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—OF THE—

TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

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ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

HELD WITH THE

Columbus Street Baptist Church,

MONTGOMERY, ALA., July 20-24, 1887.

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MONTGOMERY, ALA., July, 20th, 1887.

The Messengers composing the Twentieth Annual Session of the Colored Baptist State Convention, met with the Columbus Street Baptist Church, on Wednesday July 20th, 1887.

The President, Rev. M. Tyler, called the meeting to order, and said: "About twenty years ago we met here to organize this Convention. I see but few of those old pioneers among us now, of those who were present at that time; but, thank God, there are young men here whom God has called to carry the good work on. There is much expected of us; therefore, let the members of this Convention so conduct themselves that they may be well spoken of when we leave this city."

Rev. A. F. Owen, of Mobile, read Romans Twelfth Chapter, and used hymn No. 627—Children of the Heavenly King. Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. M. Mason, of Tuscaloosa. Bro. Owen then made a few remarks on the chapter read.

The Convention then sang very feelingly, "Yield not to Temptation," after which, Rev. E. J. Fisher, of Anniston, addressed the throne of grace.

The Order of Exercises prepared by the State Mission Board, was read, received and adopted with a few amendments.

As Rev. G. W. Berry, who was to preach on Wednesday night, was absent on account of sickness, Rev. E. J. Fisher was appointed to preach in his stead.

According to previous appointment, Rev. W. H. McAlpine, of Marion, then took the stand to preach introductory sermon. Rev. H. J. Europe read a portion of 2 and 3 chapters of Acts, sang a hymn, and then led in prayer. The

Convention then united in singing, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Bro. McAlpine then preached the introductory sermon from Acts 3; 6, 7 and 8. Theme: The lifting up of fallen humanity. His sermon was forcibly delivered and attentively listened by those present. There was not a stone left unturned in regards to ministers lifting up falling humanity. He spoke of the exalted position of Queen Victoria, her theme; and the very high position of the Chief Executive of the United States, who we regard so honorably, but, said he, there is no position so exalted as that of the Ministers of the Gospel. The sermon was gladly received by all. Prayer was then offered by Rev. W. R. Pettiford of Birmingham.

On motion, the Order of Exercises was suspended thirty minutes to discuss the duty of Ministers in helping to care for the condition of the people both physically and morally. The discussion was opened by Rev. W. R. Pettiford.

Bro. Pettiford said: There is a sign of growth in the Gospel of Christ in our churches; for now we do things that we could not do in former days.

Bro. Murrell said: The great difficulty in the way of our Ministers is that they do not understand this thing of lifting up fallen humanity.

Bro. Hawthorn said: This idea came to me while Bro. McAlpine was preaching. viz: There are too many "hard shell" preachers among us; for they say, "do as I tell you, and not as do." But we should preach also by example.

Bro. Fisher said: There is another class of preachers that Bro. Hawthorn failed to mention, viz: Those who preach against preparing for the ministry. This class is a great hinderance.

Bro. Europe said: 'There is one class that has not been touched yet; and that, is, the class that says nothing about the morals of the people.'

Bro. Purce said: 'I thought once I wouldn't have any thing to say; but I don't see how I can let the opportunity

NOTE. Pauper preachers no one has spoken about. God has never sent out a pauper preacher.'

Bro. Woodsmall said: 'This instruction is very good, but the first example to set toward lifting up, is to go on with the Order of Business.'

Then the roll was called and Associations, Churches, Sunday Schools, Sunday School Conventions, Societies and their Messengers were enrolled as follows:

ASSOCIATIONS.

Eufaula—Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite, G. W. Webb, L. F. O'Bryant, A. I. Cox, J. P. Ricks. Bros. J. E. Timothy, D. Upshaw, L. Jones, J. H. Upshaw, I. Haynes, W. Browder, S. James, W. D. Anderson, J. M. Grenit, J. Thomas, L. Cunnigan, A. Campbell, A. Lassader, S. Barry, Wm. Williams, J. P. Ricks.

Alabama District—Revs. M. Tyler, A. N. McEwen, R. Jones, M. C. Myerel, Thomas Smith, S. M. Reeves, S. H. Umphries, W. C. Bradford.

Uniontown—Rev. William Madison.

Morning Star—Not represented.

Aulain—Revs. H. C. Clark, T. Glenn, D. T. Gulley, L. Hawthorn, G. C. Casby, E. A. McCall, C. R. Rodgers. Bros. T. Hendricks, W. C. Carter.

Pine Grove—Rev. J. C. Jett.

Southeast District—J. Barriant.

Bladen Springs—Not represented.

Mt. Pleasant—Not represented.

Star of Hope—Not represented.

Good Will, Sea Coast—Rev. A. F. Owen.

Lebanon—Rev. J. C. Archibald, W. D. Adams.

Evergreen—Z. Michael.

Shady Grove—Not represented.

Cahaba—R. L. Pollard.

Spring Hill District—Rev. Owen Blew, A. G. Garner.

Union—Rev. J. Nichols.

Mt. Pilgrim—Revs. J. R. Capers, W. R. Pettiford, A. D. Jamison, P. Caddell.

Mussie Shoals—Not represented.

Bowen East—Rev. J. W. Womack.

New Pine Grove—A. Martin.

Shelby Springs—Rev. D. L. Prentice.

Colored Bethlehem—Not represented.

Will's Creek—Not represented.

Bethel—Rev. C. L. Roberts.

New Amloch Bethlehem—Revs. J. M. Mason, S. Page.

Mud Creek—Not represented.

Dallas County—Revs D Boyd, T Mosely, Bro A C Collins.
 Perote—Rev J H Burks.
 Good Samaritan—Rev R E Brown, J W Murrel, T H Hardy.
 East Alabama—J R Hall, J H Culver.
 Bethlehem—Revs L Brown, I Dawson, G Lowe, L A Green, T Grant,
 C Roberts.
 Rushing Springs—Revs E J Fisher, A G Walker, E C Rivers, H J
 Europe.
 Kentibish—Rev M Austin.
 Troy—Not represented.
 Autauga—Not represented.
 Ebenezer--Not represented.
 Canaan--Not represented.

CHURCHES.

Oak Grove—Rev J H Hunter.
 Beulah--Wm Harrison.
 Sardis—I Haynes, L Mitchell.
 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery, Ala—W M Watkins, S Phillips, S D
 Dawsey, Robert Hill, A S Loveless, E L Langston, Rev A N McEwen.
 Mt Pisgah—Wetumpka.
 Eutaw Baptist Church—Rev I Dawson.
 Mt Olive, Tuskegee—Rev C R Rodgers.
 St John—Hickory Bend, Ala.
 Second Baptist Church--Montgomery, Ala.
 New Mt Pleasant—Rev J C Jett.
 Spring Hill—Not represented.
 Holly Springs--Tuskaloosa.
 Second Baptist Church, Selma--Rev H Blevins, C L Brooks, J C
 Blevins.
 Shady Grove, Oxmoore, Ala—Not represented.
 Mt Zion, Boligee, Ala—Not represented.
 New Jerusalem—Rev J T Prince.
 Mt Pleasant—Edward Davis.
 Hebron—H Alexander.
 Magnolia—Rev B Tubbs.
 Benton Baptist Church.
 Pleasant Hill—Wm Scott.
 Mt Canaan, Talladega—Rev H J Europe, H F Curry, T B J Barkly.
 Union, Pensacola, Fla—Not represented.
 Oakfield, Pensacola, Fla—Not represented.
 Bethlehem, Greensboro—Rev L J Green.
 Morning Star, Demopolis—Rev C W Wallace.
 Beach Island—Not represented.
 Hunter's Chapel—Rev J H Hunter.

- Ebenezer, Forkland, Ala—Rev J W Jordan.
 Woodlawn, Marion—Rev F C Chandler.
 Second Baptist Church, Thompson, Sta—J M Thompson, G Garmany.
 Providence, Selma—Rev J W White.
 Springfield, Sawyerville—Not represented.
 Canaan, Jonesboro—Rev N W Wilson.
 New Harmony—Cooling, Ala.
 Faunsdale Baptist Church—Rev J H Hunter, J H Martin.
 Mt Zion, Tuscaloosa—Not represented.
 Beach Grove, Hamburg—Not represented.
 Macedonia, (Baldwin Co)—Not represented.
 Liberty Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa—Rev T Dixon.
 Mt Zion, Tallassee, Ala—Not represented.
 Bensville Baptist Church—Not represented.
 Jones' Creek, Livingston—Rev I Dawson.
 New Hope, Epes Sta—Rev C Roberts.
 Livingston Baptist Church—Not represented.
 Mulah Baptist Church, Montgomery—Rev Wm Jenkins. B L Ried, Jno Bibb.
 Mt Zion—China Grove.
 Epsibiah, Aldrich—Rev D L Prentice, J P Prentice.
 St Paul, Selma—Revs E H Hobby, S M Morse.
 Shiloh, Selma—A A Scott.
 Green Street Baptist Church, Selma—Rev L Bryant.
 Friendship—Not represented.
 New Elam, Montgomery County—Not represented.
 Second Baptist Church, Marion—N R Nickerson, H K Freeman, Rev W H McAlpine.
 Hopewell, Marion—R T Pollard, D Peterson.
 Uniontown Church—C Carington, P H White, W L Freeman, Thornton Eatman.
 Salem, Greensboro—Rev L J Green.
 First Colored Baptist Church, Wetumpka—Rev W C Bradford.
 Union Baptist Church, Marion—R T Pollard.
 Second Baptist Church, Newbern—Rev H Stephens.
 Spring Hill, Marion—Rev B Tubbs.
 Pine Top, Demopolis—Rev J McKesson.
 Palestine, Demopolis—Rev J McKesson.
 Green Oak, Demopolis—Rev J McKesson.
 Mt Zion, Calhoun Station—Not represented.
 Anitoch, Camden—C W Childs, E H Allen.
 Mt Harmony, York Station—Rev T Grant.
 Mt Pilgrim—W E Pleasant.
 Lowerfield, Union Springs—Not represented.
 Mountain Creek—Not represented.
 Greco's Chapel, Auburn—W C Carter.

