

PROCEEDINGS

THE ALABAMA

Colored Baptist State Convention,

HELD WITH THE

FRANKLIN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,

Mobile, Ala., Nov. 23-27, 1892.

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CONSTITUTION

—OF THE—

Alabama Colored Baptist State Convention.

ARTICLE I—*Name.*

This body shall be known as the Alabama Colored Baptist State Convention.

ARTICLE II—*Object.*

The object of this Convention shall be the promotion of the gospel of Christ and general and ministerial education.

ARTICLE III—*Membership.*

This Convention shall consist of delegates sent by the Baptist Churches and Associations composing this body and individuals complying with the terms of admission.

ARTICLE IV—*Representation.*

Associations and Churches holding and practicing the doctrines of Missionary Baptist Churches, may be represented, as follows:

First, Associations. An Association shall be entitled to one delegate by the payment of five dollars and three dollars for each additional delegate.

Second, Churches. A Church shall be entitled to one delegate by the payment of five dollars and two dollars for each additional delegate. Individuals connected with any acceptable Baptist Church may be admitted to annual membership by the payment of one dollar, and to life membership by the payment of five dollars.

ARTICLE V—*Officers.*

The officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, who shall be elected annually and shall perform the work usually belonging to such officers. They shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE VI—*State Mission Board.*

This Convention shall have a Board, known as the State Mission Board, consisting of seven persons named by the Convention, the moderators of the Associations belonging to this body, and the officers of the Convention, whose duty shall be to prosecute the mission work, and any other necessary business of the Convention.

Eleven members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII—*Treasurer's Security.*

The Treasurer shall give such security as shall be approved by the Convention. He shall keep a faithful account of all monies received and paid out by him, and report the same at each annual session of the Convention. He shall pay out no money except by the order of the Convention or State Mission Board, signed by the President and Corresponding Secretary.

ARTICLE VIII—*Board of Trustees.*

There shall be a Board known as the Board of Trustees whose duty shall be to take charge of all properties belonging to the State Convention, and to have control of the educational work of the Convention. The Board shall consist of twelve members, four of whom shall be elected every year as provided by the charter and shall serve three years.

ARTICLE IX—*Reports of the Boards.*

The State Mission Board and the Board of Trustees shall make annual reports of their respective works, make recommendations, and keep the Convention informed of the educational and religious condition of the field.

ARTICLE X—*Amendments.*

This Constitution may be amended by a vote of three-fourths of the members at any annual meeting.

SPECIAL NOTICE:

To the Baptist of Alabama:

DEAR BRETHREN AND SISTERS:—Please consider prayerfully the following statements: If we will succeed in building up our educational, industrial and missionary work, we must put new life in all our efforts. We must give more money for all of the objects fostered by our boards. Therefore we ask every Pastor to interest his members by holding special prayer service for fifteen or twenty minutes at each hour of worship. In a month's time the people will be much interested.

(2) Get each member to give something for each object represented by the Secretary.

(3) See that your churches take and comply with *The Tripple Pledge for Baptist Churches*.

(4) Help some other Pastor to get his Church and Sunday School to take the "Pledge."

These Pledges, will be furnished, on application to W. R. Pettiford; also a programme, for the Missionary Centennial Services, which the Board desires held in every church in the State.

(5) Be sure to have your church to decide in January conference what it will give this year for the educational work and Home and Foreign Missions. Every church should be liberal and do something worthy of their name.

(6) We must get our reading people to take our State Organ, the Baptist Leader. We should not fail to support the only *Baptist paper* we have.

(7) Send for Tripple Pledges for Baptist Churches, and let me have your first payment at latest by March 31st, 1893.

(8) I am looking for Pastors, Sunday School Teachers and Officers to help me put the work in a better condition. Let me hear from you, Brethren, you should remember, that you are the connecting links between the local and general work, and if I fail to reach the people the trouble may be at these links.

(9) I will soon have out a circular for distribution among the members.

1st. It will urge the better pay of Pastors.

2nd. It will show Bible reasons why you should give more money, for local and State work.

3rd. It will plead for the support of the Leader.

4th. It will offer some suggestions as to how to interest our people for the work in special prayer services. Send for these circulars they will help the local as well as the general cause.

Brethren, let us go to work as we never have and raise this year twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) dollars, for the cause.

All monies for Home and Foreign work should be sent to me at 614 16th Street, Birmingham; Ala.

W. R. PETTIFORD,

Financial and Corresponding Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS.

MOBILE, ALA., NOVEMBER 23rd, 1892.

Wednesday morning at 10:30, the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Colored Baptist State Convention, convened at the Franklin St. Baptist Church, Rev. A. N. McEwen, pastor.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D. The Convention then engaged in singing: "I am Thine, O, Lord." The twenty-fourth Psalm was read by Rev. S. W. Bacote, Marion, after which prayer was offered by Revs. V. B. James, G. J. Brooks, and James Riley. Then several songs, prayers, and repeating of scripture verses followed.

Rev. J. S. Simmons, Gadsden, came forward to preach the introductory sermon. Deuteronomy, fourth chapter was read, after which Rev. L. H. Hendrix, Montgomery, led the Convention in prayer. Rev. Simmons was then introduced to the Convention, and preached from Deut. 4th chapter, 7, 8, and 9 verses. "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand," was sung by the Convention; after which, Rev. A. J. Stokes, Montgomery, led in prayer.

Cards for the enrollment of members and bodies represented were then distributed; and the result showed the following enrollment:

CHURCHES.

Antioch, Camden—Rev. S. B. McCall.

Antioch, Mt Meigs—Rev. J. C. Curry.

Antioch, Uniontown—Rev. J. D. Dudley.

Arkadelphia, Pine Apple—J. H. Henderson.

African Baptist, Tuscaloosa—Rev. L. S. Steinback.

Antioch, Harrisburg—Rev. B. Tubbs.

Antioch No. 2, Montgomery—Rev. A. Moore.

Bethesda, Opelika—E. A. McCall.

Bethel, Tuskegee—Rev. M. M. Archer.
 Bethany, Belleville—Rev. A. Stallworth,
 Bethel, Anniston—Rev. F. R. Kennedy.
 Bethel, Dayton—Rev. I. S. Thompson.
 Bethel, Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
 Bethlehem, Gallion—Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins.
 Bethel, Collierine—John A. Watkins.
 Bethel, Montgomery—Not represented.
 Bethany, Dayton—Not represented.
 Beulah, Montgomery—Ed. Smith, A. J. Stokes.
 Bethlehem, Johns—Rev. T. C. Crooms.
 Bethany, Felix—Rev. C. J. Davis.
 Cubahatchee, Shorters—Rev. M. M. Archer.
 Cedar Point, Nellie—Rev. R. W. Whitley.
 Cheerful Baptist, Portland—Phill Anderson.
 Christian Hope, Magnolia—Sister Lula Partridge, Rev. N. P.
 Anderson.
 Christian Valley, Coatopa—Rev. L. Brown.
 Cedar Grove, Dayton—Rev. B. G. Glover.
 Central, Felix—R. V. McCurdy.
 Bethlehem, Selma—Rev. L. P. Foster.
 Damascus, Dick's Creek—Rev. J. W. Wood.
 Dexter Avenue, Montgomery—Rev. R. T. Pollard.
 Ebenezer, Auburn—Rev. I. M. Pollard.
 Evening Star, Demopolis—Not represented.
 Eutaw Church, Eutaw—Rev. I. Dawson.
 Epsabah, Aldrich—Rev. D. L. Prentice.
 Ebenezer, Forkland—Not represented.
 Evening Star, Forkland—Not represented.
 Ebenezer, Abercrombie—Rev. B. Tubbs.
 Eagle Grove, Marion—Rev. A. W. Ragland.
 Elbethel, Selma—Rev. L. J. Green.
 Elizabeth, Union Springs—Not represented.
 Everdale, Selma—Rev. P. T. Bowen.
 Fayett—P. O. and messenger not given.
 First African Baptist, Eufaula—Rev. J. W. Jackson.
 Free Corner Stone, Forkland—Not represented.

Faunsdale Church, Faunsdale—Rev. F. A. E. Beck.
 Friendship, Marion—Rev. I. T. Simpson.
 First Baptist, Union Springs—Rev. Wm. C. Bradford.
 Friendship, Gadsden—Rev. I. S. Simmons.
 Flat Rock, Montgomery—Not represented.
 First Baptist, Montgomery—Rev. A. J. Stokes.
 First Baptist, Anniston—Rev. M. H. Cunningham.
 First Baptist, Powderly—Not represented.
 First Baptist, Woodlawn—Not represented.
 Free Hope, Tishabee—Rev. E. F. Fields.
 Green Street, Selma—Not represented.
 Gainesville Church, Gainesville—Rev. D. G. Griffin.
 Good Hope, Pleasant Hill—Not represented.
 Gallile, Anniston—Rev. F. R. Kennedy.
 Green Oak, Demopolis—Not represented.
 Good Hope, Brown Station—Rev. Y. R. White.
 Green Leaf, Scott's—Rev. W. H. Huckabee.
 Green Liberty, Hamburg—Rev. C. J. Davis.
 Hope Hill, Dayton—Rev. F. Gilbert.
 Hopewell, Vance Station—James Banks.
 Harmony, Avondale—Rev. V. B. James.
 Hopewell, Marion—Rev. W. H. Reddick.
 Hebron, Uniontown—Rev. H. Alexander.
 Hunter's Chapel, Laneville—Rev. J. H. Hunter.
 Healing Springs, Birmingham—S. L. Belser.
 Huntsville Church, Huntsville—Rev. S. L. Ross.
 Jones Creek, Epes Station—Rev. W. Broaden.
 John the Baptist, Gallion—Rev. F. Gilbert.
 Jackson Street, Woodlawn—Wm. Winters.
 Little New Hope, Eustis—S. H. Houston.
 Lloyd's Chapel, Forkland—Not represented.
 Liberty, Blocton—Not represented.
 Lily Hill, Pike Road—Rev. L. B. Barnett.
 Little Canaan, Pine Hill—Not represented.
 Livingston Church, Livingston—Rev. G. Lowe.
 Mt. Olive, Tuskegee—Rev. J. C. Curry.
 Macedonia, Birmingham—Rev. D. B. Campbell.

Mt. Moriah, Pratt Mines—Rev. A. D. Jemison.
 Morning Star, Demopolis—Rev. C. W. Wallace.
 Mt. Olive, Catherine—Rev. F. A. E. Beck.
 Mt. Zion, Calera—Rev. P. C. Caddell.
 Mt. Olive, Boligee—Rev. I. Dawson.
 Mt. Horeb, Faunsdale—Henrietta Catling.
 Mt. Olive, Marion—not represented.
 Mt. Canaan, Talladega—Rev. S. A. Rivers.
 Mt. Ararat, Selma—Rev. I. T. Simpson.
 Macedonia, Summerfield—not represented.
 Mt. Zion, Selma—Rev. L. J. Green.
 Mt. Zion, Allenton—not represented.
 Mt. Olive, Reading—not represented.
 Mt. Olive, Shelby—not represented.
 Mt. Zion, Talladega—Rev. M. H. Cunningham.
 Mt. Canaan, Wetumpka—not represented.
 Mt. Zion, Greensboro—Rev. G. King.
 Mt. Hebron, Thomas—not represented.
 Mt. Zion, Loachapoka—Rev. I. M. Pollard.
 Mt. Hatten, Gurnee—Rev. W. C. Owens.
 Mackey Branch, Barlow Bend—George Washington.
 Mt. Hope, Faunsdale—Henrietta Catlin.
 Mt. Calvary, Huffman—Rev. William Ware.
 Mt. Moriah, Greensboro—Rev. L. E. Hobson.
 Monroe Beulah, Burnt Corn—Rev. P. A. Tait.
 Mt. Zion, Anniston—Rev. A. A. Battle.
 Newberne Church, Newberne—Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins.
 New Canaan, Montgomery—Rev. T. C. Crooms.
 New Hope, Oxford—not represented.
 New Morning Star, Demopolis—Rev. L. S. Steinback, Mrs.
 M. D. Duncan.
 New Bethel, Epes Station—not represented.
 New Fellowship, Marion—Rev. R. E. Brown.
 New Virgin, Furman—Rev. J. A. Nichols.
 New Hope, Sawyerville—Rev. I. S. Jones.
 New Massillon—not represented.
 New Elam, Montgomery—Rev. A. Moore.

