

Union Town Ala
Rev. J. D. Baker

MINUTES

—OF THE—

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Colored Baptist State Convention,

—HELD WITH—

St. Phillips' Street Baptist Church,

SELMA, ALA.

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The messengers composing the Sixteenth Annual Session of the Colored Baptist State Convention of Alabama, met with the St. Phillips' Street Baptist Church, Nov. 14, 1883, at 11:45 A. M.

The President, Rev. M. Tyler, called the meeting to order. He said: "Brethren, I am proud to meet you once more in another annual meeting. I am proud to meet faces here that I have not seen before. I feel that it was by the providence of God that we were kept alive, and are able to meet each other again. And, brethren, as we have met to do business for God, let us throw aside everything that may hinder us in doing his work, and take hold of it with all of our soul and might."

The usual devotional exercises were then held, conducted by Bro. T. Glenn, of Opelika. Sang hymn 29, "What shall I render to my God?" when prayer was offered.

The services were continued by Bro. H. N. Bouey, of Selma, by singing hymn 375, "O for a closer walk with God," after which prayer was offered by Bro. C. O. Booth, of Selma.

Bro. H. N. Bouey read the 23d Psalm, and sang hymn 387, "Nearer, my God, to thee."

Bro. C. O. Booth then preached the Introductory Sermon. Text, "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace!" He treated on the sermon as follows:

I. GOOD NEWS.—If a general should start out to battle, he should be well equipped with good news; and when he is allowed to whisper through the gates, and over the great walls, good news to the people within, he is willingly let into

their city. We are generally admitted when we come laden with good news. The preachers of the Gospel are made the messengers of God to carry the good news to men and whisper it into their souls, and if needs be, to shout the good news, that their words might take effect.

II. THE MESSENGERS.—The messengers were beautiful, and if they bore tidings of sadness, and had dust upon their heads, they wore sad countenances; but if they bore tidings of joy, how lively were their countenances! how swiftly they ran as they bore the good news! Brethren, we are the messengers of God. Then how beautiful are our feet!

Bro. Booth's sermon abounded in instruction and heartfelt truths, and, by the steady and earnest attention paid by the members of the Convention, the sermon was greatly enjoyed by all.

Prayer was then offered by Bro. H. N. Bouey, of Selma.

Hymn, "O for a thousand tongues to sing," was sung.

The Programme prepared by the committee—Rev. W. H. McAlpine, Chairman—was received and adopted, with the amendment that Bro. E. K. Love, of Thomasville, Ga., preach the Baptistal Sermon at 7:30 P. M.

By consent, the Convention then adjourned to meet at half past 3 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 3:30 o'clock, Rev. M. Tyler, presiding.

The roll was then called, and the names of Associations, Sunday School Conventions, Churches, Sunday Schools, and delegates were enrolled, as follows:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Antioch—Not represented.
 Eufaula—J. Q. Wilhite, G. W. Webb and J. D. Madox.
 Alabama District—M. Tyler and S. Jones.
 Uniontown—J. W. White, W. H. McAlpine, H. N. Bouey, C. O. Booth and N. R. Nickerson.
 Free Mission—David Small.
 Morning Star—G. W. Jeter.
 Auburn—H. C. Clark and T. Glenn.
 Pine Grove—Not represented.
 South-east District—Not represented.
 Bladon Springs—C. L. Long.
 Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.
 Star of Hope—C. W. Childs.
 Snow Creek—A. J. Logan.
 Sea Coast—A. F. Owens.
 Lebanon—A. B. Richardson.
 Evergreen—Z. Michael.
 Shady Grove—R. E. Brown.
 Eastern Alabama—J. H. Culver.
 New Cahaba—W. Myatt and C. H. McGee.
 Bethlehem, Sumter County—L. Brown and I. Dawson.
 Rushing Springs—A. Lawler and E. C. Rivers.
 Union—Not represented.

Mt. Pilgrim—J. R. Capers.
 Muscle Shoals—Not represented.
 Borum—H. Garlington, W. D. Barrow, T. Woody and J. W. Womuc.
 New Pine Grove—Not represented.
 Shelby Springs—D. L. Prentis.
 Wills' Creek—Wm. Walker.
 Good Will—Not represented.
 Colored Bethlehem—Not represented.
 Bethel—Not represented.
 New Antioch Bethlehem—P. Murrell and John Crawford.
 Mud Creek—Not represented.
 Dallas County—D. Boyd, T. Moseley and C. Roberson.
 Mt. Pleasant—Jas. Emerson and T. Gilbert.
 Perote Colored Baptist—W. Williams.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

Alabama District—M. Tyler and S. Jones.
 Eastern Alabama—J. P. Barton.
 Dallas County—D. M. Coleman and J. C. Blevins.
 Lebanon—Not represented.
 Shady Grove—Not represented.
 Muscle Shoals—Not represented.
 Borum—T. Woody.
 Union District—Not represented.
 Eufaula—E. A. McCall and A. D. Gachet.

CHURCHES.

Rehoboth, Montgomery—Spencer Wade and Aleck Hooks.
 Mt. Zion—Not represented.
 Mt. Olive—Not represented.
 Bethel—E. W. Picket.
 Jerusalem—Not represented.
 Union Academy—Not represented.
 Antioch, No. 2—Not represented.
 Pleasant Grove—Not represented.
 First Colored Baptist Church, Montgomery—J. A. Foster.
 Goodship, Elmore County—J. C. Calms.
 Springfield—J. A. Calms.
 Old Elim—Not represented.
 New Hope—Not represented.
 New Canaan—Not represented.
 Good Hope, Elmore County—C. Brunson.
 Old Augusta—W. M. Franklin.
 Pike Road—S. M. Franklin.
 St. James—S. Jones.
 Flat Rock—Not represented.
 Mt. Olive, Burksville—Not represented.
 Cottage Hill, Grand Bay—Not represented.
 Second Baptist Church, Eufaula—J. Q. Wilhite.
 Antioch—Not represented.
 Bethel—Not represented.
 Rocky Mount—R. D. Davis.
 Howe, Ala.—Not represented.
 Summerfield—G. H. Hoblon.
 Everdale, Selma—G. J. Brooks.
 Elbethel—G. J. Brooks.
 St. Phillip's Street—P. Allison, P. Scales and Chas. S. Goldsby.
 St. Paul's, Selma—L. Phillips.

Shiloh, Selma—R. E. Brown.
 Green Street—L. Bryant.
 Friendship, Baldwin's Switch—Not represented.
 New Elim, Mitchell's Station—Not represented.
 Second Baptist Church, Marion—W. H. McAlpine and I. Smith.
 Hopewell, Marion—G. J. Brooks.
 Uniontown—S. Johnson, R. Grant, L. Dozier and Jno. Dozier.
 St. Paul's, Greensboro—Not represented.
 Sweet Water, Central Institute—G. W. Jeter.
 Epsebiah, Montevallo—D. L. Prentis.
 Union, Perry County—D. O. Gulley.
 Second Baptist Church, New Bern—Not represented.
 Salem, Greensboro—By letter.
 Spring Hill, Forkland—Dolly Bonner.
 Pine Top, Demopolis—J. McKesson.
 Palestine, Demopolis—J. McKesson.
 Green Oak, Demopolis—J. McKesson.
 Mt. Zoin, Calhoun Station—Not represented.
 Antioch, Camden—Not represented.
 Bethlehem, Greenville—Not represented.
 New Hope, Greenville—Not represented.
 Mt. Hermon, York Station—Not represented.
 Friendship, York Station—Not represented.
 Ramah, Calhoun Station—S. Jones and H. Brothers.
 Wetumpka—Not represented.
 Warren Street, Mobile—H. J. Europe.
 Ebenezer, Grand Bay, Mobile County—H. J. Europe.
 Centre, Felix—W. M. Madison.
 Good Hope, Brown's Station—Wm. Madison.
 Purnell Chapel, Marion Junction—Not represented.
 Shiloh, Central Institute—G. W. Jeter.
 Mt. Zion, Central Institute—G. W. Jeter.
 Third Baptist Church, Mobile—A. F. Owens.
 Elbethel, Union Springs—Not represented.
 Mt. Nebo, Union Springs—Not represented.
 Lowndesboro—M. Tyler.
 White Hall—M. Tyler.
 New Hebron, Cambridge—Not represented.
 Cross Keys, Shorter Station—Not represented.
 Greenville—Not represented.
 Sardis, Union Springs—Not represented.
 New Hope, Thomasville—Not represented.
 Bethlehem, Barbour County—By letter.
 Hamburg—P. Williams and C. R. Rogers.
 Low Field—Not represented.
 Lime Creek, Thompson Station—Not represented.
 Mt. Olive, Thomasville—Not represented.
 Pilgrim, Mathews' Station—Not represented.
 Mountain Creek, Elmore Station—Not represented.
 Birmingham—W. R. Pettiford.
 Tuscaloosa—P. Murrel.
 St. John's, Mt. Meigs—Frank Cole.
 Mt. Olive, Boligee—Not represented.
 Benton, Lowndes County—Not represented.
 Friendship, Gadsden Station—Wm. Walker.
 Mt. Canaan, Talladega—J. P. Barton.
 New Bethel, Epps' Station—L. Brown.
 New Elim, Loraine—Not represented.