- First Baptist Church, Birmingham--Rev W R Pettiford, J M Morse, L D James.
- Tuskaloosa Baptist Church--Rev J M Mason, W P Cook, James Baker, S Crawford.
- St John Baptist Church, Mt Miegs--Not represented.
- Mt Olive--Rev L Brown.
- Mt Zion Elmore Co--Rev T Smith.
- Mt Olive--Not represented.
- Bethel, Montgomery--E W Pickett.
- Jerusalem, Montgomery Co--S Jones, D Minor.
- Union Academy--A D Robinson, W Ellis, James Brown.
- Anitoch No 2, Montgomery--H Hendrix.
- Pleasant Grove, Montgomery Co--Alex Moore.
- Columbus Street Baptist Church, Montgomery--Rev Jas A Foster, E Hammond, J Martin, G Cooper, A Dotson, L A Foster.
- Goodship, Elmore Co--Not represented.
- Springfield, Elmore Co--Not represented.
- Old Elam, Montgomery--H Hendrix.
- New Hope--E W Pickett.
- New Canaan--Not represented.
- Old Augusta--Wm Franklin.
- Centre, Felix, Ala--Not represented.
- Good Hope, Brown Station--Rev Wm Madison.
- Purnell Chapel, Marion Junction--Rev A W Ragland.
- Green Liberty, Hamburg--Rev Y R White.
- Dry Creek, Tuskaloosa--Rev T Dixon.
- Pleasant Grove, Tuskaloosa--D M Sewel.
- New Prospect, Tuskaloosa--Not represented.
- Mt Zion, Selma--Rev J W White.
- Friendship, Bateville--Rev L F O'Bryant.
- Sumterville Baptist Church--Not represented.
- Mt Pleasant, Tuskaloosa--Not represented.
- Bethlehem, Gallion--Wm Madison, M N Brown, R L Walker.
- Perryville Baptist Church--Not represented.
- Spring Hill, Forkland--Not represented.
- Friendship, Gadsden--Not represented.
- New Canaan, Montgomery--Not represented.
- Willow Springs, Greensboro--Not represented.
- Bethlehem, Boligee--Not represented.
- Union, Greenville--Rev Jas Nichols.
- Bethel, Calera--Not represented.
- Tabernacle, Selma--R Hudson, L P Foster, S Jones, Paul Alison, J T Prince, S L Ross.
- Central--E C Burroughs, Rev J F Washington.
- Goshen Hall--Rev J C Jett.

St Philip Station, Selma—A Hall, H Sanford, Miss Susie A Stone, Mrs Mary Johnson.

St Paul, Greensboro--H Alexander.

Sweet Water, Elmore Co—Not represented.

New Hope, Butler Co—Not represented.

Friendship—Perdue.

Ramah, Calhoun, Lowndes Co--S Jones.

Third Baptist Church, Mobile--Rev A F Owen.

Elizabeth, Union Springs--Revs L Ellington, M Ellington.

Mt Nebo, Macon Co--G Garmany.

First Baptist Church, Union Springs--Rev L Hawthorn.

Lowndesboro Baptist Church--Rev M Tyler, T B Heman, M N Martin.

Warren Street Baptist Church, Mobile--Rev H J Europe.

Ebenezer, Grand Bay, Mobile--Not represented.

Mt Sinai, Selma--Not represented.

Bethel, Tuskegee--Rev D T Gully.

Second Baptist Church, Wetumpka--M J Townsend.

Lloyd's Chapel, Forkland--Rev J W Matthews.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Selma--Revs C L Purce, L P Foster, Bro R Hudson, P Allison, S L Ross, E C Jones.

Spring Hill, Green Co--Not represented.

Beulah, Montgomery--Rev Wm Jenkins, I B Bibb, B L Reed.

Mt Zion, Anniston--Rev E J Fisher.

Mt Hilliard, Bullock Co--S Ross.

Macedonia, Fort Deposit--Rev M C Merrell.

Baptist Church at Alpine--Not represented.

Shiloh, Elmore Co--Not represented.

Mt Zion, Green Co--Not represented.

Eagle Grove, Marion--Rev N W Ragland.

New Bethel, Epes Station--Rev L Brown.

Bethel, Calverton--Abram Watkins, Dave Pierce, Rev G J Brooks.

White Cloud--Rev S M Reeves.

Arkadelphia, Pine Apple--J H Henderson, J H Nicholson.

White Hall Baptist Church--Rev M Tyler.

New Hebron, Cambridge--Not represented.

Catchhatch, Blustern Station--H Harris, F P Parker, A B Parker, G W Walker, Rev G C Casby.

First Baptist Church, Greenville--Rev S M Reeves.

Good Hope, Brown Station--Rev Wm Madison.

Bethlehem, Enon, Ala--Not represented.

Hamburg, Vilula--Rev C S Dinkins.

Mt Olive, Thomasville--Not represented.

Felix Baptist Church--Not represented.

Hilman, Alice--Not represented.

Shady Grove, Oxmore--Not represented.

Pleasant Sabine, Birmingham—Rev A D Jamison.
 St Luke, Montgomery—G McKinney.
 St James, Montgomery—S Jones.
 Flat Rock, Elmore Co—J M A King.
 Pike Road, Montgomery—Wm Franklin.
 Mt Olive, Lowndes Co—Not represented.
 Magnolia, Tuskegee—A L Frazier.
 Mt Zion, Elmore Co—Not represented.
 Grand Bay, Mobile—Not represented.
 Second Baptist Church, Eufaula—J Timpothy.
 Anitoch No 1, Montgomery Co—Rev J C Curry.
 Rehoboth, Elmore Co—T Smith.
 Rocky, Mountain, Barbour Co—G D Sapp.
 Summerfield Church—Not represented.
 Everdale, Selma—Rev G J Brooks.
 Elbethel, Selma—J B Russel.
 Mt Calvary—Rev Wm Williams.
 Zion, Clayton—Rev Wm Williams.
 Ebenezer, Benton—H Hendrix.
 Lilly Hill, Pike Road—H Hendrix.
 Town Creek, Bullock Co—T Hendrix.
 Beulah, McGees Switch—Rev W M Harrison.
 Cubuhatche Baptist Church, Cross Keys—Rev G C Casby.
 Bensville Baptist Church, Cottondale—Rev J Alston.
 Shady Grove, Selma—Rev A L Womack.
 Friendship, Batesville—R Bates.
 Pleasant Hill—Wm Scott.
 Zion Hill, Eufaula—J S Peterson, E Mencer.
 Sixth Ave, Birmingham—S W Flourncy, T W Walker.
 Green Liberty, Hamburg—Rev Y R White.
 St Luke, Montgomery Co—J M A King.
 Mt Gillion, Eufaula—J S Peterson.
 Colridge, Eufaula—J S Peterson.
 Sardis—I Haynes, L B Mitchel.
 Green Leaf, Scott Station—Rev H Stephens.
 Newbern Baptist Church—Rev H Stephens.
 Shiloh, Central Institute—Rev G W Jeter.
 New Elam—Rev J H Hendrix.
 New Hope, Perote—Rev J C Jett.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Second Baptist S S, Thomson Station—J D Stanley.
 Eufaula S S.
 Columbus Street S S, Montgomery.

Epsibish S S.
 Union Academy S S—Adam Robinson.
 Tabernacle S S, Selma—C S Goldsby, J T Prince.
 Damascus S S, Dick's Creek—A H Hubbard.
 Hilman Chapel S S.
 Hopewell S S, Wheeling—A W Wilson.
 New Prospect S S—North Port.
 Hopewell S S, Marion—Rev D Peterson.
 Second Baptist S S, Selma—C L Brooks, J C Blevins.
 Bethel, Tuskegee—Rev D T Gully.
 New Canaan.
 Evergreen—P Rogers.
 Second Baptist S S, Marion—Prof J W Beverly.
 Lowndesboro S S.
 Bethel S S, Calera—A Brown.
 St Philip Street S S, Selma, Ala.
 Uniontown S S—W E Freeman.
 Greenville S S—Rev S M Reeve, Miss Lela Stallant.
 Sixteenth Street Baptist S S—J M Moss.
 Tuskaaloosa S S—W P Cook.
 Eutaw S S—Rev I Dawson.
 Mt Canaan S S, Talladega—Miss Minto Murrow, T B J Barkley.
 Union S S, Elmore Co.
 Brthel S S, Colerine—Rev G J Brooks.
 Shady Grove S S, Oxmoore.
 Mt Zion S S, Elmore Co.
 Bethany S S, Felix.
 Sweet Water S S.
 Eagle Grove S S—Rev A W Ragland.
 Purnell Chapel S S, Marion Junction—Rev A W Ragland.
 Bethlehem S S, Gallion—M N Brown.
 Ramah, S S, Calhoun Station—W S Jones.
 St James S S, Mt Meigs—M Davis, Stephen Williams.
 Friendship S S, Gadsden.
 First Baptist S S, Calera, Ala.
 Cubahatche S S—C M Wells, W N Danson.
 Spring Hill S S.
 Sixth Avenue S S, Birmingham.
 Faunsdale S S—J M Martin.
 Friendship S S—Opelika.
 Anitoch No 2 S S.
 Mt Olive S S, Tuskegee—Rev C R Rogers.
 Centre S S, Felix, Ala.
 New Harmony S S.
 Beach Island S S.

Hopewell No 2—A W Wilson.
 Gainesville S S.
 Zion Hill S S, Eufaula—E Mencer.
 Sardis S S—L B Mitchell.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

Snow Creek S. S. Convention—Rev E J Fisher.
 Alabama District--Rev J C Curry, A J Edward, A Poole, J C Duke, H
 A Loveless, M Davis, N W Cadwell, J B Howard.
 East Alabama—Not represented.
 Dallas County—Not represented.
 Lebanon--Not represented.
 Shady Grove—Not represented.
 Muscle Shoals—Not represented.
 Bowen East—Not represented.
 Union District--W M Scott.
 Eufaula—Revs A Gatchet, J D Maddox, E A McCall, P S L Hutchins,
 J H Upshaw, R Bates, James Christian, G W Berry.
 Evergreen--Not represented.
 Auburn--Rev D T Gulley.

SOCIETIES.

Benevolent Society, Evergreen.
 Missionary Society, Lowndeshoro.
 Sardis Aid Society, Calera.
 Women's Missionary Society, Demopolis.
 African Baptist Aid Society, Tuscaloosa--J M Mason, W P Cook.
 Charitable Union, Selma.
 Missionary Aid, New Maryland.
 Baptist Sisters' Union, Mt Canaan Church, Talladega--Mrs Sidney
 Bingham.

NEW BODIES.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Gilfield Association—Rev C L Roberts.

CHURCHES.

Rising Star, Pratt Mines--L A Jones.
 Rising Star, Cillicarda—J Cox, Rev H J Europe.
 Sand Ridge, Selma—Rev A L Womack, George Smith, Smith Howze.
 Tabernacle, Birmingham—Rev R Donald.
 Oak Grove, St Clair—Rev G W Kennedy.