New Hope, Columbus, Ga.—Rev. T. H. C. Messer.
 North Birmingham, Birmingham—Rev. J. A. Peel.
 New Bethel, Warrior—S. M. Hall.
 Oak Grove, Gallion—Rev. G. Frost.
 Providence, Selma—Rev. P. T. Bowden.
 Pleasant Ridge, Dayton—Rev. I. S. Thompson.
 Peace, Talladega—Rev. J. P. Barton.
 Pickens' Chapel, Whitsit—not represented.
 Pleasant Grove, Greensboro—Rev. H. Alexander.
 Palestine, Demopolis—not represented.
 Pine Top, Demopolis—not represented.
 Perryville Church, Perryville—Rev. R. Z. DeYampert.
 Purnel Chapel, Marion Junction—Rev. A. W. Ragland.
 Pike Road, Mt. Meigs—not represented.
 Pleasant Grove, Sprotts—Rev. B. Tubbs.
 Ridgeville, Monterey—Rev. E. Dunklin.
 Rock West, Camden—Rev. S. B. McCall.
 Rising Star, Pratt Mines—not represented.
 Rising Star, Sylacauga—not represented.
 Spring Hill, Birmingham—S. L. Belser.
 St. Paul, Demopolis—Rev. F. Gilbert.
 Second Baptist, Wetumpka—Rev. D. Ware, Montgomery.
 Sardis, Birmingham—J. E. Billingslea.
 Second Baptist, Marion—Rev. Samuel W. Bacote.
 Shiloh, Selma—Rev. R. E. Brown.
 St. Micah, Laneville—T. Barker.
 Springfield, Sawyerville—Rev. William Reddick.
 Salem, Greensboro—Rev. William Madison.
 St. Wisdom, Canton Bend—not represented.
 St. Phillip Street, Selma—Rev. S. S. Scissen, J. M. Wallace,
 Rev. G. J. Brooks.
 Sumterville, Sumterville—Rev. W. Broaden.
 Spring Hill, Forkland—Rev. D. Bryant.
 Siloam, Allenton—not represented.
 St. John, Dolomite—Rev. L. D. James.
 St. Paul, Selma—Rev. G. H. Hobdy.
 Shiloh, Birmingham—Rev. T. W. Walker.

St. Paul, Greensboro—Rev. H. Alexander.
 Sandy Ridge, Selma—Rev. G. H. Hobdy.
 St. John, Montgomery—Rev. A. J. Knight.
 Sixteenth Street, Birmingham—Revs. J. H. Leach, J. P.
 Black, Mesdames A. A. Bowie, Jane Scott, Mary Curry,
 W. D. Barrow.
 Spring Hill, Greenville—Rev. E. Dunklin.
 Shady Grove, Selma—Rev. R. E. Brown.
 Spring Chapel, Montgomery—Rev. D. Ware.
 Tabernacle, Selma—Rev. C. P. Jones, C. S. Goldsby.
 Tabernacle, Birmingham—Rev. A. Scott, J. R. Hunt.
 Town Creek, Union Springs—Rev. J. Germany.
 Sixth Avenue, Birmingham—Rev. J. W. White.
 Union, Marion—Rev. J. H. Eason.
 Union, Mobile—Rev. S. Kennedy, R. B. Washington.
 Union, Prattville—not represented.
 Uniontown Church, Uniontown—Rev. A. F. Owens.
 Vilula Church, Vilula—Rev. G. Frost.
 Zion Hill, Faunsdale—Rev. F. A. E. Beck.
 Yellow Bank, Sterrett—Rev. S. M. Hall.

ASSOCIATIONS.

Alabama District—M. Tyler, Lowndesboro, S. Jones, R. T.
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 Auburn, Loachapoka—I. M. Pollard.
 Autauga County—Rev. M. Underwood, Milton.
 Alabama Midland—Rev. T. M. Lewis, Snowdown.
 Blount Springs Bethel—Flint Station—Revs. F. A. Chapman,
 D. B. Campbell.
 Brownville—Not represented.
 Bethlehem, Eutaw—Revs. I. Dawson, L. Brown, D. G. Griffin.
 Bibb County, Calera—A. T. Thomas.
 Central—Not represented.
 Canaan, Pickensville—Rev. G. W. Brent, Fayette C. H.
 Colored Bethlehem—Jac. Williams, Finchburg.
 Dallas County, Hazen—Rev. A. C. Collins, T. B. Goldsby.
 East Dallas, Berlin—Rev. C. M. Robinson.

Ebenezer—Not represented.

East Perry, Sprott's—Rev. J. A. Jamison.

Evergreen, Evergreen—Rev. Z. Michael.

Eufaula—Rev. L. F. O'Bryan, G. W. Webb, A. Gatchett, E. A. McCall.

Flint River, Flint Station—Rev. F. A. Chapman.

Good Samaritan, Bragg's—J. W. Moorer, J. D. Crum.

Hope Hill, Gallion—Rev. A. Collins.

Lily Star—Rev. T. M. Parker, Brierfield.

Mt. Pleasant—Revs. M. D. Agee, E. W. Shields.

Morning Star, Rockford—L. W. Whitaker.

New Cahaba, Selma—Rev. B. Tubbs.

New Antioch, Bethlehem—Not represented.

Mt. Pleasant, Dayton—Rev. M. D. Agee.

Old Pine Grove, Union Springs—Rev. E. Thornton.

Rushing Springs, Talladega—S. A. Rivers, H. Wood.

Second Mt. Pleasant, Old Spring Hill—Rev. N. Emmerson.

Sandy Ridge, Jones Switch—Rev. J. H. Mixon.

Southeast District, Bolling—Rev. M. C. Lowery.

Shellby Springs—Rev. P. Caddell, F. R. Kennedy, D. L. Prentice, W. C. Owens.

Snow Creek, White Plains—Rev. H. W. Whatley.

Shady Grove, Selma—Rev. R. E. Brown.

Star of Hope, River Ridge—Rev. J. E. Blackmon.

Spring Hill, Montgomery—Rev. A. J. Stokes.

Town Creek, Union Springs—Rev. E. Thornton.

Union, Minter—Rev. J. R. Scott.

Uniontown, Greensboro—Revs. Wm. Madison, J. T. Prince.

Wm. Dorsey, Sweet Water—Rev. N. D. Dorsey.

Will's Creek, Avondale—Rev. Wm. Walker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS, SOCIETIES, ETC.

Alabama District Sunday School Convention—Not represented.

Mount Pleasant Sunday School Convention—Not represented.

Mt. Pilgrim Sunday School Convention—Not represented.

Ministers Union, Mt. Meigs—Not represented.

Home and Foreign Mission Society of Second Baptist Church, Selma—Not represented.

Ministers' and Deacons' Associations, Enfaula—Rev. J. D. Maddox.

Bethlehem Sunday School Convention, Epes Station—E. W. Knight, John O. Leftwitch.

The enrollment having been concluded, the President announced that the election of officers was next in order. C. S. Dinkins, D. D., was invited to occupy the chair during the time of the election of officers.

On motion, the following committee was appointed on nomination of officers: Rev. A. J. Stokes, W. C. Bradford, T. W. Walker, S. L. Ross, I. Dawson, L. F. O'Bryan, V. B. James.

While waiting for the return of the Committee on Nomination of Officers, the program was taken up, and after the following changes were made in it, was adopted: that Rev. S. A. Rivers preach at 11 o'clock on Thursday instead of Thursday night, and that Rev. L. M. Luke preach on Thursday night.

Rev. L. M. Luke, Travelling Secretary of the Foreign Mission Convention of the United States was introduced, and made some very appropriate remarks.

At this time the Committee on Nomination returned, and with Rev. G. J. Brooks, Selma, in the chair, the committee made a majority and a minority report. The minority report was adopted, giving the following officers: Revs. C. S. Dinkins, D. D., President; R. T. Pollard, Secretary; L. Brown, Treasurer; P. S. L. Hutchins, Cor. Secretary.

The President elect made a few remarks, after which the Convention adjourned to 5 P. M.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was called to order at 5 P. M. by the President, C. S. Dinkins, D. D. Dr. M. Tyler, Lowndesboro, led in prayer. Singing—"Jesus, Lover of my Soul"—after which the newly elected officers made speeches thanking the Convention for the honor conferred upon them by electing them to office.

At this point Rev. W. H. Steward, editor of *THE AMERICAN BAPTIST*, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. C. P. Jones, late of Arkansas now pastor of Tabernacle Church, Selma; Rev. S. W. Bacote, late of South Carolina now pastor Second Baptist Church, Marion; Rev. S. W. Jackson, late of Georgia now pastor of Eufaula Baptist Church; and Rev. C. L. Robinson were introduced to the Convention.

Rev. J. H. Eason, D. D. of Selma University was called upon and made a few remarks: "I address you because of one or two particulars. (1) I address you as a race; (2) as a denomination; (3) as individuals."

The speech was good, was well received, and was several times applauded.

Rev. G. J. Brooks spoke: "God gave some gifts to teach, and some to preach, and others to do pastoral work; but He never gave a minister a gift to keep store."

Rev. C. P. Jones, Selma, spoke upon the Baptist Leader.

The Board of Trustees of Selma University made their report, which embraced the reports of Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Financial Agent for Selma University, C. L. Purce, D. D., President of Selma University, and Baptist Leader.

The following committees were announced by the Secretary:

On the Baptist Leader, Revs. A. F. Owens, C. P. Jones, J. C. Curry, Wm. Madison, T. W. Walker.

On Resolutions, Revs. B. H. Peterson, L. F. O'Bryan, Wm. Winters, F. R. Kennedy, S. B. McCall.

On New Bodies, Revs. C. R. Rodgers, W. H. Reddick, P. Caddell, J. S. Thompson, R. E. Brown.

On Time and Place, Revs. J. H. Eason, L. P. Foster, A. J. Knight, L. B. Barnette, E. W. Knight.

On Temperance, Revs. P. S. L. Hutchins, M. Tyler, D. D., Jas. Riley, E. A. McCall, C. Brown, J. C. Leftwitch.

On Obituaries, Revs. W. C. Bradford, N. Emmerson, A. Gatchett, J. D. Maddox, A. W. Ragland.

On Finance, Revs. S. L. Ross, A. A. Battle, C. J. Davis, S. W. Bacote, D. L. Prentice.

On Financial Plans, and on Recommendations, Revs. C. O.

Boothe, D. D., W. R. Pettiford, D. D., N. P. Anderson, G. J. Brooks, J. W. Jackson, C. M. Robinson, R. Z. Deyampert.

Pending the adoption of the report of the Board of Trustees the Convention adjourned.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled in the Franklin Street Church at 8 o'clock P. M., Wednesday. The choir led in singing. Rev. A. J. Stokes, Montgomery, read the second chapter of Romans. The choir chanted the 23rd Psalm, after which Rev. L. M. Luke, Nashville, Tenn., led in prayer. Then the choir chanted the Lord's prayer.

The address of welcome on behalf of the church was delivered by Rev. A. F. Owens, and was responded to by Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., on behalf of the Convention.

Then Rev. A. J. Stokes was introduced and preached a sermon from Gen. 1:2.

C. L. Purce, D. D., Selma, led in prayer.

Collection \$12.43.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. J. Stokes.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MOBILE, ALA., Nov. 24, 1892.

At 9 o'clock A. M. the Convention met pursuant to adjournment, with President Dinkins in the chair.

Rev. A. A. Battle, Talladega, led the devotional exercises, leading in the song, "Lord, I Hear of Showers of Blessings," and reading Psalm 26th. Prayer by Rev. H. Wood. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved after the necessary corrections.

On motion the program was suspended in order to collect the money sent by the different bodies represented.

At this point S. S. H. Washington, M. D., and Mr. Barnes Moss, representing the National Life Insurance Company of Hartford, were introduced to the Convention.

The following committee on devotional services was an-

nounced: Revs. A. N. McEwen, G. W. Webb, J. S. Simmons, H. W. Whatley, D. T. Gulley, A. T. Thomas.

According to the program the hour came for divine services, at which time Rev. S. A. Rivers, Talladega, came forward to deliver a sermon. The day being a National Thanksgiving day, the services were looked to with great interest.

The Convention engaged in several songs. Rev. M. Tyler, D. D., Lowndesboro, led the Convention in prayer. Then the choir chanted the Lord's prayer.

Before further proceedings Rev. O. L. Fisher, formerly of this State, now of Mississippi, and Prof. B. H. Peterson, instructor in Selma University, were introduced to the Convention and spoke.

After this Rev. S. A. Rivers read the hymn, "O, Bless the Lord my Soul," which was sung by the Convention.

Bro. Rivers announced as his text Psalm 103:1, and preached a thanksgiving sermon. C. O. Boothe, D. D., led in a fervent prayer. A collection was then taken as a thank-offering, the money to be given to the Franklin Street Church, with which the Convention is convened. Collection \$20.25.

At this point Rev. Samuel Sherman, pastor of the State Street A. M. E. Zion Church was introduced to the Convention.

The Secretary read a communication addressed to him by the Secretary of Publication Society offering propositions by which to advertise the literature of the Society in our Convention minutes. On motion proposition No. 1 was accepted. It proposes that the Publication Society would pay \$4 per thousand for its advertisement being bound in the minutes.

On motion advertisements of Selma University and of the Home Mission Society are to be inserted in the minutes of the Convention; and, further, that the Home Mission Society, through Dr. C. O. Boothe, be requested to furnish a leaflet to be bound in the minutes, this leaflet to have on it advertising matter of that Society.

On motion the Finance Committee went into private session for the purpose of receiving money from persons who are going away.

The following Committee on Grievances was announced: Revs. J. P. Barton, J. C. Curry, William Madison, F. A. Chapman, J. R. Scott, L. J. Green, W. R. Pettiford, D. D., M. Tyler, D. D., G. J. Brooks, C. L. Fisher.

W. R. Pettiford, D. D., addressed the Convention upon the business and success of the Alabama Penny Savings Bank, which is a colored project located in Birmingham.

Rev. J. P. Barton spoke of the work of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum at Talladega, and urged the patronage of the colored people of this State and the support of the ministers.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. J. W. White.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment, President Dinkins in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. William Madison, Greensboro.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. F. W. Ragland, pastor of the Congregational Church; A. N. Johnson; C. Mayfield; Rev. J. L. Frazier, pastor of St. Louis Street Baptist Church, and J. H. Tobin.

