stephens 1.00, Willis Collins 1.00, Solomon Saxton 1.00, Caroline Williams 1.00, Minnie Spencer 1.00, Harriet Winston 1.00, Susan Winston 1.00, Rosanna Collins 1.00, Malissa Auting 1.00, Ailsey Hackline 1.00, Caroline Tilman 1.00, Harriet Gibson 1.00, Rachel Stephens 1.00, Marion Spencer 1.00, Arrena Snedecar 1.00, Vina Parlm 1.00, Hinda Franklin 1.00, Louisa Gibson 1.00, Marnerva Jolley 1.00, Bethaina Richardson 1.00, Sarah Robinson 1.00, Emily Morgine 1.00, Rosa Sims 1.00, Rosanna Saxton 50, Mariah Clark 1.00, Susan Edwards 1.00, Francis Buzell 1.00.

*Mt. Olive Church, Greene County.*—J. L. Crawford 5.00, Daniel Byrd 5.00, Ned Merriwether 1.00, Russell Ephraim 1.00, George Washington 1.00, Henry Allen 1.00, Nat Deloach 1.00, Edward Young 1.00, Granderville Lee 1.00, Sam Richardson 1.00, Archey Young 1.00, Peter Lacey 1.00, Crawley Johnson 1.00, Harry Burns 1.00, Isaac Gony 1.00, Joseph Stephens 1.00, Patsey Crofford 1.00, Philis Coy 1.00, Manewa Ephraim 1.00, Mariah Mingo 1.00, Winney Merriwether 1.00, Jones Lacy 1.00, Francis Burns 1.00, Jane Parlm 1.00, Lydia Young 1.00, Kittie Yoe 1.00, Sarah Jones 50, Calley Isley 1.00, Eliza Burt 50, Ella Burt 50, Barthenia Bailey 1.00, Minnie Crofford 1.00, Matilda Crofford 50, Mary Washington 50, Ella Outline 50, Alabama Flanings 50, Cate Flanings 50, Polley Childs 50, Nancy Deloach 50, Isaac Washington 1.00, Sanford Willford 50, Ely Barnes 1.00, Lucy Allen 50, Loneaso Cammons 50, Jacobs Harrison 50, Moses Hay 1.00.

*Lowndesboro, Lowndes County.*—Fountain Materson 1.00, Jacob McLain 25, Henry Jourers 25, Loucinda Lewis 25, Lucy Powell 50, Matilday Smith 25, E. D. Bohley 50, W. Bohley 50, S. Brown 1.00, J. C. Write 50, Edward McCall 1.00, Dr. Howard 1.00.

*Mount Zion, Green Co.*—E. Scott 1.00, B Cook 1.00, J Judge 1.00, J. Write 1.00, M. Hanly 1.00, J Mason 1.00, E. Haize 1.00, A Maize 50, H. Write 1.00, S. Coleman 1.00, L. Jones 1.00, A. King 1.00, M. Write 1.00, C. Mason 1.00, N. Beal 1.00, F. Haize 1.00, J. Robins 1.00, H. Hubanks 1.00, N. Pursian 1.00, M Cook 1.00, L. Richardson 1.00, Sallie Baskine 1.00.

*Opelika, Lee County.*—J. Hahn 25, Rev Thomas Glen 1.00, H. Blamfield 25, G. N. Hendman 50, T. P. Henderson 25, Cash 25, W B

Shapord 1.00, H. S. Griffine 50, J. Broda 50, J. C. Coldan 50, Cash 25, W. T. Shafer 25, C. B. McCay 1.00, W. H. Stars 50, J. H. Lockhart 50, cash 75, B. J. & S. D. Logans 1.00, W. J. Trumble 1.00, cash 75, F. Shange 50, Renfroe Anderson 1.00.

*Rock Creek, Lowndes Co.*—Toney Davis 25, L. Washington 1.00, W. Turner 25, J. McLeene 25, E. Davis 25, S. Moore 25, S. Etford 25, F. Dickerson 25, A. Davis 25, L. Davis 25, E. Shepherd 1.25, F. Holley 25, L. Lewis 1.00, E. Howard 50, M. Mills 25, P. Jackson 25, P. Ater-son 25.