Providence, Tasso—Thomas Mosely.
 Mt Zion, Prairie Bluff—Rev F A E Beck.
 Antioch, Eufaula—J D Maddox.
 First Baptist Church, Verbena—Solomen Toney.
 Sweet Pilgrim, Warrior Stand—Rev Ben Johnson.
 Aimwell Baptist Church, Hayes, Ala—A C Collins.
 New Hebron, Shield's Mill—Rev D M Coleman.
 Pleasant Grove, Union Springs—H Jones.
 Union Baptist Church, Mobile—Rev W G Gordon.
 Damascus Baptist Church, Dick's Creek—H Wood.
 Sister Springs Church—Rev Berry Moss.
 Sons and Daughters of Beulah Baptist Church, Montgomery--B L Reid,
 A L Lewis, L L Jones,
 Siloam, Allenton—J P Ricks, M M Archer.
 New Mt Cilla, Clayton—A Gatchet.
 Mt Coney, Midway--A Gatchet.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Antioch S S, Tuscaloosa—W P Cook.
 Oak Grove S S, St Clair—Mrs B V Sidney.
 Damascus S S, Dick's Creek—A H Hubbard.
 Rising Star S S, Pratt Mines—L A Jones.
 Women's Society Tabernacle Baptist Church, Selma— Mrs A A Bowie
 C P Thompson, Bros J H Eason, James Roberts.
 Dr. Stone, pastor of First Baptist Church, was introduced to the Convention and made a few remarks.
 On motion, the time was extended thirty minutes to finish the roll.
 Pending the calling of the roll the Convention adjourned to meet again at 4 o'clock p m.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 4 p. m. the Convention re-assembled. The usual devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. L. Brown, after which the calling of the roll was resumed.

The report of the Committee on Complaints and Objections was received and adopted.

The election of officers being next in order, several motions and suggestions were made on how the officers should be elected, after which the President appointed the following brethren on permanent organization: Rev. C. O. Boothe, J. W. White, G. C. Casby, A. F. Owen, W. H. McAlpine.

When the committee were preparing the report the following brethren make remarks: Revs. C. S. Dinkins, C. L. Purce, J. C. Curry, A. N. McEwen.

The Committee on Permanent Organization made their report, which caused quite a discussion. Pending the report of the Committee on Permanent Organization, the Convention adjourned until Thursday Morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY -- MORNING SESSION.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., JULY 21st, 1887.

At 9 o'clock the Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. M. Tyler presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. G. W. Berry of Eufaula.

On motion of Rev. J. W. White, Rev. L. J. Green of Greensboro took the chair to preside during the election of officers.

At this point, Rev. M. Tyler made a personal explanation respecting the charge made against him by Rev. C. O. Booth on Wednesday. Bro. Tyler claimed that Bro. Booth said that he (Bro. Tyler) was responsible for \$4000 of the \$6000 indebtedness of the school. Upon this Bro. J. W. White moved that it be the sense of the Convention that Bro. Tyler was not guilty of the four thousand dollars as stated by Bro. Booth. Bro. Booth defends himself by saying that he did not say that Bro. Tyler was responsible for the four thousand dollars, but that the administration was. Rev. G. J. Brooks, a member of the administration, said: "Neither Bro. Tyler nor the Board are responsible for the four thousand dollars, but the Convention is." Bro. McAlpine said: "Had I been in Bro. Tyler's stead, I certainly would have felt as he did, because the committee, in making their report, recommended every officer except Bro. Tyler for re-election." Bro. Purce said: "I felt as Bro. McAlpine felt when I heard Bro. Booth's remarks, and made haste to say that it was a mistake; for we all believe brother Tyler to be an upright christian gentle-

man. Now, since Bro. Booth has made this explanation, I suggest that the motion be withdrawn." Bro. Europe said: "I oppose the withdrawal of the motion, for I do not believe it would be treating the present incumbent right. Bros. Loveless, Dawson and others also took part in the debate. The motion was then carried.

Rev. J. M. Mason moved that the election of officers be postponed until afternoon. Lost.

Bro. McAlpine then moved that before proceeding to the election of officers the delegation must be tested according to the Constitution to see who have a right to vote. Carried.

The Constitution in the minutes of 1886 was rejected, and on motion, the Constitution in the minutes of 1885 was adopted as a constitutional guide.

Prof. W. B. Patterson, seeking to bring about reconciliation made some very pointed remarks.

After several long debates, on motion of Bro. J. C. Blevins, the following committee was appointed to go out again and nominate officers: Revs. L. Brown, I. Dawson, J. T. Prince, G. W. Jeter, brethren H. A. Loveless and M. N. Brown.

Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D., District Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society was, at this junction, introduced to the Convention.

The following resolution bearing upon Dr. Simmon's work was adopted. (See resolution No. 1.)

The Committee on Election of Officers brought in their report as follows, which was unanimously adopted: For President, Rev. W. R. Pettiford of Birmingham; for Vice-President; Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite of Eufaula; for Secretary, Rev. R. T. Pollard of Marion; for Treasurer, Bro. C. W. White of Selma.

On motion, Bro. H. A. Loveless was appointed to inform the President of his election. The President came forward and said: "Dear brethren of the Convention, before I left home I had no idea who would be elected to fill this office. I thank you for the honor conferred upon me, and I shall try to serve you to the best of my ability."

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

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 4 o'clock p. m. the Convention re-assembled. "I love thy Kingdom, Lord," was worded by Rev. I. Dawson and sung by the Convention. Prayer by J. C. Jett.

The report of the Board of Trustees of Selma University was called for, but the report not being ready, on motion, the work of the third day was taken up.

At this point the Secretary arose and stated that he being taxed with the work of Secretary of the Convention, he would not have time to give to the subject of Foreign Missions as assigned him on the programme, and requested that Rev. C. R. Rodgers would discuss it in his stead. On motion, it was consented to. Also the President requested some one to open the discussion on the subject assigned to him, and on motion, Mrs. Charlotte P. Thompson was requested to discuss it.

Then the subject, "*Report of destitute fields in the state*" was opened by Rev. W. H. McAlpine of Marion. Bro. McAlpine showed very pointedly the necessity of doing mission work in the destitute places in the state, and the duty of the churches in supporting missionaries in their fields. The discussion was continued by brethren Jamison, Dinkins, Prentice, Fisher and others. Rev. L. Hawthorn offered a resolution that each church in the state be requested to give as much as one dollar for the support of missionaries in destitute fields. On motion, the whole matter was referred to the State Mission Board.

The hour having arrived for the discussion of the work done in the South by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. President C. L. Purce, who was to open the discussion, came forward and stated that he had wished that Dr. W. J. Simmons would be present so he (Dr. Simmons) might take part in the discussion.

On motion of Rev. C. S. Dinkins, the discussion of the subject was deferred until Dr. Simmons could be present.

The Committee on New Bodies made their report, which was adopted. (See report B.)

On motion, the order of exercises was suspended at which time Rev. H. Woodsmall stated that he was compelled, according to an appointment, to leave the Convention. He also made some brief remarks on the rights of women to be messengers to the State Convention.

The following resolution, offered by Bro. McAlpine was laid on the table:

Resolved. That it is the sense of this Convention that women are not included in the provisions of the Constitutions delegates to be sent up to this Convention, and which are to compose the voting delegation of this body: but, that they may be received only as honorary members in this body.

On motion, the regular routine of business was suspended to hear a sermon by Rev. G. W. Berry of Eufaula.

Adjourned for ten minutes.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 8:30. p. m., to hear a sermon by Rev. G. W. Berry.

The choir sang, *I hear the Savoir say Thy strength indeed is small*; after which Rev. L. F. O'Bryant led in prayer, Singing by the choir. Then the President introduced Rev. G. W. Berry, who arose and announced as his text, eleven chapter of Ecclesiastes and ninth verse. Theme: CHRISTIAN INFLUENCE. His sermon was very good, and was highly appreciated. Singing—"In the Sweet." Prayer by Rev. J. D. Maddox.

After prayer the President introduced Rev. C. L. Purce, who, according to the programme, spoke on: "The work done in the South by American Baptist Home Mission Society."

Then Dr. W. J. Simmons was introduced and spoke on the same subject. The Dr. spoke very eloquently and instructively on the subject. We feel that many left with the determination to struggle harder against the conflicts of life. Dr. Simmons spoke of the intention of the Society to hold a National Convention somewhere in the South; whereupon

Rev. C L Purce offered a resolution touching the proposed National Convention. (See resolution No. 2.)

A collection was taken for American Baptist Home Mission Society amounting to \$10.00.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev G. W. Berry.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the Convention was called to order. President Pettiford presiding. The devotional services were conducted by Rev S. Jones.

The minutes of the two previous days were read, and after necessary corrections, were adopted. Pending the adoption of the minutes. Rev. Jas. A. Foster presented the complaint that there were some reflections made on Thursday on himself, and he wanted to express himself. Upon this the President declared that the adoption of the minutes was the only thing in order.

Then a discussion about calling the roll of delegates came up, and after debate a motion prevailed to call the roll.

Bro. Boothe made a motion that the names of delegates not called be written by each delegate on paper and given to the Secretary.

Rev. J. P. Barton arose and stated that The Women's Baptist Missionary Society, of Talladega, was rejected by the Committee on New Bodies. Upon this statement then arose quite a discussion. Bro. Barton said that for the good of the cause of Christ, by the consent of the Convention he would withdraw the claims of the Society; but would pay over the money sent to the Convention by it. Rev. J. F. Washington, said: 'The Convention has no right to receive the money from the Society, if the Society is not admitted.' Rev. C. O. Boothe moved that Bro. Barton be allowed to withdraw the claims of the Society. Lost. Bro. H. A. Loveless, said: 'The delegates from the Society has been waiting to be received the whole session of the Convention,

and the matter should be investigated.' Bro. McAlpine raised the point of order that the report of the Board of Trustees, Selma University, is to come up at this hour; whereupon, a motion was made to suspend the order of the day. Lost.

Then the report of the Board of Trustees, including the reports of President Purce, financial agent. J. Q. A. Wilhite, and Bro. J. C. Duke, Business Manager of the Baptist Leader, was made. At this junction. Dr. Alexander, A. A. Garner, Esq., and Prof. Logan, were introduced to the Convention. Dr. Alexander made a very acceptable short address to the Convention. He said: "Japheth had his day, and Shem had his day; and now Ham comes to have another day."

After the reading of the report, Rev. C. O. Boothe offered a resolution bearing upon the report of President Purce. (See resolution No. 3.)

President Purce responded to the resolution and, said: "Bro. President and Brethren of the Convention. When I took hold of the work of being President of Selma University, I took not hold of it depending upon myself; but upon the God of heaven. If you will help me both with your prayers and money, I will show what can be done by the brain of the negro."