At this point the report of the Board of Trustees was resumed. C. O. Boothe, D. D., read the financial plans of the Board. The plans were discussed by C. O. Boothe, D. D.

The recommendation from the State Mission Board endorsing W. R. Pettiford, D. D., as Financial and Corresponding Secretary was adopted.

The resolution offered by Bro. J. C. Leftwich was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Rev. C. O. Boothe, D. D., spoke of the great needs of Selma University; and, after a very lengthy discussion, a collection amounting to \$22.01 was raised for the school.

Adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 P. M. the Convention met pursuant to adjournment, to hear a sermon by Rev. L. M. Luke, travelling Secretary of

the Foreign Mission Convention of the United States. Several songs were sung by the Convention.

Rev. C. L. Fisher read Romans, tenth chapter, after which the choir chanted the 23rd Psalm. Rev. C. P. Jones, Selma, led in prayer. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., then read the hymn, "Go preach my Gospel saith the Lord," which was sung by the Convention. Rev. L. M. Luke was then introduced and preached a missionary sermon from Romans 10:14, 15.

Collection for African missions \$62.05. Rev. T. L. Jordan, Meridian, Miss., led the Convention in prayer.

On motion Rev. A. N. McEwen, pastor of Franklin Street Church, was made a life member of the Foreign Mission Convention with \$20 of money raised for African missions.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. J. Knight, Montgomery.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 9 o'clock Friday morning 25th, the Convention was called to order. President Dinkins in the chair. Rev. J. T. Prince, Gallion, led the devotional services. Rev. L. F. O'Bryan, Enfaula, led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved after corrections.

The following committee was named to prepare and send by telegram words of greeting to the white Baptist State Convention in session at Anniston: Revs. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., C. O. Boothe, D. D., D. L. Prentice.

The financial plans of the Board of Trustees were resumed, and discussed by Rev. L. M. Luke, C. O. Boothe, D. D., Wm. Walker, D. T. Gulley, F. A. E. Beck, R. E. Brown.

On motion the phase in the financial plans recommending the *time* to take a collection for the work was referred to the State Mission Board.

On motion the order was suspended to hear a communication sent C. O. Boothe, D. D., by the Secretary of the Home Mission Society.

The communication was accepted.

At this point Revs. S. T. Olanton, D. D., District Secretary of the Publication Society for the Gulf States; W. H. Nelson, D. D., pastor of the M. E. Church, this City; T. L. Jordan, pastor 26th Avenue Church, Meridian, Miss.; and F. A. Chapman were introduced to the Convention and made appropriate remarks.

Dr. W. R. Pettiford was here called forward and spoke upon the financial plans now before the Convention: "The work that you have put upon me means a great failure or a great success. I hope that every brother will assist in the operation of these plans, so that there shall be a net work in them. I want to so handle the preachers in the State that Alabama shall be ablaze with reference to our mission work. If I send out three hundred letters, I want to receive three hundred answers. The Baptists are able to give. The question is, are they *inclined* to give? When you refuse to carry out the plans agreed upon, you become one in helping to defeat the plans. I want to deal with unselfish men." The address was timely and fitting.

Rev. T. L. Jordan spoke: "I have been deeply impressed with the thought how to best utilize our forces as a denomination. Nineteen per cent. of our denomination do nothing toward the work. I shall watch this plan with considerable interest. It is the plan that looks towards utilizing all our forces. I think the time has come for the Baptists of the South to exert their manhood. There must be mistakes made in experimenting before we can find rock bottom."

The report of the State Mission Board was read by the Secretary of the Board, and was adopted. (See report of Board.)

The Committee on Time and Place made their report which was adopted. (See report).

On motion, the program was so changed that Rev. T. L. Jordan, Meridian, Miss., will preach Friday night instead of Rev. C. S. Dinkins, D. D.; and further, that S. T. Olanton, D. D., speak at 7 o'clock upon the work of the Publication Society.

At this point Brother W. H. Steward and Rev. L. M. Luke

gave their farewell words. Bro. Luke asked the Convention to recommend a person to go to Africa to labor as a missionary under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Convention. He further requested the Convention to engage in prayer, asking the Lord to direct them in the selection and choice of the person. Accordingly the Convention engaged in singing, "Over the Ocean Wave," after which Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Selma, led in prayer, "Hark the Voice of Jesus Crying." Adjourned with benediction by Rev. Ware.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled in the Franklin Street Church at 4 P. M. Friday, with Vice-president, J. P. Barton, in the chair. Rev. F. R. Kennedy, Anniston, conducted the devotional services. Rev. E. L. Pearsall, led in prayer.

On motion, all moderators of Associations are, as heretofore, members of the State Mission Board; the Board being as follows:

STATE MISSION BOARD.

Alabama District, M. Tyler, D. D., Lowndesboro.
 Bethlehem, Rev. L. Brown, Epes Station.
 Uniontown, Rev. William Madison, Greensboro.
 Mt. Pleasant, Rev. M. D. Agee, Dayton.
 Second Mt. Pleasant, Rev. N. Emmerson, Old Spring Hill.
 Auburn, Rev. I. M. Pollard, Loachapoka.
 Colored Bethlehem, Rev. Jac. Williams, Finchburg.
 Shady Grove, Rev. R. E. Brown, Selma.
 Eufaula, Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Selma.
 Canaan Pickensville, Rev. G. W. Brent, Fayette C. H.
 Good Samaritan, Rev. W. B. Baskin, Farmersville.
 Mt. Pilgrim, Rev. J. W. White, Birmingham.
 New Cahaba, Rev. B. Tubbs, Marion.
 Shady Grove, Rev. R. E. Brown, Selma.
 Antauga, Rev. M. Underwood, Milton.
 East Perry, Rev. J. A. Jemison, Sprott's.
 Snow Creek, Rev. H. W. Whatley, White Plains.

Bibb County, Rev. H. E. Dook, Calera.
 Bethlehem, Blount Springs, Rev. F. A. Chapman, Flint Sta.
 Alabama Midland, Rev. B. Cole.
 Evergreen, Rev. R. McCray.
 Hope Hill, Rev. A. Collins, Gallion.
 Union, Rev. James Nichols, Greenville.
 Rushing Springs, Rev. E. C. Rivers, Talladega.
 Dallas County, Rev. A. C. Collins, Hazen.
 Muscle Shoals, Rev. J. Bell, Courtland.
 Antioch Bethlehem, Rev. J. C. Crawford, Northport.
 Colored Bethel, Rev. C. L. Yow, Bethel.
 Shelby, Rev. P. Caddell, Calera.
 Morning Star, L. W. Whitaker, Rockford.
 Sandy Ridge, Rev. J. H. Mixon, Jones' Switch.
 Star of Hope, Rev. J. E. Blackman, River Ridge.
 William Dorsey, Rev. M. D. Dorsey, Sweetwater.
 East Dallas, Rev. C. M. Robinson, Berlin.
 Spring Hill, Rev. A. J. Stokes, Montgomery.
 Lily Star, Rev. T. M. Parker, Brierfield.
 Wills' Creek.
 Southeast District, Rev. J. Barrett, Greenville.
 Old Pine Grove, Rev. E. Thornton, Union Springs.
 Flint River, Rev. F. A. Chapman, Flint River.

On motion the reports of Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite and C. L. Purce, which constitute a part of the report of the Board of Trustees, were adopted.

On motion the election of the Board of Incorporators was made the order of the day.

Rev. G. J. Brooks was made a member of the Board of Incorporators instead of Bro. C. W. White; all the other members whose terms had expired were re-elected. Their names are as follows: Revs. William Madison, M. Tyler, D. D., W. H. McAlpine, D. D., S. Jones.

Rev. William C. Bradford, Union Springs, read an excellent paper on: "What Baptist Principles have done for the World."

On motion the paper read by Bro. Bradford was ordered put in pamphlet form, and also in "The Baptist Leader."

On motion the Home Mission Society is requested to locate in North Alabama one of the academies that that Society expects to locate in the State.

It was moved by Rev. A. N. McEwen, Mobile, that the Home Mission Society be requested that in locating the other academy which the Society intends to locate in this State, that Mobile be given a favorable consideration. Pending this motion the Convention adjourned.

THIRD DAY—EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 P. M. the Convention re-assembled, and while waiting for a larger congregation the Committee on Devotional Services made a partial report. The time came for the evening services, Rev. S. T. Clanton, D. D., read Psalms 119. Singing, "The Lord is my Shepherd," after which Rev. L. D. James led in prayer. The choir then chanted the Lord's prayer. Vice-President Barton introduced S. T. Clanton, D. D., District Secretary of the Publication Society, who took as his theme: "The Bible Outlook," and addressed the Convention upon the Bible work of the Publication Society.

By this time the hour had come for a sermon by Rev. T. L. Jordan. The choir sang, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," after which Bro. Jordan read Luke 19th chapter. S. T. Clanton, D. D., led in prayer. "He leadeth me" was sung by the choir. Bro. Jordan announced as his text Luke 19:10 and preached a sermon which engaged the attention of every one. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D.

On motion a collection was taken for Selma University. On motion ten dollars were ordered paid from the treasury to the Publication Society. Collection \$22.38.

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. T. L. Jordan.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

MOBILE, ALA., Nov. 26th, 1892.

The Convention was called to order at 9:15 A. M., Rev. C. R. Rodgers, Selma, conducted the devotional services, reading

Romans 12th chapter. Prayer by Rev. A. A. Battle, Talladega. Singing "I need thee every hour;" and then other prayers and songs were engaged in.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The motion to recommend to the Home Mission Society Mobile as a suitable place to locate an academy was taken up and carried.

The report of the committee on the Baptist Leader was read by Rev. C. P. Jones. Pending the adoption of the report it was spoken to by Rev. A. F. Owens, J. P. Barton.

At this point the discussion was interrupted by the introduction of Revs. H. R. Gaynes, pastor of the M. E. Church; C. C. Richardson, and D. Groves, pastor of the Whistler Baptist Church.

The discussion was then continued by Revs. J. P. Barton, S. Jones, A. D. Jamison, D. T. Gulley, J. H. Eason, C. R. Rodgers, W. R. Pettiford, and S. A. Rivers.

On motion five minutes were allowed in which to take subscriptions and pledges for the paper.

On motion the management of the Leader was changed from the hands of the Board of Trustees to that of the State Mission Board.

The report of the committee on The Leader was reconsidered; and after a heated discussion, engaged in by Revs. A. N. McEwen, W. H. McAlpine, D. D., R. T. Pollard, C. P. Jones, J. H. Eason, C. R. Rodgers, T. W. Walker A. D. Jamison, C. O. Boothe, D. D., and J. P. Barton, it was again adopted without change from what it was before it was reconsidered.

Dr. S. T. Clanton bade the Convention farewell and took his leave.

The Report of the Committee on the Sabbath Services was read and adopted.

On Motion Rev. A. F. Owens was continued as Editor of The Leader.

On Motion Bro. J. C. Leftwich was elected business manager of the paper.

The resolutions offered by Rev. S. A. Rivers was referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The report of the Committee on Grievance was read by Rev. C. L. Fisher, and adopted. (See report.)

Adjourned to 4 o'clock p. m.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 4 p. m., with the President in the chair.

The devotional services were conducted by Rev. S. L. Ross of Huntsville.

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

The following resolutions offered by Rev. S. W. Bacote were adopted. (See resolutions.)

The Secretary being Sick, Rev. A. A. Battle, of Talladega, was elected Secretary *pro tem*.

On motion the report of the Committee on Temperance was adopted without being read.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read and on motion adopted by sections.

On motion the first, second, third and fourth sections of the report were struck out.

On motion the part of the resolutions presented by Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins was referred to the Board of Trustees of Selma University.

On behalf of the State Convention the President gave the hand of fellowship to the following brethren: Rev. F. A. Chapman, B. D. Campbell and E. Dunklin.

On Motion the Secretary was paid twenty dollars for services.

On motion the Sexton was paid ten dollars for services.

On motion Rev. C. R. Rodgers was paid ten dollars on salary as missionary.

On motion Rev. C. L. Fisher was paid \$22.50 on back salary as teacher in Selma University.

On motion, two thousand copies of Minutes were ordered printed.

On motion, seventy dollars were appropriated for printing and distribution.

The report of the Committee on Grievance was received and adopted. (See report.)

On motion, R. T. Pollard was re-elected Statistical Secretary.

On motion, the resolution of thanks offered by Rev. A. A. Battle was adopted. (See resolution).

On motion, the resolutions offered by Bro. J. D. Crum was referred to the State Mission Board.

On motion, the resolution offered by Rev. C. R. Rodgers touching the Publication Society was adopted. (See res.)

On motion, the balance of salary due Miss Susie A Stone was ordered to be paid.

On motion, the Board of Trustees of Selma University was instructed to sign two notes on behalf of the Convention for the money (\$550) due Dr. C. L. Purce; and also to sign notes for \$683.30 due Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.

The motion referring to the appointment of a Secretary for Foreign Missions was tabled.

On motion, the report of the Committee on New Bodies except that part recommending the reception of the Mt. Zion, and Little Rock Churches, Mobile, was adopted.

On motion, the resolution offered by R. T. Pollard bearing upon the services of Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite was adopted.

The resolution by Rev. A. F. Owens was adopted. (See res.)