*Greensboro, Hale Co.*—Rev. H. Stephens 5.00, D. Hellen 1.00, N. Roberson 1.00, R. Binnett 1.00, S. Mitchel 1.00, E. Wells 2.00, J. Wells 50, E. Hickely 1.00, H. Boatman 1.00.

*Jacksonville, Calhoun Co.*—Rev. E. Wyley 50, P. Jilkes 25, James Crook 10.00, B. C. Wyley 1.00, J. D. Hammonds 1.00, Rowen, Dean & Co 2.00, Joe Ware 1.00.

*Union Springs*—W. H. Coleman 1.00, R. Turner 1.00, R. L. Roberts 50, J. F. Lasseter 1.00, R. N. Haines 1.00, R. B. McDonald 25, J. H. McDonald 50, W. O. Baldwin, Jr. 25, H. T. Jines 25, J. H. Tilleburn 1.00, N. C. Flowers 50, G. A. Carmichel 25, W. C. Wilson 25, B. T. Eley 50, R. E. Barneswell 25, J. B. Hunter 25, H. Rosenburge 25, Sleakland 25.

*Talladega, Ala.*—C. McKinney 1.00, W. Hill 1.00, J. Jacobs 1.00, Carry Lewis 1.00, J. B. Marion 1.00, Rev. H. Wood 5.00.

*Madisonville, Talladega Co.*—Gallon Smoot 1.00.

*Wetumpka, Elmore Co.*—W. S. Flemings 1.00, Alex G. Dun, 1.00, W. T. McWilliams 1.00, S. W. House 1.00, H. B. Tulane 1.00, J. R. Chapell 25, J. A. Adkins 25, J. A. Lancaster 1.00, I. W. Suttle 1.00, S. Hall 1.00, H. A. Wood 1.00.

*Troy, Pike Co.*—R. J. Higgings 1.00, A. Boyd 50, J. P. Hulbord 1.00, Rev. Vanhoose 1.00, N. Canley 25, J. Murphey 25, J. Buckhanan 25, M. Brown, 25, H. Lee 25.

*Eufaula, Ala.*—Rhoda Rivers 25, J. Mitchel 25, A. Daniel 50, Dick Heart 25, Sallie Thomas 25, Guess Jackson 25, Thomas Weathers 25, Henry Anderson 50, Wm. Eliton 50, Francis Eliton 25, Julia Boynes 25, Hannah Fort 25, Lewis Harges 25, Joseph Morris 50, Ellen Lewis 25, Nancy Bennet 25, Silvey Johnson 25, Guss Johnson 25, Ann McAvoy 25, Raff Graut 25, Charley Roberts 25, Wm. Eley 25, Margret Baker 25, M. L. Sherman 1.00, Matilda Claborn 25, Mary Parkes 25, Fed Shorter 50, Mary Young 25, Calley Marcial 25, Willis Williams 25, Bell Jones 50, Martha Harris 25, Bettie King 50, Judson Davis 25, Cornelia Howard 25, Mat Winson 25, Mary Thomas 25, cash 1.00.

*Marion, Perry County, Ala.*—George Huckleby 2.50, John Moore 2.00, Helen Parrish 25, S. A. Walker 1.00, Mrs. K. Lowry 1.00, Mrs. A. Williams 1.00, Adam Barran 50, Ned Phillips 1.00, Mrs. Watkins 1.00, Jessie Parrish 30, Miss G. Huckabee 1.00, Mrs. Mariah Waddie 1.00.

*Youngsboro, Lee County.*—D. Thompson 25, Wm. Murphey 25, Richard Cole 25, C. Woodson 25, S. Johnson 25, G. Biddle 25, C. Woodson and wife 1.00, C. Miles 1.00, B. Childers 1.00, D. Dowdle 1.00, P. Tucker 50, M. King 1.00, Susie Watts 1.25, John Moore 1.00, Perry Price 50, D. Thompson 1.00, Ellen Noon 50, G. C. L. Biddle 2.00, S. Lockhart 25, Aggie Robinson 50.