Remarks were made on the resolution by Revs. W. J. Stephens, M. Tyler, Jas. A. Foster, W. H. McAlpine and C. O. Boothe.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Board, the Convention adjourned for dinner with prayer by Rev. P. Murrell of Tuscaloosa.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 5 p. m. the Convention reassembled with President Pettiford in the chair. Prayer was offered by Bro. Hicks.

The report of the Board of Trustees was taken up. At this point Rev. W. C. Bedford, Pastor of the Congregational

Church, and Dr. C. N. Dorsett, M. D., were introduced to the Convention.

Rev. C. O. Boothe offered a resolution in regard to Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite. The resolution was adopted. (See resolution No. 4.) Then the report of the Board was adopted.

The report of the Committee on grievance was read, (see report 4,) and on motion of Bro. H. A. Loveless, was laid on the table.

The report was on motion taken from the table again and a committee of five was appointed to investigate the grievance in regard to the non-reception of the Women's Baptist Missionary Society of Talladega. The Committee Brethren J. J. Gooden, M. M. Archer, Revs. G. W. Jeter, L. Dryant and W. C. Bradford.

The Committee on devotional exercises and time and place was appointed by the President, as follows: Revs. J. A. Foster, A. N. McEwen and Bro. H. A. Loveless.

The "silver ticket" subject was brought before the Convention and discussed by several Brethren. Bro. McEwen made a motion that no Bro. be allowed to speak more than five minutes; nor more than once until every one who wishes to speak shall have spoken. Carried. Then on motion the opportunity to vote the silver ticket is to close to-night.

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At 8:30 P. M., President Pettiford, presiding, the house was called to order. Singing—Did Christ o'er sinners weep?—by the congregation. Then Bro. McAlpine read Matt., 28th chapter, and led in prayer. The congregation sang, Behold the morning sun begins his glorious ray.

The President then introduced Rev. D. L. Gully of Tuskegee, who was appointed to preach a Missionary Sermon.

Bro. Gully took for his text the twenty-fourth chapter of Matthew and fourteenth verse: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto

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The Committee on Devotional Exercises for the Sabbath made their report. (See report D.)

The President then introduced to the Convention Mrs. Charlotte P. Thompson, representative of the Women's Home Mission Society; Mrs. C. O. Boothe, President of the W. C. T. U. of Alabama; Bro. J. H. Eason, Sunday School Missioner for Home Mission Society; and Prof. C. H. Duncan.

Mesdames Thomson and Boothe read instructive papers before the Convention, which, on motion, were ordered to be published in the minutes. Rev. A. N. McEwin offered this amendment to the above motion: That every church make temperance the basis of membership. Carried.

Rev. H. J. Europe offered a resolution in regard to a history of the Colored Baptist of Alabama. The resolution, on motion, was laid on the table till Saturday.

The resolution (see resolution No. 5) coming from Bro. Europe in regard to the National Convention to be held in Mobile was adopted.

The Convention adopted the following resolution coming from Rev. J. M. Mason. (See resolution No. 6.)

The report of the financial agent on the "silver ticket" was called for, and made as follows: Votes cast in favor of Selma are 873; in favor of Montgomery, 83.

Bro. J. C. Duke made a motion that all money that had not been paid over as yet be paid by Saturday noon. Carried.

The following brethren were elected members of the board of corporators: Revs. W. R. Pettiford, J. Q. A. White, C. O. Boothe, D. L. Prentice, and I. Dawson.

The following resolution from Bro. E. H. Allen was adopted. Adjournment.

FOURTH DAY--MORNING SESSION.

At 9:30 a. m. the Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The usual devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. D. L. Prentice.

Before disposing of the minutes Rev. C. O. Boothe arose and asked the moral support of the Convention in his attempt to raise money for foreign missions whenever he may have an opportunity.

Bro. McEwin moved that the Convention give Bro. Boothe its moral support in his attempt to raise money for foreign missions.

Rev. W. H. McApine moved that the reading of the minutes be postponed till to-night. Carried.

The report of the committee on the investigation of the troubles in regard to the Women's Baptist Missionary Society of Talladega was presented, and on motion, the report was indefinitely postponed. At this junction Revs. W. H. Shepherd and J. W. Alstork were invited forward and introduced to the Convention.

Bro. Europe offered a resolution in regard to the State Mission Work, and it was referred to State Mission Board. (See resolution No. 8.)

At this point Rev. C. O. Boothe spoke to the Convention on the necessity of doing something for African Missions, and on motion, a collection of \$15.20 was raised for Africa.

The resolution offered last night by Bro. Europe in regard to a history of the Colored Baptist of Alabama, being written, was, on motion, taken from the table and discussed by several brethren, and on motion of Bro. J. C. Duke, was adopted. (See resolution No. 9)

On motion, the resolution offered by Bro. J. C. Blevins was adopted. (See resolution No. 10)

Bro. McEwin spoke of the work of the Baptist Leader and the business way in which Bro. J. C. Duke has managed it, also the sacrifices Bro. Duke made to run the paper. Then a motion was offered that we, as Baptist, do more for the pa-

per and give to it our hearty support. Carried.

Adjourned with benediction by the President.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 5 p. m. the Convention re-assembled, President Pettiford in the chair. After singing "Father, I stretch my hands to Thee," Rev. A. I. Cox led in prayer.

A motion was made that Montgomery be in competition with Selma another year on the "silver ticket" basis for Selma University. The motion was very warmly discussed by the Convention. Bro. McAlpine said: 'Montgomery is the place for the school.' Bro. C. W. Childs said: 'I do not believe that any one who would say things to injure the school can claim to be a friend to it.' Bro. Prentice said: 'I think that time ought to be allowed before a conclusion is reached to remove the school from Selma.' Bro. Gully said: 'I think we should use great caution in discussing the location of the school, for fear we might injure it.' Bro. H. A. Loveless spoke on the subject and said: 'The school ought to come to Montgomery.' Bro. G. W. Berry spoke on the subject. Bro. A. S. Loveless said: 'Since it has been decided that the school remain at Selma, let us put our minds together and do all we can for it.' Bro. Dinkins said: 'I am in sympathy with the school wherever it be.' Bro. J. C. Duke said: 'The impression is gone out that the school will remain at Selma, and it is wrong to agitate the matter.'

According to the resolution found in the minutes of 1886, Vice-President Wilhite ruled the motion out of order.

The election of the State Mission Board was taken up, and one from each association was chosen as follows:

STATE MISSION BOARD.

Eufaula Association—L F O'Bryant, Eufaula, Ala.

Alabama District Association—M Tyber, Lowndesboro, Ala.

Free Mission Association—Josiah Davidson, Pine Bluff, Ala.

Morning Star Association—G W Jeter, Central Institute, Ala.

Auburn Association—D T Gully, Tuskegee, Ala.

Pine Grove—L Hawthorn, Union Springs, Ala.

South East Association—J Barret, Boiling Springs, Ala.
 Mt. Pleasant Association—C. W. Wallace, Demopolis, Ala.
 Snow Creek Association—William Taylor, Oxford, Ala.
 Lebanon Association—A. A. Richardson, Carrollton, Ala.
 East Alabama Association—James H. Culver, Abbeville, Ala.
 Rushing Springs Association—H. J. Europe, Talladega, Ala.
 Muscle Shoals Association—P. Jones, Russellville, Ala.
 New Pine Grove Association—A. Martin
 Willis Creek Association—A. Kelly, Collinsville, Ala.
 New Antioch Bethlehem Association—J. M. Mason, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Perote Association—J. H. Burk, Mt. Andrews, Ala.
 Good Samaritan Association—R. E. Brown, Selma, Ala.
 Mulbery Association—G. Stringer.
 Shady Grove Association—A. L. Womack, Selma, Ala.
 Uniontown, Association—Wm. Madison, Marion Junction, Ala.
 Gilfield Association—
 Bladen Springs Association—C. L. Long, Bladen Springs, Ala.
 Star of Hope Association—C. W. Childs, Camden, Ala.
 Sea Coast Association—A. F. Owen, Mobile, Ala.
 Evergreen Association—Z. Michael, Evergreen, Ala.
 New Cahaba Association—R. T. Pollard, Marion, Ala.
 Bethlehem Association—L. Brown, Ilpes, Ala.
 Gilfield Association—C. S. Roberts
 Mt. Pilgrim Association—J. R. Capers, Birmingham, Ala.
 Bowen East Association—Harry Burlington.
 Shelby Springs Association—D. I. Prentice, Aldrich, Ala.
 Colored Bethlehem Association—I. T. Simpson, Evergreen, Ala.
 Bethel Association—C. L. Roberts, Dick's Mill, Ala.
 Dallas County Association—D. Boyd, Tilden, Ala.
 Kentibish Association—M. Alston, Bevil's Store, Ala.
 Good Samaritan Association—R. E. Brown, Selma, Ala.
 Autauga Association—Wm. Cooper, Verbena, Ala.
 Ebenezer Association—C. Young, Notasulga, Ala.
 Canann Association—W. Blazer
 Spring Hill District Association—G. A. Garner.

The resolution offered by Rev. A. D. Jenkins was adopted.
 (See resolution No. 11)

The Finance Committee made their report, which was adopted. (See report F.)

On motion, the Secretary was allowed \$15 for his services.

On motion, 2000 Minutes were ordered to be printed.

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The following brethren were appointed committee on

printing of minutes: H. A. Loveless, A. N. McEwin, James A Foster, with the President and Secretary. Adjournment.

SABBATH SERVICES.—MORNING.

On Sabbath at 11 a. m. the Convention re-assembled to hear a sermon by Rev. L. Hawthorn of Union Springs.

R. T. Pollard read third chapter of John. then worded hymn 442 in Baptist Psalmody, which the congregation sung. Prayer by Rev. T. Mosely.

Bro. Hawthorn then preached a very interesting sermon from "If any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away and behold all things become new." The sermon was a practical appeal to the consciences of men, showing the change wrought in a man by conversion. A collection was taken amounting to \$6.10. Benediction by Rev. L. Hawthorn.

SABBATH SERVICES.—AFTERNOON.

At 3 o'clock p. m. a large audience assembled to hear Rev. M. Tyler. The fifteenth chapter of John was read by Rev. C. O. Boothe. "How beautiful are the feet" was sung by the choir, and Bro. Tyler led in prayer.

Rev. W. H. McAlpine worded the hymn "Far as the name is known," which was sung by the choir. After this Bro. Tyler preached a very acceptable sermon from Matthew 28 chapter and 18 verse. Prayer by Bro. McAlpine.

Collection, \$24.45. After this another collection amounting to \$5.30 was raised for Foreign Missions. Adjourned.

SABBATH SERVICES.—NIGHT SESSION.

According to previous appointment Rev. W. R. Pettiford occupied the pulpit at 8:30 p. m.

