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## MINUTES.

TUSCALOOSA. ALA., July 18, 1888.

Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m., the Alabama State Baptist Convention met in its Twenty first Annual Session with the African Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The President, Rev. W. R. Pettiford, called the Convention to order and said. "Dear brethren, it is a strong testimony of God's blessing upon us that we are permitted to meet again. And we should be thankful to Him for His kindness. Let us act while here as messengers of God."

Rev. C. S. Dinkins, of Marion, conducted the devotional exercises. The hymn "O for a Closer Walk with God," was sung by the Convention. Rev. D. Dinkins read the Eighth Chapter of Romans. and Rev. Wm. Maderson, of Greensboro, led in prayer. The Convention then sung: "So Let Our Lives and Lips Express The Holy Gospel We Profess."

The time having arrived for the annual sermon to be preached, Rev. M. Tyler, of Lowndesboro, ascended the pulpit and addressed the Throne of Grace, singing: "Pass Me not O Gentle Savior."

Brother Tyler took for his text Exodus 14:15. And the Lord Said Unto Moses, "Speak Unto the Children of Israel, that They go Forward." Then he preached a very interesting sermon, and one that was especially appropriate to the present status of the Baptist of Alabama.

Rev. P. Murrell, of Tuscaloosa, then worded the hymn, "Jesus, I My Cross have Taken," which was sung by the Convention. Prayer by Rev. Murrell.

On motion of Rev. M. Tyler, Brethren J. M. Foster, W. R. Dawson, Frank S. Moody and Black Wilder. Messengers from White Baptist State Convention, of Ala., were introduced to the Convention, and spoke very encouraging words relative to the warm feeling which their Convention has for ours. The remarks were responded to by the President, Rev's. Booth, McAlphine, Purce, Murrell and McEwen.

At this point Rev's Smiles, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Hamilton, of C. M. E. Church, Taylor, of the Presbyterian Church, and Spates, of M. E. Church, were introduced to the Convention, and made remarks encouraging the work of the Convention.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Q. Wilhite, the following brethren were appointed to enroll the names of the Church Associations, Sunday-schools, Society and Sunday school Conventions: R. B. Hud-

son, C. W. Childs, Rev's. W. C. Bradford, C. R. Rodgers, I. Dawson.

Then the Association, Churches, Sunday-schools, Sunday-school Conventions were enrolled as follows:

#### ASSOCIATIONS.

Eufaula—Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite, J. D. Maddox.  
Uniontown—Revs. W. M. Madison, C. O. Booth, Bro. C. W. White.  
Snow Creek—Revs. W. M. Munds, Lydden Green.  
Bethel—Rev. C. L. Roberts, Choctaw Corner.  
Gilfield—Rev. C. L. Roberts, Choctaw Corner.  
Bladen Springs—Rev. C. L. Long, Bladen Springs.  
Good Samaritan—Rev. R. E. Brown, W. B. Bukome, Selma.  
Morning Star—Not represented.  
Dallas County—Rev. L. Bryant, Selma.  
Colored Bethlahem—I. T. Simpson, Evergreen.  
Shelby Springs—J. P. Barten, H. Scott, E. E. Perryman.  
New Cahaba—R. T. Pollard, Marion.  
Evergreen—Rev. Z. Michael.  
Mt. Pilgrim—J. R. Capers, W. R. Pettiford, A. D. Jamison, R. Donald, Birmingham.  
Lebanon—Revs. I. Bizzie, James Howard.  
Shady Grove—Not represented.  
Spring Hill District—Not represented.  
Bethlahem—Revs. L. Brown, I. Dawson, W. Broaden, G. Lowe, Alex Thomas, C. Roberts, D. G. Griffin.  
Alabama District—Revs. M. Tyler, S. Jones, A. N. McEwen, J. C. Curry, M. C. Merrill.  
Star of Hope—Revs. J. A. Lawson, J. F. Blackman, Wm. Gibby, Sam Kennedy, Bros. E. H. Allen, C. W. Childs.  
Auburn—Rev. T. Glenn, Glennville.  
South East District—Revs. Jas. A. Henderson, J. Barret.  
Good Willo Sea Coast—Revs. A. F. Owen, E. B. Young.  
Pine Grove—Not represented.  
Mussle Shoals—Not represented.  
Bowen East—Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Eufaula.  
New Pine Grove—Not represented.  
Mills Creek—Not represented.  
New Antioch Bethlahem—Revs. P. Murrell, S. Page, J. C. Crawford.  
Mud Creek—Not represented.  
Perote—Not represented.  
Mt. Pleasant—Revs. L. S. Steinback, Jas. Emerson.  
Canaan—Not represented.  
Ebenezer—Not represented.  
Autauga—Not represented.  
East Alabazca—Not represented.  
Rushing Springs—Not represented.  
Kentbush—Bro. S. H. Abrams.  
Troy—Not represented.  
Union—Not represented.

#### CHURCHES.

Bethlahim, Gallon—Rev. W. M. Madison.  
Lillie Grove, Selma—Rev. R. E. Brown.  
New Fellowship, Selma—Rev. R. E. Brown.  
Mt. Herman, York Station—Rev. T. Grant.  
Mt. Olive, Tuskegee—Rev. C. R. Rogers.  
Dawsett, Ramsey—Rev. L. A. Green.  
Mt. Zion, Andiston—W. M. Munds.  
Evergreen, Evergreen—Rev. I. T. Simpson.  
St. John, Evergreen—Rev. I. T. Simpson.



- Bethel, Coleine—Bro A Wadkins.  
 Spring Hill, North Post—Rev I C Crawford.  
 Grove Hill, Dayton—Rev E W Shields.  
 Pleasant Grove, Tuscaloosa—Rev R F Farley, Bro Chas Whitfield.  
 Green Leaf, Scott Station—Rev H Stephens.  
 Hollow Springs, Tuscaloosa—Rev R D Edward.  
 Bethany, Felix—Rev R Z Deyempeit.  
 Spring Hill, Marion—Rev B Tubbs.  
 Mt George, Trustville—Rev Wm Walker.  
 Vilula, Vilula—Rev S L Ross.  
 Mt Zion, East Lake—Rev A C Jackson.  
 New Asia, Cooling Station—Rev D B Canipbell, E D Barns, S J Taylor.  
 Pleasant Sabine, Birmingham, (box 382)—Rev A D Jamison.  
 Damascus, Dix Creek—Revs J W Wood, N Jackson.  
 Spring Hill, Sawyersville—Bro Allen Hobson.  
 Morning Star, Demopolis—Rev C W Wallace.  
 Elizabeth, Union Springs—Rev M Ellington.  
 Bethlahem, Boligee—Rev H E Lige.  
 Mt Zion, Praire Bluff—Rev F A E Beck.  
 Macedonia, Ft Deposit—Rev M C Merrell.  
 St Emanuel, Camden—Rev F A E Beck.  
 St Paul, Selma—Rev G H Hobdy.  
 Providence, Selma—Rev G H Hobdy.  
 Mt Tabor, Sherman—M C Bryant, Bro P Basin.  
 Tabernacle, Selma—Rev I. J Green, R B Hudson.  
 Hopewell, Marion—R T Pollard.  
 Sardis, Clayton—Rev W C Bradford.  
 Eutaw, Eutaw—Rev I Dawson.  
 Jones Creek, Epes Station—Rev I Dawson.  
 Sumterville, Livingstone—Rev G Lowe.  
 Livingston—Rev G Lowe.  
 Mt Zion, Selma—Rev B Tubbs.  
 Friendship, Marion—Rev B Tubbs.  
 Central, Massilon, Rev J F Washington.  
 New Bethel, Epes Station—Rev L Brown.  
 Mt Olive, Boligee—Bro J B S Boatwright, Archy Young, Rev L Brown.  
 Hebron, Uniontown—Revs A W Lawson, H Alexander.  
 Camden, Camden—Rev J W White.  
 New Shiloh, Selma—Rev L P Foster.  
 Perryville, Selma—Rev L P Foster.  
 Friendship, Gadasken—Rev D T Gully.  
 Mt Zion, Selma—Rev Wm Jones.  
 Summerfield, Selma—Rev Wm Jones.  
 Mt Ararat, Selma—Rev Wm Jones.  
 Friendship, Batesville—Rev L P O'Bryan.  
 Calvary, Guerrytown—Rev L F O'Bryan.  
 Mt Level, Eufaula—Rev L F O'Bryan.  
 Willow Springs, Greensboro—Rev Peter Cntrel.  
 New Berne, New Berne—Revs H Stephens, W M Redrick.  
 St Phillip St, Selma—Revs S S Sisson, Harrison Block, C Hill.  
 New Mt. Cilla, Alexandria—Bro. Lydden Green.  
 Marion Baptist Church, Marion, ---Revs C. S. Dinkins. A. Billingsley.  
 Centre, Felix—Rev. R. Z. Deyampert.  
 Green street, Selma. - - Rev. L. Bryant.  
 Archadelphia, Pine Apple, Rev. I. H. Henderson, J. Nichols.  
 Salem, Greensboro--W. M. Madison, Watt Cole, Add Wimbs, Ike Green.  
 16th st. Baptist church, Birmingham, ---Revs. W. R. Pettiford, J. M. Mays.  
 S. E. Alexander, L. D. James, Van James.  
 Gainsville Bapt. Church, Gainsville, -- Rev. D. G. Griffin.  
 6th Ave. Bapt. Church, Birmingham, Rev. T. W. Walker, H. S. Howard, S. W. Flournoy.  
 Jerusalem, Sumterville, -- Rev. W. Broaden.  
 Mt. Zion, Sumterville. -- Rev. W. Broaden.

Beach Island, Selma-- Rev. L. T. Thomas.  
 Shiloh, Selma, Revs. H. Huggins, H. W. Loder.  
 Mt. Canaan, Talladega, -- Revs. A. A. Battles, S. A. Rivers, H. F. Curry.  
 Uniontown, Uniontown, -- D. D. Jacy, W. E. Freeman, Thornton Edmond,  
 C. C. Carrington, -- Rev. J. Q. Wilkitt.  
 Good Hope, Brown Station, -- Rev. Y. R. White.  
 Green Liberty, Hamburg--Rev. Y. R. White.  
 Sandy Ridge, Selma,--Rev A L Wainack.  
 Miller's Hill, Epp's Station--Rev C Roberts, F Hunter.  
 New Hope, Epp's Station--Rev C Roberts.  
 Second Baptist Church, Selma--Rev H Blevins, R B Baird, J C Blevins.  
 Chubehatchie, Shorter's Station--Rev G C Cosby, H Harris.  
 Liberty, Tuscaloosa--Rev T Dixon.  
 Palestine, Sumter Co--Rev J McKesson.  
 Pine Top, Demopolis--J McKesson.  
 Green, Green county--J McKesson.  
 Mt Olive, Birmingham--Rev A C Jackson.  
 Epsakiah, Aldrich--Rev D T Jones.  
 Lloyd's Chapel, Forkland--Rev Wm Jordan.  
 Mt Zion, Boligee, Rev O Wright.  
 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery--Rev A N McEwen, H A Loveless, C M Wells.  
 Union, Marion--R T Pollard.  
 New Hebron, Martin Station--Rev D M Coleman.  
 Galilee, Anniston--Rev W M Walker.  
 New Prospect, North Port, Rev J C Crawford.  
 Mary Winston, Rainey--Rev A Thomas.  
 Shiloh, Livingston--Rev Charlie Williams.  
 Mt. Zion--Mt Hebron, Rev F Jowers, Jas Roberts.  
 New Hope, Oxford--Rev Wm Munds.  
 Benville, Tuscaloosa--Rev J A Mosely.  
 Hebron, Uniontown--Rev J A Mosely.  
 Hebron, Uniontown--Rev A W Lawson.  
 1st Baptist Church, Greenville--Rev E W Pickett.  
 Jerusalem, Montgomery--Rev G W Kennedy.  
 Gilfield, Wetumpka--Rev Moses Billups.  
 Bethel, Pleasant Hill--Rev J R Scott.  
 Day Street, Montgomery--Rev C C Cosby.  
 Hunter's Chapel, Lineville--Rev J H Hunter.  
 Oak Grove, Gallion--Rev J H Hunter.  
 Free Hope, Garrett's Shop--Rev Elijah Fields.  
 Tabernacle, Birmingham--Rev R Donald.  
 Purnel, Marion Junction--Rev A W Ragland.  
 Eagle Grove, Marion--Rev A W Ragland.  
 St. Paul, Greensboro--Rev H Alexander.  
 Mt. Hilliard, Thompson station--Rev Wm Walker.  
 Antioch, Harrisburg--Rev G W Branuin.  
 Second Baptist Church, Eufaula--Rev W R Forbs.  
 Canaan, Doletomite--Rev A W Wilson.  
 New Virgin, Pine Apple--Rev Jas Nichols.  
 Union, Greenville--Rev James Nichols.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

St Phillip st, Selma--Bro Isaac Collins.  
 Sixteenth street, Birmingham--L D James  
 6th Ave., Birmingham--Rev. C. O. Booth.  
 Livingston, Livingston--Bro J J Gooden.  
 Good Hope, Hamburg--Rev Y R White.  
 Friendship, Gadsden--Rev D T Cully.  
 New Shiloh--Rev I. P Foster.  
 Perryville, Selma--Rev L P Foster.  
 Willow Springs, Greensboro--Rev Peter Cutrel.  
 Chubehatchie, Shorter's--By Letter.  
 Second Baptist, Selma--Bro J C Blevins.