*Bothel Church, Lee County.*—M. Smith 25, L. Caw 25, A. Jones 25, A. Rulage 25, D. Mahonie 25, M. Rutlage 1.00, Tardie Sims 50, R. Woodman 25, Sarah Caw 25, Isaac

Caw 1.00, H Caw 1.00, A Woodson 1.00, Aga Bandy 1.00, Jane Maticks 1.00, Richard Lewis 1.00, A Allen 25, S Maticks 25, L Mahone 25, D Mahone 1.00, S Ross 1.00, A Smith 1.00, T Allen 75, A Murphey 1.00, Willis Lewis 25.

**Greenville, Ala.**—Judge Whitterker 50, Sike Jenkins 1.00, Charity Walker 1.00, Rosa Shepherd 1.00, Mary Herbert 2.00, Millie Pain 1.00.

**Mt. Pilgrim Church, Jefferson County, Ala.**—Elder Wm Ware 5.00, Ben White 2.00, George Rivers 2.00, Lilla Grace 50, Mary Feilds 1.25, Mary Porter 1.00, Mary Rocket 1.00, Patsey Porter 1.00, Laura Porter 1.00, Rachel White 1.00, Alex. Bradford 50, Caleja Rivers 1.00.

**Kushla, Mobile County.**—Henry McBae 50, James Garner 50, Mrs G Garner 25, Mrs Reges 25, Brooks Rice 50, Joshua Lue 50, Ellen Jackson 50, David Jackson 50, Charlotte Jackson 25, Mary Tanner 25, Ralph Garner 25, Charlotte Fisher 50, Sallie Harris 50, Benney Harris 50, David Wells 50, Safurni Rice 50, Samuel Thomas 25, Mariah McCall 25, Peter Reeges 50.

**Calhoun County.**—J M Ledbetter 50, Richard Glind 1.00, A. J. Southet 50.

**Free Hope, Green Co.**—Margret Banks 1.00, Sophia Nash 1.00.

**Little Moriah, Lowndes Co.**—Isaac Jenkins 1.00, Malendy Jenkins 1.00, Elder, Randoff 50, Emma Read 50.

**Gadsden.**—J R Nowlin 1.00, C Dune 1.00, Liddues Welburne 1.00, L R Candon 50.

**Greensboro, Hale Co.**—Cornelious Jones 1.00, Gabe Thornton 1.00, Margret Hopson 1.00, Alfred Fields 1.00, Dock Hopson 1.00, Nelley White 50, James Buchanan 1.00.

**Elbethel Church, Dallas Co.**—Filus King 1.00.

**Good Hope Church.**—Rev. J. Walker 2.00.

**Newbern, Hale Co.**—Gilbert Frost 1.00, Edward Mitchel 1.00, Wm. Relick 1.00, Wm. Banners 1.00, Wm. Stephens 1.00.

**New Hope Church.**—Thomas Essex 1.00.

**Woodley Church.**—Anderson McCraugh 1.00.

**Bethlehem Church.**—Rev. D. R. Willis 1.00.

**Mars Hill Church.**—Rev. J. Prather 1.00.

## Report of Sunday School Board.

The Report of the Sunday School Board was received and adopted. We recommend to the different Associations in the State to organize Sunday School District Conventions two days before the meeting of their District Association, and consider the work of Sunday and day schools. We believe this is the only plain way to draw out the wants and element of the Sunday and day schools in our churches. We say let delegates be sent to these Conventions from Superintendents and Teachers of the Sunday Schools in the Churches. Let them have their own conventional officers, and consider the wants of the Sunday and day schools. We also recommend all the Sunday School Conventions in the several District Associations when organized, to send one or more delegates to meet two days before the meeting of the Baptist State Convention in the city of Marion, on Monday and Tuesday, November the 11th and 12th, 1878, for the purpose of organizing a State Sunday School Convention in connection with the Baptist State Convention, from which all Sunday Schools must look for books, papers and reading matter.

Brother HOLLAND THOMPSON, of Montgomery, is hereby appointed General Superintendent of Sunday Schools in the State. Assistant Superintendents W. R. PETTIFORD, Marion; PERRY MATHEWS, Union Springs; J. P. BARTON, Tuscumbia; A. C. JACKSON, Birmingham, Alabama, whose duties will be to give lectures to and organize Sunday Schools wherever opportunities will admit. We recommend them to all the churches in the State for the year 1878.

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