Rev. R. Donald worded hymn "O God of Bethel; etc.," which was sung by the choir. Prayer by Rev. C. L. Roberts.

The choir then sung "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform." Bro. Pettiford then preached from I Peter, 1st chapter and 7th verse, "The trial of your faith being much more precious than gold, though it be tried with fire." The sermon was full of interest and meaning.

Rev. J. W. Jeter offered a resolution, which was adopted. (See resolution No. 12.)

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Whereas, It is true that the Colored Baptist of Alabama occupy a position between the periods of the dark days of slavery and the epoch of a brighter and more glorious dawn. And

Whereas, That another generation may reveal the fact that not an eye witness lives to tell the the struggles of our early history. Therefore be it

Resolved, By the Alabama Baptist State Convention, in session assembled in the city of Montgomery this 22d day of July, A. D. 1887, that it is the sense of the Convention that Rev. W. H. McAlpine is hereby requested at his own expense, and by whatever assistance he may command, (at his own expense) furnish the denomination with a history of the rise and progress of the Colored Baptist denomination of the State of Alabama.

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to render whatever help lies in our hands.

Resolved 3d. That should he furnish such history, we will give him our patronage.

No. 10.—Bro. J. C. Blewins :

WHEREAS, in this enlightened age news papers are the most important auxiliaries in the progress of mankind and citizens, and

WHEREAS, we have a denominational paper, therefore be it

Resolved, That we endorse our paper, the Baptist Leader, and do all we can to promote its success and circulation.

No. 11.—Rev. A. D. Jamison :

WHEREAS, the Baptist Leader, our denominational organ, has not been supported as it should be by the pastors, therefore be it

Resolved, That the pastors take several copies each week and sell them, and send the money to the editor.

No. 12.—G. W. Jeter :

WHEREAS, the members and friends of Columbus Street Baptist Church and of the city of Montgomery, have so widely extended their hospitality to us during the session of the Convention, and

WHEREAS, their very acceptable pastor has labored so faithfully to discharge his duty toward us, therefore be it

Resolved, That we extend to them our heart-felt thanks for the same.

No. 13.—Bro. P. S. L. Hutchins :

WHEREAS, this State Convention meets from time to time to hear from the various fields and to see after the best interest relative to the Master's cause, and

WHEREAS, we came together to pour out our respective thoughts relative to the lifting up of fallen humanity ; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that our Churches, Sunday School Conventions, Societies and Associations which compose this Convention, send their best dignified messengers to represent them in this body.

No. 14.—Bro. A. S. Loveless :

WHEREAS, according to an act of the last legislature of Alabama, the colored people of this state are to have a State University. Therefore, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention of representatives that the University be located in Montgomery, if moved at all from Marion.

REPORTS.

(A.) COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES.

Bro. President and brethren of the Convention :

Your Committee on Grievances beg leave to make the following report :

First, we have carefully investigated the matter concerning the Women's Missionary Society of Talladega. Second, the Committee do recommend

that the whole matter be returned to the representatives and society, the reason being that the matter is so complicated that we cannot understand it.

J. M. MASON,

P. MURRELL,

D. T. GULLEY,

Committee.

(B.) COMMITTEE ON NEW BODIES.

Bro. President and Members of the State Convention :

We, your Committee on New Bodies, respectfully submit the following report. We recommend for members the following bodies :

Gilfield Baptist Association—C L Roberts.

Rising Star Baptist Church, Cullman, Ala.—J Cos. H J Europe.

Round Ridge Baptist Church, Sema—A L Warnack, George Smith, Smith House.

Antioch Baptist S S, Tuscaloosa—W P Cook.

Oak Grove Church, S S, St Clair—Mrs H V Kennedy.

Oak Grove Church, St Clair—G W Kennedy.

Tabernacle Baptist Church, Birmingham—R Donald.

Providence Baptist Church, Tasson—Thomas Mumby.

Little Zion Baptist Church, Tasson—Thomas Mosely.

Mt Zion, Prairie Bluff—F A E Beck.

Antioch Baptist Church, Eufaula—J D Magdox.

First Baptist Church, Verona—Solomoni Toney.

Sevier Pilgrim Baptist Church, Warrint Stand—Rev Ben Johnson.

Almywell Baptist Church, Hays, Ala—A C Collins.

New Hebron, Shield's Mill—D M Coleman.

Pleasant Grove, Union Springs—H Jones.

Damascus Baptist Church, Dick's Creek—H Wood, J W Wood.

Sons and Daughters of Isaiah Baptist Church, Montgomery—B I. Reid,
A J. Lewis, L L Jones.

Damascus Baptist S S, Dick's Creek—A H Hubbard.

G. J. BROOKS,

C. S. DINKINS,

L. ELLINGTON,

H. BROTHERS,

L. D. JAMES.

Committee.

(D) COMMITTEE ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES FOR THE SABBATH.

We, your Committee, recommend the following places and preachers for the Sabbath :

Columbia Street Baptist Church—At 11 a m., Rev L Hawthorn ; at 4 p m., Rev M Tyler ; at 8 p m., Rev W R Prillman.

Dexter Avenue Baptist Church—At 11 a m, Rev J M Masom ; at 8 p m, Rev A F Owen.

Congregational Church—At 11 a m, Rev C O Booth ; at 8 p m, Rev C S Dinkins.

St John A M E Church—At 3 p m, Rev J Q A Wilhite ; at 8 p m, Rev J P Barton.

Old Ship A M E Z Church—At 11 a m, Rev G W Berry , at 3 p m, Rev H J Europe ; at 8 p m, Rev W H McAlpine.

Beulah Baptist Church—At 3 p m, Rev E A McCall ; at 8 p m, Rev P Murrell.

Presbyterian Church—At 3 p m, Rev D L Prentice.

Mt Zion A M E Church—At 3 p m, Rev C R Rodgers ; at 8 p m, Rev D. T Gulley,

New Elem—At 3 p m, Rev L Brown ; at 8 p m, Rev S Jones.

Columbus Street Sunday School—An address by Rev R T Pollard.

Dexter Avenue Sunday School—Professor J W Beverly.

Beulah Baptist Sunday School—Rev C R Rodgers.

J. A. FOSTER,
A. N. McEWEN,
H. A. LOVELESS.
Committee.

(E.) COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

Bro. President:

Your Committee on Time and Place beg leave to make the following report :

We recommend first, that the Convention hold its next session with First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., on Wednesday before the fourth Lord's day in July, 1888.

Second, that Rev. M. Tyler preach the annual sermon.

Third, that Rev. C. L. Purce preach an educational sermon.

Fourth, that Rev. A. F. Owen preach a sermon on temperance. That J. Q. A. Wilhite preach a missionary sermon.

Fifth, that the alternates for these sermons be for the annual sermon, Rev. P. Murrell ; for the educational sermon, Rev. L. J. Green ; for the sermon on temperance, Rev. G. C. Casby.

J. A. FOSTER,
A. N. McEWEN,
H. A. LOVELESS.
Committee.

(F.) COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Bro. President:

We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows :

Received from Churches, Associations, etc. \$106 50

Collected in the Convention (to Saturday) 22 60

Total \$129 10

Paid Rev. W. J. Simmons for Am. Baptist Home Mission Society. 10 00

Balance in hand of Committee.....	11 10
Evergreen Association.....	3 00
Gilfield Association.....	1 00
New Piny Grove.....	1 00
Sisters' Union Society.....	1 00
Auburn S. S. Convention.....	2 00
M. J. Townsend.....	60
Green Street Baptist Church.....	3 00
Mt. Zion.....	2 00
Elbethel.....	2 00
Damascus.....	3 00
Faunsdale.....	1 50
St. Paul.....	50
Pleasant Sobine.....	1 50
Pleasant Grove.....	1 00
Rising Star.....	75
Beulah.....	1 50
New Elem.....	1 00
Mt Meigs.....	1 50
Mt Nebo.....	50
Uniontown.....	3 00
Union.....	5 00
Antioch.....	1 00
Sand Ridge.....	1 00
Mt Zion.....	1 00
Morning Star.....	1 00
St. Patrick Baptist Church.....	1 00
Blacks Bluff.....	1 00
St John.....	1 00
Sixth Avon Baptist Church.....	7 00
First Baptist Church, Wetumpka.....	1 00
Bethel Church, Tuskegee.....	1 50
Oak Grove.....	1 00
Morning Star Baptist Church.....	1 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 00
Tabernacle, Birmingham.....	50
Rising Star.....	3 65
Arkadelphia.....	1 50
Verbena.....	50
Good Hope.....	1 00
Bethlehem.....	1 00
Mt. Milliard.....	1 00
Second Baptist Church, Selma.....	2 00
Mr. Frank Powell in S. L.....	1 00
Mr. Ransom Meadows.....	1 00
Dr. P. V. Silley.....	50
Third Baptist Church, Mobile.....	3 00
New Bethel Baptist Church.....	1 00
Antioch.....	1 00
Hull Station Baptist Church.....	1 00

Spring Hill.....	2 00
Union.....	75
New Virgin.....	1 00
Talladega Women's Mission Society.....	1 00
Pioneer Baptist Mission Band.....	1 00
Green Street Sabbath School.....	1 00
Mt. Canaan " ".....	1 00
Elbethel " ".....	50
Hebron " ".....	50
Rising Star " ".....	55
Tuscaloosa " ".....	2 00
Antioch " ".....	55
Eutaw " ".....	1 00
Union " ".....	2 60
Oak Grove " ".....	50
Bethlehem " ".....	1 00
Good Hope " ".....	85
Second Baptist Church, Selma, S. S.....	50
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church S. S.....	2 00
Total.....	\$119 35
Night Collection.....	12 60
" ".....	10 15
Marion Church.....	10 00
Peace Baptist Church.....	1 00
	\$119 10
Paid to Dr. W. J. Simmons.....	10 00

Respectfully,

J. H. MARTIN,
L. HAWTHORN,
L. J. GREEN.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., July 21st, 1887.

To the President and Brethren of the Convention

As printer and business manager of the Baptist Leader, our denomination paper, I beg leave to make the following report:

At the last Convention that assembled at Opelika, Ala. The Convention voted to turn over the paper to me as State Printer and Business Manager, upon such terms as the Board of Trustees of Selma University might in their judgment think best. At a subsequent meeting of the Board that met in Selma, Ala., the Board contracted with me to take charge of the paper and take the press and material, all except enough to get out a small school paper, and the job press to Montgomery, and run the Denominational with the same, under the name and title of the Baptist Leader, instead of the Baptist Pioneer, as it was then named, upon the following terms, viz:

That I take the paper and material as already mentioned, and publish the same for one year, or as long thereafter as shall be mutually agreed upon; without cost or expense to the Board or State Convention, except the legitimate expense of moving and repairs, a bill of which should be furnished the Board at its meeting after the adjournment of the Convention. Also that I should carry out all contracts for subscriptions and advertisements that may appear upon the books of the former Manager, and pay a rental of \$1 per month for the use of the material. Further, that in performance of the above agreement, all monies or benefits arising from the paper should

in payment to me for such service. It was further agreed, that, Rev. W. H. McAlpine should be the Editor of the paper, but after the paper was moved to this city, and Bro. McAlpine was in Marion it was found that it was not convenient for him to edit the paper, and therefore Bro. McEwen as the Managing Editor with other Brethren, as consulting editors.