Bethel, Collirene—Not represented.
 White Cloud, Letohatchie—Not represented.
 Arkadelphia, Pine Apple—Not represented.
 Pleasant Grove—Not represented.
 Green Street Church, Selma—Alfred Cox and Wm. Waddle.
 Second Baptist Church, Union Springs—R. R. Hudson.
 Macedonia, Daphne—Not represented.
 Liberty, Tuscaloosa—T. Dixon.
 Dry Creek, Tuscaloosa—T. Dixon.
 Mt. Zion, Tallahassee—Not represented.
 Antioch, No. 1, Mt. Meigs—J. P. Lucas.
 Friendship, Perry County—W. Wyatt.
 Pleasant Grove, Tuscaloosa—H. G. Green and Charles Whitfield.
 New Prospect, Tuscaloosa—J. C. Crawford.
 Bensville, Tuscaloosa—P. Murrell.
 Mt. Zion, Selma—J. W. White.
 Friendship, Batesville—J. D. Maddox.
 Jones', Livingston—I. Dawson.
 Sumpterville—G. Low.
 New Hope, Livingston—C. Roberson.
 Millow's Hill, Livingston—C. Roberson.
 Mt. Pleasant, Tuscaloosa—P. Murrell.
 Mt. Cenia, Midway—Jas. Noble and Pompey Foster.
 Elbethel, Carrollton—A. B. Richardson.
 Bethlehem, Hale County—D. R. Willis.
 Perryville, Perry County—W. D. Myree.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Second Baptist, Marion—P. J. Parish.
 Second Baptist, Eufaula—J. Q. Wilhite.
 Third Baptist, Mobile—A. F. Owens.
 Mt. Zion, Central Institute—Not represented.
 Sweet Water, Central Institute—Not represented.
 Greenville—Not represented.
 Tuscaloosa—Not represented.
 Sand Ridge—Not represented.
 Warren Street, Mobile—H. J. Europe.
 Pleasant Grove, Tuscaloosa—H. G. Green.
 Centre, Perry County—Not represented.
 Talladega—J. P. Barton.
 Union Springs—Not represented.
 Liberty—T. Dixon.
 Dry Creek—T. Dixon.
 Salem, Greensboro—Not represented.
 Friendship, Gadsden—Wm. Walker.
 Paint Rock—Not represented.
 Good Hope—A. M. Walker.
 Perryville, Perry County—Jno. W. Harris.
 Mt. Cony—A. W. Harris.
 St. Paul, Selma—L. Phillips and Sam Moore.

The roll of Churches, Sunday School Conventions, Associations, and Sunday Schools, being through, the President appointed the necessary committees.

The doors were then opened for annual and life members—
(See list of new life members.)

The Convention then adjourned, with prayer by Bro. J. Q. Wilhite.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at half past seven o'clock, Rev. M. Tyler presiding.

Rev. C. O. Booth, pastor of St. Phillip Street Church, delivered the address of welcome for the church and community, which was responded to by Rev. E. K. Love in behalf of the Convention.

Bro. J. P. Barton, of Talladega, read a passage from the Bible, sang a hymn, and led in prayer.

The choir further made the time enjoyable by rendering some soul-stirring music.

Bro. Barton then preached a sermon from Acts 2:22.

Adjourned.

SELMA, ALA., Nov. 15, 1883.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. M. Tyler presiding.

The usual devotional exercises were held, conducted by Rev. H. J. Europe, of Mobile.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, with necessary corrections.

Rev. T. W. Coffee, pastor of the A. M. E. Church, Selma, and Prof. R. D. Woods, were introduced to the Convention and invited to seats.

At this juncture the unfinished business of the previous day's session was taken up, which was the election of officers of the Convention for the ensuing year, and the appointment of messengers to other annual meetings.

The old officers of the Convention were re-elected by acclamation. Those appointed to meet with the different annual bodies are as follows:

To the Mississippi General Association—H. J. Europe and A. P. Richardson.

To Florida Convention—Rev. A. F. Owens.

To Georgia Convention—J. Q. Wilhite and H. Woods.

To Tennessee Convention—Rev. J. P. Barton.

To East Tennessee Association—E. C. Rivers.

To Middle Tennessee Association—W. R. Pettiford.

To West Tennessee Association—

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended thirty minutes, to give the Committee on State Missions time to finish their report, and to make or submit it to the Convention.

At this juncture, Brethren C. W. Childs and S. Jones were appointed to read the letters.

By request of St. Phillip's Street Church, the following committee was appointed to adjust some troubles between this (the St. Phillip's Street Church) and Bro. Harry Blevins: Revs. E. M. Brawley, C. O. Booth, W. H. McAlpine, J. W. White and H. J. Europe.

The following committee was appointed on New Bodies: Revs. D. R. Willis, Wm. Madison and E. S. Goldsby.

On Church Grievances: Revs. W. H. McAlpine, J. W. White, H. N. Bouey and G. J. Brooks.

On motion, the Convention decided to hold the afternoon session in the chapel of the Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School.

On motion, the Convention decided to adjourn business at 2 o'clock each day for dinner.

The Secretary of the State Mission Board then read his report, which was adopted by sections.

By common consent, the first portion of the report (Endorsements) was passed upon.

By common consent, the second feature of the report, bearing upon one Secretary for both the State Mission Board and the School, was passed upon.

By common consent, the third feature, bearing upon the moneys wanting to be raised for the different purposes named in the report, was passed upon.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, by common consent the regular order of business was suspended and time enough given to dispose of the report of the Board.

The fourth section was read, and, upon its passage, was extensively discussed. That feature in the section bearing upon the *strength* and *number* in regard to giving, was ably discussed, Brethren H. N. Bouey and H. J. Europe making the attack on the feature, and defended by Brethren A. F. Owens and E. K. Love. Just here Bro. E. M. Brawley, President of the Baptist Normal and Theological School, was introduced to the Convention, and made some remarks on the subject under discussion. This feature was then passed upon, with the amendment that the word "strength" be stricken out, so as to confine the basis of giving to the number only.

The fifth section was read, which, upon its passage, was extensively argued. Afterwards it was passed upon with the

amendment, that the word "Association" be stricken out and "church" put in its stead.

Sections six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen were all passed upon, with the amendment that the article bearing upon the creation of a Ladies' State Convention be deferred till night for discussion.

The sections were then adopted as a whole, as amended.

The Convention then decided to visit the School at 11 o'clock on Friday.

The Convention then adjourned to meet on the School grounds at half past 4 o'clock, to hold the afternoon session.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at half past 4 o'clock in the chapel of the Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School, Rev. M. Tyler presiding.

The report of the Board of Trustees was read by Rev. W. H. McAlpine.

Rev. D. L. Prentis moved that the report be adopted.

Pending its adoption, it was supported by Bro. McAlpine, who made an able address. He reviewed the foundation of the School to the present time, showing that the foundation and establishment of the School was one of the prime causes of the linking of the Baptists in the State of Alabama, as they are to-day. He acknowledged the fact that we had done well in founding and locating the School, but he said: "We have just begun; and this being a fact, we must at all times be aroused, and push this great work on. We look forward with much anxiety and pleasure when we shall attach an Industrial Department to the School. We would like to have some brother carry on the making of shoes here, some one the blacksmith business, and some one to see to the cultivation of these valuable lands, that we might raise vegetables here; that we might furnish some of the many things to the markets. And much of this work could be done by the students, which would help to defray their expenses while in school."