Springfield, Sawyerville—Bro Allen Hobson.  
 Second Baptist, Marion—Rev C S Dinkins.  
 Salem, Greensboro—B E Huckabee.  
 Green street, Selma—Rev L Bryant.  
 Eutaw, Eutaw—Rev J Dawson.  
 Evergreen, Evergreen—Rev J T Simpson.  
 Pleasant Sabine, Birmingham. Rev A D Jamison, Box 382.  
 Jones Creek, Epp's Station—Rev I Dawson.  
 Hopewell, Marion --Rev. D. Peterson.  
 Hughes' Chapel, Livingston—James Green.  
 Jerusalem, Ramsey Station—John Inge.  
 Mt. Zion, Prairie Bluff—Rev F A E Beck  
 Tabernacle, Selma—Bro R Hudson, C S Goldsby. Rev I T Prince.  
 Mt. Tabor, Sherinan—Rev M C Bryant.  
 Uniontown, Uniontown—W E Freeman.  
 Summerfield, Selma—Rev W M Jones.  
 Mt Zion, Selma--Rev W M Jones.  
 Mt Ararat, Selma—Rev Win Jones.  
 Mt Zion, Selma—Rev B Tubbs.  
 Hebron, Union--Rev A W Lawson.  
 Buckeye, Colerine—Bro A Wadkins.  
 Central, Missillon—Bro D W Gayles.  
 Second Baptist, Eufaula—J E Timothy.  
 Greenleaf, Scott—Rev H Stephens.  
 Mt Olive, Tuskegee--Rev C R Rodgers.  
 Antioch, Camden--Bro C W Childs.  
 Boiling Springs, Boiling Springs. Rev J W White.  
 Gainsville, Gainesville--Rev D G Griffin.  
 Second Baptist Church, New Berne—Rev W M Redrick.  
 Sumterville, Livingston--Rev G Lowe.  
 New Asia, Coaling—S J Taylor.  
 Mt Olive, Boligee—Archie Young.  
 Hawsey, Ramsey station—A Dawsey.  
 Liberty, Tuscaloosa—Rev T Dixon.  
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 Mt. Zion, Sumterville,—Rev W Broaden.  
 Bethlehem, Gallion—Rev Wm Madison.  
 Holly Springs, Romulus--Rev R D Edward.  
 Antioch, Tuscaloosa—J W Harrison.  
 Mt. Zion, Mt. Hebron—Rev F Jowers.  
 Centre, Felix--Rev R Z Deyampert.  
 Bethany, Felix --Rev R Z Deyampert.  
 Belville, Belville --Rev J T Simpaon.  
 New Bethel, Epp's Station --Rev L Brown.  
 Mt Zion, Selma--Rev B Tubbs.  
 Friendship, Marion --Rev B Tubbs.  
 Sandy Ridge, Selma --Rev A L Womack.  
 Evergreen--Rev R Ingraham.  
 Free Hope, Garrett Shup--Rev E Fields.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS.

Kelly Springs, Kenfroe—Rev. A. A. Battle.  
 Mt. Pilgrim, Birmingham—A. D. Jamison, box 382.  
 Alabama District, Lowndesboro—Rev. M. Tyler, Bro. H. A. Loveless.  
 Eufaula District, Clayton—Rev. A. Gatchett, E. A. McCall, L. F. O'Bryan.  
 Auburn District—Rev. G. C. Casby.

### SOCIETIES.

Women's Missionary Society, Demopolis—Sister Mary Stokes.



Women's Missionary Society, Evergreen—Rev. I. T. Simpson.  
 Laburn. Union No. 3, Selma—L. T. Thomas.  
 Christian Aid Society, Tuscaloosa—Peter Little.  
 Sisters Benevolent Society, Eufaula—Bro. J. E. Timothy.

#### NEW BODIES.

East Dallas Association—Rev. M. C. Canty, Soapstone, Ala.

#### CHURCHES.

Peace Baptist Church, Talladega—Rev. J. P. Barton  
 First Baptist Church, Blockton—Rev. H. Scott.  
 Mt. Olive, Galleon—Rev. C. W. Wallace.  
 St. Patrick—Not represented.  
 Evening Star, Forkland—Rev. W. M. Jordan.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

First Baptist S. S., Blockton—S. S. Homes.  
 Bethel, Pleasant Hill—Rev. J. R. Scott.  
 Bird's, Marion—Bro. E. L. Billingsly.

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

#### FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at four p. m. with President W. R. Pettiford in the chair.

After singing, "Jesus lover of my soul," Rev. J. W. White, of Camden, led in prayer. Then sang, "Nearer my God to thee."

The enrolling clerks then proceeded to read the names of the names of the Associations, Churches, Sunday Schools, etc., which were enrolled, and corrections were made when necessary.

Rev. L. P. Foster moved that the name of Rev. D. Boyd be taken from the roll of delegates, and on motion of Rev. C. O. Booth that motion was tabled until a more appropriate time.

The Convention at this point proceeded to permanent organization, Rev. A. N. McEwen presiding.

On motion of Rev. C. O. Booth, all the old officers were unanimously re-elected by acclamation, which resulted as follows:

For President—Rev. W. R. Pettiford, Birmingham.

Vice-President—Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Eufaula.

Secretary—R. T. Pollard, Marion.

Treasurer—Bro. Charles W. White, Selma.

The President elect was escorted to the chair by Bro. C. W. Childs, after which all the officers made remarks, thanking the Convention for the honors conferred upon them in electing them to the several offices.

The following committees were then appointed:

On New Bodies—Revs. A. N. McEwen, Wm. Walker, J. R. Capers.

Finance—Rev. I. T. Simpson, C. L. Long, Prof. R. B. Hudson.

Time and Place—Prot. C. L. Purce, Rev. Wm. Madison, Bro. Lidden Green.

Preaching—Revs. James M. Mason, M. Tyler, S. E. Alexander.

Grievance—Revs. A. A. Battle, E. A. McCall, L. D. James.

Temperance—Revs. W. C. Bradford, D. T. Gully, S. Jones.

Deceased Ministers—Revs. W. H. McAlpine, Wm. Jones, S. L. Ross.

On motion of Bro. J. C. Blevins, the programme prepared by the State Mission Board was adopted.

On motion of Rev. W. H. McAlpine, Rev. C. O. Booth was appointed to preach to night.

The Committee on Preaching reported that there will be preaching to-night as follows:

Elizabeth Baptist Church, South Tuscaloosa—Rev E B Young, Mobile.

First Baptist Church—Rev C O Booth, Birmingham.

A M E Zion Church—Rev I Dawson, Livingston.

The Convention then adjourned to meet to night at eight o'clock. Benediction by Rev C L Purce.

#### FIRST DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment at eight o'clock p. m.

The house was called to order by the President, Rev W R Pettiford, who announced that, according to the order of the day, the time had come to listen to a sermon by Rev C O Booth.

Rev C S Dinkins of Marion worded the hymn, "Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing," which was sung by the convention; after which Rev T W Walker addressed the throne of grace. Bro Booth then read the second chapter of Daniel. Sang, "Jesus, I my cross have taken," and Bro Dinklin led in prayer.

"Rock of ages cleft for me" was sung by the choir. Bro Booth took as a text 1st John, 5:4. Theme—The durabilities and victories of godliness. He preached a very interesting sermon, and one that was enjoyed by the audience. After the sermon the choir sang "My faith looks up to thee."

The pastor of the church, Rev J M Mason, was invited forward and gave the welcome address on behalf of the church; after which Rev A N McEwen of Montgomery responded.

A collection of \$9.96 was raised. The Convention then adjourned with benediction by Rev S Jones.

#### SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., July 19th, 1888.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock with President Pettiford in the chair.

The minutes of the previous day were read and adopted.

On motion of Rev L J Green, Rev G C Casby was put on the Committee on Grievance instead of Rev C S Dinkins.

The report of the Board of Trustees was called for, but the



Board not being ready to report, on motion of Rev J W White, the Convention was resolved into a committee of the whole to discuss the question: "Should a church which has drawn out from the Association of which it was a member be received into the Convention?" Rev C O Booth spoke first: "No church is enslaved to an Association." Rev. J T Prince: "I think the Convention will do well to instruct such churches that they cannot draw out from their associations and be received into the Convention."

Rev R Z Deyampert spoke on the subject. Rev P Murrell. "The spirit of this Convention is that, if you are not right at home you cannot come here." Rev A N McEwen: "A church is not compelled to unite with an association, but it is better that the churches work in the general work through the associations."

The board being ready to report, the discussion closed, and Rev W H McAlpine proceeded to read the report. Then the several recommendations in the report were taken up and considered.

The phase of the report bearing upon the theological department of the school being supported by the ministers giving at least \$10.00 to its support was very warmly discussed by the brethren, after which there was raised by cash and subscriptions \$442. (See names of subscribers under Appendix.)

The appointment of a Ministerial Board, recommended in the report was, on motion of Rev C O Booth, referred to the Board of Trustees, and the special board appointed shall not employ the teacher until one third the money for his salary will have been raised.

On motion of Rev D T Gully, the recommendation of an additional teacher for the literary department of the school was referred to the Board of Trustees, with instructions that, if practicable, they avoid the employment of a teacher.

At this point Rev W J Simmons, D.D., District Secretary of American Baptist Home Mission Society for the South, was introduced to the Convention; also Rev W R Forbs, pastor Eufaula Baptist Church.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Board of Trustees, the Convention adjourned. Benediction by Rev C L Purce.

## SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION,

The Convention re-assembled at four o'clock p m, with President Pettiford in the chair. The hymn, "Am I a soldier of the Cross," was sung and Rev T W Walker led in prayer.

The Convention sang, "'Tis the promise of God full salvation to give."

At this juncture, Sister Anna Brooks, President of the Women's Baptist Convention of Alabama, was introduced to the Convention, and made some reports touching the women's work

in the State. Dr. Simmons also spoke on the same subject. Subscriptions were then opened for the building of a ladies' hall, when several subscribers were raised, making the amount by cash and subscriptions \$12.35.

Rev. C O Booth moved that it be the sense of this body that the Board be instructed that any person giving \$25 to the building may be honored with the inscription of his name on the walls of one of the rooms. Carried.

On motion of Rev D T Gully, the person paying the largest amount of money to the building, provided it be not less than five hundred dollars, will be honored with having the building named after him.

On motion of Rev W H McAlpine, the person giving one hundred dollars to the building shall have his name inscribed in the chapel of the building.

On motion of Bro C M Wells, the person giving five dollars to the building shall have his name put on the roll of honor.

On motion of Bro W H McAlpine, the Board was instructed to present the subscription list for the building to the various associations that the different churches may subscribe.

Rev W H McAlpine read a resolution (see resolution) satisfying the sale made by the Board of six acres of school ground. On motion the resolution was adopted. The report of the Board of Trustees was then adopted.

The committee on "New Bodies" made their report (see report) which was adopted.

The Convention then adjourned with doxology, and benediction by Rev J M Mason.

## SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 8 o'clock p m and engaged in singing and prayer. By 8:30 there had assembled a large audience to witness an educational mass meeting.

The President announced that the hour had come to begin the meeting. Rev C S Diukins, of Marion, read a paper on "education as a factor in the religious, financial, social and political elevation of the race."

The paper was well delivered and set forth in a striking manner the things that will elevate the race.

Dr. Simmons discussed the paper and said many good things.

A collection amounting to \$14.05 was raised for the proposed lady's dormitory on the Selma University grounds.

Adjournment Benediction by Rev J P Barton, of Talledega.

## THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Friday morning at 9:30 the Convention met pursuant to adjournment, Rev C R Rodgers presiding.

The hymn, "A Charge to Keep I have" was sung. Bro Rogers read Twelfth Chapter of Romans, after which Rev S Jones led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

The hour for the report of the State Mission Board arrived Rev S L Ross moved that the order of business be suspended for the purpose of hearing a resolution by Bro J C Blevins, Rev A N McEwen moved that the motion be tabled Carried.

The report of the State Mission Board was then read by Rev W H McAlpine

After the reading of the report it was discussed by several brethren.

Rev C O Booth: "Nothing will make men fit to be drawn upon and to have life like the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is a great deal of heathenism put for religion."

Rev W H Alpine: "If we don't do something in the line of mission work, the very life will be whipped out of the work. We want the people over the State to feel that we are interested in the salvation of their souls.

Rev A N McEwen moved that the phase of the report bearing upon the appointment of eight missionaries be adopted with the amendment made by Rev C O Booth, namely: That the Board be instructed to employ them as the means for their support is raised.

Pending the adoption Rev A C Jackson spoke: "Some of our people are so reluctant about giving to the cause that our agents are at a loss what first to present them. Let the missionaries be appointed.

Rev J Q A Willhite gave several examples of the willingness of the people to give when the gospel is made the prominent feature.

Rev R Z Deyampert spoke on the subject, after which the recommendation was adopted.

The part of the report recommending that each member of the several churches be requested to give 10 cents for the mission work was discussed by Brethren Casby, O'Bryan, Childs, Jamison, Washington, Forbs, McEwen, Booth, Barton; after which the recommendation was adopted.

The recommendation to appoint a missionary jointly with American Baptist Home Mission Society was discussed, at which time Dr. Simmons, District Secretary for the Society spoke, presenting the work of the Society. The recommendation was then adopted.



The recommendation to accept the proposal of the American Baptist Publication Society to pay half the salary of a Sunday-school Missionary and his expenses, and the State pay the other half of his salary was adopted.

On motion, the second Sunday in March was decided upon as "Home Mission Society Day," at which time all the churches in the State are requested to take up a collection for the Alabama Baptist Home Mission Society of New York. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. S. E. Alexander.

### THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention re-assembled at 4 o'clock P. M., with Vice President, Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite in the chair. Singing—"Alas! and did my Savior Bleed,"—and then the Rev. H. Scott of Blockton led in prayer.

Singing—"Ninety and Nine."

On motion of Rev. A. N. McEwen, the New Town Sunday School was ordered to be put on the roll of Sunday Schools. The following resolution offered by Bro. J. C. Blevins was adopted :

A paper, *Destitute Fields and the Kind of Work we should undertake*, was read by Rev. E. A. McCall of Union Springs. The paper was afterward discussed by Rev. C. O. Booth and L. Bryant.

The report (see report C) of the committee on preaching was read by Rev. J. M. Mason and on motion was adopted.

The report of the committee on temperance was made and discussed.

Rev. C. O. Booth gave an interesting talk, showing the effect of strong drink on the system.

Rev. A. N. McEwen: "It is not easy to break off from a bad habit. Drinking and immorality of the basest sort go hand in hand."

R. T. Pollard: "My churches have quit the use of fermented wine at communion services; but got their wine from New York. This wine is said to be pure. The church is the greatest agency by which intemperance will be broken up."