The books of the former Manager, Rev. H. N. Bouey, were in a very bad condition. The credit and standing of the paper was in a most deplorable condition, in many instances, persons had paid subscriptions and no credit was made of it, and also many had sent in manuscript of minutes and had paid for printing them, but the minutes had not been printed nor could the manuscript be found. He turned over to me on his book between ten hundred and eleven hundred subscribers, and four columns of paid up advertisements, according to my contract I was compelled to make good these obligations, which I have faithfully done. In no case have I failed to send the paper to any one whose name appear upon the book, and for the time the book showed that it was due. It costs me on an average of \$12.50 per week to get out the Leader. I have gotten it out every week on time since I have had it. The first issue under my management appeared on Wednesday December 29th, 1886, making in all thirty issues of the paper, at the cost of \$12.50 per week, making a total of \$375.00. The repairs and removal of the press cost me \$49.20. Certified copies of bill will be presented the Board at their meeting. My books and accounts will show that the total receipts of the paper from all sources since I have had it, is \$197.50, making a total loss to myself and partners of \$177.50.

In closing this report I am pleased to state that there is a growing interest and appreciation for the paper, and if sufficient time is allowed I can work the paper up to a paying basis. It is expressly understood that the deficit in the running expenses of the paper, the State or Board loose it. My agreement was that I would run the paper without cost to the State work, which I have done. The paper has cost the State work from one to three hundred dollars heretofore. Now it is costing nothing.

Respectfully and Fraternally, yours, etc.

J. C. DUKE,
State Printer.

READ BEFORE THE STATE CONVENTION.

BY MRS. CHARLOTTE P. THOMPSON.

The work of the Womens Baptist Home Mission Society :

There are twenty eight Missionaries now employed by the W. B. H. M. Society, laboring in fourteen different fields. Besides these there are at least three native workers in the employ of this Society, known as Bible Women. I am one of them.

All of these Missionaries are at work among the freed people of the South, except one, who is laboring in the Indian Territory among the Indians.

Their work is to help to prepare the way for the second coming of our Savior, by going out in the high ways and hedges and compelling those who tarry there to come into the Churches and Sunday Schools; and there by many have been brought from the lowest depths of degradation and sin, to walk in the marvelous light of salvation.

Their presence are often seen in the homes of the distressed, sick and dying, with the bible in hand, and an over flow of love in their hearts for suffering humanity with which they bind up the broken hearted and set at liberty the captives.

Aids to the work. This work is principally supported by many branch Missionary Societies, consisting of women and children and baby bands, by which they show their faith by their works, for they often write us that even those who are quite poor, old and infirm are giving of the means to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

A Missionary spirit is being instilled into the minds of the children by their parents, and they give thank offering to the Master for their children.

The Baby Bands are therefore organized, and through this road many pennies find their way to the general Treasurer of W. B. H. M. Society.

These little Missionary Stations are found all along the lines of the Northern States, from which many barrels, boxes, and little packs laden with good things are sent to hundreds of suffering ones, which their workers faithfully distribute to the most needy ones, as they find them, without money and without price.

My work in Selma University. The W. B. H. M. Society donated my services to the Selma University as a Missionary Teacher during the last scholastic year. Many of you already know something of the amount of good done. Many of these boxes, barrels and packs answered a great need. Two months of my vacation paid for field work or visitation from house to house in the city of Selma and vicinity. So much good has been done as the result of christian benevolence.

Then it has become our duty as grateful receivers, to give in return, for so much benefit, by sending to the Society what we can annually.

REPORT OF REV. J. Q. A. WILHITE, FINANCIAL AGENT OF
SELMA UNIVERSITY.

To the Baptist State Convention now assembled in the City of Montgomery Alabama:

Whereas, we find a great many parties in Selma, Ala., holding bills against the Selma University, which they claim to have been given by the former officers of the school, while none of them are legally binding on the Convention, and while most of them were improvidently and recklessly made, yet I would recommend that the Convention pay off such of those claims as may be found to be just, when it may find herself able to do so.

2. I would further recommend that there be more time given for the further investigation of the claims.

3. I would recommend that the Board of Trustees is and are hereby authorized to make a borrow of six or seven thousand dollars for the present.

4. Be it resolved, that the Trustees of Selma University with the Corresponding Secretary and Financial Agent, be made a committee for the purpose of making a sale of the northern portion of our school property at Selma. Dimention: beginning north of Philpat street, running north to the Keth place, then west to the creek, then southwest with the line of the creek to said Philpat street, thence east to starting point. This sale to be made as early as possible in order to relive our State of its present imbarassments.

5. I would further recommend that the Convention do not assume any of these claims for the present.

REPORT OF REV. C. L. PURCE, A. B., PRESIDENT OF SELMA
UNIVERSITY, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY, 1887,
AND BY THEIR ORDER READ TO THE CONVENTION.

Dear Brethren:

When called to the presidency of our institution at the last Convention held at Opelika, it seemed as if our creditors would rush upon us any day, but by the providence of God we were permitted to carry on our work without any serious harm, and with some degree of success. The chances for the complete success of our school are brighter than ever.

THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL.

The past year's work has been excellently done, both by students and teachers. It has been the wonder of many, how in the midst of so many disadvantages and hindrances, the change of presidents and teaches, there should be such a signal success in the work.

The literary work in the school was equal to that of any previous years in the department represented. Each department had a respectable showing. The Model School, Grammar School, Normal, Preparatory, Music, Industrial and Theological. The College department had no representative, though we have about six who will enter this department next year. Some of our graduates speak of returning their *Alma Mater* and completing the college course, so that in a few years we will be able to do for Alabama what no other school has done.

At our last commencement twenty-six students received certificates from the Grammar Department, three from the College Preparatory, and six

from the Normal. Of those completing the Grammar course, there were four preachers; and of those in the graduating class, three were preachers. We hope that those who finish the Grammar Course in the future will be prepared to pursue our full Theological Course instead of mixing with the other courses as hitherto.

In the literary department were taught spelling, reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, history, book-keeping, algebra, geometry, trigonometry and surveying, grammar, rhetoric, English literature, civil government, commercial law, physiology and hygiene, natural philosophy, botany, geology, chemistry, astronomy, political economy, mental and moral philosophy, logic, theory and practice of teaching, Latin and Greek, besides the Bible was taught each class every day.

In the Theological Department were taught English Exegesis of the Bible, Baptist History, Church Polity, Pendleton's Church Manual, Outlines of Christian Doctrine, and Homiletics based upon Broadus' Works.

In the Music Department the whole school received instruction in vocal music, while many received instruction on the piano and organ.

In the Model School about forty received elementary instruction.

Something was done in the Industrial Department, but nothing as compared with what we desire. Two of our lady teachers spent an hour every day in teaching the young ladies of all the departments the art of sewing, both plain and fancy needle work. The young ladies of the boarding hall are also taught domestic art. Several young men were taught in the art of printing. One, from the instruction received in this department, holds a position to-day in Montgomery as printer on the Baptist Leader. In this department were printed for the school 500 copies of our catalogue, and five monthly issues of the Student's Voice, our school paper, edited and printed by our students, besides other miscellaneous little jobs. This has given our students a knowledge of the newspaper business which will prove a stepping stone to better results. Thus you see we have made a beginning to train the hand as well as the head and heart.

MISSIONARY EFFORTS.

We have quite an active Missionary Society connected with our school, the members of which, with their friends, meet in a monthly concert to encourage and interest one another in the work of missions. On the Sabbath the members scatter themselves around Selma and vicinity and work wherever they can for the Master. At the close of the school year they sent \$12.00 to the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Convention to pay a scholarship in Bro. J. J. Cole's African school in Africa to support a native boy. Their motto is "To help others while they themselves are helped."

We had quite a successful revival in school during the Spring and ten of our students were hopefully converted. Every year teachers and students strive to bring the unconverted to Christ.

AID FROM THE NORTH.

Without the aid we get from the North, our school, to a great extent, would be a failure. During the year eight teachers were employed. The Home Mission Society furnished the salaries of four teachers: C. L. Purce,

C. S. Dinkins, Misses T. Merriman and F. L. Birney. The Chicago Women's Society furnished Mrs. C. Thompson's salary. The salaries of Mr. R. B. Hudson, Miss H. Cabbie and Mrs. C. S. Dinkins were provided from tuition, also a part of Prof. Dinkins'. Total paid to teachers for the six months beginning December 1st, 1886 to June 1st, 1887, \$1935.00.

Total from Home Mission Society for six months.....	\$1389 90
Total from Chicago Women's Society.....	150 00
Total from tuition paid teachers.....	395 10

This does not include pay to Music and Model school teachers.

During the term I received from a lady in Massachusetts to aid a student preparing for Africa, \$20.00; from a lady in Indiana for student. \$5.00; total received from friends in the North for students, \$25.00. Two barrels of clothing, sheets, pillow-slips, and quilts were received from Philadelphia. Calicoes for patch-work quilts were received from Ft. Deposit, Elbridge, N. Y., and Chicago, Ill. More is promised to be sent by the opening of school. It seems as if the friends of the work have taken a new interest in it since they saw the favorable mention of myself commented on by Dr. Morehouse in the Home Mission Monthly of March referring to your electing me to the presidency of our school. In the Monthly Dr. Morehouse speaks as follows:

"Rev. Charles L. Purce, the new President of Selma University, pursued his studies at Richmond Institute, under Dr. Corey; has been principal assistant at Selma, and has been wisely chosen, as it seems to us, to occupy his present position. The skies are brightening financially, and we trust the school may be extricated from its embarrassments." Just after the appearance of those encouraging remarks from such a distinguished leader of the Northern Baptist and a letter of mine in the same issue of the monthly, a lady sent me \$20.00 to help a student. The sky is brightening, dear brethren, and what we want now is more union, more brotherly love, more consecration to God and the work, more manifestation to let God's will be done rather than ours, less dissension and more of the divine guidance to do good, then success is ours.