Remarks were made by Brethren J. P. Barton, C. O. Booth and E. M. Brawley. Bro. Brawley said: "We have an Industrial Department *now*, though it is in its embryo. The girls are now giving attention to all household duties; the young men are spending their time in the printing office, which we can say are nothing less than industries. Howard University has of late bought a printing press, and has forty young men there at work, and it

claims to have an Industrial Department. We have more of this nature than Howard University; hence we can call ours an Industrial Department."

Brethren H. N. Bouey, D. L. Prentis and P. Murrell also made some cheering remarks on the report.

The report was then adopted. (See report.)

On motion, the following resolution, offered by Bro. E. M. Brawley, was adopted:

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the action of the Board in creating an Industrial Department, in August, 1883, in our School, and hereby instruct them to take such further action as will add to the efficiency of this department.

Some remarks were made by Prof. Rishel upon the general outlook of the School.

On motion, the Trustees, whose terms expired this year, 1883, were re-elected.

On motion, the resignation tendered by Rev. D. Morris, one of the former Trustees, was accepted, and Bro. E. M. Brawley placed in his stead.

Adjourned with benediction by Bro. W. H. McAlpine, to hold the night session at the church.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. M. Tyler presiding.

The Convention went into appointment of the State Mission Board.

This being through, the choir sang, "Crown him Lord of all," when prayer was offered by Bro. E. K. Love.

Hymn 535 was sung, "Down to the sacred waves the Lord of life was led."

Rev. E. K. Love then preached the sermon on Baptism, from Romans 6th chapter and 4th verse: "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism," etc.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. A. Foster, of Montgomery.

After which a collection of \$14.07 was raised.

On motion, the subject of a "Woman's Prospective State Convention" was brought before the body.

The Convention then adjourned.

SELMA, ALA., Nov. 16, 1883.

According to appointment, the Convention met in the Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological building.

The usual devotional exercises were held, conducted by Rev.

E. M. Brawley, President of the School; after which addresses were made by members of the Convention.

Remarks were opened by the President of the Convention, Rev. M. Tyler, followed by Brethren J. A. Foster, W. R. Pettiford, and others.

Some very animating and soul-stirring music was rendered by the School for the Convention.

A collection of \$17.70 was raised for the School.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, with necessary corrections.

By common consent, the regular order of business was suspended to listen to reports, have the letters read, and receive the money sent in.

The paper on "How to interest the pastors in the educational work of the State," was called for and read by Rev. H. J. Europe.

Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. A. F. Owens made some remarks.

The report was then adopted. (See report.)

The paper on "The Baptist Home Mission Society and the Colored Baptists of Alabama," by Rev. H. Woodsmall, was read to the Convention by Prof. E. H. Rishel; he (Bro. Woodsmall) being absent on account of sickness in his family, asked Bro. Rishel to read it.

The paper was read, and, on motion to have it printed in the PIONEER, was ably discussed by the members.

Pending the discussion of the paper, the Convention adjourned with singing and prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 4 o'clock in the St. Phillip's Street Church.

The usual devotional exercises were held.

The President then announced that the body was ready for business.

The paper from Bro. Woodsmall was again brought before the body.

By common consent, each speaker was allowed five minutes to express himself.

The discussion was opened by Bro. Love, followed by Brethren Prentis, McAlpine, Europe, Bouey, Booth, Barton, Owens and Low.

The Convention then voted that the paper be printed in the PIONEER.

The paper by Bro. Rishel on "The Normal Work of the School," was read, and, upon motion to have it printed in the PIONEER, was discussed by Bro. Owens and others.

The Convention then voted to have the paper printed in the PIONEER, with the amendment, that the paper also be spread upon the minutes.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Church Grievances was adopted. (See report.)

On motion, the Convention voted that we suspend the rule to adjourn at 6 o'clock, and adjourn at will.

On motion, the report of the Committee on New Bodies was adopted. (See report.)

The report on Temperance was read by Bro. Love, and discussed by Brethren Love, Jones and others.

The report was then adopted, with the amendment from Bro. Jones, that we recommend to our membership and to all over whom we have any influence to also abstain from the use of tobacco in any form.

On motion, the following committee was appointed to act as witnesses before the Railroad Commissioners, and state that there are unjust discriminations made between our race and white passengers: Revs. W. H. McAlpine, A. F. Owens and J. Q. Wilhite.

Adjourned.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled, and the usual devotional exercises were held.

After transacting some of the regular business, the Convention, by common consent, laid aside all business for preaching.

Prayer was offered by Bro. McAlpine.

The choir furnished some excellent music.

Rev. E. M. Brawley preached a sermon on Education, from Psalm 144:14: "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth," etc. The sermon was grand, eloquent and instructive. It was received with that undivided attention by the members that certainly admits of mention. The practical part found its way into the hearts of the hearers, it seems, because, despite their drowsiness, they were at once aroused at the mention of our School, and what we had done, and what we can do, and must do still.

After the sermon, a collection of \$11.10 was raised. Subscriptions were taken to the amount of \$240.

The Committee on Time, Place and Preachers of Annual Sermons made their report.

Two places for the next meeting were brought before the Convention, Talladega and Mobile.

After some discussion, the Convention decided to go to Mobile.

The report was then adopted as a whole.
Adjourned.

SELMA, ALA., Nov. 16, 1883.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. M. Tyler presiding.

The usual devotional exercises were held, conducted by Bro. H. Woods, of Talladega.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, with necessary corrections.

The resolution offered by Rev. G. J. Brooks, of Selma, pertaining to the raising of funds for the School, was referred to the State Mission Board.

The following resolution, offered by Rev. J. P. Barton, of Talladega, was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, We see the great need of a more thorough investigation of the subjects that are generally brought before this Convention, and that they are of such a nature as to require time and wisdom for consideration; and, whereas, we know this to be the only way to interest and centralize the Baptists of Alabama in the objects of this Convention; therefore, be it

Resolved, That committees be appointed on the following subjects: Temperance, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, General Education, Ministerial Education, and on the Capacity and Opportunity for Women to Work; the last committee to report quarterly through the PIONEER, and the others to report at the annual meetings of the Convention.

A resolution was offered by Brethren Pettiford, McAlpine, Owens, Europe, and others.

Pending the discussion, Rev. Mixon, of the Methodist Church, was introduced to the Convention.

The discussion was then continued by Brethren Jones, Walker, Barton, Wilhite, Booth, Foster and Brawley.

The resolution was then adopted. (See resolution.)

The resolution offered by Bro. Wilhite, to send delegates to the contemplated National Convention of Ministers of all Denominations, was adopted. (See resolution.)

By vote, the following were appointed: Revs. J. Q. Wilhite, E. M. Brawley and W. H. McAlpine.

The question of the BAPTIST PIONEER was then brought before the body.

The discussion was opened by Bro. Owens, followed by Brethren Alston and McAlpine.

The Convention then gave the agents of the PIONEER time to receive subscriptions.

The resolution offered by Bro. Pettiford bearing upon the BAPTIST PIONEER, was adopted, with an amendment by Bro. J. P. Barton. (See resolutions.)

On motion, the resolution offered by Bro. H. N. Bouey pertaining to the Home Mission Society, was adopted. (See resolutions.)

On motion, the report of the Committee on Devotional Exercises was adopted.

On motion of Bro. W. H. McAlpine, the sermon delivered by Bro. Brawley on Education was ordered to be printed in the PIONEER; also to be spread upon the minutes.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by Bro. Bouey. Remarks were made by Brethren McAlpine, Bouey and Foster. The report was then adopted. (See report.)

The resolutions by Bro. E. K. Love were received and adopted. (See resolutions.)

The Convention then voted that the Executive Board, the Board of Trustees and the State Mission Board meet in this, the St. Phillip's Street Church, Monday at 9 o'clock.

The Convention then sang hymn, "Hark! the voice of Jesus calleth," and offered a special prayer for Africa. Bro. P. Underwood led in prayer.

The Convention then adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 4 o'clock according to appointment.

The usual devotional exercises were held.

The President then announced the body ready for business.

On motion, the report of the Committee on Finance was received and adopted.