After an excellent session the Convention adjourned to meet with the Eufaula Baptist Church, Eufaula, Ala., on Wednesday before Fourth Sabbath in November, 1893.

REV. C. S. DINKINS, President.

R. T. POLLARD, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention through their State Board, has kindly appointed W. H. McAlpine, D. D. as instructor of the ministers of the State of Alabama, assuming his entire salary; and

Whereas, the American Baptist Publication Society has appointed C. S. Dinkins as general S. S. Missionary for the State, paying all his expenses therefore

Resolved, That we gratefully accept them and their services; and that we hereby express our appreciation to each of these societies for these christian deeds done in our behalf.

S. A. RIVERS.

WHEREAS, Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite has for seven years filled the position of Financial Agent of Selma University; and

Whereas, Bro. Wilhite has offered his resignation to take effect Dec. 1st, 1892;

Resolved 1st, That we recognize in Bro. Wilhite an excellent financier and worker.

Resolved 2nd, That we thank Bro. Wilhite for his faithfulness in the work of financial agent.

Resolved 3rd, That we pray God's blessing upon our brother in his new department of the work.

R. T. POLLARD.

WHEREAS, the American Baptist Home Mission Society of New York is contemplating the plan of establishing a few academies at certain points in the State of Alabama, and that said academies are to be preparatory schools to Selma University, located at Selma, Ala., and

Whereas, it is both the object of this Convention and the Home Mission Society that these academies shall be established at points where the people are not only in great demand for education and are favorable to the same, but that said academies be located in places exceedingly favorable to physical development as well as for study;

And whereas, The A. B. H. Society has the Marion Academy located at Marion, Ala. under consideration as being one of these academies on account of, (a) healthfulness of climate, (b) quietness for study, (c) moral and religious influences, (d) central locality, (e) interest manifested by patrons and friends of said school, (f) property already purchased by said school. Therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That this Convention now in session in the city of Mobile, this 29th day of November, Anno Domini, 1892, do now adopt the Marion Academy as a preparatory school to Selma University, on condition that the Trustees and Faculty of said Academy so arrange their course of study as not to exceed the college preparatory course of Selma University.

Resolved 2nd, That this Convention do earnestly invoke the American Baptist Home Mission Society, to endorse the said Marion Academy, as one of the proposed institutions.

Resolved 3rd, That the property of said Academy shall remain under the control of the Local Board of Trustees of Marion Academy.

Resolved 4th, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Trustees and Faculty of Marion Academy and also the American Baptist Home Mission Society by the Secretary of this Convention as early as convenient.

S. W. BACOTE.

Resolved, That we endorse most heartily the work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

C. R. RODGERS.

WHEREAS, The members of the Franklin Street Baptist Church, members of other churches and friends have shown to this Convention their hospitality in taking care of this Convention; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Convention now in session in the city of Mobile, Ala., tender them a vote of thanks.

A. A. BATTLE.

WHEREAS, The Colored Missionary Baptist State Convention will now close its Twenty-fifth Annual Session held with the Franklin St. Baptist Church, Rev. A. N. McEwen, pastor; and

Whereas, The delegation was the largest in the history of the Convention, and much larger than anyone had a good reason to hope for; and

Whereas, The Rev. A. N. McEwen exhibited unusual skill in providing homes for the largest Convention in the history of the Colored Baptist of Alabama and made haste to arrange for us to hold our session in the finest, most convenient and best fitted church owned by the Colored Baptists of Alabama; and

Whereas, The members of the Franklin St. Baptist Church, (formerly the Third Church) have shown their liberality in entertaining the messengers of the Convention at unusual expense to themselves, and thereby exhibited their ability to cope with any emergency; and

Whereas, the pastors and members of the Union Baptist and the St. Louis St. Baptist Churches and some of the Members of the Methodist Churches, have assisted the Franklin St. Church in providing homes for messengers; and

Whereas, The messengers have been cordially greeted by the good citizens of Mobile, white and colored; and

Whereas, The Railroads have favored all messengers with reduced rates; and

Whereas, We have held the most harmonious session in the history of our Convention; Therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That we return thanks to our Heavenly Father for casting our lot in this pleasant place and for the guidance of His Spirit in our deliberations.

Resolved 2nd, That Rev. A. N. McEwen and his good people have our sincere thanks for their unbounded liberality in caring for the messengers, and for the privilege of holding our session in their fine Church. And to the choir of the Church for their services in leading us in sacred song.

3rd, That we tender our heart-felt thanks to the other pastors and churches of the city for the assistance rendered the pastor and members of the Franklin St. Baptist Church in providing homes for our messengers.

4th, That we return thanks to the good citizens of Mobile for their cordial greetings, to the Railroads for reduced rates, and to the Press of Mobile for the extensive and favorable notices of our sessions in their daily columns.

5th, That we tender our thanks to our honorable President, Dr. Dinkins, for his impartial ruling of our great Convention.

A. F. OWENS.

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REPORTS.

ON NEW BODIES.

Brother President:

We, your Committee on New Bodies, would respectfully submit the following as our report: We recommend the reception of the following churches, which are not all necessarily new, but are making application to enter this Convention for the first time, viz.: Mt. Calvary, Huffman; Yellow Bank, Sterrett, S. M. Hall; Bethel, Dayton, Rev. I. S. Thompson; North Birmingham 1st Baptist Church, Birmingham, Rev. J. A. Peel; Hickory Grove, Scott's Station, Rev. Wm. Reddick; Healing Springs, South Birmingham; Springfield, Smithfield Birmingham, Rev. S. L. Belser; New Hope, Eustis, S. J. Houston; Mt. Hatten, Gurney, Rev. W. C. Owens; Ridgeville, Monterey, Rev. E. Dunklin; Spring Hill, Monterey, Rev. E. Dunklin; John the Baptist, Mobile, Rev. W. F. Peterson.

Respectfully submitted,

C. R. RODGERS, Chairman,
W. H. REDDICK,
P. CADDELL,
I. S. THOMPSON,
R. E. BROWN.

ON GRIEVANCE.

Bro. President and Brethren:

We, your Committee on Grievance, present for your consideration, the following report:

Rev. C. C. Richardson, Moderator of the Sunlight Association, appeared before the committee and related the following causes of alienation of said Association from the Convention:

1. The Sunlight Association protests against the reception and fellowship of the Third Baptist Church, Mobile, on ground; that said church, was originally constituted of members who were excluded from the St. Louis Street and Stone Street Baptist Churches because of their relation to Secret organizations.

2. That said Association has petitioned for redress twice by letter, and claims that no attention was paid to their plea.

With reference to the first cause of grievance, your committee would state that the Convention has gone to the extent of its power, in that when the matter was first brought up it recommended the call of a mutual council, and in case of either party disagreeing, an ex parte council. The offended party failing to submit to this recommendation, relieves the Convention of all future responsibility.

With reference to the second complaint, we would state that we are not cognizant of the reception of any communications, and hence are not responsible for any failures to respond.

Therefore, we recommend that the brethren of said Association hold no further grievance against this Convention, or church in question, but become reconciled as to all differences, and unite with the great Baptist brotherhood of Alabama, that we may together tear down the bulwarks of Satan and heresy, and upon their ruins establish the Kingdom of Christ and Baptist doctrine.

We, your committee, have examined the organization of the Mount Zion and the Little Rock Baptist Churches, Mobile, and have reason to believe that they are unorthodox.

Therefore, we recommend that these bodies call a recognizing council to examine their constitution, and then apply for membership in the Convention.

Your Committee,

J. P. BARTON, Chairman.

C. L. FISHER, Clerk.

ON TEMPERANCE.

Every christian should be a sincere temperance man or woman. But the disastrous consequences and grief which attend intemperance have almost passed without notice. On this account prisons and poor houses are crowded, and homes are without abundance; happiness has flown and wrecklessness stares us everywhere in the face.

Brethren think it an awful crime for the heathen to sacrifice their children to their idol deities; but to what more cruel demon than in-

toxicating drink could they devote their children? Think of our young men and women within the iron grasp of the power of alcohol—a life of degradation, a death of despair. The law of God and Christ condemns the first processes of sin.

When the hundreds of thousands of drunkards now on their way to their graves will have disappeared, then the blessed end we hope for will be reached.

As temperance is a ruling power to protect the virtues of the soul and its happiness, it also bars the doors against paupers and profligates.

Whereas, we see daily the destruction that whisky is doing in the homes, the churches and the country at large, in all its cursed habits; leaping, bounding and destroying the prosperity of our race and country, and whereas, God has condemned drunkenness just as He has forbidden the immoralities in the commandments,

Resolved 1st. That we condemn whisky, tobacco, snuff and all intemperance in every form.

2nd, That we instruct the delegates of the Baptist State Convention to teach, preach and practice temperance in their Churches, Sunday Schools and homes, and influence our people to become temperate in the truest form—and as far as possible secure temperance men and women to do christian work in our churches.

Resolved 3rd. That the Baptist brethren in all their recommendation of christian work or position, that they shall take into their careful consideration the temperance habits of said person or persons.

Resolved 4th. That we endorse the Temperance Lecturer, J. C. Leftwich, employed in this State by the National Temperance Society of New York.

E. A. McCall,
M. TYLER, D. D.,
J. C. LEFTWICH,
JAMES RILEY,
P. S. L. HUTCHENS,
L. BROWN.

ON TIME AND PLACE.

Dear Brethren of the State Convention:

We beg leave to submit the following report:

Applications coming in for the Convention are two; namely: Second Baptist Church, Eufaula, and First Baptist Church, Opelika. We recommend that the twenty-sixth annual session of the Convention be held with the Second Baptist Church, Eufaula, Ala., on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in November, 1893.

J. H. EASON, Chairman,
L. P. FOSTER,
A. J. KNIGHT,
L. B. BARNETT,
E. W. KNIGHT.

ON OBITUARIES.

Bro. President:

We, your Committee on Obituaries, beg leave to submit the subjoined report:

We find that death has taken from our midst two of our beloved brethren:—Rev Jas. A. Foster of Montgomery, Ala., who was known for his piety, purity and grandness of character. Also Rev. G. C. Casby of Montgomery, who was noted for his kindness of heart and christian virtues.

And while we regret the loss, we rejoice that it is heaven's gain. We believe that the following passage can be truly said of them: "Mark the perfect man, * * * * * for the end of that man is peace."

We recommend that the Convention extend its sincere sympathy to the families of the departed brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. BRADFORD,
J. D. MADDOX,
N. EMMERSON,
A. GACKETT,
A. W. RAGLAND.

ON FINANCE.

Cood Hope, Brown's	\$ 1 25
Union, Marion	2 00
Shiloh, Birmingham	8 00
Tabernacle, Birmingham	2 00
Vilula, Vilula	1 00
Hope Well, Marion	1 00
African Baptist, Tuscaloosa	3 00
Gainesville, Gainesville	1 00
Mt. Ararat, Selma	1 50
Bethany, Felix	50
Springfield, Sawyerville ...	1 00
Green Liberty, Hamburg	1 00
Eutaw, Eutaw	1 00
Faunsdale, Faunsdale	2 00
Eagle Grove, Hamburg	1 00
Tabernacle, Selma	5 00
Bethel, Dayton	50
Pleasant Ridge, Dayton	50
Dexter Avenue, Montgomery	5 00
Peace Baptist, Talladega	200
Uniontown, Uniontown	10 00
St. Micah, Gallion	1 00
*Bethany	50

Monroe, Beulah.....	\$ 1 00
Arkadelphia.....	1 00
New Church.....	50
Mt. Olive.....	1 00
Spring Chapel.....	1 00
Antioch.....	1 42
Cheerful Baptist.....	3 25
Bethel.....	1 00
Cubahatche.....	1 00
St. John.....	2 00
New Bethel.....	1 00
Jackson St.....	1 00
Harmony.....	2 00
1st Baptist.....	2 00
Central, Hamburg.....	1 00
Mt. Moriah.....	1 00
Antioch.....	1 00
Sixth Avenue, Birmingham.....	10 00
Spring Hill, Spring Hill.....	1 50
St. James, Mt. Meigs.....	1 00
John Baptist, Mobile.....	1 00
Mt. Zion, Anniston.....	5 00
Bethlehem Association.....	5 00
East Dallas.....	5 00
Dallas County.....	5 00
Blount Springs Bethel Association.....	1 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00
Bibb County.....	2 00
New Cahaba.....	5 00
Rushing Springs.....	5 00
Auburn.....	5 00
Wm. Dorsey.....	5 40
Second Mt. Pleasant.....	5 00
Alabama District.....	5 00
Mississippi Baptist State Convention.....	2 00
Alabama Baptist S. S. State Convention.....	5 00
New Morning Star S. S., Demopolis.....	50
Rev. M. H. Cunningham, Annual member.....	25
Rev. C. L. Robinson,.....	1 00
Rev. A. P. Powell,.....	1 00
Rev. Z. Michael,.....	1 00
Rev. A. D. Bright,.....	25
Friendship.....	1 00
Little Star S. S.....	3 00
Mt. Hatten.....	1 00