The following is a financial statement of the school house and boarding-hall for the six months, December, 1886, to June, 1887:

REPORT OF REV. J. Q. A. WILHITE, FINANCIAL AGENT OF SELMA UNIVERSITY.

1886.		1886.	
1886.	Dr.	" 23, to C. Herzfeld on note....	10 00
Nov. 22, by c'h from State Con'n	\$407 55	" 23, to J. H. Culver, pd note....	5 00
Nov. 22, Mrs. N. R. Nickerson....	22 00	" 23, to salary.....	82 25
22, Rev A N McEwen, postage		[3]	
and express.....	1 00	Mch 10, to C. Herzfeld on note....	10 00
" 22, to sexton.....	4 00	" 10, to R. R. expenses and p'st'ge	16 90
" for paper and postage.....	2 00	" 10, by cash to Treasurer.....	80 10
" 24, to Rev. H. W. Bouey for		" 10, to salary, Wilhite.....	40 00
minutes of 1885.....	22 90		
" 25, to Mrs. Maggie Trowley....	20 00	[6]	\$147 00
" 25, A. D. Black, bal. on wagon	32 90	Ap'l R. R. expenses and postage....	22 05
" 25, to Mrs. C. S. Dinkins....	40 00	" 7, to Rev. H. Stephens.....	10 00
" 25, to ac't. of Mrs. M. Alston....	50 00	" 9, to Mrs. A. Brooks.....	5 00
" 25, to Johnson Park & Co on ac	30 00	" 9, to interest on note in bank....	17 00
" 25, to Alston account.....	25 00		
" 25, to T. A. Brooks on account	20 00	[7]	\$54 05
" 25, to C. W. White on note....	93 00	May R. R. expenses and postage....	25 05
E M Browley, D D, on acct	51 00	" Minutes of State Convention	
		of 1886.....	16 75
	\$401 80	" 28, to Hursfeld on note.....	10 21
		" 28, to salary for agt, J. Q. A.	
		Wilhite.....	47 00
		[8]	\$ 99 01
Dec. 8, by cash Rev. J. P. Borton....	5 35	June 1, to balance account.....	9 20
" " by cash Rev. W. H. Mc-		" 1, R. R. expenses and postage....	20 45
Alpine.....	5 00	" 9, express on certificates.....	45
" " by c'h Rev J Q A Wilhite	5 00	" interest on Bouey note and	
" 15 from Star of Hope Asso'n	6 00	lawyer's fee.....	15 45
" 20 Tabernacle Church Selma....	3 00	" to Prof. C. L. Purce on note	50 00
" 20 Second Bapt Chu'h Selma	15 00		
" 20 Green St Bapt C'h Selma	25 00	[9]	\$ 05 50
" 28 First African Bapt Church		1887.	
Tuskaloosa.....	25 00	Jan. 1 Uniontown C'h and S S....	\$ 13 25
" 28 First African S S, Tuska-		" 1 Sister M N Brown.....	1 00
loosa.....	2 00	" 1 Sister A B Collens.....	1 00
" 29 Dallas Co Association....	25 00	" 1 Sister L E E Collens.....	1 00
" 29 Rev R T Pollard.....	4 50	" 1 Sister L Lee.....	1 00
" 29 Rev L Brown.....	5 00	" 1 Bethlehem Church.....	1 40
" 29 Mr Webb.....	45	" 12 Rev L J Green.....	30 00
[3]	\$126 30	" 14 Rev E Mixon.....	4 50
Dec. 10, to R R ex. and postage....	22 80	" 17 Sister C P Thompson.....	7 75
" 10, to interest on note in bank	15 00	" 18 Sister A A Bouie.....	10 00
" 17, to 3 blank and 1 recpt book	1 75	" 22 M R Purkens (by receipt)	1 00
" 21, for printing.....	5 00	" 22 Rev J W White (by re'pt)	3 15
" 21, by cash to treasurer.....	80 00	" 28 Mrs E Turner.....	1 00
		" 28 Rev T Gleen.....	16 00
	\$124 75	" 30 St Philip St Bapt Church....	20 15
Jan. 4, R R expense, postage, etc....	17 00	" 31 Mr Alfred, Liberty, Va....	1 00
" 4, on note in bank.....	21 00	" 31 Rev I P Simpson.....	3 00
" 22, a note, Mr C Huzfield.....	14 00		
" 22, to J Q A Wilhite.....	63 00		\$116 20
	\$115 00	Feb. Rev W C Carter.....	\$ 4 00
[4]		" Rev S Gleen.....	20 00
Feb. to salary, Wilhite.....	25 55	" Union Church.....	7 10
" R. R. and postage.....	18 40	" Womens Missionary So'ty	1 50
" 11, to interest on note in bank....	5 30	" 4 Shady Grove Association....	4 50
" 12, to state and county tax on		" 11 Miss Minta Morrow, Tal-	
school property.....	17 50		

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL HOUSE.

SCHOOL HOUSE.

December, 1886.	
Receipts.....	\$ 62 95
Expenditures.....	52 10
Balance.....	10 85
January, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$ 69 75
Expenditures.....	65 65
Balance.....	\$ 4 10
February, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$ 65 00
Expenditures.....	42 20
Balance.....	\$ 19 80
March 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$ 38 50
Expenditures.....	56 45
Balance.....	\$ 2 05
April, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$ 60 00
Expenditures.....	41 35
Balance.....	\$ 18 65
May, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$119 00
Expenditures.....	106 50
Balance.....	\$ 12 50
Total Receipts.....	\$435 20
Total Expenditures.....	367 25
Total Balance.....	\$ 67 95

BOARDING HALL.

My chief aim was to keep within the income.

Respectfully submitted,

C. I. PURCE.

President Selma University.

December, 1886.	
Receipts.....	\$ 65 00
Expenditures.....	152 21
Balance Overdrawn.....	\$ 87 21
January, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$167 77
Expenditures.....	151 23
Balance.....	\$ 16 54
February, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$151 00
Expenditures.....	139 33
Balance.....	\$ 11 67
March, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$140 70
Expenditures.....	137 98
Balance.....	\$ 3 72
April, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$140 00
Expenditures.....	129 45
Balance.....	\$ 10 55
May, 1887.	
Receipts.....	\$140 00
Expenditures.....	123 65
Balance.....	\$ 16 35
Total receipts.....	\$804 47
Total expenditures.....	833 85
Balance overdrawn.....	\$ 28 38

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This body shall be called The Colored Missionary Baptist Convention of Alabama.

ARTICLE 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.

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1886.	Dr.	1886.	
Nov. 22, by c'h from State Con'n	\$407 33	" 23, to C. Herzfeld on note....	10 00
Nov. 22, Mrs. N. R. Nickerson..	22 00	" 23, to J. H. Culver, pd note....	5 00
22, Rev A N McEwen, postage		" 23, to salary	82 25
and express	1 00	[5]	
" 22, to sexton	4 00	Mch 10, to C. Herzfeld on note	10 00
" for paper and postage.....	2 00	" 10, to R. R. expenses and p'st'ge	16 90
" 24, to Rev. H. W. Bouey for		" 10, by cash to Treasurer.....	80 10
minutes of 1885	22 90	" 10, to salary, Wilhite	40 00
" 25, to Mrs. Maggie Trowley..	20 00	[6]	\$147 00
" 25, A. D. Black, bal. on wagon	32 90	Ap'l R. R. expenses and postage.	22 03
" 25, to Mrs. C. S. Dinkins	40 00	" 7, to Rev. H. Stephens	10 00
" 25, to ac't. of Mrs. M. Alston..	50 00	" 9, to Mrs. A. Brooks	5 00
" 25, to Johnson Park & Co on ac	20 00	" 9, to interest on note in bank	17 00
" 25, to Alston account	25 00	[7]	\$54 05
" 25, to T. A. Brooks on account	20 00	May R. R. expenses and postage.	25 05
" 25, to C. W. White on note..	93 00	" Minutes of State Convention	
E M Browley, D D, on acct	51 00	of 1886	16 75
	\$401 80	" 28, to Hursfeld on note	10 21
[2]		" 28, to salary for agt, J. Q. A.	
Dec. 8, by cash Rev. J. P. Borton.	5 35	Wilhite	47 00
" " by cash Rev. W. H. Mc-		[8]	\$ 99 01
Alpine.....	5 00	June 1, to balance account.....	9 20
" " by c'h Rev J Q A Wilhite	5 00	" 1, R. R. expenses and postage.	20 45
" 15 from Star of Hope Asso'n	6 00	" 9, express on certificates.....	45
" 20 Tabernacle Church Selma..	3 00	" interest on Bouey note and	
" 20 Second Bapt Chu'h Selma	15 00	lawyer's fee.....	15 45
" 20 Green St Bapt C'h Selma	25 00	" to Prof. C. L. Purce on note	50 00
" 28 First African Bapt Church		[9]	\$ 95 50
Tuskaiaosa.....	25 00	1887	
" 28 First African S S, Tuska-		Jan. 1 Uniontown C'h and S S..	\$ 13 25
loosa.....	2 00	" 1 Sister M N Brown.....	1 00
" 29 Dallas Co Association.....	25 00	" 1 Sister A B Collens.....	1 00
" 29 Rev R T Pollard.....	4 50	" 1 Sister L E E Collens.....	1 00
" 29 Rev L Brown.....	5 00	" 1 Sister L Lee.....	1 00
" 29 Mr Webb	45	" 1 Bethleheim Church.....	1 40
[3]	\$120 30	" 12 Rev L J Green.....	30 00
Dec. 10, to R R ex. and postage...	22 80	" 14 Rev E Mixon	4 50
" 10, to interest on note in bank	15 00	" 17 Sister C P Thompson....	7 75
" 17, to 3 blank and 1 recpt book	1 75	" 18 Sister A A Bouie.....	10 00
" 21, for printing.....	5 00	" 22 M R Purkens (by receipt)	1 00
" 21, by cash to treasurer.....	80 00	" 22 Rev J W White (by re'pt)	3 15
	\$124 75	" 28 Mrs E Turner.....	1 00
Jan. 4, R R expense, postage, etc..	17 00	" 28 Rev T Gleen.....	16 00
" 4, on note in bank.....	21 00	" 30 St Philip St Bapt Church.	20 15
" 22, a note, Mr C Huzfield.....	14 00	" 31 Mr Alfred, Liberty, Va....	1 00
" 22, to J Q A Wilhite.....	63 00	" 31 Rev I P Simpson.....	3 08
	\$115 00		\$116 20
[4]		Feb. Rev W C Carter.....	\$ 4 00
Feb. to salary, Wilhite.....	25 55	" Rev S Gleen.....	20 00
" R. R. and postage.....	18 40	" Union Church	7 10
" 11, to interest on note in bank.	5 30	" Womens Missionary So'ty	1 50
" 12, to state and county tax on		" 4 Shady Grove Association	4 50
school property.....	17 50	" 11 Miss Minta Morrow, Tal-	

