

PROCEEDINGS  
— OF THE —  
Twenty-Seventh Annual Session,  
— OF THE —  
Alabama Colored Baptist State  
Convention,

HELD WITH THE

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH.

Anniston, Alabama

NOVEMBER 21-25, 1894.

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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 three dollars, and two dollars for each additional delegate. Individuals connected with any acceptable Baptist Church may be admitted to 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 moneys 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 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.

## PROCEEDINGS.

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ANNISTON, ALA., Nov. 21, 1894.

The Alabama Colored Baptist State Convention met in its 27th annual session at 10:45 a. m., Wednesday, in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rev. A. A. Battle, Pastor. The President, Rev. J. P. Barton, presided. After a series of songs Rev. L. P. Foster, Selma, read Luke 24th chapter. Hymn, "Awake my soul," was worded by Rev. L. P. Foster and sung by the Convention, after which Bro. Foster led in prayer. Singing, "I am thine, O Lord." Then the Convention engaged in a series of songs, and prayers were offered by Rev. J. W. White, Birmingham, F. R. Kennedy, Selma, and J. C. Jett, China Grove. The program prepared by the committee was read by Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, Gallion. Rev. J. W. White, Birmingham, moved that the program be adopted; and the following amendments were offered: That the reports of the Board of Trustees and of the State Mission Board be made immediately after the enrollment and the election of officers; that Rev. I. T. Simpson be asked to preach the introductory sermon to-night; that the program provide, instead of the praise service, for the welcome address to-night by the pastor, and the response by Rev. A. N. McEwen, Mobile; that the report of the Women's Board and the Board of the Sunday School State Convention take the place of education day on Friday; that Rev. W. Broaden, Sumpterville, preach at 8 p. m. the third day's session. The program was then adopted. After the adoption of



the program the Convention sang heartily, "Jesus, keep me near the cross."

Then President Barton delivered his annual address, (see address in appendix). The address was listened to with interest. Singing, "Hold the fort."

The messengers and the bodies then represented were enrolled as follows:

### CHURCHES.

- Tabernacle, Selma—Rev. C. P. Jones, Prof. R. B. Hudson.  
 Bethesda, Opelika—Rev. I. T. Simpson, Prof. C. M. Wells.  
 Mt. Ararat, Selma—Rev. T. B. Goldsby.  
 Tabernacle, Birmingham—Rev. A. A. Scott.  
 Gallilee, Anniston—Rev. F. R. Kennedy, J. W. Welch.  
 Hopewell, Marion—Rev. W. H. Reddick.  
 Springfield, Greensboro—Rev. W. H. Reddick.  
 Dexter Ave., Montgomery—Rev. R. T. Pollard, William Watkins.  
 Bethlehem, Gallion—Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins.  
 First Baptist, New Berne—Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins.  
 Eutaw Church, Eutaw—Rev. I. Dawson.  
 Mt. Olive, Boligee—Rev. I. Dawson.  
 Mt. Hebron, Avondale—Rev. Wm. Ware.  
 Mt. Olive, Oxanna—Rev. J. H. Minor.  
 First Baptist, Eufaula—Rev. J. W. Jackson, S. O. Johnson, P. S. Williams.  
 Mt. Olive, Harris—Rev. J. D. Maddox.  
 Mt Level, Eufaula—Rev. J. D. Maddox.  
 Good Hope, Brown's Sta.—Rev. Y. R. White.  
 Oak Grove, Gallion—Rev. G. Frost.  
 Little Zion, Boligee—Rev. S. Burnet.  
 Sardis, Clayton—Rev. L. F. O'Bryan.  
 Mt. Zion, Anniston—Rev. A. A. Battle, E. L. Langston,  
 Monroe Freeman, J. C. Lindsay, W. S. Rivers, Lydden Green.  
 Green Liberty, Selma—Rev. C. J. Davis.  
 Mt. Olive, Tuskegee—Rev. E. B. Young.  
 Salem, Greensboro—Rev. Wm. Madison, Ad. Wimbs.