Bro. C. W. Childs: "People are not apt to live better than their leader. Therefore leaders should avoid drinking."

Rev. T. W. Walker and Bro. Jno. Green spoke on the subject.

Pending the adoption of the report Revs. W. M. Munda, J. A. Baker of Atlanta, S. E. Alexander, R. F. Farley and M. Edwards were introduced to the convention.

The convention then adjourned with benediction by Rev. Jas. A. Henderson.

### THIRD DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The convention re-assembled at 8 P. M. to listen to a sermon

by Rev. W. J. Simmons, D. D. The Doctor was introduced to the Convention, and read the first chapter of Judges. Singing—"O for a Faith that will not shrink,"—after which the Doctor took for his text Judges 1: 6,7; and Matt. 7: 1,2; and preached a very interesting sermon on the retributive justice of God. The speaker demonstrated very clearly the justice God in making men eat the fruit of their doings.

Prayer by Rev. C. L. Roberts.

Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite moved that a collection be taken up for the Home Mission Society on the amount promised by the State. Carried. Collection for Home Mission Society, \$26.30. The Convention then adjourned with benediction by Dr. W. J. Simmons.

#### FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

TUSCALOOSA, ALA., JULY 21st, 1888.

The convention met pursuant to adjournment, Rev. L. J. Green of Selma presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. James Roberts.

The minutes of yesterday were read and adopted.

At this point, Rev. E. J. Fisher, messenger from the Georgia Baptist Convention was introduced to the Convention.

The Committee on TIME AND PLACE made their report; and after a great deal of discussion, the report was so changed, as to make the time of the meeting of the Convention to remain as it was: namely, on Wednesday, before fourth Sabbath in July, 1889. It was then adopted. (Appendix C.)

Rev. W. H. McAlpine read a statement decided by the Board, namely that Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite be employed as Financial Agent in connection with his pastoral work at Uniontown. The subject was discussed with much interest.

Rev. L. J. Green: "We cannot do without a man on the field—one who can give his whole time. Let me predict: if we agree not to put a man in the field, we will take a step backward."

Bro. C. W. Childs: "The Board has done the very best thing, and we should accept it."

Rev. A. W. Wilson: "We need an agent on the field, and must have one."

Rev. W. H. McAlpine: "The Board of Trustees is seeking to economize the expenditures for the work."

Rev. C. Jackson: "If we do not have the eight missionaries, and it seems doubtful, then we ought to have a regular man." The recommendation was then adopted.

The Financial Agents and Treasurer made their reports which were adopted.

The following report from the finance committee was adopted: (See report E.)

The convention then adjourned. Benediction by the President.

#### FOURTH DAY--AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 4 o'clock P. M. the convention met, with President Pettiford in the chair. Singing—"Jesus, keep me near the Cross," after which Rev. R. Donald led in prayer. The Convention went into the election of the State Mission Board as follows:

#### STATE MISSION BOARD.

Eufaula Association--L F O'Bryan, Eufaula.  
 Alabama District Association--M Tyler, Lowndesboro.  
 Free Mission Association--Josiah Davidson.  
 Morning Star Association--G W Jeter, Central Institute.  
 Auburn Association--C R Rodgers, Tuskegee.  
 Pine Grove Association--C Thornton, Aberfoil.  
 South East Association--J Barret, Bailing Springs.  
 Mt Pleasant Association--L S Steinback, Demopolis.  
 Snow Creek, Association--Wm Taylor, Oxford.  
 Lebanon Association--J C Archibald, Pickensville.  
 East Alabama Association--J H Culver, Abbeville.  
 Rushing Springs Association--S A Rivers, Talladega.  
 Muscle Shoals Association--J B Johnson, Courtland.  
 New Pine Grove Association--A Martin.  
 Mills Creek Association--A Kelly, Collinsville.  
 New Antioch Bethlahem Association--J M Mason, Tuscaloosa.  
 Perote Association--J H Burk, Mt Andrews.  
 Good Samaritan Association--R E Brown, Selma.  
 Mulberry Association--G Stringer.  
 Shady Grove Association--A L Warmack, Selma.  
 Uniontown Association--W M Madison, Greensboro.  
 Bladen Springs Association--C L Long, Bladen Springs.  
 Star of Hope Association--C W Childs, Camden.  
 Sea Coast Association--A F Owen, Mobile.  
 Evergreen Association--Z Michael, Evergreen.  
 New Cahaba Association--R L Pollard, Marion.  
 Bethlahem Association--L Brown, Epes Station.  
 Giffeld Association--C L Roberts, Choctaw Corner.  
 Mt Pilgrim Association--J R Capers, Birmingham.  
 Bowen East Association--H Garlington, Camp Hill.  
 Shelby Springs Association--D L Prentice, Aldrich.  
 Colored Bethlahem Association--I T Simpson, Evergreen.  
 Bethel Association--C L Roberts, Choctaw Corner.  
 Dallas County Association--L Bryant, Selma.  
 Kentibish Association--M Alsten, Bevis Store.  
 Autauga Association--Wm Cooper, Verbena.  
 Ebenezer Association--C Young, Notasulga.  
 Canaan Association--W Blazer.  
 Spring Association--E M Burket, Centre Point.  
 East Dallas Association--M C Canty, Soapstone.

The committee on "deceased ministers made their report, (see reports) in which it was stated that these soldiers of the cross have fallen by the way since the last Convention; namely; Revs J Dozier, H Woodsmall and G W Berry. Eulogies were made by brethren Gulby, R Hudson, C L Roberts, L F O'Bryan, M Tyler, Ingraham, Barton, Lacy, McAlpine in a short service of about thirty minutes. The service was very impressive.

The hymn, "Servant of God, Well Done" was sung, after which



Bro. J. E. Timothy led in prayer in behalf of the widows of the deceased. The report was then adopted.

The report on "Baptist Leader" was made by Rev. C. M. Wells, the business manager. After a great deal of discussion about the paper, it was on motion turned over to Bro. C. M. Wells with the understanding that he assume the present debt over it, and also be responsible for all debts made while in his hands.

On motion of Rev. C. L. Purce the State Mission Board was instructed to elect delegates to the next session of the "Educational Convention organized in Washington last May.

The Convention then adjourned with benediction by Rev. S. S. Sisson, of Selma.

#### FOURTH DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention was then called to order in the basement of the African Baptist Church, of Tuscaloosa, President Pettiford presiding. Rev. E. E. Perryman led in prayer.

The following brethren were elected members of the Board of Incorporators: Revs. A. N. McEwen, D. T. Gully, R. T. Pollard, L. J. Green, C. L. Purce.

Bro. McEwen asked the Convention to allow him to use what means he can to raise the five hundred dollars he subscribed to the ladies hall. The matter was on motion, referred to the Board.

On motion the matter relating to Rev. D. Boyd was taken from the table. After proofs given by Rev. L. P. Foster and others that Brother Boyd was drunk on the train going to the Convention, on motion of Rev. E. E. Perryman Rev. Boyd's name was ordered taken from the roll of delegates, with the amendment, made by Rev. A. N. McEwen, that it be made known to his church that he is considered excluded from this body of Christian ministers.

On motion, the sexton was allowed one dollar per day.

On motion, two thousand minutes were ordered printed.

On motion, the Secretary was allowed \$16.00 for services.

On motion, \$60.00 were allowed for printing minutes and postage.

The Secretary read a letter of fraternal greeting from the Georgia Baptist Convention, and on motion was ordered published in the LEADER, and Rev. A. N. McEwin responded to it.

On motion of Rev. M. Tyler, the following brethren were appointed messengers to the Nashville meetings in September next: Revs. W. R. Pettiford, J. Q. A. Wilbitt, J. M. Mason, W. H. McAlpine, M. Tyler, A. N. McEwen, R. T. Pollard, D. T. Gully, W. M. Munds, W. R. Forbs, C. L. Purce, C. S. Dinkins, L. J. Green, C. O. Booth.

On motion, Rev. W. H. McAlpine and President Pettiford were appointed messengers to the Georgia Baptist State Convention,

and Revs J Q A Wilhite and A N McEwen to the State Convention of Tennessee.

Thus ends one of the most interesting and prosperous sessions ever held in the State by this body.

The Convention then adjourned to meet with St Philip St Baptist Church, Selma, Ala., on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in July, 1889.

REV W R PETTIFORD,  
President.

R T POLLARD,  
Secretary.

## APPENDIX.

### RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, the course of Rev. C. L. Purce, President of Selma University, has met the hearty approval of the Baptist of Alabama, and

WHEREAS, he has been re-elected to that position by the Board of Trustees, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That this Convention approve the action of the Board in re-electing President Purce for the next scholastic year.

J. C. BLEVINS.

WHEREAS, at a session of the Board of Trustees of the Selma University, begun and held at Selma, Ala., on the 19th day of April, 1888.

The following resolutions were adopted :

WHEREAS, at the session of the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, (colored) held in the city of Montgomery in July, 1887, a resolution was adopted appointing the Trustees of the Selma University, the Corresponding Secretary of the Alabama Baptist State Convention and the Financial Agent of Selma University a committee to sell the following portion of the school lands of said Convention at Selma, Ala., to-wit : Beginning North of Philpot street, running north to the Keeth Place, thence west to Vally Creek, thence southwest with the line of said creek to Philpot street, thence east to starting point for the purpose of relieving the said Selma University of the embarrassment caused by the claims held against the same hereinafter mentioned, and directing them to make such sale, and whereas at the last meeting of this Board Moody H. May, Esq., was, by resolution thereof, duly authorized to make such sale on behalf of said Convention and said Selma University, and whereas on the 30th day of March, 1888, by virtue of said authority the said Moody H. May, for and on behalf of said Convention and University, agreed to sell the following portion of said property to R. A. Self and Solomon Kohn, and to convey the same to such person or persons as they might designate, to wit : Six acres in the northeast corner of the property known as the fair grounds, particularly described as follows : Beginning at a point forty feet west from the intersection of the centre line of Maple street with the centre line of Philpot, thence north along the western margin of Maple street, 448 feet more or less to the northeast corner of said fair grounds, thence west at right angles to Maple street, 583 feet more or less, thence south at right angles and parallel to Maple street, 448 feet more or less, to the centre line of Philpot street extended west, thence east along said extended centre line of Philpot street, 383 feet more or less to the point of beginning, the said Convention and University reserving the artesian well and basin ; but granting to the party to whom said land is sold the right to use water from the same, but not to conduct the water away, in consideration of which the said grantee agrees to pay their one-half part of the expense of keeping said well in repair : and also not to use the premises sold to them for any purpose detrimental to the property of said State Convention and Selma University, or incompatible with the use thereof as a school ; and the said Convention and University and the grantee of said property and their assigns agree to keep open a street on the southside of said six acres, so that there shall be a street in extension west of Philpot street running the full length of said six acres, and situated one-half on the property of said Convention and University, said



Convention and University reserve the right to remove from said premises all buildings and other improvements on the same within a reasonable time after the month of May, 1888, which contract was made in consideration of the relinquishment and satisfaction by the said R. A. Self and Solomon Kohn of all claims and demands held by them or either of them against said Selma University. Now, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the said contract as above set forth and modified be and is as is hereby ratified and adopted; and the said R. A. Self and Solomon Kohn having designated Moses Seigle as Trustee of the person to whom said lands shall be conveyed under said contract; be it further

*Resolved* And directed that said lands be accordingly conveyed to said Moses Seigle as Trustee by deed signed by said Baptist State Convention (colored), by and through this Board of Trustees, acting through its President and Secretary, and by the Corresponding Secretary of said Baptist State Convention and the Financial Agent of Selma University and by the members of this Board or a majority of them.

*Be it further resolved*, That the said contract as above set forth and modified be and is hereby in all things ratified approved and adopted for and on behalf said Selma University, and that a deed be at once executed for said lands to Moses Seigle as Trustee by said Selma University through the President and Secretary of this Board in the manner authorized by law.

*Be it further resolved*, That the members of this Board of Trustees or a majority of them in whom the legal title to said property was vested as Trustees for said University by deed executed by the "Selma Exposition" on the 18th day of March, 1879, are hereby directed to convey the land (sold as above set forth) to the said Moses Seigle as Trustee by joining in the execution of said deed. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the resolutions of said Trustees of said Selma University above set forth and the contract and sale therein mentioned and recited be and is the same, are hereby in all things approved, ratified, adopted and confirmed.

W R PETTIFORD, President.

R T POLLARD Secretary.

Whereas, the good citizens of Tuscaloosa and vicinity have so generously provided for the delegates of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, we feel it our duty to express to them our high appreciation and sincere thanks for the same. We must confess that language is inadequate to express our gratitude. The laden tables, comfortable rooms, good beds, pleasant faces, and liberal collections are tokens of a hospitable people.

We are glad to say that not a single delegate has been overlooked, and every one has been sufficiently cared for. We feel that every one will go away inspired to do more for the cause of Christ.

The good citizens of this city may rest assured that they will be kindly remembered in our prayers wherever we may go.

In view of the kindness shown, therefore be it

*Resolved 1st*, That a hearty vote of thanks is hereby tendered to Rev. J. M. Mason and Church, and the citizens of Tuscaloosa.

*Resolved 2nd*, That we tender our heartfelt thanks to the efficient choir, under the management of Prof. J. Barnes and Mrs. M. D. Duncan, for such sweet and soul-stirring music furnished by them for the Convention.

*Resolved 3rd*, That our heartfelt thanks are tendered the several railroads that granted reduced rates over their lines.

*Resolved 4th*, That we tender our vote of thanks to our efficient and patient President for his kind, generous and impartial ruling,

Respectfully submitted,  
A. N. McEWEN,  
C W CHILDS.

## REPORTS.

### ON PREACHING.

Bro. President, your committee on Preaching would submit the following:  
At Baptist Church Friday evening at 8:30, Rev W J Simmons, D D; Satur-



day evening at 8.30, Rev L J Green; at 11 a m on Sabbath, Rev W R Pettiford; at 3 p m Rev A N McEwen; at 8:30, Rev Chas L Purce.