On motion of Rev. J. W. White, the sexton was allowed three dollars for his services during the sitting of the Convention.

On motion, the Financial Secretary was ordered to turn over the funds to the Treasurer of the Convention.

On motion of Rev. J. Dozier, each minister was requested to take a collection for the Convention where they preached on Sabbath, and give receipt for the same.

On motion of Rev. W. H. McAlpine, the money received was to be turned over to the State Mission Board, with the instruction to pay off the indebtedness of the Convention.

On motion, fifteen hundred copies of the minutes were ordered printed, and that the cost of printing be referred to the State Mission Board.

After rejoicing over a well-spent session, and giving God the praise and thanks that success had crowned the efforts of the meeting, the Convention adjourned to meet with the Third Baptist Church, Mobile, on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in November, 1884, at 12 o'clock. M. TYLER, President.

N. R. NUCKERSON, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolutions by Brethren Pettiford and Barton:

WHEREAS, The PIONEER is the organ of our Denomination, the principles of which we love, and wish to hold up to the world; and, whereas, we believe that the circulation of this paper will tend to develop and organize the Denomination, and that it is the channel of communication for our ministers, brethren and sisters generally; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we ask every brother of the Convention to work continually in getting up clubs for the paper, and sending postal notices to it for publication.

Resolved, That each pastor in the State take the paper himself and read to his church the articles on Temperance, Education, and other religious subjects, which will be printed from time to time; also, that each Sunday School Superintendent read all the religious objects of the Baptist State Convention to his or her school, and take subscriptions for the same and forward them to the Convention.

Resolutions by E. K. Love:

WHEREAS, The Sunday School work can not be separated from the Mission work of the State Convention, because it is of the same nature, and the doing of the one can not be complete without the other; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Convention reaffirm its gratitude to the American Baptist Publication Society for the help it is giving us in our Mission work, in supporting Rev. H. N. Bouey, our regular Sunday School Missionary for Alabama, and five other brethren for four months, and the free distribution of Bibles, Testaments, etc.

2. That all the missionaries sent out under the auspices of this Convention be instructed to do Sunday School Mission work as they go, and that the Secre-

tary's written instructions to each missionary contain the plan of Sunday School work along with the plans of other work.

3. That it is our duty to purchase all our books, as well as Sunday School literature, from Rev. H. N. Bouey, of Selma, Ala., who is the missionary and colporteur for Alabama under the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

4. That we will continue to pray, that the blessings of God may be upon the Society and that its friends may increase.

WHEREAS, There is a movement on foot to hold a National Convention of Ministers of all Denominations, at such time and place as may be yet determined; and, whereas, it has been suggested that each State send three representatives of each denomination; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we appoint messengers to attend said Convention.

J. Q. A. WILHITE,
E. M. BRAWLEY,
W. H. McALPINE.

WHEREAS, It is a notorious fact that the different Railroad Companies whose lines run in and through our State, make unjust and illegal discriminations in the accommodation of the colored people on their trains, by selling us first class tickets and then thrusting us in second class coaches; and, whereas, our ladies traveling over these roads are not only uncouthly thrust into second class coaches, often by ruffian brakemen or uncivil conductors, but are exposed to odious tobacco smoke and the unrestrained use of profane and obscene language of unprincipled white men; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we emphatically condemn and deprecate such treatment.

2. That we appoint Revs. W. H. McAlpine, A. F. Owens and J. Q. A. Wilhite to appear before the Railroad Commissioners of Alabama as witnesses of the alleged unjust discriminations against our race. W. R. PETTIFORD.

WHEREAS, We see the great need of a more thorough investigation of the subjects pertaining to the objects of this body, and that they are of such nature as to require time and wisdom for their consideration; and, whereas, we know this to be the only way to interest and centralize the Baptists of Alabama in the objects of this Convention; therefore, be it

Resolved, That committees be appointed on the following subjects: Temperance, Foreign Missions, Home Missions, General Education, Ministerial Education, and on the Capacity and Opportunity for Women to Work; the last committee to report quarterly through the PIONEER, and the others to report at the next Convention.

J. P. BARTON.

WHEREAS, There is at present an indebtedness of about two thousand dollars hovering over our School; and, whereas, it is necessary that this indebtedness be settled before the close of the year; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That we ask all the churches and Sunday Schools over the State, and brethren and sisters who have taken stock or made other pledges and have not paid, to make special effort and send in by the second Sunday in December all that they possibly can on their pledges.

Resolved, 2. That we ask the churches over the State to allow their pastors to spend some time visiting and helping to raise this amount of indebtedness. The Birmingham, Selma, Montgomery, Talladega, Tuscaloosa, Lowndesboro, Uniontown, Marion, Mobile, Eufaula, Opelika, Greensboro, Greenville and Union Springs churches are especially requested to take the lead in this effort.

Resolved, 3. That the Board be authorized to arrange with any brethren who are able to render service as above stated.

Offered by W. H. McAlpine:

WHEREAS, There is great need of more unity of purpose and action among the Baptist ministers of Alabama; and, whereas, a convention of the ministry would be of great advantage in this direction; therefore, be it

Resolved, 1. That a Convention be held of all the licensed and ordained ministers in the State.

Resolved, 2. That the State Mission Board be, and are hereby authorized, to arrange the time and place of said meeting, and also a programme for said meeting.

REPORTS.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

DEAR BRETHREN: We recognize the fact that a positive duty devolves upon us as a State Convention, to do something for Africa, our fatherland. Therefore we hail with joy the appropriation of \$500 made by this Convention to the African Mission work.

1. We recommend that the pastors teach their people the need of giving more freely to African Missions.

2. That every church in this State observe one day of prayer for Africa and the missionaries who are laboring there.

3. That the fifth Sunday in December, 1883, be the day of prayer for Africa and the missionaries. On that Sunday there will be four missionaries in mid-ocean, under sail for Africa, sent by our Foreign Mission Convention of the United States.

4. That this Convention spend five minutes in prayer for the success of the Foreign Mission work.

5. That this report be published in the PIONEER.

Respectfully,

J. Q. A. WILHITE,	} Com.
J. A. FOSTER,	
H. N. BOUEY,	
T. GLENN,	

HOW TO INTEREST THE PASTORS IN THE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE STATE.

Your Committee would report, brethren, that the educational work is next to preaching the Gospel, of paramount importance, and is so closely connected with that of preaching the Gospel that to neglect the educational work would be, so far as the human side is concerned, to throw an obstacle in the path of the Gospel.

The work of education is important to us, for, because if we do not take hold and educate the rising generation, and the coming generations, for ourselves, as Baptists, they will be educated without us, and against us.

There should be accelerated movement on the part of every Baptist minister, and every Baptist in the State should be aroused to prompt action in this regard.

As to how to best interest the pastors in the educational work of the State, your Committee beg leave to suggest as follows:

1. Let there be a standing committee on Education, and a sub-committee appointed by them, to be of the Executive Board, or in such manner as the

Convention may determine, whose duty it shall be to bring and keep before the pastors the educational work during the entire year; the said committee to be empowered to hold educational institutes whenever and wherever desired by them, and to publish an article once a month in the PIONEER, setting forth the educational work in its different phases, and urging the pastors to give it their support.

And the committee further recommend that the PIONEER Job Office be and is hereby instructed to prepare tablets and letter paper, upon which shall be printed the following as a heading:

ALABAMA BAPTIST NORMAL AND THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL, SELMA, ALA.

ESTABLISHED, ———

PURPOSES—The education of Preachers and Teachers.

Terms begin October 1st each year.

It is your School; give it your support.

E. M. BRAWLEY, President.

And that memorandum books be prepared, and shall have the same Heading printed upon the outside of the covers, which shall be distributed among the pastors, licentiates, exhorters, deacons, superintendents, and teachers of Sabbath Schools, at such a low price as will induce the persons afore mentioned to use them. And the committee further recommend that every member of the Convention be requested to use this stationery in preference to all other in all of their correspondence.