Providence Bapt Church....	50	"	Rev C O Booth	5 03
King Danlie	1 00	"	Oak Grove	1 00
Miss H White	1 00	"	Green Leaf Bap Church S S.	2 50
Geo Louis	1 00	"	Bro J May	1 00
M Thomas	1 00	"	First Bap Ch, Wetumpka....	2 00
James Richey	1 00	"	Opelika Church	2 00
I Russell	1 00	"	Rev L Green	2 00
M L Sealy	3 00	"	Dexter Ave S S Montgomery	5 00
N Redmunds	3 00	"	H Harris	1 00
Bethlehem Church	1 00	"	H A Loveless	10 00
The Citizens	58 31	"	Dexter Ave B Ch, Montg'ry.	15 00
Perote Association	2 00	"	P S Aluson	2 00
Eagle Grove	3 00	"	R Grant	1 00
Purnell Church	1 25	"	E C Jones	7 25
Miley Galla	1 00	"	Pleasant Grove, Montgomery	1 00
Rev C W Carter	1 00	"	Bensville Baptist Church...	1 00
Laved Chapel	2 00	"	Antioch Baptist Church	2 00
Rev L Hawthorn	1 50	"	R S Jones Ramah Church...	4 00
Rev M C Merrell	2 00	"	St James	6 00
R Phillips	1 00	"	Chubehatchet S S	1 00
N Wear	1 00	"	Chubehatchet Church	5 00
N Thomas	1 00	"	Rev S Jones	2 00
L Craig	1 00	"	Newburn Church S S	1 50
Missionary S S	2 30	"	P H White	1 00
Rev S M Reeves	2 00	"	The Y W C T U	5 00
Rev A I Cox	1 00	"	Sandy Ridge Church	2 00
J P Recks	1 00	"	Friendship Church	1 50
Mt Zion	1 00	"	Spring Hill Church	1 00
Rev W M Williams	1 00	"	Eclulah Church	1 00
Mt Calvary	1 00	"	Uniontown S S	1 00
White Oak Church S S	3 00	"	Green Liberty	2 75
Tabernacle Bap C'h, Birm-		"	Tuskaloosa First Bap C'h...	1 00
ingham, Ala.	2 50	"	Lowndeshoro	10 00
Sweet Pilgrim Bapt Church.	1 00	"	Sis J Millon	1 00
Town Creek	4 00	"	Sis C L Purce	1 00
Colorine Bapt Church	3 00	"	Hopewell	3 00
R Bates	1 00	"	E A Association	1 00
Faunsdale Bapt Church	1 50	"	Columbus Street Bap C'h...	10 00
Miss L Hines	1 00	"	Columbus Street S S	5 00
A Gray	1 00	"	Birmingham Sixteenth St S S	1 00
Citizens	12 00	"	Sardis Church	5 00
Damascus S S	1 00	"	L F O'Brien	1 00
Salem Church	10 00	"	M Madison Uniontown As's	5 00
Bethlehem Church	1 00	"	Miss Susie Elone	14 35
Mt Cilia Church	1 00	"	Sardis S S	3 00
Mt Coney	1 00	"	Auburn	2 00
Eufaula S S	4 00	"	New Jerus/le n	2 25
J E Timothy	1 00	"	Rev C R Rogers	3 00
Bro R Hutson	5 00	"	Rev R T Jollard	13 50
C Goldby Tabernacle S S	3 00	"	T W Waller	5 00
Elizabeth Church	1 00	"	Central J T Washington	3 00
Tabernacle Church	9 00	"	Mt Joy Ch'ch	15 00
M Osborn	1 00	"	Mt Zion Church	2 00
T Wamock	1 00	"	Beach Island	1 00
A J Howard	1 00	"	New Sister Spring	1 00
D T West	3 00	"	S H Abram	2 00
Co-operative Co	5 00	"	Ganesville Church	2 00
Sisters of Charity	16 00	"	Rev J T R	1 00
I K Thomas	1 00	"	E Davis	3 00
I C Colling	1 00	"	Bro C Galdby	5 00
Mayer Wilson	1 00	"	Sister E P Tompson	1 50
Rev A L Frazier	1 00	"	A E Beck	1 00
Birmingham 16th St B church	3 00	"	White Hall Church	7 00
M Dozier	1 00	"	Dallas Col Association	5 00
Mary Johnson	18 00			

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	ladega.....	5 00
" 11	to 20 First African Baptist Church, Tuskaaloosa.....	42 00
" 22	Rev E A McCall, Enon, Alabama.....	1 55
" 27	Sardis Bapt Ch, Clayton.....	1 50
Mch. 2	Friendship Church.....	\$ 2 25
" 2	Eufaula Association Tre'y.....	5 00
" 10	Rev A Gachett.....	1 10
" 10	Mrs M A Porter.....	5 00
" 10	Mrs C P Thompson.....	75
" 12	by cash from Tabernacle Church, Selma.....	44 00
" 27	Uniontown Church.....	41 00
" 28	Demopolis.....	1 30
" 28	Faunsdale.....	4 00
" 29	First Bapt Church Greenville, Ala.....	2 00
" 31	from Real Soap Co.....	50 00

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April 3	Faunsdale Bapt Church.....	\$ 20 00
" 9	Tabernacle S S, Selma, Alabama.....	5 00
" 11	Rev J D Madop.....	1 00
" 11	Union Springs Church.....	1 65
" 14	Second Bapt Ch Midway Alabama.....	1 35
" 14	Sardis Church.....	4 20
" 20	Greensboro Church.....	1 55
" 20	Tuskaaloosa.....	4 00

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May 8	Tabernacle Bapt Church Birmingham, Ala.....	\$ 13 05
" 8	Sixteenth Street Bapt Ch Birmingham, Ala.....	30 15
" 10	South side, B'ham, Ala.....	3 25
" 12	Auburn Dist S S Conv'n Rev P C French.....	1 00
" 12	Rev H C Clark.....	1 00
" 21	Demopolis Bapt Church.....	10 00
" 24	Prof B T Washington, Tuskegee.....	10 21
" 56	by cash Alumnie of Selma.....	17 00

\$103 71

Accounts for July 1, to July 18, 1887.

July 23	Aldrich Bapt Church.....	\$ 2 65
" 8	Womens Convention.....	46 00
" 10	Talladega S S.....	1 20
" 10	Talladega Bapt Church.....	11 65
" 13	Silvester Bapt Ch Riley.....	4 00
" 13	Eufaula Dist S S Conve'n.....	50 00
" 13	Union Springs Bapt Ch.....	1 05
" 18	Zion Hill S S.....	1 00
" 18	Ministers and Decons Un.....	2 55
" 18	The Eufaula Association.....	30 00

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June 13	Aldrich S S.....	9 00
" 16	Prof C L Purce.....	50 00
" 19	Antioch.....	1 00
" 19	Rev J D Maddox.....	6 10
" 27	Providence Bapt Church.....	3 65
" 27	Providence S S.....	60
" 27	Mt Olive Providence.....	35
" 27	Good Hope.....	50
July 27	Cedar Grove.....	22 00
" 15	received from C L Purce, A B.....	437 70
" 21	received District Agt.....	19 00
" 25	received State Convention.....	625 40

July 1,	to balance due on account.....	15 44
" 11,	R. R. expenses and postage.....	19 25
"	on account of State Minutes of 1886.....	10 00
"	agent's salary, J A Wilhite.....	100 00
"	on Woodsmall note.....	22 00
"	King note, W. H. McAlpine.....	10 00
"	to expenses of school house, fuel, repairs, &c.....	367 25
"	on Prof. Purce's note.....	69 45
"	to Prof. C. S. Dinkins for service.....	8 00
"	on Prof. C. S. Dinkins note.....	8 00
" 22,	to print'g for State Convention.....	15 00
" 22,	balance on minutes for 1886.....	8 25
" 22,	to Miss S. Stone, by acct.....	14 35
" 22,	to Prof. C. S. Dinkins on note.....	28 25
" 22,	to Prof. C. L. Purce on note.....	28 25
" 22,	to Clerk for services.....	15 00
" 21,	to sexton.....	5 00
"	on account of State Printer.....	30 00
"	to express and receipt books.....	1 30
"	to bank note in Com. Bank.....	420 00
"	to bank account.....	37 00
"	to E. C. Jones by account.....	7 25
"	to W H. McAlpine.....	20 00

Rev E J Fisher.....\$14 00

Selma Sisters Society, Tabernacle Church.....	10 00
" to Masly.....	1 00
" Little Zion.....	1 00
" New Hebron.....	1 00
" Mrs M N Brown.....	1 00
" J W Wetherspoon.....	1 00
" May Roberson.....	1 00
" C J Davis.....	1 00
" M L Conaway.....	1 00
" J T Prince.....	1 00
" Bethlehem Church.....	4 00
" Good Hope Church.....	2 00
" Rocky Mt Bapt Church.....	1 00
" Evendale Bapt Church.....	3 00
" Mt Zion Bapt Church.....	1 00
" Boilings Springs Bapt Ch.....	1 00

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SCHOOL HOUSE.		December, 1886.	
December, 1886.		Receipts.....	\$ 65 00
Receipts.....	\$ 62 95	Expenditures.....	152 21
Expenditures.....	52 10	Balance Overdrawn.....	\$ 87 21
Balance.....	10 85	January, 1887.	
January, 1887.		Receipts.....	\$167 77
Receipts.....	\$ 69 75	Expenditures.....	151 23
Expenditures.....	65 65	Balance.....	\$ 16 54
Balance.....	\$ 4 10	February, 1887.	
February, 1887.		Receipts.....	\$151 00
Receipts.....	\$ 65 00	Expenditures.....	139 33
Expenditures.....	42 20	Balance.....	\$ 11 67
Balance.....	\$ 19 80	March, 1887.	
March 1887.		Receipts.....	\$140 70
Receipts.....	\$ 58 50	Expenditures.....	137 98
Expenditures.....	56 45	Balance.....	\$ 3 72
Balance.....	\$ 2 05	April, 1887.	
April, 1887.		Receipts.....	\$140 00
Receipts.....	\$ 00 00	Expenditures.....	129 45
Expenditures.....	41 35	Balance.....	\$ 10 55
Balance.....	\$ 18 05	May, 1887.	
May, 1887.		Receipts.....	\$140 00
Receipts.....	\$119 00	Expenditures.....	124 65
Expenditures.....	106 50	Balance.....	\$ 16 35
Balance.....	\$ 12 50	Total receipts.....	\$804 47
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