To address Sabbath-school, Rev G W Kennedy.

A M E Zion Church, to address Sabbath-school, on Sabbath, Prof C W Childs. Preaching at 11 o'clock, by Rev D T Gully, at 3 p m Rev W H McAlpine; at 8:30 p m, Rev J Q A Welhite.

At M. E. Church on Sabbath; to address S. S. Bro. J. C. Blevins; to preach at 3 P. M. Rev. J. P. Barton; at 8 P. M. Rev. S. L. Ross. C. M. E. Church on Sabbath. to address S. S. Rev. L. P. Foster; to preach at 3 P. M., Rev. Wm. Madison: at 8:30 P. M., W. R. Forbes.

Presbyterian church, at 11 A. M. Rev. R. T. Pollard; at 8:30 P. M., Rev. A. C. Jackson.

J. M. MASON,	} Committee.
M. TYLER,	
S. E. ALEXANDER,	

### ON TIME AND PLACE.

We, the committee on Time and Place, recommend that the Convention hold its next session at Selma, Ala., with the St. Phillips street, Baptist church, and that the time be on Wednesday, before 4th Sabbath in July, 1889. Respectfully submitted,

C. L. PURCE,	} Committee.
WM. MADISON,	
LYDDEN GREEN,	

### ON NEW BODIES.

Bro. President: We your committee on New Bodies would submit the following report. We recommend the following bodies for reception: The Peace Baptist Church, Talladega; First Baptist Church, Blockton; St. Patrick Baptist Church, Sumter Co. We would earnestly recommend that the Church drop the name "St. Patrick" and substitute a more appropriate name.

Evening Star Baptist Church, Forkland; Ala. First Baptist Sunday School, Blockton. Ala. Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Demopolis, Ala.; Bethel Baptist Sunday School, Pleasant Hill, Ala., Bird's Baptist Sunday School, Marion, Ala.; East Dallas Association. All of which we respectfully submit.

A. N. McEWEN,	} Committee.
WM. WALKER,	
J. R. CAPERS,	

### ON TEMPERANCE.

Bro. President: We your committee, to whom was committed so great and important a subject, respectfully submit the following for your prayerful consideration:

Whereas, the world's history presents so many unmistakable facts that King Alcohol has ever been the enemy of the church,

good society, true morals and the human race.

Resolved, That we condemn in unqualified terms the use of liquors as a beverage in any form.

Resolved, further, that the Alabama Baptist Convention, withdraw the hand of fellowship from any minister or member of this body, who advocate the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors. Also, we prayerfully request each pastor to use his influence to have his church take a stand for temperance, and admit only those who are willing to leave off the use of liquors, and endeavor to organize temperance unions and juveniles for the children, since they are the future hope of the race and a true church.

Resolved, That we do all we can to assist and encourage the good women of the state who are struggling to lift up fallen humanity to a standard of purity and greatness above that of ignorance, debauchery, vice, and drunkenness.

We recommend, further, the use of unfermented wines for communion purposes, inasmuch as the least temptation may lead one astray.

Resolved, That we pray the legislature to pass prohibitory laws against the importation, manufacture, sale and use of all liquors, wines and beer; believing such laws would tend to improve the condition of the colored race.

WM. C. BRADFORD,	}	Committee.
D. T. GULLY,		
S. JONES.		

## ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Bro. President: Your committee on deceased ministers beg leave to make the following report:

In looking over the circle of ministers in the state, we find that God has moved from our midst, Rev. John Dozier, pastor of the church at Uniontown, Ala.; Rev. H. Woodsmall, who, though not in the state at the time of his death, but had been away in another state for over two years, yet we look upon him as one of us. Rev. G. W. Berry, pastor of the Baptist church at Eufaula departed this life, Sept. 10th, '87. Rev. John Dozier departed his life, Feb. 5th, 1888, at his home in Uniontown, Ala. Rev. H. Woodsmall was removed from labor to reward, Feb. 27th, '88, while at his post of labor in Memphis, Tenn.

Bro. Dozier was one among the founders of this convention. No matter how things went, he was always on hand at the annual meetings. He was one of the first members of the Board of Trustees of Selma University, and was among the foremost in contributing to the purchase of the present school property. He was the leading influence in the organization of the Uniontown association, and was very influential in making the Association what it is to-day. He was a pious and consistent Christian. His



word in any matter was his bond. In this respect Bro. Dozier was looked upon as the model Christian. He had, in a rare degree, the confidence of all who knew him. His name for truth and veracity stood out as one of the prominent features of his life. He was for twenty three years the pastor of the Uniontown church and was much beloved by his congregation. In point of scholarship and a clear knowledge of the scripture he had few equals for his chances.

It pleased Almighty God in his all wise providence to remove this beloved and faithful brother from us.

Bro. Woodsmall came to Alabama in the fall of 1876. His first meeting with us was in Talladega, Nov. 18th. 1876. He labored one year as a general missionary under the appointment of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, and at the fall session of the Convention in Eufaula, 1887, was chosen by the Board of Trustees, Pres. of the school at Selma. He remained at the head of this institution four years.

In this capacity he did us a great deal of good in this state. The work he did in helping to lay the foundation of the Selma School, in building up our paper and in giving shape to the mission work in the state can never be forgotten; and only eternity can tell what blessings come to us through the labors and efforts of this devoted and faithful servant of God.

After Bro. Woodsmall resigned his place in the school, he took charge again of mission work, under the American Baptist Home Mission in Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas. At the time of his death he was engaged in this work.

Bro. Woodsmall was an unselfish, sacrificing worker for the master. No man was ever more faithful. He was of the purest Christian character. It has pleased God to take this dear brother from us.

Bro. Berry was pastor of the Eufaula Baptist church for something over a year. He attended only two meetings of the State Convention; but he made for himself in that short time many friends.

Bro. Berry was a young man of great promise and usefulness. He had at the time of death won his way to the hearts of the people over whom he had charge.

The news of his death threw a shock over the members of this body.

No minister had become more prominent for the same time. Bro. Berry was modest, quiet, and refined in manners.

We would, therefore, recommend the following:

*Resolved 1,* That in the removal of these brethren from our midst, we have sustained a great loss.

*Resolved 2,* That we tender to the families of the deceased brethren our heartfelt sympathy.



*Resolved 3,* That we devote at least one half hour in a memorial service.

W. H. McALPINE, )  
W. M. JONES, ) Committee.  
S. L. ROSS, )

### ON FINANCE.

Bro. President: We the committee on finance beg leave to submit the following:

Amount of money collected from associations, churches, Sunday schools, etc. ....	\$307 00
Public collections.....	24 01
The Home Mission Society of New York.....	26 30
From Dexter Avenue Church.....	5 00

Total..... \$362 31

Paid to Dr. W. J. Simmons for A. B. Home Mission So. 26 30

### RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING BODIES AS FOLLOW:

Mt. Canaan Church, Talladega... \$ 2 00	Mt Zion Church, East Lake..... 1 50
Evergreen Association..... 2 00	New Berne S S, New Berne..... 50
Ebenezer Church, Forkland..... 2 00	First Baptist S S, Blockton..... 1 30
Willow Grove, Marion..... 40	" " Church, Blockton... 2 00
Mt Pilgrim Church, Marion..... 40	New Antioch Association..... 10 00
Woodlawn " "..... 75	Canaan Church, Jonesboro..... 1 50
Oak Grove " Shedrock..... 1 25	Evergreen S S Convention..... 2 00
Hunters Chapel, for minutes..... 30	Hare Hill Church, Midway..... 1 00
" " " Selma Un... 50	Alabama District Association, per Rev S Jones from T Smith..... 10 00
" " " Home missions..... 40	East Dallas Association..... 6 00
Cubahatchie Church, Shorters Station..... 4 00	Friendship S S..... 1 50
Cubahatchie Sunday-school Shorters Station..... 1 00	Salem Church, Greensboro, for minutes..... 1 00
Oak Grove Church, Gallion, for minutes..... 25	Salem Church, Greensboro, Home mission..... 1 00
Oak Grove Church, Gallion, for Selma Union..... 50	Salem Church, Greensboro, Salem University..... 3 00
Oak Grove Church, Gallion, Home mission..... 25	Bethlehem Church, Gallion..... 1 00
Hebron Church, Uniontown..... 1 00	Ramah Church, Calhoun..... 1 50
" S. S. "..... 35	Gainesville Church, Gainesville... 50
New Asia " "..... 50	" S S, "..... 50
Eufaula " Eufaula..... 2 80	St James Church, Mt Meigs..... 1 00
" Church "..... 2 50	Jerusalem S S, Sumter, Co..... 50
Oisters Benevolent Society..... 2 00	Huey Chapel, S S, Sumpter Co... 50
Sethlehem Church, Boligee..... 1 00	Mt Tabor Church, Sherman..... 50
Jerusalem " Montgomery... 1 00	" " S S, "..... 20
Auburn Association (by note).... 5 00	Bethlehem S S, Gallion..... 50
Mt Pleasant "..... 2 00	Antioch S S, Harrisburg..... 50
New Cahaba "..... 7 85	Tabernacle Church, Selma..... 5 00
Hopewell Church, Marion..... 3 00	" S S, "..... 1 50
Union " "..... 1 50	Eufaula District S S, Convention. 5 00
Epsola " Aldrich..... 1 00	Central S S, Mafillon..... 65
Mt Olive Church, Demopolis..... 1 00	New Mt Cilla Church..... 2 80
Willow Springs, Church, Greensboro..... 1 00	Snow Creek Association..... 5 00
Peace Baptist Ch'ch, Talladega... 1 50	Mt Zion S S..... 1 00
	Shiloh Church, Sumpter Co..... 50
	Mt Olive " Green "..... 50
	" " S S, " "..... 50

Second Baptist Church, Hale Co..	2 50	Morning Star Ch'ch, Demopolis	
Springfield Church, Sawyerville,..	2 00	for Education. ....	1 00
" " S S, " ..	50	Hopewell No. 2, Ch'ch, Dolomite.	25
Mary Winter Ch'ch, Sumpter Co.	50	Pleasant Grove, Hull Station. ....	1 00
St Phillip St Selma, for		Benville Ch'ch, Tuscaloosa. ....	1 00
Selma University. ....	6 00	Second Baptist S S, Selma. ....	50
St Phillips St Church, Selma, for		Union Association. ....	10 00
minutes. ....	2 50	Mt Zion Ch'ch, Mt Hebron. ....	2 00
St Phillips St Church, for foreign		Sixteenth St Baptist Ch'ch, Bir-	
mission. ....	3 50	mingham. ....	5 00
Grove Hill Church, Dayton. ....	50	Dallas Co., Ass'n. ....	5 00
Bethel " " " ..	2 00	Green St Ch'ch, Selma. ....	3 50
" " S S, " ..	1 00	" " S S, " ..	1 50
Mt Zion S S, Sumter Co. ....	25	Sumterville Ch'ch, Livingstone. .	2 00
Millers Hill Ch'ch " " ..	2 00	Camden Ch'ch, Camden. ....	1 50
Mr Hilliard " Bullock Co. ....	1 00	Boiling Springs Ch'ch. ....	1 50
Uniontown " Uniontown. ....	10 00	Perryville Ch'ch for Selma Uni-	
" " S S, " ..	2 00	versity. ....	1 50
St Phillips St S S, for Selma Uni-		Perryville Ch'ch, for minutes. ....	1 00
versity. ....	4 00	" " S S. ....	50
St Phillips St S S, for foreign mis-		Green Liberty Ch'ch, Hamburg. .	2 00
sion. ....	1 00	Good Hope " Brown Sta. .	1 50
Baptist Church Christ. Aid Socie-		" " S S. ....	1 00
ty, Tuscaloosa. ....	1 00	Western Union Ass'n. ....	2 25
Bethany S S, Felix. ....	50	East Selma Ch'ch, Selma. ....	1 00
Centre " " ..	50	Sixth Ave., S S, Birmingham. .	2 00
Frist Bap't S S, Tuscaloosa. ....	1 00	Friendship Ch'ch, Gadsden. ....	2 00
Pawnadales Ch'ch for minutes. .	50	Sardis " Clayton. ....	1 00
" " Convention. ....	1 00	Bethlehem Association. ....	5 00
" " S S. ....	50	Eutaw Ch'ch, Eutaw. ....	1 00
Second Baptist Church, Marion. .	3 00	Jones Creek S S. ....	50
South East Dis't Ass'n for minutes	1 00	" " Ch'ch. ....	1 00
" " " " Conv'n. ....	2 00	Eutaw S S. ....	50
Palestine Church, Demopolis. ....	2 00	New Bethel Ch'ch. ....	50
Pine Top " " " ..	2 00	" " S S. ....	50
Green Oak " " " ..	1 00	Shiloh Ch'ch. ....	1 00
Spring Hill S S, " ..	50	Bladen Springs Ass'n. ....	5 00
" " Church " ..	1 50	Beech Island Ch'ch. ....	1 00
Dry Creek " Foster. ....	2 50	Salem S S. ....	1 50
Free Hope " Garret Shop. .	1 00	Tabernacle Ch'ch, Birmingham. .	1 50
Col Bethlehem Association. ....	3 00	Purnee " ..	1 00
Sixteenth S S, Birmingham. ....	2 00	Eagle Grove " ..	1 00
Morning Star Ch'ch, Demopolis		Mt Zion " ..	1 00
for minutes. ....	1 25	Mt George Church, Trussville. .	1 00
Jerusalem Church. ....	75	Hopewell S S, Marion. ....	1 00
Greenleaf Church. ....	1 00	Lebanon Association. ....	2 00
Greenleaf S S. ....	1 50	Friendship Church, Batesville. .	1 00
Mt Zion Church for minutes. .	1 00	Sixth Avenue Church, D'ham. ....	5 00
" " " " Convention. .	1 50	St Paul Church, Green County. .	2 00
Women's Missionary Society for		Calvary Church, Guerrytown. ....	1 00
Minutes. ....	1 00	Bethel, Pleasant Hill. ....	1 50
Women's Missionary Society for		Mt Level Church, Eufaula. ....	1 00
Home Missions. ....	1 00	Bethany " Felix. ....	1 00
Women's Missionary Society for		Centre " " ..	2 00
Foreign Missions. ....	1 00	Providence " Selma. ....	1 00
Elizabeth Church, Union Springs. .	2 00	St Paul " " ..	75
Friendship Church, Marion. ....	2 00		
Gallilee Church, Anniston. ....	2 00		



## MONEY RECEIVED SINCE THE REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

TEX.			
Star of Hope Assoc'n, by note	\$ 6 50	Union	Greenville.. 1 25
Mt Zion, Boligee, per O Wright..	1 50	Collected on Sabbath.....	22 45
New Town S S .....	50		
Bird's S S, Marion .....	1 00	Total.....	\$94 90
New Virgin Church, Pine Apple..	1 50		SECRETARY.