J. P. BARTON, Chm'n.

E. K. LOVE,

A. GACHET,

P. UNDERWOOD,

L. BROWN,

H. J. EUROPE.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES.

1. Committee on Devotional Exercises—C. O. Booth, and the deacons of St. Phillip's Street Church.

2. Committee on Finance—R. R. Hudson, J. F. Washington and J. Crawford.

3. Committee on Co-operation with the White Board—A. F. Owens, E. C. Rivers, J. Dozier, D. L. Prentis and P. Murrell.

4. Committee on Foreign Missions—J. Q. A. Wilhite, Jas. A. Foster, W. H. McAlpine, H. N. Bouey and S. Jones.

5. Committee on how to Interest the Pastors and Churches in Missionary and Educational Work—J. P. Barton, E. K. Love, A. Gachet, P. Underwood, L. Brown and H. J. Europe.

6. Committee on the Moral and Religious Status of our People—H. N. Bouey, W. H. McAlpine, J. W. White, G. J. Brooks and E. M. Brawley.

REPORT ON NEW BODIES.

BRO. MODERATOR: Your Committee on New Bodies, after a careful examination, would recommend the following for membership: Autauga Association, Beach Island Baptist Church and Sunday School, Central Good Hope Sunday School, Good Samaritan Association, P. O. Greenville, H. Sullivan; Ebenezer Church, Forkland, Greene County; all being orthodox.

D. R. WILLIS, Chm'n.

C. S. GOLDSBY,

WM. MADISON.

REPORT ON CHURCH GRIEVANCES.

Your Committee on Church Grievances beg leave to make the following report: There are two cases of grievances, namely: the Dayton Church has taken into her membership an excluded member from the Uniontown Church, who was excluded for using money put into his hands for school purposes; and the said Dayton Church has not only received this one into her membership, but has also licensed him; and the pastor of Dayton Church, together with other ministers, have come up to Uniontown and organized a little church of eight members, and this excluded party, who was received and licensed by the Dayton Church, is now placed over this little church of eight members as pastor. In the judgment of the Committee, the Dayton Church has acted wrong, and the pastor of that church confesses to the Committee that it was wrong, but that he could not help it; that the church would not hear him about the matter. We also believe that the new church was organized out of those who were in sympathy with the disorder in Dayton Church. We think that the organization is entirely unnecessary and uncalled for, and would recommend that Dayton Church drop that disorderly party, and that the new organization be requested to consider the propriety of uniting with the regularly organized churches, and cease to try to carry on another church in Uniontown, since that place is, not sufficient for two Baptist churches.

G. J. BROOKS,
J. W. WHITE,
H. N. BOUEY,
W. H. MCALPINE.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to submit the following report: Intemperance is an inexorable foe to the cause of Christ, and has done incalculable harm to the cause of our Savior. We can not feel sanguine of ultimate success in this work of our denomination as long as this flagitious enemy and hydra-headed monster spreads across our road, and impedes the progress of Zion, and defies our onward march to those higher climes of refinement, manhood and greatness. Intemperance embodies all of those evils which lower and hinder the march of the army of the Lord. Intemperance has, perhaps, done more harm than any other known evil. It is the prolific mother of shame, vice, ignorance, crimes and other things which are too numerous to mention. Its influence has been felt in all lands and in all ranks. The poor love drink, and the rich do not despise it; the ignorant use it, and the wise have not passed it by; the world uses it as a beverage, and the church uses it equally among them for the stomach's sake. It reddens the eyes, impairs the health, dethrones reason and enthalls the church of God. Until we shall have extirpated this dangerous and unmitigated, polygonal demon, the united efforts of the army of the Lord are required. We shall not have finished our work so long as whiskey troubles our churches. We shall not have done with fighting with whiskey until our churches and people are strictly temperate. The Church of Christ is the divinely appointed agency through which the Lord is pleased to work, and hence the Church is to fight against all of those things which are at variance with the Bible and the cause of Christ.

Your Committee learn with profoundest gratitude and pleasure that very rapid progress is being made in our midst by the temperance cause. Be it said to the praise of our brethren, that many of them are teetotalists. Your Committee sees a bright and glorious day for our people and for the blessed cause which we love and foster. Where temperance has done its perfect work, the people are more healthy, and more civilized, and more prosperous. Peace and tranquility are the pleasing concomitants of Temperance. We feel that our cause needs to be protected and defended by temperance workers.

Respectfully submitted,

E. K. LOVE, Chm'n.
C. W. CHILDES,
J. MCKESSON.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEXT ANNUAL MEETING.

We find that Talladega, Ala., and Mobile, Ala., petition the Convention to hold its Seventeenth Annual Session with them, on Wednesday before the third Lord's day in November, 1884.

We recommend—

1. That Rev. H. N. Bouey preach the Introductory Sermon.
2. That Rev. E. M. Brawley preach the Educational Sermon.
3. That Rev. Henry J. Europe preach the Missionary Sermon.
4. That the Doctrinal Sermon be preached by Rev. W. H. McAlpine.

Respectfully,

J. FOSTER,
J. Q. A. WILHITE,
T. GLENN,
W. N. WALKER,
E. C. RIVERS.

REPORT ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

St. Phillip's Street Baptist Church—Sunday School lecture by P. J. Parish. 2:45 P. M., preaching by A. F. Owens; 7 P. M., by E. K. Love.

A. M. E. Church—3 P. M., preaching by J. P. Barton; 7 P. M., by J. Q. A. Wilhite. To deliver lecture to Sunday School of the A. M. E. Church, A. F. Owens.

Green Street Church—3 P. M., preaching by S. Jones; 7 P. M., by Wm. Walker.

East Selma Baptist Church—3 P. M., preaching by Chas. Long; 7 P. M., by P. Underwood.

Shiloh Baptist Church—3 P. M., preaching by F. McDonald.

Zion Church—7 P. M., preaching by D. L. Prentis.

Star of the East Methodist Church—Sunday School lecture by R. R. Hudson. 3 P. M., preaching by L. J. Greene; 7 P. M., by J. W. White.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your Committee ask to submit the following report:

Received of delegates for the Convention.....	\$214 90
For Home Missions.....	1 00
" N. and T. School.....	17 70
Nov. 14. Night collection.....	13 00
" 15. " ".....	14 07
" 16. " ".....	11 00
Total.....	\$271 67

R. R. HUDSON, Chm'n.
J. CRAWFORD,
J. F. WASHINGTON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN: The following is a condensed statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ending Nov. 14th, 1883:

Cash received.....	\$2704 50
Paid out:	
For distribution of Minutes.....	\$ 5 00
" rent of Ladies' Hall.....	160 00
" H. Woodsmall, on account.....	210 00
" salary of Teachers, on account.....	782 00
" School expenses.....	1034 20
" furniture of Hall.....	139 05
" taxes.....	41 00
Balance.....	\$2371 25
	\$ 333 25

Respectfully submitted,

C. W. WHITE, Treas.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY
of the Board of Trustees, and made a part of the report of the Board
of Trustees of the Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological
School, Selma, Ala., to the joint-meeting of the
State Convention and stockholders.

We have raised since the last Convention, Nov. 18, 1882, the sum of \$2,511.09, which amount was received from the following sources:

I. FROM STOCK PLEDGES.

1. Associations.....	\$ 693 34
2. Sunday School Conventions.....	34 00
3. Churches.....	151 85
4. Sunday Schools.....	55 00
5. Individuals.....	107 25—\$1041 44

II. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

1. Associations.....	\$ 80 25
2. Sunday School Conventions.....	5 00
3. Churches.....	348 05
4. Sunday Schools.....	17 55
5. Individuals.....	516 60—\$ 967 45

III. TUITION AND ROOM RENT.

1. Tuition from students in School.....	\$ 432 10
2. " " " " " Music.....	61 50.
3. Room Rent.....	8 60—\$ 502 20

There have been some changes in the Faculty of the School, which have caused other changes. Our former President, W. H. McAlpine, has resigned; also Rev. H. Woodsmall, who was Theological Instructor; and Miss Augustus Hammonds, who was Instructor in Reading and Elocution. The Board was able, however, to secure the services of Rev. E. M. Brawley, of South Carolina, who, we are glad to say, is able to fill the place of Bro. Woodsmall as Theological Instructor, and at the same time perform the duties of President; so that Bro. Brawley is now President and Theological Instructor. Miss Hammonds' place has been supplied by Miss Wood, of Ohio.

Prof. Alston, Prof. Rishel and Miss Seeley have also been secured as Instructors in the Normal Department, and Mrs. Alston as Instructor in Music.