- Mt. Zion, Greensboro—Rev. Wm. Madison.  
 North Birmingham Church, North Birmingham—Rev. J. A. Peel.  
 Bloominglight, Sedden—Rev. E. C. Rivers, M. D. Dickinson.  
 Gainesville, Gainesville—Rev. J. B. S. Boatwright.  
 Spring Street, Elyton—Rev. L. J. Green.  
 Mt. Olive, Oxanna—C. W. Barclay.  
 Franklin Street, Mobile—Rev. A. N. McEwen.  
 Mt. Sinai, Weaver's Sta.—L. W. Williams.  
 Epsabah, Aldrich—Revs. S. L. Ross, D. L. Prentice.  
 New Hope, Greensboro—Rev. Wm. Madison.  
 African Baptist, Tuskaloosa—Rev. W. C. Bradford.  
 Livingston, Livingston—Rev. G. Lowe.  
 Lily Grove, Hamburg—Rev. E. C. Burroughs.  
 Union, Marion—Rev. J. H. Eason.  
 Elbethel—Rev. J. H. Eason.  
 St. Phillip Street, Selma—Rev. J. H. Eason.  
 Mt. Moriah, Haynesville—Rev. D. T. Gulley, Robert McCord.  
 Centre, Felix—Rev. E. C. Burroughs.  
 Mt. Liberty, Eulaton—James Blake.  
 Bethlehem, Boligee—Rev. M. Robinson.  
 Harmony, Avondale—Rev. V. B. James.  
 Mt. Canaan, Talladega—Rev. S. A. Rivers, D. Wilson, A. L. Sint.  
 Mt. Zion, East Lake—Rev. P. Caddell.  
 Bethel, Calera—Rev. P. Caddell.  
 Bethel, Collerine—Henry McQueen.  
 St. John, Dolomite—Rev. W. T. Bibb.  
 Perryville Church, Perryville—Rev. R. Z. Deyampert, Sabe Merrell.  
 Shiloh, Selma—Rev. R. Z. Deyampert.  
 Shady Grove, Oxanna—Rev. W. T. Bibb.  
 Green Street, Selma—Rev. L. Bryant.  
 Mt. Zion, Talladega—R. Jenkins.  
 Jones' Creek, Sumterville—Rev. W. Broaden.  
 Liberty, Blocton—Rev. D. T. Gulley.



Mt. Joy, Trussville—W. E. Craddock.  
 Peace, Talladega—Rev. J. P. Barton.  
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 Mt. Olive, North Birmingham—Rev. S. D. Sanders.  
 Rising Star, Pratt City—Rev. J. E. A. Wilson, A. R. Hollingsworth.  
 New Morning Star, Demopolis—Rev. L. S. Steinback.  
 Healing Springs, Birmingham—Rev. S. L. Belser.  
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 First Baptist, Prattville—Rev. D. Ware.  
 Second Baptist, Wetumpka—Rev. D. Ware.  
 Sycamore, Talladega—H Goodson.  
 Morning Star, Demopolis—Rev. C. W. Wallace.  
 Sandy Ridge, Burnsville—Rev. E. P. Mixon.  
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 Shady Grove, Munford—Rev. D. Savage.  
 Shiloh, Birmingham—Rev. T. W. Walker.  
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 Thankful, Anniston—Rev. J. J. Gaither.  
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 Pine Top, Demopolis—Rev. J. McKesson.  
 First Baptist, Milldale—Rev. S. J. Taylor.  
 New Hope, Oxford—J. K. Kirby.  
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 Noah's Ark, Birmingham; Rev. D. J. Jones.  
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 Shiloh, Selma; Rev. J. R. Scott.  
 Bethel, Montgomery; Rev. A. J. Knight.  
 St. John, Mt. Meigs; Rev. A. J. Knight.  
 Bethlehem; G. S. Pastor, Jane.

## ASSOCIATIONS.

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     R. T. Pollard, Montgomery.  
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 Flint River; Rev. F. A. Chapman, Flint Station.  
 Shady Grove; W. T. Pinkard, Jenifer.  
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 New Cahaba; Rev. J. H. Eason, Selma.  
 Rushing Springs; Rev. H. E. Levi, Talladega.  
 Troy Ozark; Rev. W. M. Mullen, Troy.  
 Morning Star; L. W. Whitaker, Rockford.  
 Canaan, Pickensville; P. M. Shaw, Jewell.  
 New Antioch, Bethlehem; Rev. S. Page, J. C. Crawford,  
     T. Dixon, Tuscaloosa.  
 Mt. Zion, Coosa Valley; A. L. Wood, Riverside.  
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 Early Rose; Rev. J. M. Ferrell, Dadeville.  
 Shady Grove; Rev. R. E. Brown, Selma.  
 Brownville; Rev. L. D. Harris, Brownville.  
 Lebanon; Rev. I. Bizzell, Archer.  
 Gilfield; by letter, Pushmataha.  
 East Perry; Rev. J. A. Jemison, Sprott's.  
 Evergreen; Rev. R. McCray, Herbert.  
 Shady Grove; Rev. J. H. Mixon, Selma.  
 Col. Bethlehem; Rev. George Washington, Barlow Bend.  
 Lily Star; Rev. G. W. Branum, Six Mile.  
 Bibb County; Mapleville, by letter.  
 Alabama District; Revs. S. Jones, J. C. Curry, L. P. Foster,  
     M. Tyler, D. D., Lowndesboro.  
 East Alabama Union; Rev. C. C. Terry, Welch.  
 Uniontown; Rev. Wm. Madison, Greensboro.  
 Old Pine Grove; Rev. J. C. Jett, China Grove.  
 Muscle Shoals; Rev. W. E. Northcross, Tuscumbia.  
 Dallas County; Revs. A. C. Collins, T. B. Goldsby, Selma.