Star of Hope Association	\$ 4 00
St. Phillip Street.....	10 00
Pleasant Grove.....	1 00
Ebenezer.....	1 00
Flint River Association.....	1 00
Hebron	1 00
Eufaula Association.....	5 00
New Hope	1 50
Hopewell.....	5 00
Damascus.....	1 00
Eufaula 1st Baptist	2 00
Esabah.....	1 00
1st Baptist, Montgomery.....	8 00
Spring Hill Association.....	10 00
Beulah	3 00
Springfield.....	50
Ministers Union	2 00
Antioch.....	2 00
Macedonia.....	50
Morning Star	5 00
Day Star	1 00
Mt. Zion.....	50
Ebenezer	50
Sumterville.....	2 00
Sardis.....	1 00
Sixteenth St., Birmingham.....	10 00
Livingston Church.....	1 00
Sandy Ridge.....	1 50
Hunter's Chapel	5 00
Morning Star Association.....	1 00
2nd Baptist, Wetumpka	1 50
Sandy Ridge Association.....	2 50
2nd Baptist, Marion	5 00
St. John, Montgomery	1 00
Antioch.....	1 00
New Elam.....	1 00
Antioch No. 2.....	1 50
Southeast Association	2 00
Rock West	1 00
Free Hope.....	2 00
Purnell Chapel	1 00
Mt. Olive.....	1 50
Collerine.....	3 00
Huntsville Baptist Church.....	70
St. Paul.....	1 00

Good Samaritan Association.....	\$ 3 00
Shady Grove "	3 00
Salem Church.....	5 00
Green Leaf.....	2 50
Mt. Zion.....	50
Bethel	50
Oak Grove.....	2 00
Uniontown Association	5 00
Mt. Zion.....	1 00
Antioch, Mt. Meigs	1 50
Bethlehem.....	3 00
New Berne	2 50
Autauga County Association.....	3 00
St. Paul	1 00
Evergreen Association.....	2 00
Elbethel	1 50
Mt. Zion	1 50
New Canaan	1 00
Bethesda	2 00
Bethlehem No. 3.....	2 50
Morning Star.....	1 50
Pleasant Grove.....	1 25
Perryville	50
Mt Moriah	1 00
Providence	50
Everdale	1 00
Cedar Point, West Bend	1 00
Shelby Springs Association.....	1 00
Union, Mobile	3 00
Snow Creek, White Plains	5 00
Canaan and Pickensville Association.....	1 00
Alabama Midland Association	1 50
Jones Creek, Sumterville	1 00
Little New Hope, No. 2, Eustis.....	1 00
New Virgin, Greenville	1 00
Union Association	5 00
Ridgeville, Monterey	1 00
Spring Hill, Monterey.....	1 00
Union S. S , Mobile	1 00

THE FOLLOWING WAS REPORTED BY MINISTERS WHO SUPPLIED THE
DIFFERENT CHURCHES ON SABBATH.

St. Louis Street Baptist Church	\$ 9 00
Emanuel A. M. E. Z	2 55
Bethel, per Rev. A. J. Knight.....	50

*The Finance Committee failed to give the post offices of several churches, &c., in this report, hence it is difficult to tell the location of the churches.

SUBJOINED STATEMENT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

COLLECTIONS:

	Received.	Paid.
Wednesday 23d	\$ 12 43	
Thursday, 24th, for Selma University	22 01	
“ “ for Foreign Mission	62 05	
“ “ from Churches, Associations, etc... ..	337 56	
“ “ Foreign Mission		\$ 62 05
“ “ Telegram		2 10
Friday, 25th, Baptist Leader	5 25	
“ “ “ “		5 25
“ “ Selma University	22 38	
“ “ Amer. Baptist Pub. Society		10 00
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		\$ 79 40
“ “ from Churches, Associations, Etc	18 00—	405 28
Saturday, 26th, Note on State S. S. Convention	5 00	
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	\$484 68	\$484 68

Balance in hand of Treasurer.....\$405 40

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. BATTLE,
C. J. DAVIS,
S. W. BACOTE,
D. L. PRENTICE,
S. L. ROSS, Chairman.

ON SABBATH SERVICES.

Franklin St. Baptist Church, corner Franklin and St Michael Streets:

At 11 a. m. Rev. C. P. Jones, Selma.

3 p. m. “ C. L. Purce, D. D.

7:30 p. m. “ C. L. Fisher, of Miss.

9:30 p. m. S. S. address, Rev. J. W. Jackson and D. T. Gulley.

Union Baptist Church:

At 11 a. m. Rev. D. B. Campbell, Birmingham.

3 p. m. Rev. D. T. Gully, Selma.

7:30 p. m. Rev. J. R. Scott, Minter Station.

9:30 p. m. S. S. address, Rev. R. T. Pollard, Montgomery.

St. Louis Baptist Church, corner St. Louis and Dearborne Streets:

At 3 p. m. Rev. J. P. Barton, Talladega.

7:30 p. m. “ W. H. McAlpine, D. D., Selma.

Corinthian Baptist Church, Mayesville:

At 3 p. m. Rev. G. J. Brooks, Selma.

7:30 p. m. " F. A. Chapman, Flint Station.

State Street A. M. E. Z. Church, corner State and Lawrence Streets:

At 11 a. m. C. O. Boothe, D. D., Holly Wood.

3 p. m. Rev. I. T. Simpson, Selma.

7:30 p. m. " D. T. Gully, Selma.

Warren Street M. E. Church:

At 11 a. m. Rev. S. W. Bacote, Marion.

3 p. m. " C. J. Davis, Selma.

7:30 p. m. " J. Q. A. Wilhite, Selma.

Bethel A. M. E. Church:

At 11 a. m. Rev. W. H. Reddick, New Berne.

3 p. m. " V. B. James.

7:30 p. m. " S. W. Bacote, Marion.

Congregational Church:

At 11 a. m. Rev. J. P. Barton, Talladega.

7:30 p. m. " R. T. Pollard, Montgomery.

Emanuel A. M. E. Church:

At 11 a. m. Rev. P. A. Taite.

3 p. m. " J. H. Eason, Selma.

7:30 p. m. Rev. S. S. Scissou.

Little Zion A. M. E. Z. Church:

At 11 a. m. Rev. A. W. Jemison, Birmingham.

3 p. m. " Wm. Madison, Greensboro.

7:30 p. m. " E. Dunklin, Greenville.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF SELMA UNIVERSITY.

MOBILE, ALA., Nov. 23rd, 1892.

Bro. President and Brethren of the Convention:

The Board of Trustees of Selma University begs leave to make the following: The report of the Board will be given through the different agencies as heretofore, namely: the Financial Agent, Baptist Leader, and the President of Selma University.

From these reports you will get an account of the financial working of the State and of the institution. On account of the resignation of Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Financial Agent, which will take effect Dec. 1st, 1892, the Board in a joint session with the Board of Incorporators elected Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D., Birmingham, as Financial and Corresponding Secretary. We recommend him to the Convention, and ask the approval of the same.

Respectfully,

M. TYLER, President.

L. J. GREEN, Secretary.

**REPORT OF REV. C. L. PURCE, D. D., PRESIDENT OF
SELMA UNIVERSITY, TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,
AND READ TO THE STATE CONVENTION AND
ADOPTED AS A PART OF THEIR REPORT
IN MOBILE, NOVEMBER 23RD, 1892.**

Mr. President and Dear Brethren:—

With profound gratitude to God and the Baptist of Alabama and our Northern friends, I present you my Seventh Annual Report.

We are glad to say our school is in a prosperous condition. We enrolled about 450 students; of course, these were not all in school at one time. Eleven graduated from the Normal course and nineteen received certificates from the High Grammar course—one from the College Department with A. B.

CHANGES OF COURSES OF STUDY AND TIME.

The courses of study have been changed as follows:

1. A Two Years Preparatory. 2. A Four Years Normal. 3. A Four Years College. 4. A Four Years Theological. 5. A Select Theological. Time—Recitations sixty minutes long.

MY VISIT NORTH.

At the close of school in May, I hastened to Philadelphia to attend the Baptist Anniversaries. I addressed the Home Mission Society and aid before them our needs. The address was warmly received, and I have occasion to think we won some friends to the work. A lady, at once, offered to furnish (12) twelve rooms in the south wing when it is finished. At the close of the meeting, I went on to New York and Boston to see friends in the interest of the work. I am proud to state that the trip was not in vain. The Lord provided and opened up the way.

RESULTS OF NORTHERN TRIP.

Twelve rooms to be furnished by a lady friend and two more by another lady friend,	
total.....	\$ 580 00
Help on South Wing by friends.....	400 00
Continuation of lady teacher by New England Society.....	400 00
Help on Matron's salary.....	200 00
Help on salaries of teachers, H. M. S.,	2,200 00
Total in prospect for year 1892-1893.....	\$3,780 00

Besides a healthy sentiment has been created for the work among old and new friends. Friends have also promised to visit the school during the winter on their trip South.

OUR VISITORS FROM THE NORTH.

Thursday and Friday, November 17th and 18th, 1892, Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Society,

visited our school and made several encouraging addresses. She seemed well pleased with her visit, and expressed herself as pleased with our efforts. It is very encouraging to us who labor to have these useful, pleasant, interested, friends come in to visit us. Such friends are an inspiration to all who see them and hear their burning words.

Last winter Sister Joanna P. Moore, of Arkansas, paid our school a visit. She spent a while with us, lectured much to teachers and pupils and made many warm friends for the Lord and her cause of elevating the women and homes of our race.

Dr. Dickerson, the pastor of the White Baptist Church in Selma, also visited our school and delivered several lectures to the school. Though a Southern man, he is deeply interested in the elevation of the colored man.—He is a staunch friend to our work—God bless him.

The world renowned Mrs. Frances E. Harper, the great Temperance Worker, also visited our school and spent several weeks with us. She inspired the hearts of the young men and women, and showed them plainly the possibilities of the race. The school and community were highly blessed by the visits of these friends. God bless these friends.

OUR SADNESS.

During last winter two of our lady teachers were called away by sickness and death at their homes. Miss L. A. Sinkler to Charleston to the burial of her mother—Miss E. A. Lyon to Fredonia, N. Y., to the very sick bed of her sister.

Again, in November, 1892, our Lady Principal, Miss L. M. Seeley, was called North to the bedside of her dying mother. We regret to record this; but, we rejoice with her that her loss is Heaven's gain. We also rejoice that Miss Seeley has returned to her post, where she has labored so faithfully for the last (10) years. God has certainly blessed us with this faithful Christian worker. The school in behalf of Faculty, Trustees and the Baptists of Alabama, expressed our sympathy in a set of fitting resolutions, a copy of which is published in The Student's Voice and The Baptist Leader.

WORK DONE ON SOUTH WING.

When we met in Talladega last year, we reported that the foundation of the South Wing was being laid. While we cannot report that the South Wing is up, we are glad to say that by the help of God, and the heroic struggles of our young men in school, guided by your humble servant, encouraged by the help and assistance given by the sisters and friends, the wing has been carried up two stories high. It is but just to say that our young men would lay down their books day by day and freely give their time and labor in helping to carry up the walls. A grand set of young men!

If we had the brick and four hundred (\$400) dollars to put with the four hundred dollars promised in the North, we could finish putting up the other two stories and put the roof on the much talked-of South

Wing. There it stands exposed to the weather, crying to the 166,000 colored Baptists of Alabama to come and finish it. Will we do it? Shall we do it? We, as Baptists are able to do it, if we care to put our heads, hearts and money together. Brethren, let us build, not only for ourselves, but for God, eternity and posterity.

Our women have done nobly in carrying the building as far as they have, now let us men rise equal to the task and finish the South Wing, at least the part that remains to be finished. May the Lord help us to do more!

OUR THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

During the last two years much has been said of this department. In fact, it seems as if our preachers have not been cared for before. But, the fact is, our school has always paid a great deal of attention to preachers as well as teachers. We have always tried to develop the preachers in literary studies along with theological studies.

While we may hold Institutes throughout the State with ministers, and while pastors, white and colored, may hold and teach ministers' classes, and ground the doctrines of the Bible and Church polity into our preachers; while all that is good, and ought to be encouraged, and ought to be done, as I said in my circular letter, "I wish it had been started years ago." Yet, above all that, if you really want to make MEN of our preachers, give them the power to dig into these things themselves; give them a literary training along with their Bible work. I mean to say this, give the man a good literary foundation—carry them through a good elementary English course, if no more, then put them into a good English Bible course, then when they get away from their teacher, they can study and think independently of the teacher. The work done then will be a permanent work. They will be men that cannot easily be turned down. If you find young men apt to study Greek and Hebrew, put such into the full theological course with Greek and Hebrew. We have four such students in school now. It is much better for a young man if he has only four or five years to spend in school, to spend those years in taking a literary course than to attempt to take a theological course aside from the literary studies, for the literary work is necessary for a foundation. This is in line with all reasonable and right thinking men.

If you will remember, when Dr. Crumpton addressed our Convention in Talladega last year, he said this in substance: If a young man had to take his choice between a literary course and a theological course, and came to him for advice, he would tell him, by all means, to take the literary course. For, said he, when you have that you can dig the theological out for yourself.

Now, because I have such views, it has been said that I am not in sympathy with the theological work. Not so, brethren. I do not want our people lead off by the shadow when they ought to have the real sub-

stance. Give the preachers an education, give them a foundation—Let us have an educated ministry—*Mere Bible knowledge will not do.*

If our Theological Department does not grow as rapidly as we desire, let us not be discouraged. Other races with more education and money have the same difficulty. There is Newton Theological Seminary near Boston, from which Dr. Dinkins graduated, how is it there? It has a Faculty unsurpassed—an endowment and property of hundreds of thousands of dollars, and spends more than \$30,000 per year. If they can get fifty or seventy-five students a year they think they are doing well. Besides that they will give hundreds of dollars a year to a student to pay his expenses just to induce him to take the theological course. This is a sample to show you how important it is to give our ministry a good literary training.