NAMES OF PERSONS WHO SUBSCRIBED TO FUND TO SUPPORT  
A THEOLOGICAL TEACHER.

I T SIMPSON,  
R B HUDSON,  
C L LONG,  
Committee.

Rev D B Campbell, Coaling, Ala. paid \$1 .....	\$ 5 00	Rev P Cotrel, Greensboro.....	5 00
Rev G C Casby, Montg'y, pd \$1..	5 00	J W Wood, Dix's Creek.....	5 00
Rev Jas A Henderson, Greenville paid \$1 .....	3 00	H Hendricks, Montgomery ..	5 00
Rev E W Shields, Dayton, pd \$1..	8 00	F C Chandler, Marion.....	5 00
Rev D Boyd, Tilden .....	5 00	B Tubbs, Marion.....	10 00
Rev R F Farley, Hull's stat'n pd \$1	5 00	J P Barton, Talladega.....	10 00
Rev L S Stienback, Demopolis, paid 50 cents .....	10 00	Bro A Winhs, Greensboro.....	5 00
Rev M Edward, Hulla station.....	10 00	Rev A C Jackson, B'ham.....	2 00
Bro D D Lary, Uniontown, pd 50c	2 50	W H McAlpine, Montg'y p \$1	10 00
Mrs M F Roberts, Choctaw Cor- ner .....	2 50	C S Dinkins, Marion.....	5 00
Bro Allen Hobson, Sawyerville..	5 00	C L Roberts, Choctaw Corn'r	5 00
Bro B E Hucklebee, Greensboro..	2 00	R Ingraham, Sepulga.....	5 00
Rev H Alexander, Uniontown.....	2 50	I Rouse, Selma.....	5 00
Rev S Jones, Mt Meigs, pd \$1 ..	5 00	F A E Beck, Canton Bend, p \$1	10 00
Rev A Monroe, Tuscaloosa, pd \$1..	5 00	I Bizzel, pd \$1.....	5 00
Rev F Jones, Bethany .....	5 00	G Lowe, Livingston.....	5 00
Rev M Ellington, Union Springs..	5 00	A W Lawson, Uniontown.....	2 50
Bro Richard Bryant, Selma .....	5 00	D M Coleman, Orrville.....	10 00
Rev C R Rodgers, Tuskegee.....	5 00	E W Pickett, Greenville.....	5 00
Rev T W Walker, B'ham, pd \$1..	10 00	Z Michael, Evergreen, pd.....	5 00
L H Hendricks, Montg'y.....	2 50	C C Craig, Maskillon.....	10 00
S E Alexander, B'ham.....	5 00	H Stephen, Uniontown, pd \$1	5 00
G H Hobdy, Selma.....	5 00	— Royal, Tuscaloosa.....	5 00
R T Pollard, Marion, paid.....	5 00	N Pullam, Bessemer.....	5 00
F A McCall, Enon, pd \$1 .....	5 00	Win Jordan, Forkland.....	2 00
J C Crawford, North Port, p \$1	0 00	E A Fields, Garret Shop.....	2 00
S A Rivers, Talladega, pd \$1..	5 00	Y R White, Hamburg.....	5 00
A W Wragland, Marion .....	5 00	J W Matthews, Forkland, p \$1	1 00
Wm Madison, Greensboro.....	5 00	J T Dudley, Uniontown.....	5 00
G W Kennedy, Montg'y.....	5 00	W C Bradford, Clayton.....	5 00
G Young, Livingston.....	5 00	Mrs M Edward.....	2 00
R D Edwards, Eutaw .....	5 00	W H Davis, Minters, paid.....	1 00
J R Scott, Minter, pd 50c .....	5 00	Rev D Bryant, Forkland.....	2 00
Cato Roberts, Epes station.....	5 00	D Dwayson, Minters, pd \$2..	5 00
C O Booth, B'ham, pd 50c .....	5 00	Jas Howard, Pickensville ..	3 00
Bro H S Howard, B'ham .....	5 00	Mrs R F Farly, Hulla Station...	2 00
J H Marshall, Old Spring Hill	5 00	Bro S J Taylor, paid 50c.....	1 00
C Thornton, Aberfoil.....	10 00	Rev J C Jett, China Grove.....	5 00
Bro R B Hudson, Selma .....	5 00	J H Henderson, Pine Apple..	1 00
Rev L A Green, Livingston.....	5 00	R H Spencer, Dolomite.....	2 00
A W Wilson, Jonesboro.....	2 00	Rev Wm Jones, Selma .....	10 00
C J Davis, Gallion.....	2 00	T Dixon, Tuscaloosa.....	5 00
C Fletcher, Tuscaloosa.....	2 00	A Scott, Selma.....	5 00
Bro C C Carrington, Uniontown..	5 00	L Bryant, .....	5 00
		L F O'Bryan, Eufaula, Pd \$1	5 00
		S S Sisson, Selma.....	10 00
		R Donald, Birmingham.....	5 00
		Harry Blevins, Selma.....	10 00



J T Simpson, Evergreen	5 00	Bro J L Crawford, Boligee	5 00
Jas R Capers, Birmingham, Pd	5 00	Rev H Scott, Blockton, Pd #1	10 00
A Huggins, Selma	5 00	W J Simmons, D D, Louisville, Ky	5 00
Wm Bowyer, Coaling, Pd #1	5 00	Rev E E Perryman, Calera	5 00
Bro I. Green, Alexandria, Pd #1	5 00	L J Green, Selma	5 00
Rev J D Maddox, Eufaula	3 00	Sun Kennedy, Camden	5 00
L P Foster, Selma	4 00	R E Brown, Selma	5 00
J Dawson, Eutaw	5 00	Ahram Wadkins, Colesine	5 00
W R Forbs, Eutaw	10 00	A B Richardson, Jasper	10 00
W R Pettiford, Birmingham	10 00	Mrs Mary Stokes, Demopolis, Pd	5 00
C L Purce, Selma	10 00	Rev W H Reddick, New Bern	5 00
Wm Munda, Anniston	5 00	Bro J C Blevins, Selma	5 00
D G Griffin, Gainesville	5 00	Wm Walker, Thompson Sta	5 00
I. Brown, Epes Station	10 00	A Moore, Clanton	10 00
L D James, Birmingham	10 00	Rev S Franklin, Mt Meigs	5 00
Miss L E Mobry,	2 00	L Dozier, Uniontown	5 00
E L Graves	2 00	F Johnson Orrville	5 00
Mrs Ella Simms, Eutaw	2 00		

### SUBSCRIBERS TO THE BUILDING OF THE LADY'S HALL.

Peace Baptist Church, Talladega	\$10 00	New Asia Bap Church, Coaling	5 00
" " Missionary	10 00	Rev D T Jones, Aldrich	5 00
" " Children's Band	10 00	Mt Olive, Tuskegee	10 00
Rev A N McEwen, Montgomery	500 00	Rev G C Cashy, Montgomery	5 00
" I. Brown, Epps Station	100 00	" J M Mason, Tuscaloosa	5 00
Bro R Hudson, Selma	25 00	African Baptist Church, Tuscalo	5 00
" H Harris, Shorter's sta	10 00	" Sunday School	10 00
" S H Abrams, Selma	5 00	Salem Baptist Church, Grensbo	25 00
" C M Wells, Montgomery	5 00	Hebron Baptist Church, U'town	5 00
Rev R Donald, Birmingham	5 00	Rev D T Gully, Gadsden	5 00
Little Annie O'Bryan, Eufaula	5 00	Antioch Baptist church, Camden	25 00
Mrs Ellen Wimbs, Greensboro	5 00	Rev C R Rodgers, Tuskegee	5 00
Bro I C Collins, Selma	25 00	Mt Zion, Prairie Bluff	25 00
" C W Childs, Camden	25 00	Cubahatchie Bap c, Shorter's	25 00
" Iydden Green, Alexandria	5 00	R N Emerson, Old Spring Hill	10 00
Rev W M Mund, Anniston	5 00	2d Bap Church, Boiling Sp'gs	10 00
Mt Zion, Anniston	10 00	Rev J Emerson, So'g Hill	10 00
New Hope, Oxford	10 00	" L S Steinback, D'opolis	10 00
Havre Hill, Church, Midway	5 00	Moscow Baptist Church	10 00
Mt Hilliard, Thompson's station	5 00	Providence	5 00
Rev E A McCall, Enon	5 00	Mt Zion	5 00
Zion Hill	5 00	" J McKesson, Demopolis	5 00
Rev E E Perryman, Calera	25 00	Rev J P Barton, Talladega	5 00
" C Roberts, Livingston	25 00		

### FOR THE BUILDING--CARY LIBRARY FUND.

" J W White, Camden	5 00	Rev I Bizzel, Gregory	5 00
" Z Michael, Evergreen	5 00	Miss Kate Webb, Tuscaloosa	5 00
Mrs D T Gully, Gadsden	5 00	J A Mosely, Tuscaloosa	5 00
I T Pitts, Uniontown	5 00	Rev C W Wallace, Demopolis	5 00
Mrs R T Pollard, Marion	5 00	Rev O Wright, Boligee	1 00
Ed Barnes, Coaling	5 00	M Brown, Tuscaloosa	5 00
Mrs M Duncan, Tuscaloosa	5 00	Tempy Hill	5 00
J H Marshall, Old Spring Hill	5 00	Rev W R Pettiford, Birmingham	5 00
Wm Green, Dayton	5 00	Bro E H Allen, Camden	5 00
Miss Henrietta White, Selma	5 00		

### FOR THE HALL DINING ROOM--PRESLEY FUND.

Wm J Simmons, DD Louisville	\$5 00	" J R Capers, Birmingham	5 00
Bro C W White, Selma	5 00	" F A E Beck, Canton Bend	5 00
Rev W R Forbs, Eufaula	5 00	J and W Maddox, Eufaula	5 00
" J A Henderson, Greenville	5 00	Rev Wm Walker, Anniston	5 00
C L Purce, Selma	5 00	" H Scott Blockton	5 00

## 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 straitened. This Convention shall in no case interfere with the internal regulations of Churches or Associations.

## ARTICLE III.

Every Baptist Minister who is in good and regular standing in any Baptist Church, and who is acceptable to the pastor or pastors of said Church or Churches, provided he or they are members of the Convention, may become a life member by contributing \$2.00 to its funds. Any Church, Association or Missionary Society shall be entitled to one representative, and another for every two hundred members. Any person may become a member by contributing \$1.00 annually. No one but Baptist in good and regular standing shall be entitled to vote on questions before the Convention.

## ARTICLE IV.

The officers shall be a President, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be a member of the Executive Board, and the Board shall not exceed fifteen in number, who shall be annually elected by acclamation.

## ARTICLE V.

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

## ARTICLE VI.

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

## ARTICLE VII.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a faithful record of all the doings of the Convention, he shall enroll the names in all the minutes of the Convention from their of its origin to the time being, and submit the same for examination to each annual meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII.

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

## ARTICLE IX.

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



## REPORT OF REV. C. L. PURCE, PRESIDENT OF SELMA UNIVERSITY, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, JULY 1898.

DEAR BRETHREN: I herewith submit my second annual report as President of Selma University.

The school year has been one of much progress. we have all been made to feel that the Lord has been with us and blessed us in many ways.

The attendance has been unusually large. we have been overcrowded the whole year. The number of students were 382. All the departments of the University had a good number of representatives. Our accommodations are much too inadequate for the large number of students who crowd our schools. we would, therefore, urge the enlargement of our facilities, we can do it, and we must do it.

Eleven young men and women graduated from the Normal Department in May; and twenty received certificates from the Grammar School. We hope soon to have some graduates from the College Department.

Some attention was given to industrial training, but not having means for this feature of the work, we could not do even so much as we did the previous year. we hope we will be able to get some of the friends here to help us in this department next year.

### MISSIONARY EFFORTS.

Our teachers and students do mission work throughout the year, scattering themselves around Selma on Sundays doing what they can for the spread of the Gospel.

In their missionary society, they raised some funds for the African mission.

In the spring a revival of religion broke out in the school, and twenty or thirty souls were happily converted. Teachers and students worked zealously to bring their friends to Christ.

The school contributed (\$40.00) to the Home Mission Society of New York.

Our work was much helped by the kind friends in the North through Dr. Morehouse. Eight teachers were employed. The Home Mission Society of New York furnished a part of the salaries of President C. L. Purce, Prof. C. N. Dinkins, Misses L. M. Seeley, Nora Redmond and Mr. L. L. Buwell. The Chicago women's Society furnished a part of Mrs. C. P. Thompson's salary. The balance of the salaries of these teachers, and the salaries of Mr. R. B. Hudson, Miss C. R. Dufier and Miss C. Bilheimer were provided from tuition.

Total paid to teachers for the session.....	\$7,050.00
Total received from Home Mission Society.....	\$1,000.00
Total received from woman's Society, Chicago.....	\$200.00
Total paid teachers from tuition.....	\$1,080.00
Total paid on piano.....	\$1,700.00
Total contributed to Home Mission Society by School.....	\$40.00

Total receipts and expenditures for school.....	\$12,030.00
Boarding Hall.....	\$5,200.00

During the year our Missionary Society received a large quantity of different kinds of goods and articles which were put together by the people. This work was one of the aids to the industrial work.