THE THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

We found that there was some doubt of the Home Mission Society's being able to help that department, and the Board assumed to carry on that department themselves, and only asked aid from the Home Mission Society in the Normal Department of the School. We have been able to arrange with Bro. Brawley, the President, also to take charge of the Theological Department.

A request was made to the Board of the white Baptist Convention that they would allow a part of the \$1,000 they proposed to raise for the work among our people to go to the support of our Theological Instructor, and they have requested that our State Mission Board signify their wish in this matter, and our Board has recommended that \$500 be paid to the Theological Instructor in our School; so that there is a prospect of getting \$500 to aid in the support of the Theological Instructor.

The Board has arranged to commence a Primary Department. This department seemed to be necessary from the fact that there are a large number of Baptists in and about Selma who desire to send their children to a regular Baptist school, and from the fact that a great many Baptists in other points of the State would rather send their boys and girls who are ten or twelve years old to our school than to send them to the poor schools in the country, where they are so much exposed in winter in open houses, and where they have such poor school-room advantages. It is proposed, however, to make this department

self-sustaining, or else not run it. The present tuition charged pupils in that department is very small, and, in order to make it self-sustaining, we shall have to have a large number of pupils. The Board has been able to secure the services of Mrs. Susie I. Gooden to take charge of this department, and obligate ourselves to work up a good school for her.

In view of the fact that Bro. Woodsmall resigned his position as a member of the Faculty, the Board have had to assume the burden of refunding to him the money invested in the house he put up on our grounds. This was rather unexpected, and has, to some extent, caused the Board to turn aside from its purpose of putting up a regular Ladies' Boarding Hall. We are glad to state, however, that we find, that by addition of a dining hall and other rooms, this building can be made to answer the purposes of a Ladies' Hall to more advantage than we thought at first. We are now using this building as a Ladies' Hall, and are making the additions; and as soon as we shall have completed the present additions already planned, we will have very pleasant and comfortable quarters for our girls. With the Ladies' and Young Men's Halls both on the school grounds, we will be able to make the boarding advantages more and more what they should be,—one of the factors in the training of our young men and women.

We have also purchased a fine, large lot of fruit trees, with quite a variety of late and early fruit. The Board believe that fruit growing can be made a very profitable business of the Institution, besides opening up a branch of industry for our students and developing the Industrial Department. And just here the Board would express the desire and the hope that we may be able to establish a carpenter, shoe, and blacksmith shop on the grounds, and open up a large vegetable garden, a milk dairy, and a poultry yard, in connection with the Institution, so as to train students in the industrial arts as well as in books. The young women already have a sewing society, called the "Busy Bees." The Board requires the students, male and female, to work one hour each day. This is a great benefit to the health of the students, besides greatly lessening the cost of running things, and enabling us to put board cheaper than we otherwise could. If we had the Industrial Department of our school now in operation, we could get some of the State Fund to help the School. This must not be overlooked by the Convention.

THE PRESENT OUTLOOK OF THE SCHOOL.

It is gratifying indeed to your Board to say to the Convention and stockholders that the outlook of the School is better than ever before since its commencement. The School opened with 40 pupils, and since Oct. 1st it has increased to 112. There are now 26 in the Young Men's Hall and 23 in the Ladies' Hall, besides those who come from the city and country around. The teachers and pupils all seem to be much pleased with the new President, and all things in the running of the School seem to be smooth, harmonious and satisfactory.

THE PIONEER.

The Board have been able to make a sale of the entire PIONEER office to Bro. Pettiford, who has associated with him, as the "PIONEER Printing Company," Brethren Bouey, Alston, Brawley and McAlpine. The PIONEER office is to remain on the School grounds, so that students may get the benefit of it; and the PIONEER Printing Company are to run a weekly paper in the interest of the denomination in the State, and the paper is to be used as the organ of the School and of the Denomination in the State.

THE WANTS OF THE SCHOOL.

1. Our School building, especially the Theological and PIONEER rooms, needs to be painted very much, and also the benches and desks. We have not the money to spare from other pressing needs to use on the painting.

2. There are some repairs needed on the building, and better ventilation is needed in one or two of the recitation rooms.

3. We shall need furniture for the rooms of the new addition we are putting up to the Ladies' Hall, and those rooms should be painted inside and whitewashed on the outside.

4. The Young Men's Hall is not as comfortable as it should be for winter; and it would be a good thing if the churches over the State would furnish us with the means to put up a good, comfortable building for the young men.

5. We shall need a fence around the new orchard we are starting, for without some special arrangement for their protection the trees will be injured.*

DONATIONS BY CHURCHES.

James' Baptist Ch., Ramsey Sta.	\$ 2 40	Old Elim Baptist, Montgomery..	\$10 30
Mt. Pleasant, Sherman.....	25	Pike Roads " Pike Roads..	1 30
Little Zion, Sherman.....	2 65	Thankful " Eufaula.....	1 50
Sumterville Ch., Sumpterville..	40	Sardis " Clayton.....	6 15
Jones' Creek.....	2 65	Eufaula " Eufaula.....	8 80
Livingston Ch., Livingston....	1 55	Union Spr. " Union Spr'gs.	6 00
Gainesville Ch., Gainesville...	5 00	White Hall " White Hall..	12 10
Mt. Zion, Greene Co.....	1 30	Benton " Benton.....	1 10
Second Baptist, Marion.....	8 65	Ebenezer "	50
Mt. Canaan.....	5 10	Lowndesboro Ch., Lowndesboro	26 50
Tuskegee Ch., Tuskegee.....	2 10	Hayneville Ch., Hayneville...	50
Opelika Ch., Opelika.....	3 20	Ramah, Calhoun.....	3 10
Auburn.....	1 15	Macedonia, Fort Deposit.....	1 00
Gainesville Ch., Gainesville...	5 00	Little Baptist, Letohatchie....	2 50
Second Baptist, Marion.....	28 15	St. Phillip Street, Selma.....	5 10
Uniontown Ch., Uniontown...	10 00	Little Grove, Hamburg.....	6 55
Pleasant Grove, Montgomery..	1 30	Purnell Chapel, "	3 05
First Baptist, Montgomery....	20 55	Trinity, Brown's Sta....	1 50
Union Academy, Montgomery.	8 35	Lowndesboro Ch., Lowndesboro	2 00
Mt. Olive.....	1 70	White Hall Ch., White Hall..	2 00
Jerusalem, Montgomery.....	2 65	Elbethel, Selma.....	2 05
New Hope, Montgomery.....	16 25	" "	1 50
Second Baptist, Montgomery...	80	Everdale, "	3 20
Marker St. Baptist, M'tngom'ry	3 20	Second Baptist, Marion.....	14 30
Oxford Ch., Oxford.....	5 00	Hamburg Ch., Hamburg.....	1 15
Greenville Ch., Greenville	5 10	Eagle Grove.....	4 00
Bethel, Montgomery.....	1 50	Aimwell, Martin's Station....	30
First Baptist, Montgomery....	50	New Hebron, Martin's Sta....	1 60
Antioch Baptist, Mt. Meigs....	12 25	Azion, Martin's Sta.....	40
St. James' " "	7 65	Morning Star, Demopolis.....	8 35
Greenville " Greenville....	17 75	Palestine, Demopolis.....	1 40
Bethlehem " "	4 05	John Baptist, VanDorn.....	3 05
Mt. Zion " "	1 95	Mt. Hermon, York Sta.....	1 55
Pine Top " "	1 60		

DONATIONS BY INDIVIDUALS.