Brethren, Institute work and Bible work are good in their place, but none can take the place of literary training. This is of paramount importance. It must be first. I hope no one will take these views as opposed to Theological training. Would we have had a Pollard, a Green, a Gulley, a Pettiford, a Dinkins, a Rodgers, a McEwen, a Boothe, a McAlpine, a McAll, a Hutchins, an Eason, an Archer, or any of our representative preachers if they had not the literary training? No, they would be like a good many brethren to-day in the State who have been taught the doctrines of the Bible and Church Polity, committed a few hymns; and yet they cannot read or write. Even many who can read and write cannot interpret what they read. Now, let us give the instruction that will do that. We must recognize fundamental principles in any system of education. Our preachers as well as our people must have more education. They must understand how to read with the understanding as well as by the letter. In fact, they must have the three R's, "*Reading, Riting, Rithmetic.*"

I make these explanations because I have been made to feel that some felt that I am opposed to Theological instruction.

My Financial Report is as follows:

SCHOOL HOUSE, 1891-1892.

	Receipts.	Expenditures.
November	\$ 142 00	\$ 83 00
December	123 00	108 00
January	136 00	108 00
February	141 00	108 00
March	126 00	77 50
April	95 00	66 00
May	57 25	31 00
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	\$ 820 25	\$ 581 50
	581 50	
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	\$ 238 75	
Used in other departments		\$ 238 75

BOARDING HALLS, 1891-1892.

	Receipts.	Disbursements.
November	\$ 560 98	\$ 400 53
December.....	514 10	450 52
January.....	659 10	575 90
February	517 05	470 30
November.....	386 09	400 75
April.....	255 12	300 00
May.....	107 42	401 84
On work.....	906 35	906 35
	<hr/> \$ 3,906 19	<hr/> \$ 3,906 19

ARTICLES RECEIVED.

- One heater for young men's hall from Rev. R. T. Pollard.
- Seven barrels of bed-clothes.
- Five boxes of books and Sunday School literature.
- Four boxes of periodicals for library.

The Library also received several choice works from friends during the year. Rev. A. Chisholm, of Bedford City, Va., presented us with a set of commentaries complete on the whole Bible. Miss E. A. Lyons gave a copy of Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, and many others gave books for the Library. These are much appreciated, and good books are always thankfully received. Our Library is too limited, and we hope our friends will help us in this particular more than they have in the past.

MISCELLANEOUS MONEYS.

The following is a list of moneys received and turned over to their proper places:

Miss Joanna P. Moore on room	\$ 35 00
Sixteenth Street Church Birmingham Society by Mrs. W. R. Pettiford	40 00
Miss Artemisia Europe on room	15 00
Mrs. Boyd of Rev. McEwen's Church, Mobile.....	20 00
Rev. Benj. Burke, Mobile, on hall.....	8 50
White Ministerial State Board on S. W. Batchelor's account	21 05
Sister Lucy Gary on Woman's account	2 50
Miss E. A. Lyon, New York, 9 barrels of lime.....	9 00
Exhibitions	90 00
Mrs. M. Tyler, 1 barrel of lime	1 00
Mr. E. H. Allen, Washington, D. C., 2½ barrels of lime....	2 50
Mr. A. D. Sanders, by painting on south wing	3 75
Mr. Jere White, Birmingham, on room.....	6 30

A RETROSPECTIVE VIEW OF SIX YEARS WORK.

Mr. President, from the beginning of my work up to the present, I have shown my appreciation of the confidence and honor placed upon me by doing all in my power faithfully to make the work a grand success, and to make the history of Alabama Baptists a shining mark in the history of our country. How I have succeeded can be told by those who have been to the grounds and have seen what is there; by those who travel in our State and have come in contact with our graduates and students scattered all over our State in their Church and school work. Even beyond the borders of our own State, wherever the name of Selma University is gone, it is honored and respected.

When I took charge, you all know too well the condition of affairs. Nearly \$3,000.00 in debt; Trustees crying "sell out;" creditors crying "pay us, we will take the land to satisfy our mortgages." The institution had no credit. The work was thrown into my hands in this condition with not a cent to run it. We who worked had one eye on our work, and the other eye on the door watching for the sheriff to come and close us out. But, in our hearts, we were praying as well as working. The Baptists, North and South, were watching almost breathless to see what the results would be. The Negro Baptists of Alabama were bowed down in grief and tears. But, in it all, they did not forget to pray. I met men in meetings and assemblies trying to discourage the people and trying to get them to turn against the work, saying, that it would be taken from us and we had better sell out. But Bro. Wilhite and I stood against all, and gave the people to understand that if they would take courage and stand up in their might for their school it could not be taken from them and sold. The people believed us, they took us at our word, they prayed and rallied, they came to our support; God heard them, and to-day, you have a school and property which you need not be ashamed of in any particular.

To-day on the grounds of Selma University, you have a four story brick building, 120 feet long and 40 feet wide; and when the south wing is finished, the whole building will contain about 64 rooms. This building is but a faint expression of the heroic efforts of our noble women, helped by our brethren and our Northern friends. It is worth as it stands, though far from being complete, about \$12,000.00. I think about \$700 00 would cover all the debt there is on it. This building has all the modern conveniences. Bath room, water closet, steam engine for forcing water into 1200 gallons water tanks, double range for cooking, tank to hold 100 gallons hot water all the time, electric system of bells, a good system of drainage and sewerage, and many other conveniences.

Our printing press and job press and materials were taken from us to Montgomery with the "Leader." But, now at Selma, we have a complete job office, a splendid job press and outfit; total value about \$800.00. We owe only \$50.00 on the press. Here our students learn

the art of printing and publish our little school paper called "The Student's Voice."

Such is my pleasure to report to you this year, and while I do so, I feel that the Lord has guided us in paths that we knew not, and as we look back over the past, we can but exclaim: Hitherto hath the Lord brought us, Blessed be his holy name.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. PURCE, President,
Selma University.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL AGENT, J. Q. A. WILHITE, TO THE
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION, FROM DEC. 1st, 1891,
TO OCT. 31st, 1892.

1891		RECEIPTS.	
Dec.	1.	Sisters Benevolent Society, Eufaula	\$ 1 95
	2.	G. W. Browton, Alexandria, Ala.	2 00
	9.	By cash Eufaula Church and S. S.	8 00
	20.	Eutaw Church	32 00
	20.	Mr. G. Edwards	1 00
	23.	Prof. J. H. Eason	1 50
	27.	Newberne Sunday School	3 06
	27.	Newberne Church	7 00
	27.	Salem Church	3 00
	27.	Salem Sunday School	5 00
Total		\$	64 51
1892			
Mar.	6.	Tuscaloosa Church	\$ 3 00
	6.	Mr. and Mrs. Cotrell	2 00
	6.	St. Philip Street Church	4 05
	14.	Second Baptist Sunday School, Eufaula	1 50
	14.	Second Baptist Church, Eufaula	11 30
	15.	Sardis Church	1 40
	20.	Springhill Baptist Church	3 31
	20.	Mt. Silar Baptist Church	5 10
	21.	Mt. Coney Baptist Church	2 00
	22.	Second Baptist Church, Midway, Ala	3 00
	28.	Faunsdale Church	2 00
Total		\$	38 66
1892			
April	3.	Uniontown Church	\$ 10 45
	4.	Bethlehem Church	5 00
	10.	Friendship Sunday School, Anniston	2 00
	10.	Friendship Church, Anniston	23 00
	12.	Mt. Pilgrim S. S. Convention	5 21

Apr. 17.	Salem Church.....	\$ 6 05
19.	Mt. Zion Church.....	2 05
21.	Bethlehem, Sawyersville, Ala	60
22.	New Hope	3 60
23.	St. Peters	2 00
24.	Marshall Sunday School.....	1 65
24.	Marshall Church	6 35
24.	Mt. Moriah	2 00
24.	St. Paul	1 70
25.	Pleasant Grove	2 25
26.	Willow Springs	3 50

Total	\$ 77 41
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1892

May 1.	Hopewell Sunday School.....	\$ 1 05
1.	Hopewell Church.....	5 15
1.	Greenleaf Church	3 60
2.	Bethel Church	75
3.	Eagle Grove	35
4.	Green Liberty	2 35
8.	Newberne Church	5 00
8.	Hunter's Chapel'	2 00
12.	J. F. Harper.....	1 00
12.	A. C. White.....	1 29
15.	Good Hope Sunday School	3 60
15.	Good Hope Church	3 25
15.	Good Hope Society	2 00
15.	Faunsdale Church	2 00
16.	Sixth District of Uniontown S. S. Convention....	1 00
17.	Lowndesboro Church.....	5 00
17.	Mrs. H. May.....	1 00
18.	St. Philip Street Church	19 00
18.	Sunday School and Church, Birmingham.....	11 00
18.	Rev. C. O. Boothe.....	2 00
18.	Tabernacle Church, Selma, Ala	26 00
18.	Mt. Zion S. S. (A. G. Purdie, Supt).....	2 00
25.	Rev. A. J. Knight	25
25.	Rev. W. H. Harper, Claiborne.....	50
25.	Dr. C. M. Dorsette.....	1 00
25.	Dr. E. S. Lamar.....	25
25.	Mrs. R. T. Pollard.....	24 46
27.	Bro. William Watkins.....	1 00
27.	Rev. A. Pool, Ada, Ala	1 00
27.	Mr. H. A. Loveless.....	1 00
31.	J. Carrington.....	25

Total.....	\$ 130 10
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1892

June	1.	Sister and Brother S. Jones	\$ 50
	1.	Monies	50
	1.	Mr. William Craig	50
	1.	Mr. P. H. White	1 00
	2.	Faunsdale Sunday School	5 00
	2.	Mr. M. E. Terrell	50
	2.	Mr. J. S. Adair	50
	2.	Mr. R. Grant	1 00
	2.	Mr. A. R. Glass	1 00
	4.	Mt. Canaan Church, per S. R. Rivers	2 00
	4.	County Line Sunday School, Sunny South	1 00
	20.	Hopewell Sunday School	1 25
	20.	Hopewell Church	2 00
	20.	Springfield Church	1 00
	20.	Rev. W. H. Reddic	5 00
	23.	Brother T. Anderson	5 00
	23.	Sister A. Harris	1 40
	24.	Green Liberty	2 00
	24.	Sister Lucy Garry	1 00
Total			\$ 32 15

1892

July	3.	Mt. Olivet Church	\$ 4 35
	4.	New Boiling Springs	65
	5.	Rev. J. A. Lawson	25
	16.	Brother P. R. White	25
	16.	Ministers and Deacons Union Association	5 00
	16.	Antioch Sunday School	1 50
	16.	Antioch Church	2 00
	16.	Second Baptist Church, Eufaula	6 40
	16.	Rev. William Bradford	50
	24.	Green Liberty Church	8 00
Total			\$ 28 90

1892

Aug.	5.	Union Baptist Church, Mobile	\$ 1 83
	5.	Union Sunday School Convention	7 10
	5.	Greenville Church	1 15
	6.	Baptist S. S. State Convention	15 25
	6.	Eufaula District S. S. Convention, special	3 20
	14.	Brother G. W. Young	1 00
	14.	Eufaula S. S. Convention	40 00
	21.	Women's Dist. meeting of the Uniontown district	5 75
	21.	Hopewell Church	11 76
Total			\$ 87 04

1892

Sept. 5.	Muchshell Shoals by cash.....	\$	1 00
6.	Whitehall Church.....		1 02
11.	Galilee Sunday School.....		1 00
11.	Galilee Church.....		1 25
11.	Friendship Church.....		2 00
12.	Snow Creek Association.....		10 00
12.	Oxford Church.....		1 50
16.	Dallas County S. S. Convention.....		15 55
15.	Azion Baptist Church.....		1 60
23.	Shiloh Baptist Church.....		4 45
24.	Mt. Gillard Baptist Church.....		4 22
34.	First Baptist Church, Benton.....		5 00
Total.....			\$ 48 59

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Oct. 1.	Mt. Horrob Church.....	\$	1 05
1.	Mt. Pleasant Association No. 2.....		3 00
7.	Eufaula special donation.....		21 20
9.	Eufaula Association.....		33 80
9.	Rev. I. Bostic.....		2 00
9.	Rev. E. A. McCall.....		2 00
9.	Rev. L. B. Mitchell.....		1 00
9.	Rev. J. W. Jackson.....		1 50
9.	Springhill Church.....		1 00
9.	Will's Creek Association.....		1 00
16.	Dallas County Association.....		15 00
16.	Uniontown.....		5 00
16.	Mt. Pilgrim Association, by Gulley.....		10 00
16.	Mt. Pleasant.....		10 00
17.	Alabama District Association, by W. H. McAlpine.....		100 00
17.	Shelby Springs Association, by W. H. McAlpine.....		12 00
17.	Springhill, by A. J. Stokes.....		10 00
24.	Uniontown Association, by Rev. McAlpine.....		152 85
24.	Shady Grove Association.....		14 80
27.	Lillie Star Association.....		1 00
28.	Old Pine Grove Association, by O'Bryant.....		2 60
28.	East Alabama Association, per J. W. Jackson....		4 00
Total.....			\$ 404 80

REPORT ON THE BAPTIST LEADER.