I am proud to state that the Home Mission Society by Dr. Morehouse writes that the Society has given \$2,000.00 to help out with a new dormitory. This is a great help, and we are sure to have more of the same to do more for our school than is being done. Along with this \$2,000.00 for building, they also give \$1,000.00 for the salaries of teachers next year. Brethren, let us thank God



and take fresh courage. Let us do earnestly what lies before us, and the same God, who brought us thus far out of our gloomy night of debt and discouragements, will not forsake us, but rather will bring us clear out into the brightness of his noonday sun of love, light and prosperity..

I am glad to state that I attended the women's Convention held in Montgomery, and by their earnestness, they showed that they intend to raise \$1,000.00 immediately for our ladies' hall at Selma. God bless these noble women in their laudable undertaking. Brethren, give them your support and sympathy.

My financial statement for the school home and boarding hall is couched in the Treasurer's report. Allow me, then brethren, in view of the above facts to recommend to you the following:

1. That we take immediate steps towards the erection of a commodious hall for dormitory purposes.

2. That we endorse and encourage the efforts of the Baptist women's Convention in the State in raising means to build a ladies hall in Selma for our girls.

3. That a building committee be appointed to get plans and bids for the erection of the building. And that this committee be empowered to make all necessary arrangements for building as soon as practicable.

4. That the Convention supplement the \$2,000.00 given by the Home Mission Society with a similar amount for this building, and that some practical plans be immediately put on foot to raise that amount for the said purpose.

5. That a committee be appointed to draw up suitable resolutions of thanks to the Home Mission Society and to the women's Baptist Convention for their noble efforts.

6. That since the appropriation for teachers by the Home Mission Society is less than last year, that you will make some provision for the support of another teacher, besides the Theological teacher.

7. That Misses Seeley and Redmond be paid what is due them.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. L. PURCE, Pres't Selma University.

REPORT OF J. Q. A. WILHITE  
FINANCIAL AGENT OF  
WESTERN DISTRICT  
FROM AUGUST, 1887, TO 1888.

AUGUST, 1887.

Antioch No 1 .....	\$ 1 00
S S Convention, Eufaula Dis ..	15 00
Special Collection .....	3 40
Rev J C. Curry .....	1 00

SEPTEMBER.

Received from Rev J M Pollard.	\$ 2 00
Rev Burton .....	2 00
Auburn Association .....	50 00
Snow Creek .....	24 60
" S S and Convent'n ..	10 00
Mt Zion Church, Anniston ..	7 75
Bethlehem Association .....	100 00
Bowen East Association .....	10 00
Received from Dr A L Strong.	10 00

\$216 75

OCTOBER.

Ebenezer Association .....	\$ 15 70
Bethsada Church, Opelika .....	5 00

By cash Eufaula Association ..	131 00
" " Shelby Springs Ass...	50 50
Providence Church, Shelby .....	2 15
Macedonia Vienna .....	5 05
Miss E L Blackman (student) ..	19 00
Col'd Bethlehem Association ..	32 10
Gravella Church .....	1 45
Evergreen Church .....	3 25
Ridgeville Church .....	95
Dallas County Association ..	24 30
Miss H White .....	4 00
By Rev L S Stienback .....	6 85
Stock Uniontown Association ..	6 00
J Davis on Rally .....	1 00
Uniontown Association .....	162 95

\$172 25

NOVEMBER.

Greenville Church .....	\$ 15
Special Collection Union Ass.	13 50
Institute, Sumter county .....	5 00
Union Association .....	15 00
Bro F N Cr .....	1 50
New Hope Church .....	4 40
New Cahaba Association .....	15 00
Rev J N Crawford .....	2 50
Baptist S S Tuscaloosa .....	51 00
Selma University .....	9 75
Mt Zion Baptist Church .....	2 65

New Hebron Church.....	8 00
Pine Grove Church.....	7 75
New Antioch, Bethlehem Ass	10 00
Rocky Mount Church.....	50
Norbern Church.....	5 00
Faunsdale Church.....	5 00
" S S.....	2 70
Willow Springs Church.....	1 00
Salem Church, Greensboro...	14 15
" S S.....	30
Mt Sinai Ch, Weaver's station.	5 00
Second Baptist Ch, Marion	9 35
" " S S.....	1 30
Eagle Grove Church.....	5 00
Bethlehem Church, Gallion	5 65
" S S ".....	35
Purnell's Chapel Church.....	1 20
Green Liberty.....	2 30
Selma Church.....	1 25
Shady Grove Church.....	5 40
Springfield Church.....	2 80
Hopewell S S.....	2 60
" Church.....	17 05
Greenleaf Church.....	6 85
" S S.....	50
Newbern Church.....	1 10
St Paul Church.....	4 85
Green Street Church.....	16 25
St Paul Church.....	3 10
By cash.....	60
Good Hope Church.....	12 30
Tabernacle church, Selma	3 00
St Philip Church.....	13 00
Shiloh.....	3 00

Total.....\$306 55

#### DECEMBER.

Willow Springs.....	\$ 4 80
Pleasant Grove.....	50
Green Liberty Church.....	2 00
" S S.....	60
Bethany Church.....	2 25
" S S.....	1 10
Good Hope Church.....	65
W G George.....	1 00
By J C Leftwich and S L Ross	9 75
Dallas County Association...	75 00
Entaw Church.....	15 35
Loyd's Chapel.....	9 50
Ebenezer.....	00
Evening Star.....	1 85
Friendship Church.....	3 10
St Mark C M E Church.....	3 35
Livingston Church.....	3 25
Morning Star.....	7 45
J McKerson.....	1 00
Rev L S Stienback.....	1 00
Bethany Church.....	4 10
Boiling Springs Church.....	2 85
Rev A Daniel.....	1 00
Canton Bend.....	5 00
Deville's Church.....	1 80

Total.....\$173 00

#### JANUARY 188d.

New Prospect Church.....	\$ 3 25
St Philip Church.....	1 75
Vandorn Church.....	85
Friendship church.....	2 00
D Shepherd.....	2 00
Prof J W Wilson.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 11 15

#### FEBRUARY

Springville Church, S C Carson	
Gallion, Ala.....	\$ 2 00
E W Shields, Grove Hill church	
Dayton, Ala.....	1 00
Marshall's church, by Rev Pratcher.	5 35
Cottland church by W George	75
John the Baptist S S by C J Jones	1 95
Rev H Stevens.....	5 00
Rev Berry Moss.....	5 00
Union Church, by Rev R T Pollard	6 00
Bro Faulks.....	1 00
Uniontown Church.....	19 95
" S S.....	6 30
Faunsdale Church.....	7 05
Bethlehem ".....	4 95
" S S.....	1 00
C J Davis.....	1 00
R L Walker.....	50
J T Prince.....	1 00
Mt Olive Church.....	7 25
St Philip St ".....	11 00
J C Blackman.....	1 00
Cash.....	2 05

Total.....\$89 00

#### MARCH

Rev J T Washington.....	1 00
Concord Church.....	1 00
Springfield ".....	1 55
Cash.....	2 00
Greenville Church.....	3 00
St Paul ".....	3 00
Georgianna ".....	2 50
Missionary Society.....	1 00
Evergreen Church.....	9 15
Revill ".....	7 15
Beulah ".....	5 65
Bethany ".....	1 00
Burnt Corn Antioch Church..	6 40
" S S.....	60
Savannah Church.....	5 00
Pineville ".....	10 00
Lower Branch SS.....	2 05
Mt Sinai Ch'ch, by Rev I Wilson.	10 00
New Vigil Ch'ch, by Rev J	

Mickles..... 5 03

Total.....\$87 03

#### APRIL.

Siloam Church. Snow Hill, Rev  
J P Ricks Pastor.....\$ 7 00  
Camden Church, by Rev Jno  
Whiten..... 2 50  
Ainwell, Rev A Hardway Past'r 1 00  
Boiling Springs..... 2 00  
Mt Pleasant Church..... 1 43  
Sunterville "..... 4 00  
Hebron "..... 5 00  
McCinly "..... 6 00  
Redmond..... 1 00  
Prof A W Hines..... 10 00  
Green St Church..... 7 00  
Rev J Dozier..... 5 00

Total .....\$55 53

#### MAY

Dayton Church.....\$ 3 43  
Calera "..... 4 60  
John the Baptist Church..... 3 00  
Gildfield Ch'ch, Old Spr'g Hill. 7 05  
Tabernacle Providence..... 2 00  
Grove Hill Church..... 5 00  
Wite "..... 5 26  
St James and Bethany Ch'ch's 2 20  
Hope Hill Church..... 3 30  
St Emanuel Linden..... 6 65  
" S S..... 1 00  
St Peter Church..... 3 00  
" James "..... 1 40  
Hebron "..... 1 40  
Shady Grove..... 1 50  
Williams Chapel..... 1 50

Total.....\$ 50 50

#### JULY.

Shady Grove Church.....\$ 3 90  
St Philip Church..... 8 40  
" S S..... 4 67  
Centre Church, Felix..... 4 10  
By Missionary Barrell..... 3 50  
Russellville Church..... 6 65  
Baptist church, York Station.. 4 45  
Bethel church, Colerine..... 6 00  
Hebron Church..... 1 70  
St Paul church, Martin Station 70  
Pleasant Hill Church..... 50  
Mt Zion Church..... 1 25  
Beach Creek church..... 93  
Moss Church..... 50  
Fig Tree church..... 40  
Belmont Church..... 20  
Providence church..... 65  
Pleasant Green church..... 1 25

York church..... 1 60  
St Mitchell's church..... 40  
York church..... 1 20  
Antioch church..... 60  
Welfare church..... 60  
St Maria church..... 36  
Bethany church and S S..... 4 11  
Independent church..... 1 75  
Vilula church..... 25  
First Baptist church, Red Low,  
Ala..... 1 10  
Uniontown church..... 3 00  
" S S..... 3 10  
Hopewell church..... 2 95  
Mt Olive church..... 6 00  
S W Williams..... 1 60  
Faunsdale church and S S..... 2 00  
Friendship church..... 1 55  
Jerusalem church..... 55  
Yower church..... 1 05

"..... 2 43  
Willer Springs church..... 75  
Zion Hill church..... 1 15  
Moscow church..... 1 00  
Mt Zion church..... 1 50  
Blocton church..... 5 00  
Siloam..... 3 05  
Union Association..... 3 50  
Mt Pleasant Association..... 5 00  
Livingston S S..... 1 00  
Lillie Hill church..... 50  
Parnell church..... 1 00  
Eagle Grove..... 1 00  
Pledge Mr R Collins..... 5 00  
Springfield church..... 93  
New Fellowship church..... 50  
St James church..... 1 05  
Baptist S S, Marion, Ala..... 2 35  
Hopewell S S..... 70  
Spring Hill church..... 1 15  
Mary Winston church..... 70  
Green Leaf church..... 6 95  
Marion church..... 2 93  
Green St church, Selma..... 10 60  
Hopewell church..... 4 35  
St Wisdom church..... 1 93  
Summerfield church..... 2 90  
Mt Zion church..... 3 00  
Oak Grove..... 1 80  
Miles Hill church..... 30  
Sandy Ridge church..... 80  
Boiling Springs church..... 4 90  
Antioch church..... 7 20  
Bevill church..... 1 35  
Evergreen church..... 1 70  
Gainville church..... 1 10  
St Paul church..... 1 15  
Gainville church..... 93  
Everdale church..... 1 35  
Bro R Grant..... 50  
Rev G Young..... 3 00  
Pine Grove church..... 2 65  
New Prospect church..... 2 65





IN ALA., DIST., ASSO'N THE  
FOLLOWING CHURCHES  
SUNDAY-SCHOOLS AND IN  
DIVIDUALS GAVE:

Antioch Ch'ch, No. 2	3 00
Columbus St, Baptist Ch'ch	31 00
Dexter Ave "	50 00
Day St	2 50
New Elam "	1 00
Beulah	4 00
New Cunaan "	7 35
St John	1 80
Pleasant Grove "	1 00
Old Elem	4 40
Second	60
Mt Olive	14 15
Baptist Lillie	12 00
White Cloud	3 70
Lowndesboro Baptist Ch'ch	39 90
Ramah "	10 65
St Jones	13 70
Antioch	4 00
White Roman	10 75
2nd Wetumpka	5 25
Wetumpka	7 80
Little Elum	1 40
Mt Miriah	21 25
Macedonia S S	5 00
Mt Simon Baptist Church	3 00
Baptist Canaan	3 00
Flat Rock Baptist Church	1 25
Antioch No. 1	8 40
White Hall	15 40
Boguehome	3 10
Mitchel Station	4 45
Old Augusta	1 90
Benton Church	1 00
Antioch "	3 00
Pike Roads "	3 35
Verbena	2 55
Mt Mar	30
" Sini	30
Pleasant Plain Church	45
Dr. C. N. Dorsett	2 00
H. A. Loveless	17 00
Miss N. J. Jinkins	2 00
Mr. A. Billingsla	2 00
Cash	4 15
Rev. A. N. McEwen. sub \$10 Paid	5 00
J. N. Brown	1 00
J. P. Knabe	1 00
Mrs. S. H. Wright	3 00
Rev. Wm. Jinkins	1 00
Wm. Watkins	1 00
Sandy Ridge Church	1 60
St James	2 80
Ebenezer	1 30
Camp Creek	75
Mt. Olive	2 50

Macedonia	1 65
Total	\$357 90
Donations	175 10
Grand Total	\$533 00

IN AUBURN ASSOCIATION  
THE FOLLOWING CHURCH-  
ES AND SUNDAY-SCHOOLS  
AND INDIVIDUALS GAVE:

Gallilee Baptist Church	1 50
Union Grove	4 50
Pleasant	1 10
Mt Olive	4 00
Rev. W. C. Carter's Church	1 45
Cross Keys	12 00
Mt. Zion	5 45
Opelika	27 55
Pleasantboro	3 65
Mountain Springs	95
St. Mark	3 38
Auburn Church	10 00
Elizabeth	8 90
Mr Henry's	4 65
Mt Olive	15 85
From Students and Teachers of Tuskegee N. School	11 50
Ebenezer Ch'ch & S S	19 00
Sardis	5 00
Cash from individuals at Au- burn	7 75
Mrs. Alexandria	5 00
W. D. Fonville	2 00
Rev. G. A. Hornady	2 00
From Individuals at Notasutga	1 00
Cash from Individuals at Au- burn	5 00
Prof. P. H. Mell	5 00
C. L. Little	2 50
Cash from individuals. white, at Dadeville	8 75
Judge Jas. H. Johnston	5 00
Cash from Individuals, whites, at Opelika	20 00
Rev. Thomsas Glenn	5 00
Miss Lulu C. Richardson	5 00
Ridge Grove Church	35
Mt. Cavalry	1 40
New Arka Church	1 05
Bethel	5 40
Young Bough Church	4 15
Bethel	4 35
Rev. W. C. Carter	1 00
Total	\$29 33

THE FOLLOWING WAS GIVEN  
BY CHURCH, SUNDAY-

### SCHOOLS AND INDIVIDUALS IN BIBB COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

New Hope Church	\$ 2 25
St. Paul "	2 40
W. R. Goodens Church	1 65
T. M. Parkin's "	3 50
Cash from Individuals at Randolph	4 50
Mt. Hilliard	50

Total .....\$ 15 05

### IN THE BOWEN EAST ASSOCIATION THE FOLLOWING CH'CHES, SUNDAY-SCHOOL AND INDIVIDUALS GAVE:

La Fayette Baptist Church	\$ 6 00
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Total .....\$ 6 00

### EAST ALABAMA ASS'N.

Antioch Church	\$ 1 05
Bethlehem "	2 25
St. Peter "	3 00

Total .....\$ 6 30

### IN EBENEZER ASS'N.

Good Water Church	3 20
Adka "	1 05

Total .....\$ 4 25

### IN MT. PILGRIM ASS'N.

Sixteenth Church	\$ 49 00
Elyton "	11 15
Shady Grove	8 50
Coaling Church	6 20
V. Hunnington's Church	11 30
Jonesboro "	5 00
Warrior "	4 00
Mt. Zion "	9 73
Hope Well No. 2	2 10
Macedonia No. 2	80
Macedonia No. 1	1 71
Mt. Olive Church	6 55
South Side "	11 15
Healing Springs Church	1 00
Rev. W. R. Pettiford	5 00
M. L. Folkes	2 50
Cash from Individuals of Birmingham	6 75
Rising Star	6 00
Pleasant Hill	1 70
New Bethel	1 35
Canaan	50

Mt. Cavalry	5 40
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Total .....\$135 39  
Donations ..... 110 00

Grand Total .....\$265 39

### IN PINE GROVE ASS'N.

Three Notch Church	\$ 3 75
Second Bap't "	7 35
Mt. Sini	3 25
Rev. P. Johnson's Church	6 25
Macedonia "	1 50
Mt. Pleasant "	10 35
Mt. Canaan "	1 00
Elizabeth "	12 50
Pleasant Grove "	35
Cash from Individuals	11 00
Mt. Cavalry Church	1 40
Mt. Nebo	1 05

Total .....\$ 49 95  
Donations ..... 5 00

Grand Total .....\$ 54 95

### IN EUFAULA ASSOCIATION THE FOLLOWING CH'CHES, SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND INDIVIDUALS GAVE:

New Mt. Zion	\$ 3 40
Sardis Ch'ch & S S	23 05
Second "	5 55
White Oak Church	3 50
Old Mt. Silla	4 50
Mt. Zion Ch'ch & S S	3 00
Hane Hill Ch'ch	9 55
Mt. Cavalry	2 00
Pleasant Grove	5 35
Bethlehem Church	8 30
Second Bap't " & S S	23 90
Thankful "	3 00
Mt. Zion "	2 75
Mt. Level "	1 50
Friendship "	7 05
Union "	2 00
Shiloh "	6 05
Mt. Olive "	2 30
Friendship "	5 00
Mt. Gillion	55
Providence	5 00
Mt. Coney	3 50
John D. Godwin	5 00
W. N. Reeves	5 00
S. G. Robertson	3 60
Individuals at Clayton	3 30
Cash from Individuals at Eufaula	11 25
Holy Neck	1 00



Baptist S S.....	1 10
Mt. Gillion.....	55
Zion Hill.....	2 50
Gueryeton Church.....	85
Mt. Level.....	1 20
Pleasant Hill.....	1 00
Zion.....	2 10
Antioch.....	2 10
St. John.....	1 70
Spring Hill Zion.....	85
Mt. Olive.....	1 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 75
Benevolent Society.....	1 15
Shady Grove.....	1 25
Cedar Hill.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 17 955

## IN PEROTE ASSOCIATION.

Iron wheel Church.....	1 80
Perote.....	1 55
Mt Andrew.....	7 20
Sol Mash.....	1 85
Salem.....	4 70
Total from churches in	
Perote Ass'n.....	17 10
Donation from same.....	15 60

Grand Total..... 32 70

## IN RUSHING SPRING ASS'N.

Rev Moses Collins' churches..	7 55
Mt Canaan church.....	25 28
Rising Star church.....	20 45
Mt Moriah church.....	75
Sycamore.....	4 00
Peach church and S S.....	13 00
Macedonia church.....	85
Blooming Light.....	1 20
Shady Grove.....	35
Lee Banner.....	1 40
Cash from Individuals.....	1 75
Friendship.....	55

Total from churches in Rushing  
Springs Association..... \$77 11  
Donations from same..... 25 00

Grand Total..... \$102 11

## SNOW CREEK ASSOCIATION.

New Mt Cilla S S.....	1 00
Gallilee church.....	0 00
Mt Zion church and s.....	14 00
Oxford church.....	13 10
Friendship church and s.....	12 70
Bethel church.....	1 05
Jacksonville church.....	3 00
Cash from individuals Jack'ville.	9 25
" " " at Oxford.....	50
J S Kelly, Oxford.....	5 00

D C Cooper, Oxford.....	2 00
Cash from individuals, Anniston	2 00
Jno M McKlerov.....	5 00
R B Kyle, Gadsden.....	3 00
Rev J A Wynne, Gadsden.....	2 50
Cash from individuals, Gadsden	6 00
Bethel.....	95
New Mt Cilla.....	60

Total..... \$90 85

## IN SHELBY SPRINGS ASS'N.

Bethel church.....	16 05
Providence.....	18 80
Blockton and s.....	4 15
Epsibiah.....	11 05
Brierfield.....	1 00
St Mark.....	2 20
Macedonia.....	5 10
Sisters' Aid Society.....	1 00
Enan church.....	2 50
Mountain church.....	1 05
Rev D L Prentice.....	2 00
Cash from Individuals, Calera.	2 50
Individuals from Aldrich.....	4 30
Mt Zion.....	55

Total..... \$81 90

The following associations contributed nothing: The New Pine Grove Association, the Canaan Association, the Morning Star Association, the Mulberry Association, the Brownville Association, the Elmore Central Association, the Flint River Association, the Troy Association, Early Rose Association.

## IN WILLS' CREEK ASSOCIAT'N

Fort Payne church..... 2 25

## GRAND TOTALS FROM ALL THE ASSOCIATIONS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

CONVENTIONS ON THE EAST  
SIDE OF THE STATE SO  
FAR AS IT HAS COME IN-  
TO MY HANDS FOR THE YEAR  
COMMENCING OCT. 1st, 1886, AND  
ENDING JULY, THE 31st, 1888.

Alabama Dist' Association..	533 00
" S S conv'n.....	50 00
Eufaula Association.....	179 95
Auburn Association.....	229 93
Mt Pilgrim Association.....	263 39
Rushing Springs Association.	102 11
Snow Creek Association.....	90 65
Shelby Springs Association..	61 90
Perote Association.....	32 70
Pine Grove Association.....	54 63
Bibb county Association.....	16 05

Bowen East Association.....	6 00	from Anniston to Selma....	105 00
East Alabama Association....	6 30	Peter Johnson's church.....	6 25
Ebernezer Association.....	4 25	Thaddeus Tayten's church....	5 00
Will's Creek Association....	2 25	A P Porter's church.....	5 80
Elmore Central.....	2 00	Centre Mills Church.....	2 00
Shelby Springs S S convention	3 00		
Kelly " " "	1 30		\$1,763.85

Proceeds from a special train

**REPORT OF C. L. PURCE, PRESIDENT OF SELMA UNIVERSITY,  
SHOWING RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF SAME  
FOR SCHOLASTIC YEAR 1887-88.**

		Rec'pts.	Exp'ndit's.
1887.			
Oct.	School Department.....	\$ 130 45 0	172 21
"	Boarding ".....	288 00	300 00
Nov.	School ".....	115 00	115 00
"	Boarding ".....	300 00	265 53
Dec.	School ".....	106 00	145 00
"	Boarding ".....	241 00	208 85
1888.			
Jan.	School ".....	152 00	152 00
"	Boarding ".....	300 00	325 83
Feb.	School ".....	150 00	150 00
"	Boarding ".....	206 00	190 25
Mar.	School ".....	116 00	116 00
"	Boarding ".....	242 00	269 94
April	School ".....	150 00	102 00
"	Boarding ".....	240 00	179 73
May	School ".....	190 00	145 95
"	Boarding ".....	234 00	244 49

Total Receipts and Expenditures.....	\$3167 95	\$3079 78
By balance in favor of receipts.....	\$80 17	
To " overdrawn last year.....	28 38	
By balance in favor of receipts.....	\$60 75	
To cash paid to Mahan.....	50 00	

By balance applied my salary..... \$10 75  
To C W White, Treasurer Selma University, Selma, July 14th, 1888.  
CHAS. L. PURCE

To M Tyler, President of the Board of Trustees of Selma University :  
I hereby submit the foregoing above report made to me July 14, 1888, by President C. L. Purce, showing the financial operations of the school during the scholastic year 1887-88, and adopt the same as my report.

Fraternally yours in Christ,  
C W WHITE, Pres. Board of Trust's

**REPORT OF C. W. WHITE, TREASURER OF THE BAPTIST STATE  
CONVENTION, COLORED, SHOWING MONEYS PAID OUT  
AND BILLS SETTLED, ETC**

1887.			
Jan.	21—C. Hertzfeld, note.....	\$ 14 00	\$ 14 00
Feb.	12 Tax receipts for 1886, on school property.....	17 50	
"	23 C Hertzfeld, note.....	10 00	27 50
M'ch	12 Receipt of R. A. Self.....	44 00	44 00
"	22 C. Hertzfeld, note.....	10 00	10 00
"	31 Receipt of J. A. Wilhite.....	62 00	62 50

April 14	Note in bank, made June 17, 1886	\$ 250 00	
" 21	C. Hertzfield, note	10 00	
Aug 2	Note in bank, made October 26, 1886	505 00	\$ 765 00
Oct. 22	Receipt of J. Q. A. Wilhite	179 35	
" 22	" " R. T. Pollard	4 00	
" 22	" " H. Stephens	100 00	283 35
" 23	" " R. T. Pollard	12 00	12 00
Dec 5	" " C. W. White on his mortgage debt	250 00	260 00

The following bills were turned over to me by W. H. McAlpine as so much money in our settlement of this date Dec. 25, 1887:

Receipt of J. Q. A. Wilhite	\$ 50 00
Due bill of W. H. McAlpine	20 00
Receipt of " "	241 66
" " McEwen and Black	4 00
" " " "	3 50
" " " "	6 00
" " " "	30 00
" " " "	2 00
" " " "	8 75
" " " "	5 00
" " " "	1 50
" " M. Tyler	74 00
" " J. B. Roden	2 90
" " S. W. Beers	3 25
" " S. W. Beers	7 50
" " Joel White	3 25
" " " "	3 25
	\$ 544 56

To me by J. Q. A. Wilhite as so much money in our settlement of Dec. 5, 1887:

Receipt of H. Stephens	\$ 100 00
" " R. T. Pollard	3 20
" " M. H. May	25 00
" " C. S. Dinkins	10 00
" " J. Q. A. Wilhite	11 30
" " " "	7 06
" " " "	169 33
" " " "	99 93
" " McEwen and Black	4 10
" " " "	11 71
" " R. T. Pollard	5 00
" " W. R. Pettiford	50 00
" " " "	6 00
Note of C. Hertzfield	10 00
Receipt of Johnson, Parke & Co.	20 00
" " G. J. Brooks	16 50
" " J. K. Goodwin	14 00
" " M. H. May	25 00
" " C. S. Dinkins	75 00
" " Boylan & Stewart	10 00
" " R. S. Wetmore	1 75
" " Dawson & Todd	10 00

Dec 6	Note of C. Hertzfield	10 00	10 00
" 6	Receipt of Johnson, Parke & Co.	20 00	
" 6	" " G. J. Brooks	16 50	
" 6	" " J. K. Goodwin	14 00	
" 6	" " M. H. May	25 00	
" 6	" " C. S. Dinkins	75 00	
" 7	" " Boylan & Stewart	10 00	160 50
" 17	" " R. S. Wetmore	1 75	1 75
" 31	" " Dawson & Todd	10 00	10 00
1888			
Jan 5	Note in bank made June 1, 1887	200 00	200 00
"	Receipt of W. H. McAlpine dated Jan. 4, 1888	63 33	
"	" " " in his report	122 85	206 18
"	" " J. Q. A. Wilhite dated Dec. 30, 1887	16 37	
"	" " " " " " " "	83 33	
"	" " W. R. Pettiford dat'd Dec. 20, '87, white	35 00	
"	" " as shown in J. Q. A. Wilhite's report Dec '87	171 20	205 90
Jan. 7	Paid through C. L. Purse on note in bank	2 25	2 25
Feb 4	Receipt of W. H. McAlpine	86 34	
"	" " McEwin and Black (McAlpine)	1 25	56 55