A. Koyton.....	\$ 50	C. Wood, Montgomery.....	4 00
Columbus Shothers.....	50	P. Byrd, "	50
R. Brown \$1.00, and wife 50c..	1 50	M. Coleman, "	3 00
J. C. Curry.....	50	H. A. Loveless, "	11 00
Edw'd Hershell, Vernon, Conn.	5 00	Eli Reid, "	1 00
Rev. A. W. Williams, Mont'y.	2 00	A. D. Roberson, "	1 50
Mrs. C. Ware, Montgomery ..	1 00	J. C. Duke, "	10 00
Rev. P. Aldrick, Benton.....	25	Stephen May, White Hall.....	1 00
S. M. Dawson "	50	Mr. Hudman, Opelika.....	5 00

A. J. Edwards, "	1 00	Anderson Pitts, Uniontown....	5 00
P. H. Hill, "	50	Margaret Johnson, Orrville....	50
Miss G. A. Harrison, "	25	H. C. Storry, Shelby Iron W'ks	1 00
" H. Stringer, "	1 00	Mrs. H. M. Hotower, Marion.	2 50
J. B. Howard, Lowndesboro... 15 00		T. A. Hall, Selma.....	5 00
A. Tyler, Lowndesboro.....	2 00	A. Campbell.....	7 50
H. Thompson, Montgomery (on old account).....	1 00	J. L. Schweizer, Selma.....	5 00
Miss S. A. Wood, Lowndesboro	1 00	M. L. Fowlkes, Marion	50
C. M. Wells, Selma.....	1 00	W. W. Freeman, "	2 75
Andrew Goldin, Uniontown...	8 00	A. T. Curtis, Marion.....	3 00
Leonard Dozier, "	8 00	E. W. Hines, Epes' Station...	5 00
Admore Hendinson, "	10 00	Z. H. Wilson, Panther.....	2 00
Miss L. Berry, "	3 00	Alex Dandle, Sherman.....	25
Lizzie Lock, "	1 00	Wm. F. Davis, Marion.....	2 00
Mrs. Jane Dozier, "	1 00	W. T. Summerville, Gainesville	1 50
Miss E. Terrell, "	6 30	Miss S. A. Bliss, Gainesville..	1 00
W. H. Crenshaw, Calhoun....	2 00	"Maria," Gainesville.....	50
E. S. Goldsmith, "	1 00	Rev. Wm. Mevrett, Gainesville	50
Louis Mueller, Selma.....	5 00	O. Fluker, Syllacauga.....	1 00
C. W. White, Selma	5 00	Wm. French, Talladega.....	1 00
P. R. Houston, Fort Deposit..	1 00	Rev. J. A. Foster, Montgomery	6 00
Jno. A. Tyson, "	5 00	H. Madison, Oxford.....	1 00
S. Tyson, "	50	Unknown Lady in the North, through Dr. Wayland.....	50 00
J. Norwood, "	1 00	Sim James, Eufaula.....	2 00
W. N. Clement, "	2 00	Jerre Davis.....	1 00
C. A. Gunn, "	50	A. W. Hines.....	10 00
W. P. Rice, "	50	P. M. Keipp, Selma	1 50
M. Forrest, "	25	L. Lamar, "	5 00
Rev. H. Adams, "	1 00	O. B. Heidt, "	5 00
Isaac Cant.....	1 00	Galt & Co., "	2 50
Julia Fobin.....	50	W. M. Martin, "	10 00
Augusta Washington.....	50	Thos. Kirksey, "	3 00
I. Edwards.....	3 00	E. W. Stone, "	1 00
Lucinda Gilbert, Uniontown..	2 00	S. L. Stone, "	1 00
Ephraim Freeman, "	5 00	P. Blunt, Greensboro.....	1 00
S. Johnson, "	5 00	Mrs. R. Woodruff, Greensboro	1 00
T. W. Hudson, "	5 00	T. A. Motley, Greensboro....	2 00
Mrs. R. Turner, "	2 00	Rev. G. H. Jeter, Selma.....	5 00
H. Clay Armstrong, Montg'y..	10 00	H. Boylan.....	5 00
R. C. Keeble, Selma.....	25 00	W. R. Pettiford, Agent.....	154 90
Moses Cabble, "	50	D. R. Willis, "	1 00
E. W. Stones, "	2 00	A. W. Ragland, "	4 70
Miss S. Thomas, Montgomery..	2 75	L. Jones, "	55
S. Phillips, Montgomery.....	3 00	H. C. Storrs, "	1 50
A. S. Loveless, "	1 25	I. Caffey, "	60

STOCK PAID BY ASSOCIATIONS.

Muscle Shoals Association' ...\$	5 00	Shady Grove Association....\$	5 00
Rushing Springs' "	20 00	Morning Star "	6 15
Auburn "	99 00	East Alabama "	26 00
Bowen "	32 20	New Cahaba "	20 00
Snow Creek "	10 00	Uniontown "	150 00
Bethlehem "	50 00	Star of Hope "	10 00
Eufaula "	100 00	Mt. Pleasant "	10 00
Dallas County "	30 00	Mt. Pilgrim "	20 00
Alabama District "	100 00		

STOCK PAID BY CHURCHES.

Mt. Cammon Ch., Talladega..	\$10 00	Woodlawn.....	\$ 1 15
Baldon Spring " Baldon Spr'g	10 30	Hopewell, Marion.....	15 00
St. Philip Street	13 35	Bethel, Collirene.....	20 00
Little St. Wisdom.....	2 50	Mt. Zion, Selma.....	2 70
Bethel, Collirene	3 00	Livingston Ch., Livingston....	1 55
Mt. Moriah.....	20 00	Clayton Ch., Clayton.....	10 00
St. Philip Street, Selma.....	5 10	Greensboro Ch., Greensboro...	10 00
Centre, Felix.....	7 70	Wetumpka Ch., Wetumpka...	10 00
Good Hope.....	10 00		

STOCK PAID BY INDIVIDUALS.

John Moore, Marion.....	\$10 00	Rev. C. Long, Bladon Springs..	\$ 5 00
J. W. White.....	7 00	D. Griffin.....	7 00
J. Dozier, Uniontown.....	25 00	B. J. Day, Glennville.....	10 00
H. C. Clarke, Opelika....	1 50	J. W. Dozier.....	5 00
Mrs. Emma Ware and mother.	4 00	W. B. Paterson, Marion.....	10 00
M. McGhruder, Birmingham..	20 00	Philus King, Selma.....	2 25
L. Crosby	1 00		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STOCK.

Mt. Canaan S. S.....	\$ 5 00	Second Baptist S. S., Marion..	\$10 00
St. Philip St. S. S., Selma....	5 00	Palestine S. S.....	5 00
" " " "	5 00	St. Philip Street S. S., Selma.	20 00
Good Hope S. S.....	5 00		

SUNDAY SCHOOL DONATIONS.

Summerfield S.S., Summerfield..	\$ 2 55	Lowndesboro S.S., Lownd'sboro	10 00
Gadsden S. S.....	5 00		

STOCK OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

Ala. Dist. S. S. Convention....	\$25 00	East Ala. S. S. Convention....	\$ 9 00
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DONATIONS.

South-east Association.....	\$ 1 50	Alabama District Association..	\$10 00
Union S. S. Convention.....	5 00	Dallas County Association....	3 90
Troy Association.....	1 00	Uniontown "	13 80
Ex. Board Ala. Dist. Associat'n	50 00		



REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Warren St. Bapt. Ch., Mobile.	3 00	Tuscaloosa Ch., Dry Creek...	1 00
Ebenezer	3 00	Mt. Canaan Ch., Talladega...	2 10
Good Hope Ch., Dallas Co...	2 50	Uniontown Association.....	10 00
Centre Ch., Felix, Perry Co..	2 00	Epsabah Ch., Montevallo....	3 00
Friendship Ch., Gadsden.....	1 00	Pleasant Grove, Montgomery.	2 00
Perryville Ch.....	2 30	Purnell's Chapel, Marion Junc.	1 00
Perryville Ch. and S. S.....	1 05	Bethel, Lowndes Co.....	1 50
Friendship Ch., Gadsden....	2 00	Pike Roads, Montgomery....	2 00
Uniontown Ch. and S. S.....	5 00	Laburn Ass'n, Monroe Co.../.	3 00
Mt. Zion Ch., Wilcox Co....	3 00	E. A. Ass'n, Abbeville, Henry Co	3 00
Antioch Ch., Montgomery...	3 00	Rehoboth Ch., Elmore Co...	3 00
St. James' Ch., ".....	2 00	D. C. S. S., Shields' Mill....	3 00
Ramah Ch., for Home Miss'ns	1 00	Second Baptist Ch., Marion..	3 00
Ramah Baptist Ch.....	1 00	Evergreen Ass'n, Conecuh Co	1 00
Snow Creek Association....	5 00	Pleasant Grove, Tuscaloosa ..	50
Rushing Springs' ".....	5 00	Antioch New Bethlehem Asso-	
Pine Top Ch., Sumpter Co...	3 00	ciation, Tuscaloosa Co...	8 00
Palestine Ch., ".....	3 00	Tuscaloosa Baptist Ch.....	1 00
Green Oak Ch., Green Co...	2 00	Benville Ch., Tuscaloosa Co..	50
Silone Ch., Wilcox Co.....	2 00	Central Good Hope, Massillon,	
Augusta Ch., Montgomery Co	1 00	Dallas Co.....	2 00
Friendship Ch., Batesville....	1 00	New Cahaba Ass'n, Marion..	6 00
Spring Hill Ch., Green Co...	2 00	Marion Baptist Church.....	2 50
Spring Hill S. S.....	50	Beulah Ch., Montgomery Co.	1 50
Pero Association, Bullock Co.	3 00	First Colored Ch., Birmingham	5 00
Wills' Creek Association.....	2 00	Tallassee Ch., Elmore Co....	2 00
Star of Hope Ass'n, for Miss'ns	3 00	Wetumpka Ch.....	1 50
" " " " " Minutes	3 00	Cross Keys Ch., Macon Co...	1 50
St. John's Ch., M'tgomery Co.	1 50	Beach Island Ch., Selma.....	1 00
Good Hope Ch., Elmore Co..	1 00	Beach Island S. S.....	50
St. Paul's Ch., Dallas Co....	1 50	Autauga Ass'n, Autauga Co..	3 00
Springfield Ch., Elmore Co..	1 50	Good Samaritan Association,	
Eufaula Dist. S. S. Convent'n	1 00	Greenville.....	3 00
Good Ship Ch., Elmore Co...	2 00	Salem Ch., Greensboro.....	7 00
Auburn Association, Lee Co..	5 00	Mt. Pleasant Ass'n, Demopolis	6 00
Friendship, Perry County, per		Marion S. S., Marion.....	2 00
W. Wyatte (no letter)...	1 00	Dallas County Association...	5 00
Union Ch., Gr'nville, Butler Co	2 00	E. A. S. S., Talladega.....	1 00
Union Association, " "	2 00	Eufaula Assoc'n, Eufaula....	3 00
Mt. Coney Ch., Bullock Co..	1 00	Ebenezer Ch., Forkland....	2 50
Mt. Zion Ch., Selma, Dallas Co	1 50	Union Springs Ch.....	2 00
Rocky Mount Ch., Barbour Co	2 00	Alabama Dist. Association...	5 00
Jones' Creek Ch., Livingston.	1 00	Special collection for Theolog-	
Miller's Hill, Sumter Co.....	1 00	ical School.....	17 00
Green-St. Ch., Selma.....	2 00	Contributions from Churches	
Sumterville Ch., Sumter Co..	1 00	through Sec. Nickerson..	43 22
New Hope Ch., Epes' Sta....	1 00		
New Hope S. S., " ".....	50		
Eagle Grove Ch., Perry Co...	3 00	Total.....	\$271 67

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OFFICE OF
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
OF THE
STATE MISSION BOARD,
Alabama Colored Baptist State Convention.

Selma, Ala., February 1, 1884.

Honor the Lord with thy substance, and with the first fruits of all thine increase; so shall thy barns be filled with plenty. Proverbs 3:9.

DEAR BRETHREN:—

The State Mission Board, composed of one member from each Association in Alabama, decided last November, to undertake a State Mission and Educational Work, and to request each Association and Church to do its part of the work.

Our Mission Work is denominational, and we can ask no one but Baptists to render aid in its furtherance. Paul required the Corinthians and Galatians to lay by mission money as follows: "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."—I Corinthians, 16:1-2.

Here we see clearly, that Paul required this missionary money to be collected before he came, and the **pastor** of the **Church** should never wait for the presence of the Missionary to collect missionary money, and to teach his people to do something to help send the Gospel to the poor.

Every Church should maintain its worship by supporting its pastor and paying current expenses; after which, it should seek to do a general work for Christ in co-operation with the Denomination. Not only the Baptists, but every other denomination also, carries on a general Missionary and Educational Work for the Lord. Should we, as Baptists in Alabama, do less? **Can** we afford to do less? More pointed still: Can a single Baptist afford to do nothing to benefit the souls of men beyond his own neighbor-

hood? We think every one who loves the Lord should covenant this year to give something, and then he can pray—"Lord, thy kingdom come." No one can please the Lord without giving him his part of what he has; for in the plan of work that shall spread the kingdom of our Lord among all men, giving is first; viz: Giving, Praying and Preaching. See Psalm 72:15. Give the Lord His part, so that He may bless your part, to your good.

Our general work looks forward first, to advancing the cause of Christ, and next, to lifting up our race, by educating preachers and teachers who can teach and improve the people and advise them generally for their good.

Besides supporting the Missionary in your own associational district, you must help to support Missionaries in poor places where the people are not able to do so; and you must give too, for the Alabama Baptist Normal and Theological School, at Selma, where preachers and teachers, for our race, from all over the State, are being trained for higher and better work. No one denies, that the more a preacher or teacher knows, the more and better he can teach. We need education; but first, we need more and better teachers to do the work.

THE PLAN OF GIVING.

We ask that every member of the Church shall give us, for this work during the year, the small sum of **ten cents**. This is little indeed, and yet it will carry on our work handsomely. We can hardly think that any grown person will grumble to give a **dime** a year to the Lord's work. Though, we know that the collection of this Missionary **dime** depends wholly upon the teaching of the pastor. Except through him, we have no hope of success. Only his teaching can put into his church Missionary zeal and life for our general work. We say again, **teach and create** a will and spirit in your Church to support Missions, and it will support you better from the same will and spirit. **Dear pastor, try it**, by having the Mission money collected from every member in your Church by public collections or by the Missionary and Educational Society in your Church and Sunday School.

Let every one do his duty and we **shall** have success. Yes, and

the Lord will bless those who do their duty to his cause. I would recommend that the pastor divide his Church up into committees of twenties, and appoint a Chairman to collect the Mission money, or organize a Missionary and Educational Society in his Church and Sunday School, and collect the mission money through that.

COLLECTIONS MUST BE TAKEN AND SENT IN MONTHLY.

You must send in whatever you collect monthly. The decision of the Convention and State Mission Board is, that every church must send in some money every month; for unless this is done, we can not carry on the School and Mission work. You must not fail to do this, and thereby cause the work to suffer. You can easily see that if you wait until the end of the year to send in what is due from your Church, the work will suffer. The State Mission Board has said how the money shall be divided between the State Mission and Educational work; though any money sent for a special object will be so used.

A statement will be published every month in the BAPTIST PIONEER, showing who gave, and how much, and for what object.

Now, brethren, in conclusion, we, as the State Mission Board, shall occupy fields this year where the people are too poor and wicked to do much for the Gospel, and also Hard-shell or Anti-mission districts, where they will not see after the poor among themselves. Unless you help us, we shall come out in debt when the year shall end, at the State Convention.

It is desired that all Baptist Churches and Sunday Schools should obtain their literature from the American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

May Gbd incline your hearts to stand up for his cause, and to show your faith by your works.

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THOUGHTS FOR CHRISTIANS.

"Vow and pay unto the Lord your God: let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared."—Psaln. 76:11.

Every man should acknowledge the Lord's interest in all that he has, and then vow strongly to pay it, even at a sacrifice.

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."—Malachi 3:8,9.

Any one can see in the above from Malachi that the man who robs God by withholding what is due him, brings down upon himself woes and curses; for not giving is a sin. And the man who pays his tithes and offerings to God, opens the windows of heaven to himself and receives blessings that he has no room for.

"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the Churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come."—1 Cor. 16:1,2.

We see here that Paul excused no one from giving on the Sabbath to his Mission work at Jerusalem; also, we learn from the above that we should lay by the Mission money before the Missionary comes, or the call is made. We know that we must give to the Lord before the call is made, and why wait? Lay it by before the time comes, pray over it, and then give it with a cheerful heart.

"God loveth the cheerful giver."—2 Cor. 9:7.

Now let us all vow unto the Lord his tithes and offerings in all that we have, laying it by in store, and when the Mission call is made give it cheerfully to him who blesses us daily, yes, hourly. We need his smiles on our business, that he may open to us the windows of heaven and fill our barns with plenty and our souls with peace and joy.