We, your Committee on "The Baptist Leader," beg leave to make the following report:

The fact that you requested us to inquire into the affairs of the Baptist Leader, and to report to you, is an evidence that you recognize that paper as your property and your organ.

It is needless, then, for anything to be said on that point. All questions relative to the necessity of having an official organ to express our sentiments, and to express and advocate our belief of Biblical doctrines, have been fully discussed and settled long since by your body.

The pulpit and the press go hand-in-hand in publishing the gospel to the perishing millions and in edifying Christians.

The Baptist Leader is the official organ of the Colored Missionary Baptists of Alabama.

The paper has a history, replete with many changes. The late and lamented H. Woodsmall, the astute, eagle-eyed W. H. McAlpine, D. D., the brilliant journalist, J. C. Duke; the scholarly E. M. Brawley, D. D.; the learned Dr. Purce, the indefatigable worker, Rev. A. N. McEwen, the enterprising Prof. John C. Leftwich and A. F. Owens, have all occupied the editorial chair of this great paper, and, together with others spent their energies and means to bring the organ up to its present commendable standard of literary merit. What they have accomplished is fresh in the minds of thousands, and is the feast of Alabama Baptists.

When Rev McEwen found it impossible to continue his management of the Leader, he appointed Prof. Jno. C. Leftwich his successor, which appointment was not altered by our State Convention which met at Talladega. In March last, Prof Leftwich met the Trustees of Selma University and voluntarily tendered his resignation as editor and business manager. His resignation was accepted and the present editor appointed to succeed him.

The present editor entered upon his work the first of June last. He paid a debt of \$12.00 and assumed another debt of \$27.00 for the heading. All that was turned over to him was a list of about 1,000 paid up subscribers.

The Leader owns no property and has no capital. The printing is done by contract. 1,500 copies are published weekly. About 1,200 copies are sent weekly to subscribers and exchanges; the remainder are sent to agents to retail at 5 cents per copy. The total cost of publishing and mailing 1,500 copies is about \$27 00 weekly, an average of about 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per copy. At this rate the Leader pays 99 cents a year per copy, and furnishes it to the subscriber for \$1.00 making a margin of one cent on each yearly subscriber in favor of the Leader. This reduction of the subscription price was made because of the hard times and in the hope of greatly increasing the circulation. The editor and business manager receives nothing for his services. The editor makes the following summary statement for the five months the paper has been in his charge:

\$27.00 per week	\$108 per month.
5 months @ \$108	540
Amount received in cash	120
From "Ads."	50

Total expenses	540
Total receipts	170
Balance due from Leader to Editor & Manager	\$370

This includes \$360 for supplying old subscribers who claim to have paid their subscriptions to former managers. About \$100 of the above is due to the printers.

We now make the following recommendations:

1st. That we make the standing subscription for all, \$1.50 per year. In clubs of ten or more, to one address, \$1 25.

2nd. That the editor and business manager be allowed to make any arrangements with agents they may see fit.

3rd. That we continue to have the paper published at Montgomery.

4th. That we elect an editor and business manager in two different persons.

5th. That the arrangements with the editor and manager be left in the hands of the Trustees of Selma University.

6th. That the Trustees of Selma University be empowered to fill any vacancy that may occur during the year.

7th. That the present editor and manager be requested to make a statement to the Board of Trustees of the receipts and disbursements during the last five months.

8th. That an attempt be made by the loyal and enterprising Baptists of this State to raise the subscription list to 5,000 during the ensuing year.

9th. That Dr. C. L. Purce and Eld. C. P. Jones be added to the list of associate editors.

C. P. JONES,
J. C. CURRY,
W. M. MADISON,
T. W. WALKER,
A. F. OWENS, Ch'm.

Committee.

REPORT OF STATE MISSION BOARD OF ALABAMA BAPTIST COLORED STATE CONVENTION.

FOR YEAR BEGINNING NOV. 23RD, 1891, AND ENDING NOV. 1ST, 1892.

To Alabama Baptist State Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN:—By the blessing of God we are able to submit to you our report, showing what has been done in the way of prosecuting the work.

At the meeting of the Board held at Talladega during the session of the last State Convention the Board decided to hold quarterly meetings in different parts of the State; the first of which we held in Mobile, beginning on 25th of last February and continuing until the following Sab-

bath. The Board hoped by these quarterly meetings not only to make a good impression upon the community where these meetings would be held, but also to raise money for our missionary work. The arrangement necessarily incurred so much expense, until the Board did not hold more than one meeting.

The Board, also, by the order of the Convention, asked the American Baptist Publication Society to give another man to do mission work in this State on the plan that it had for three years passed co-operated with the Society, viz: The Society pay one-half of the salary and one-half of the expenses of a missionary and the Board the other half. The Society not only gave the man, but pays the whole of his salary and expenses. This missionary is Rev. C. S. Dinkins, D. D., whose services already bespeak great success.

The Board was also blessed in its work by the appointment of Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., by the white Baptists of Alabama and the Southern Baptist Convention, as Theological Instructor of ministers in Selma University and the State. The work by Dr. McAlpine will be a great factor in the success of our missionary work.

The missionaries have labored on the field and the Lord has blessed them with good health and abundant success. The reports of the missionaries show the following work done, from Nov. 16th, 1891, to Nov. 1st, 1892:

Rev. D. T. Gulley: "I am deeply impressed with the need, of earnest and faithful workers in our Sunday Schools. Here and there I have seen and heard things that would deepen the impression that a great deal depends upon our present efforts as to what the denomination shall be in the future. * * * * Notwithstanding the cry hard times, there has been a constant call for the missionary's service. Our institutes, S. S. mass meetings, revivals, and other meetings have been successful. * * * * More than 323 persons have been converted in meetings attended by me during the Conventional year."

Days of service	365	Testaments given ..	153
Miles traveled	5,713	Books sold	434
Bibles sold	13	Books given	164
Testaments sold	7	Pages tracts distributed	7,477
Bibles given	60	Sermons preached	203
Addresses made	295	Institutes held	30
Prayer meetings held.	255	Associations attended	28
Families visited	528	Letters written	695
Individuals having no Bible	46	Amount of sales	\$120 79
Sabbath Schools addressed	87	Discounts made	35 80
Sabbath Schools organized	3	Cash orders	1 00
Brought forward from last year			52 00
Collected this year			361 65
Total			\$413 65

Expenses for travelling, &c.....	205 30
One-half salary paid by Convention.....	300 00
" expenses paid by Convention.....	102 65
Total half salary and expenses	\$ 402 65
	\$413 65
	402 65
Balance in favor of Convention	\$ 11 00

Rev. C. R. Rodgers, Missionary Colporteur, reported as follows:

Dear Brethren: I hereby submit to your careful consideration my first annual report, as S. S. Missionary and Missionary Colporteur, for the Western District of Ala.; subsequently six counties, viz.: Wilcox, Marengo, Hale, Green, and Sumter. * * * * * I received my commission as S. S. Missionary from the Am. Baptist Publication Society, January 1st, of this year. I began my work January 1st, and worked under the title of S. S. Missionary until April 1st, at which time I received another commission with title changed from S. S. Missionary to Missionary Colporteur, and field changed from Western District, to six counties as named above.

This change of field brought me to labor under some disadvantages, having to travel around in a circle behind about five associational missionaries. * * * * *

I would respectfully call your attention to the Southwestern, and Southern, also to the extreme Northwestern portion of the Western District. The following will serve to show you what I have tried to do during this hard year:

Days of service	308	Addresses.....	148
Miles traveled.....	5,177	Prayer meetings	448
Bibles sold	155	Families visited.....	548
Bibles given	5	Fam. Des. of Bibles.	348
Books sold	847	Schools addressed	53
Books given	70	Institutes held	31
Tracts distributed.....	25,200	Associa's and Conven's atten'd. .	22
Sermons preached	145	Letters written	424
Circulars distributed	2,350	Sales	1,006
Grants	70	Discounts	24.10
Periodicals ...	336	Money collected.....	\$342 46
One-half of travelling expenses and postage.....			62 69
One-half salary to be paid by Convention.....			300 00
Total sales and expenses.....			\$362 69
Balance due me			\$20 23

Rev. C. O. Boothe, D. D., makes the following report:

Sermons.....	154	Religious visits.....	75
Lectures.....	175	Associations.....	10

Prayer meetings	100	Other general gather'gs atten'd	5
Days of service	345	Miles traveled	5,500
Counties visited	25	Churches visited	100
Revivals conducted	3	Converted	15
Churches dedicated	1	Letters, &c., written	500
Pages religious literature distributed			15,000
Money collected			\$350 00
One-half expenses			\$ 88 00
One-half salary			400 00
Total expenses			\$488 00
Balance due the Society			\$133 00
Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D. :			

We have before, in this report, referred to the appointment of W. H. McAlpine, D. D., by the Southern Baptist Convention and the Board of the white Baptist State Convention of Alabama, Dr. McAlpine, in making his report to us, says:

"Thinking you would like some facts relating to my work to embody in your report to the State Convention, I write out the following: These are simply facts that I have gathered up as I have traveled over the country since my appointment and since Feb. 1st, 1892.

1. The plan of work.

As my work is principally that of giving instruction to the present ministry among our people, as well as to give instruction to the minister's class in school. I have mapped out the following plan:

(1) To organize the ministers into classes, and to arrange for regular study.

(2) To lay out a regular ministerial course of study for these classes and to secure the books needed for the course as cheap as possible.

(3) To secure the services of any Baptist minister, white or colored, who may be able to instruct in the subjects laid down in the course to take charge of these classes and to give them lessons once a week, or as often as they can.

(4) To visit these classes as often as I can * * * * and hold institutes and lecture to them on the subjects studied or to be studied. * * * * Since February 1st, 1892, besides teaching regularly in the school at Selma I have organized thirty classes at central points in the State. The purpose has been to organize one or more classes in the bounds of each Association. There are in these classes three hundred ministers. * * * * I am making an effort to get all who can to attend our school at Selma, and thus prepare themselves more thoroughly for the work. In some classes I have been able to get Associations to help send a young man to school; and several who are helped by their Associations will be in school this year". * * * * *

Sister Susie A. Stone.

At the last session of the Convention Sister Susie A. Stone was ap-

pointed to raise money by correspondence for Foreign Missions. In her report to the Board Sister Stone says:

I regret that so little has been done for this department of our State work. There has been no lack of effort on the part of our agent, and she cannot but feel discouraged at the result. We hope, however, that this has been the seed-time, and that the humble effort that has been made will produce a bountiful harvest by and by.

When we accepted the work it was with the understanding that it should be conducted by correspondence, but no one likes to see a work "*die on their hands*," hence we were forced to try other means.

The work has been very discouraging, owing to the scarcity of money and to the lack of interest among the Christian ministry * * * * * Many of our Associations make contributions for Foreign Missions, yet, in some instances it has never been paid to the agent, thus causing a debt which has already been paid by the people. * * * * * And now, dear brethren, my year is ended. God knows that I have attempted to serve you faithfully and well, and as I offer my resignation for the reasons that you read in this letter, let me ask you to believe that I count nothing higher; no service greater, than that which is given to my race, my denomination and my God.

Sister Stone gives the following financial statement:

Total raised by Agent	\$268 94	
" Reported from this State by Rev. L. M. Luke	94 25	
Grand Total		\$363 19

TOTAL PAID OUT.

To salary for eleven months at \$10 00	\$110 00	
" Travelling, Ex., Stationery, etc	77 97	
" To Foreign Missions Con. at Savannah, Ga.	118 36	
Grand Total		\$306 33
Balance due Agent	37 39	
Nov. 22nd, Received of the Uniontown Association and credited to the above account	25 00	
Balance on account	12 39	

We recommend the following plans for the prosecution of our Mission work for the ensuing year:

1st. That the State Mission Board be so appointed as that their Executive Committee may be centrally located, so that monthly meetings may be held without so much expense for travelling.

2nd. That said State Mission Board be instructed to employ a good man as Financial and Corresponding Secretary, who acting in concert with, and under the plans of the Board, shall have the general oversight of our State Mission operations, including the collection of funds, designations of field and anything else that looks towards the successful management of our Mission work.

3rd. That said Corresponding Secretary be required to report to said Board once a quarter, or oftener, when they deem it necessary.

4th. That this Financial Secretary, acting in concert with the Board, be instructed to give himself especially toward directing the systematic benevolence of the churches and membership, and the collection of funds for the support of the work.

5th. That with a view to organizing and training in Christian benevolence, the untouched and untilled regions; and with a view to wedding all sections of the State to the general work, the Board should be required to divide the State at an early date into eight or ten Mission fields, and to put a Missionary into each.

The Board think that the labor and the money to be expended should be expended with equal profit to all, and they are entirely of the opinion that no other plan can bring about this equal division of profit, but the plan which equally divides the labor.

6. That the Board being highly pleased with the plan of our white brethren, wherein their Missionaries are made colporteurs, would urge that a similar plan be pursued by our Board. That is to say, let each Missionary, so far as his special field extends, be instructed and required to push all phases of the general work---Missionary, Educational, Sunday School, etc.; so that the things now operated by many shall then be operated by one.

7th. That the Board write to the various Societies, spending money for missionary and colportage operation in the State, to join the State management in the project that looks towards the equal distribution of moneys and labors; that is to say, that they be invited to spend their donations---or a good part of them---which shall go to supplying the salaries of the various District Missionaries as herein stated.