	"	J. Q. A. Wilhite.....	20 00	
		Three rec'pts of C. W. White on private m'tg'ge sale.....	64 80	
March 1		Receipt of J. Q. A. Wilhite in his Feb. report....	87 98	172 48
April 1		Receipt of W. H. McAlpine.....	166 66	
	"	" " " ".....	20 00	186 66
	"	" " J. Q. A. Wilhite in his March report ..	87 00	87 00
" 20	"	" " Bozeinan Smith for school map ..	5 50	5 50
May 1	"	" " W. H. McAlpine.....	8 33	
	"	" " " ".....	9 00	
	"	" " " ".....	1 75	96 08
		Two receipts of J. Q. A. Wilhite.....	73 20	
		Receipt of J. Q. A. Wilhite in his April report ....	55 50	
		Receipt for tax for 1887.....	16 75	
		Due bill of C. S. Dinkins.....	1 00	149 45
June 1		Receipt of W. H. McAlpine.....	89 33	89 33
		Receipt of J. Q. A. Wilhite in his May report.....	53 10	53 10
Total amount of above vouchers.....				\$4241 23

## ANALYSIS OF ABOVE.

Total amount of vouchers handed in by J. Q. A. Wilhite for money passing through his hands.....	\$1771 32
Total amount of vouchers handed in by W. H. McAlpine for money passing through his hands.....	1209 41
Total amount of vouchers for money actually passing through his, C. W. Whites, hand.....	246 26
Total amount of vouchers held by Treasurer for claims taken up by him and which were jointly paid by him and others .....	814 25
	\$4241 23

## SALARY RECEIPTS OF J. Q. A. WILHITE.

1887.				
Mar	31	—See voucher No. 6 .....	\$	62 60
Oct.	23	" " " 10 .....		179 36
Dec.	5	" " " 36 .....		168 39
"	5	" " " 37 .....		90 33
"	30	" " " 55 .....		99 70
1888.				
Jan.	27	" " " 57 .....		90 33
Feb.	4	" " " 61 .....		20 00
Mar.	1	" " " 63 .....		10
April	1	" " " 68 .....		87 00
May	1	" " " 71 .....		73 20
Total received on salary.....			\$	958 25

## SALARY VOUCHERS OF W. H. McALPINE.

1887.				
Dec.	5	—Balance on Due bill, see vouchar No. 14 .....	\$	40 00
"	5	See voucher No. 15 .....		241 66
1888.				
Jan.	5	" " " 53 .....		83 33
"	5	" " " 54 .....		111 66
Feb.	4	" " " 69 .....		83 33
April	1	" " " 64 .....		166 64
May	1	" " " 66 .....		83 33
June	1	" " " 76 .....		83 33
Total received on salary.....			\$	863 31

## EXPLANATIONS.

I have paid out all moneys received as fast as I got it. The only money really

was paid out at once as the foregoing report shows. The \$112.60 (see vouchers 12 and 62) paid to Mr. J. Q. A. White was no private account, on my mortgage on the school grounds. As the report shows, we have gotten in and settled up one way or another, \$4241.23½ worth of claims mostly made by the reckless mismanagement of the former administration of our affairs. Besides, we have, by a sale of six acres of the school property at Selma, gotten rid of and settled up about \$3000.00 worth of troublesome claims, as you will learn more fully about from the report of the Board of Trustees of Selma University. We are nearly out of debt and the management of Selma University is self sustaining and bids fair to work wonders under the efficient and economical administration of President C. L. Purce.

I would respectfully recommend that the Convention adopt some less expensive mode of collecting up moneys than the present one, if it can be done. The agents have to be kept on the go all the time at great expense and hardly get in enough some months to pay their salaries and expenses.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

W. R. PRATTFORD,

Pres. Baptist State Convention.

C. W. WHITE,

Treasurer.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SELMA UNIVERSITY TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

TUSKALOOSA, ALA., July 19, 1888.

BRO. PRESIDENT AND BRETHREN:

We have the honor as a Board entrusted with our institution of learning, to submit this, our biennial report. We are glad to be able to report the school in such good condition, and surrounded with such a prosperous outlook for future usefulness. Under the management of our most efficient and faithful President, Rev. C. L. Purce, and the associate workers, a good strong faculty, the school has done better than at any time in its previous history.

We have in the school eight teachers, most of whom have been retained for another year. With the aid of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, and by the tuition from the students we have kept up the running expenses of the school so that there is only about the small amount of \$230 behind on the running expenses for this year. We have tried to run the institution upon the most economical plan. While we have really needed more teachers, and while there was much needed in the way of repairs on the buildings, yet we have only incurred expenses when we could not in any way avoid it. There has been in attendance this school year 332 pupils. In the boarding halls there has been — ladies and — young men.

### THE INDEBTEDNESS OF THE SCHOOL.

When we took on, last year, the position we were indebtedness of between seven and eight thousand dollars. In August last there was a joint meeting of the State Mission and Trustee Boards. Through arrangements agreed upon by these two Boards, two financial agents were put on the field, and by January, 1888, two thousand was raised and paid on the indebtedness. Through the efforts of our lawyer at Selma, and in accordance with your instructions at the last Convention, a sale of six acres of the school land on the north-west corner of the property was made for three thousand dollars. This sale was effected in April, and the papers are here now for ratification by your body. There is now a balance of indebtedness of about \$2600. We hope to be able at this meeting to realize a sufficient amount to pay off at least half of this indebtedness.

We have the following recommendations to present to you:

1. We recommend that we secure a separate theological department who can devote his entire time to the work of the department, and in order to support the theological department we recommend that the licensed and ordained ministers assume this as their special work, and that each minister in the State be asked to give at least ten dollars a year, to be paid directly out of his own pocket, and not to come from the churches or to be deducted from the offerings raised from the churches for the general work. The payments can be made in such installments

as will suit the conveniences of each minister, but we desire each one to make monthly payments if possible. The Board would also recommend that a Minister be furnished, whose duty it shall be, in co-operation with the Board of Trustees, to take the special charge of raising the funds for this department and for worthy students.

32. We recommended that the Convention assume the entire salary of one teacher at \$600 another year in the literary department.

This recommendation is made in view of the fact that the Home Mission Society has cut down from \$1000 to \$1000. This cutting down on the part of the Society will the interest of the work in the school makes it necessary to ask the Convention to assume the support of one teacher.

We are glad to inform your body that the Baptist Ladies Convention of Alabama, which met at Montgomery, January 18, 1883, has decided to undertake the erection of a Ladies' Hall on the school grounds, and we think at a cost not less than \$10,000. They have already in their treasury \$200 for this purpose and about \$600 in pledges to be paid when the work starts. We think this is a most worthy and laudable undertaking for the Baptist Ladies of Alabama and they should receive every possible encouragement from your body.

The detailed report of the two agents we have thought best to close with. They shall have collected in all that is brought to this Convention.

## THE REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD TO THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

DEAR BRETHREN: We, the Board of Missions in the state, beg leave to submit the following as our report:

"At a joint meeting of the State Mission and Trustee Board last August, it was decided that we put out two men to be known as general missionaries and general financial agents. The state was also divided into two districts, called the Eastern and Western districts, Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite and W. H. McAlpine were chosen to fill the above named places. While they have devoted the most of their time to the financial feature of their work, yet something has been done in the line of our mission work.

As they were expected to act as general missionaries, they could only pass through the field and look up the destitution in the state. The following is a statement of the destitution in each of their fields.

### FIRST—THE WESTERN DISTRICT

In and around the city of Selma, there is a large and useful missionary field. There are three associations that corner in Selma, namely, the Uniontown, the Dallas county and the Shady Grove Associations. All of these associations have churches in and around Selma. Some of these churches are quite small and weak, and really need assistance.

In Butler and Crenshaw counties, which embraces Union and South east District Associations, is another very important and useful field for mission work.

In Marengo county, which embraces three small associations, all of which would only make one good association, is another very important field. Much of division and contention prevails in that county among the Baptists; and there are very few among the pastors who are prepared to lead.

In Green, Sumter, Jackson and Tuskegee counties missionary work is very much needed. While there are some good and strong associations, churches and pastors in these counties, yet the destitution is very great.

Mobile, and Mobile county, with Baldwin county is one among the most important mission fields in the state.

Our missionary could not supply the destitution that prevails in that part of the state.

### SECOND—THE EASTERN DISTRICT.

There is equally as much destitution on the eastern side of the state as there is on the western side.

In the bounds of the Alabama District Association which embraces Montgomery, Lowndes, and parts of Chilton and Bullock counties and is one of the largest associations in the state, there is much mission work needed. We ought to have



a missionary to take charge of the work in and around the city of Montgomery. There are at least ten Baptist churches in the city of Montgomery, and the Baptists in that city outnumber all the other denominations put together, but we only outstrip them in mere numbers. There are not less than six Baptist churches in the city of Montgomery that need to be helped in the way of a Missionary pastor. Then down in the Spring Hill, Troy, Mulberry, and East Alabama associations, taking in southeast Alabama, is a very large and a very important field. Only one of these four associations are co-operating with the state convention.

Then taking north and south of a certain line running east and west and west, and we have the Pine Grove, the Eufaula, the Bowen East, the Ebenezer, the Auburn, the Brownville, the Morning Star and Elmore Central Associations. In these nine associations there are only three that are really co-operating with the state convention. There are vast populations of our people in the above associations and very important centres of population in the towns and cities of these associations.

There are a very few competent ministers in all this section. Then passing into what is called North and North East Alabama, into the mineral region of the state, and it just simply baffles tongue and pen to describe this field and its destitution, importance and need. No part of all Alabama has greater claims for mission work than North and North east Alabama.

Thus you see the very great destitution that prevails in the state. The Board thinks that not less than eight missionaries should be put in the field another year, who can devote themselves entirely to the mission work, and who will not have to raise their own salaries, or be compelled to act as sub. financial agents.

To support a vigorous missionary work in the state for another year, the following plan is recommended.

1st. That every member in our Baptist churches be requested to give ten cents for missions alone.

2d. That the corresponding secretary make out a statement to each church in the state of the amount that will be required of them on this ten cents plan, and

3d. That missionary days be set, at which time the churches will be asked to give what they can of their amount, and that the second Sunday in September next be set as the first Missionary day. we also recommend that efforts be made at the coming meetings of the associations, to raise as much as \$100, to be known as a Book Sinking Fund; and that this fund be put in books from the Pub. Society, and that each Missionary who goes out in any destitute section, shall be allowed to have books to sell and distribute, and that a certain part of the profits on the sales of the books be allowed the Missionaries as a supplement to their salaries and that said amount shall be determined by the Board.

We would further recommend that the Board be empowered to enter into co-operation with the Am. Bapt. H. M. Society under their plans of co-operation in missions and that through the Board and the Southern Secretary of the Society, Rev. Wm. J. Simmons, D. D., the mission work of Alabama be arranged for; and that a man be appointed jointly by our Board and the Society upon their plans, who shall act as the corresponding Secretary of the Board and the Convention and General Superintendent of all the mission work in Alabama, both in the raising of the funds to sustain the missionaries on the field and taking the general supervision of the mission work in the state.

We would further recommend that Rev. R. T. Pollard be recommended to the Pub. Society for appointment by them as S. S. missionary for Alabama, and that we assume half the salary of the S. S. Missionary.

We also recommend that the 2d Sunday in March be set as H. M. day.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. POLLARD, Sec'y.

W. R. PETTIFORD, President,

*The Plan of Co-operation of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and State Conventions in the South.*

I. All money shall be raised for Missions in the joint name of the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the State Convention or General Association.

II. The Treasurer of the Convention shall pay all Missionary money into the Treasury of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, quarterly, except legacies to the Convention or General Association, and so much as is required for

publishing and distributing the State Minutes, for printing and postage and for the necessary expenses of the Board.

III. The Home Mission Society shall appropriate to the Missionary work in this State a definite sum, pro rata in the usual receipts into the Treasury of this State. The sum for the present year, shall be (ten dollar additional to every dollar obtained in the State and sent to their Treasury. The society limiting however its appropriation for the year to \$ . . . . . But all moneys received from any State Successor of its receipts shall be applied to work in the State. The amount of appropriation shall be determined as far as possible in the beginning of the year, by the State Board, upon a reasonable estimate of probable receipts, and shall be collected from them in timely annual receipts.

IV. The Home Mission Society shall be responsible for the payment of salaries of Missionaries to the extent of the funds provided upon the above basis of financial requirement.

V. The Convention (or General Association) or its Board, shall superintend the work of the State, determine fields, nominate Missionaries, name salaries and determine time of labor. The Home Mission Society shall appoint three missionaries, so far as the Society approves of such nominations, and shall pay the salaries of those thus appointed, as provided in Section IV.

VI. A General Missionary shall be appointed, whose title shall be "General Missionary" or "General Secretary" of the Convention (or General Association). His duties shall be: 1st To correspond with the Convention (or Gen. Ass'n.) should require it. 2d To encourage and aid in small and pastorless churches by visiting pastors, in holding stated meetings, and occasionally meetings of days, and to assist in raising church debts, and to do a pioneer Missionary work. 3d He shall act as financial agent, collect y . . . . . for Home Mission, and shall seek to enlist all the churches in the State in Home Mission work and to educate them to systematic benevolence. He reports shall include a detailed statement of receipts at the end of each month. He shall cooperate in general plans and methods of . . . . . with the American Baptist Home Mission Society District Secretary for the Southern States. The salaries of all Missionaries, and necessary traveling expenses shall be determined by the Board of the Convention (or General Association.)

VII. The General Missionary shall be charged with the collection of statistics and such other information as may be from time to time suggested by the District Secretary of the Southern States. He shall in every possible way aid the said District Secretary in promoting the work of the denomination.

VIII. He shall encourage students to attend Baptist Schools. He shall arrange annually to send two Missionary Candidates to suitable localities.

IX. "Home Mission Day" shall be observed by the churches on a day set apart for the State Convention. On such days the churches shall take Collections for the General work of the Home Mission Society, and the Sunday schools shall take Collections for Church Edifice Work. The same to be forwarded direct to the District Secretary for the State.

X. All Missionaries shall report monthly in triplicate to the Home Mission Society, the State Convention, and the District Secretary for the Southern States.

They shall distribute tracts and Baptist literature as far as it will help them in their district evangelization and Missionary work and shall also circulate the Home Mission Monthly, and procure subscriptions for it where ever possible.

XI. The Convention (or General Association) pledges itself to use its best endeavors to make the five-year plan efficient.

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