8th. That we hold Missionary Centennial Services throughout the State, and all pastors be requested to preach a Missionary Centennial sermon. We would suggest an exchange of pulpits.

(b) That programs be furnished by the Financial Corresponding Secretary to the Churches, Sunday Schools, Woman's Missionary Society, Baptist Young People's Union, Children's Mission Bands, Theological Classes and Family Missionary Centennial Circles.

(c) That at some central point in the State in April or May, all Baptists be invited to meet and hold a Missionary Centennial Service at which time all be requested to give at least one dollar. We suggest that at these meetings the following donations be requested: Sunday Schools five cents per scholar; Young People's Baptist Unions five cents per member; Women's Baptist Missionary Societies twenty-five cents per member; Theological Classes fifty cents per member; Family Missionary Centennial Circles ten cents per member. And that all monies be sent to the Financial and Corresponding Secretary.

9th. That a program be prepared by the Secretary for a series of

mass meetings of the State with the view of educating the people into harmony and support of our work.

10th. That the present arrangements of both Church and Sunday School be continued until our financial system is developed to the point of self-sustaining.

11. That we adopt the Baptist Triple Pledge as our financial plan, and that all our workers be requested to assist in putting it in operation.

12. We recommend the services of W. R. Pettiford, D. D., as the man to labor under the joint appointment of this Board and the Board of Trustees of Selma University as Financial and Corresponding Secretary, at a salary of one thousand dollars and expenses.

13th. We recommend the continuance of the services of Revs. C. O. Boothe, D. D. D. T. Gulley and C. R. Rodgers as Missionaries.

14th. That the balance due the Home Mission Society on the salary of Dr. Boothe be paid.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

	Dr.	Cr.
From Baptist State Convention	\$ 406 35	\$40 6 35
Am't brought from Eufaula Association, 1891.....	142 00	
From tenant house	32 00	
For sand	33 90	
From Baptist Women's State Convention	198 47	\$ 198 47
" Women's work of the Uniontown District	48 50	48 50
Fish from the pond	5 00	
By brick	35 80	
From the field	912 16	
	<u>\$1,813 18</u>	
To Agent on salary		\$ 546 38
400 brick, E. C. Borroughs.....		2 80
1125 " M. C. Russel.....		7 90
D. T. West, note.....		55 00
Feed account for mules and cows.....		57 79
For repairs and labor on South wing		19 00
To teachers since last Convention:		
Rev. C. L. Fisher.....		41 00
" L. J. Green		25 00
Printing, postage and traveling expenses.....		145 08
Misses Seeley and Wilcox		32 50
R. T. Pollard.....		30 50
Sexton		5 00
Dr. bill for P. D. Williams.....		2 00
American Baptist Publication Society.....		5 15
M. H. May.....		50 00
For Minutes.....		70 50

To Miss Seeley	\$ 50 00
Shulster	17 00
Taxes on school property	21 25
Lightning rods	50 00
For painting roof on Selma University	41 52
	<u>\$1,922 51</u>

By $\frac{1}{4}$ of product from lower part of school ground—
Potatoes, 15 bushels; Corn, 50 bushels; Fod-
der, 228 bundles.

Grand total from all sources	\$1,738 97
Amt of Eufaula Association from 1891	142 00
	<u>\$1,880 97</u>

Total disbursements	\$1,922 51
	<u>1880 97</u>
Overdrawn	\$ 41 54

REPORT OF SUB-AGENT FOR FOUR MONTHS.

JUNE, JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.—MR. W. T. COLEMAN.

1892,			
June	7.	Trinity Church	\$ 1 80
"	7.	Woodlawn	1 00
"	8.	Mt. Moriah Church	1 00
"	9.	Green Leaf "	1 00
"	12.	Eutaw "	5 00
"	15.	Miller's Hill	95
"	15.	Jones Creek	1 50
"	22.	Shiloh Church	1 05
"	23.	York Chapel	1 00
			<u>\$ 14 30</u>
		Expenses	\$ 8 75
		By cash	5 55
			<u>\$ 14 30</u>
July	3.	3rd Providence	\$ 1 00
"	3.	3rd Antioch	1 10
"	5.	St. Peters	41
"	6.	Mt. Arrarat, Selma	1 00
		Expenses	\$ 2 45
"	10.	Individuals	50
"	11.	Mt. Tabor, Coatopa	1 02
"	12.	Mt. Pleasant, Coatopa	1 05
"	14.	Harmon, York	1 25
"	16.	From talk in Bethlehem S. S. Con.	4 36
		Expenses	\$ 2 10

July 17.	Uniontown S. S. Convention.....	\$ 7 30	
" 23.	Christian Light Saffords.....	1 10	
" 24.	Mt. Olive, Catherine.....	55	
" 27.	Dixon Grove.....	25	
" 31.	Daniel, Fair View.....	1 50	
		<u>\$ 28 39</u>	
	Expenses.....		\$ 16 47
	By cash.....		11 92
			<u>\$ 28 39</u>
Aug.	Shady Grove, Uniontown.....	\$ 1 00	
	Newberne, Newberne.....	1 45	
	St. James, Dayton.....	2 00	
	Hebron, Uniontown.....	1 00	
	Mt. Tabor, Coatopa.....	80	
	Christian Valley, Coatopa.....	65	
	New Boiling Springs.....	75	
		<u>\$ 7 65</u>	
	Expense.....		\$ 4 07½
	By cash.....		3 57½
			<u>\$ 7 65</u>
Sept.	Pine Grove, Livingston.....	\$ 2 85	
	Livingston, Livingston.....	3 10	
	Prospect, Livingston.....	1 10	
	Sumterville, Sumterville.....	1 00	
	Mt. Zion, Sumterville.....	1 00	
	Association.....	1 00	
	Bethlehem S. S. Convention.....	6 00	
	Special.....	40	
		<u>\$ 16 45</u>	
	Expenses.....		\$ 9 35
	By cash.....		7 10
			<u>\$ 16 45</u>
	Amount received.....	\$ 66 79	
	Total amount of expenses to the sub-agent,		
	W. T. Coleman.....	\$ 38 66	\$ 38 66
		<u>\$ 28 13</u>	<u>\$ 28 13</u>
		<u>\$ 66 79</u>	<u>\$ 66 79</u>

Statistical Table of Colored Baptists of Alabama for 1891-1892—R. T. Pollard, Statistical Secretary.

ASSOCIATIONS.	MODERATORS.	Mod's P. O.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Churches.	INCREASED.					DECREASED.					Total Mem- bers.	For Minutes.	For Education.	Foreign Mission.	Home Mission.	Total Money Sent.
						By Bap- tism.	By Letter.	By Re- s-toration.	By Dis- mission.	Exclusion.	Death.										
Alabama District.	Rev. M. Tyler, D. D.	Lowndesboro.	R. T. Payne	Calhoun	82	930	203	296	67	381	247	11734									
Alabama Midland.	" B. Coles	"	Oscar Champion	"	6	62	20	11		9	2	461									
Auburn	" C. R. Rodgers	Tuskegee	W. Y. Reid	Opelika	45	437	54	109	43	120	54	4179	25	42	2	00				148	
Autauga County.	" M. Underwood	Milton	J. W. Carroll	Independence.	16	132	35	20	14	45	10	1295								65	
Bethlehem.	" L. Brown	Epess Station.	Rev. I. Dawson	Entaw	55	524	44	168	51	202	148	8574								155	
Bibb County.	" H. Zimmiman	Clanton	A. T. Thomas	West Calera.	17	92	50	62	7	72	15	1308	5	25	9	20				77	
Madison Springs.	" P. D. Alford	Cunningham	H. W. Mixon	Coffeeville	55	183	19	74	18	48	12	1526							50	66	
Mount Spgs Bethel.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Brownville	" L. D. Harris	Girard	Rev. J. F. Torbert	Hatchechub'e.	15	58	24	42	8	81	19	990								55	
Bowen East.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Canaan, Pick'sville.	" J. M. Maddox	Fayette C. H.	J. W. Glasscox	Fayette C. H.	18	70	24	30	38	25	7	985								26	
Central	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Cal. Bethel.	" C. L. Yow	Bethel	H. W. Mitchel	"	23	307	72	109	35	80	41	2558	16	00	35	00	1	55		145	
Cal. Bethlehem.	" J. O. Williams	Finchburgh	A. R. Davidson	Lovan	29	176	35	142	8	42	38	3322	27	70	20	15	7	00	6	20	
Dallas County	" A. C. Collins	Hazen	Rev. D. M. Coleman	Crumptonia	30	380	14	100	14	94	44	4160								175	
East Dallas.	" C. M. Robinson	Berlin	" W. L. Walker	"	17	106			42	131	37	2764								125	
East Perry.	" J. A. Jamison	Sprott's	G. S. Bolling	"	4	24	2	33	1	20	6	244								55	
Evergreen.	" Z. Michael	Evergreen	Rev. A. Todd	Boykin	31	192	29	84	21	73	30	2340	32	80	2	69	10	83	4	00	
Eufrasia	" J. Q. A. Wilhite	Selma	" E. A. McCall	Columbus, Ga.	69	553	69	104	110	196	95	7996								533	
East Alabama	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Flint River.	" A. B. Brown	Huntsville	P. C. Pix	Flint Station	14	88	18	6		29	8	688	23	80					15	00	
Friendship W. Un'n	" A. M. Crowley	Iron City	J. W. Goss	Wedowee	17	17	7	120	12	20	10	538								121	
Free Mission.	" David Small	Singleton	Rev. D. Duke	Laiborne	16	89	13	47	12	82	19	1198								121	
Geneva.	" H. Thomas	"	H. H. Bryant	"	7	17						184								55	
Gilfield.	" G. W. Thompson	"	M. O. C'Harra	"	11	79	6	42	5	26	12	1086								55	
Good Samaritan.	" W. B. Baskin	Farmersville.	J. D. Crum	Farmersville.	11	76	20	17	5	16	7	575								55	
Hope Hill.	" A. Collins	Gallion	W. H. Rone	Demopolis.	9	49	4	41	2	34	14	1115								105	
Kimblish	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Lebanon	" J. C. Archibald	Bridgeville	Rev. Jas. Howard	Pickensville	18	51	19	14	7	28	23	1459	31	75						55	
Little Star.	" T. M. Parker	Brierfield	J. M. Cleveland	Randolph	22	59	12	26		44	10	447								45	
Mobile Sun Light.	" O. C. Richardson	Mobile	J. E. Hughes	Mobile								2156								177	
Morning Star.	" L. W. Whitaker	Rockford	W. J. Holmes	Central	18	66	19	16	24	20	8	1152	10	75			2	25	1	50	
Mt. Pleasant.	" M. D. Agee	Dayton	Rev. L. S. Steinback	Demopolis	20	249	20	79	16	90	29	2108	17	10	18	90	15	25	17	59	
Muscle Shoals	" M. J. Hooks	Decatur	P. O. Parker	Iuka, Miss	48	389	55	166	54	265	103	5634	30	75						55	
Nalberry	" G. Stringer	"	G. P. Carpenter	"	11	38	7	10	10	19	4	520								45	
Mt. Pilgrim	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Mud Creek	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
New Antioch Beth	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
New Cahaba.	" B. N. Tubbs	Selma	R. D. Reese	Vilula	11	75	6	21	5	22	10	1048								61	
New Pine Grove	" G. W. Youngblo'd	"	W. Q. Bean	"	13	20	11	18	16	28	7	359	6	55						70	
New Star	"	"	"	"	9	48	21	20	16	18	6	878	5	55	7	25				16	
Perote.	" J. H. Burks	"	Wm. Mayo	"	13	20	11	18	16	28	7	359	6	55						16	
Pike County.	" W. M. Mullins	"	D. B. Prior	"	9	48	21	20	16	18	6	878	5	55	7	25				16	
Pine Grove	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Rushing Springs.	" E. C. Rivers	"	Rev. A. A. Battle	Talladega	46	408	53	99	55	129	68	4125								98	
Salem	" T. J. Snead	"	W. F. Pruitt	"	10	100	14	27	12	10	9	1050	8	81						41	
Sandy Ridge	" J. Mixon	"	"	"	15	101	19	44	12	62		1431								84	
Shady Grove	" R. E. Brown	Selma	D. W. Washington	"	18	182	51	53	25	51	36	2231								39	
Shaw Creek	" A. W. Whatley	White Plains	Lydden Green	Oxford	29	288	52	62	43	75	41	2272								39	
Sea Coast & G. Will	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Southeast District	" J. Barrett	"	Walter Williams	"	15	118	34	61	7		15	1333								61	
Shelby Springs	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
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Town Creek	" E. A. McCall	"	R. R. Phillips	"	11	64	14	25	7	41	21	1365	7	10						53	
Troy	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
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Will's Creek.	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Wm. Dorsey	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	
Total	63				1028	7717	1545	3160	1051	379	1505	112297	312	02	187	64	39	23	77	00	1,691

*Statistics are taken from Minutes of 1890-91.

REMARKS:—The figures referring to finances are not intended to show what was raised during the year. There have been found five Associations more than were reported last year. This is not because these five were organized since the last report, but because the Secretary had no knowledge of these Associations being in the State. The five referred to are the following: Geneva, Pike County, Salem, Friendship Western Union, and Flint River.

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