Bethlehem; Revs. L. Brown, G. Lowe, F. Jarvis.  
 Shelby Springs; T. J. P. Barton, J. P. Barton, F. R. Kennedy, Anniston.  
 Morning Star; L. W. Whitaker, Rockford.  
 Autauga County; Rev. A. J. Jones, Deatsville.  
 Eufaula; names of delegates not given.

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOLS, CONVENTIONS, &C.**

Mt. Pilgrim S. S. Convention, Rev. V. B. James.  
 Willing Workers, Talladega, W. M. Driver.  
 Morning Star Club, Talladega, Sister Nettie J. Penn.  
 C. S. Dinkins, D. D., Selma University.  
 Rev. J. S. Simmons, Secretary and Treasurer, Birmingham Publishing Company.  
 Noah's Ark S. S., Birmingham, D. J. Jones.  
 E. M. Brawley, D. D., District Secretary of American Baptist Publication for S. Atlantic States, Petersburg, Va.  
 W. R. Pettiford, D. D., Reading and Publishing Association, Birmingham.  
 Baptist S. S. State Convention, Bro. C. M. Wells, Opelika.

After the enrollment the motion was made by Rev. I. Dawson, Eutaw, amended by W. H. McAlpine, D. D., to re-elect the old officers as follows: Revs. J. P. Barton, President; Wm. Madison, Vice-President; R. T. Pollard, Recording Secretary; P. S. L. Hutchins, Corresponding Secretary, and L. Brown, Treasurer. Carried.

The officers elect made appropriate remarks, thanking the Convention for the honors, and the confidence expressed by their re-election. The following committee on the President's address was appointed, with instruction that whatever related to the Board of Trustees or the State Mission Board, be referred to those Boards respectively; and that which does not relate to the Board that the committee report to the Convention: Bro. C. M. Wells, C. J. Davis, Y. R. White, T. B. Goldsby, F. R. Kennedy.

The following auditing committee was appointed: Rev. W. C. Bradford, S. O. Johnson, C. M. Wells, Revs. J. B. S. Boatwright, I. T. Simpson.



The following committees were appointed: On finance: Revs. I. Dawson, T. Dixon, L. Green, J. W. Jackson, W. H. Reddick; on divine services: Revs. A. A. Battle, H. W. Whatley, F. R. Kennedy, Wm. Munds, A. C. Collins, J. D. Maddox; on obituaries: Revs. L. P. Foster, L. J. Green, J. C. Jett, J. C. Crawford, Wm. Driver, J. R. Scott; on resolutions: Revs. P. S. L. Hutchins, S. O. Johnson, L. F. O'Bryan, M. M. Archer. The Convention then adjourned with the benediction by Rev. E. B. Young, Tuskegee.

#### **FIRST DAY--AFTERNOON SESSION.**

The Convention re-assembled at 4 o'clock p. m., with President Barton in the chair. Rev. C. J. Davis, Selma, conducted the devotions. Revs. W. T. Bibb, Oxmore, and D. L. Prentice, Aldrich, led in prayer.

A telegram was read from C O Boothe, D D, saying that sickness in his family would prevent his attending the Convention. Also the President spoke of a communication from Rev A F Owens, Mobile, expressing regret that he could not be present at the Convention. Rev A A Battle suggested that Rev R T Pollard read the passage of scripture referred to in Dr. Boothe's telegram, and that prayer be offered in the interest of both of these brethren. Accordingly the passage was read by R T Pollard, after which E M Brawley, D D, District Secretary of American Baptist Pub. Society, led in prayer. Rev Mr Clopton, pastor of the Baptist church (white) this city, was introduced to the Convention, and made some striking points bearing upon the progress of the Negro; also he expressed the thought that the white Baptists desired to help the Negro.

Rev E M Brawley, D D, Petersburg, Va, was introduced to the Convention, and spoke of his relation to this state work, and of the harmony that existed in the election of officers. Revs C H Young, of Georgia, and C A Brown, of A M E Z Church, were introduced to the Convention.

On motion the following were appointed corresponding messengers to the Georgia Baptist State Convention:

Revs R T Pollard, A A Battle, S Jones, E B Young and J P Barton. Rev E C White, Florence, was introduced and spoke.

The following committees were named by the Secretary: On time and place, Revs S A Rivers, A Scott, A W White, M M Archer, A J Knight, C M Wells, Samuel Garrett, A Martin. On Temperance, Revs H E Levi, L W Whitaker, M H Cunningham, W T Bibb, R Z Deyampert, E C Burroughs, Silas Jones, E L Langston, J H Jones. On Foreign Missions, Rev D Savage, W M Munds, J C Myree, J C Linsey, G Lowe, E M Brawley, D D, L M Luke, D D.

#### FIRST DAY--EVENING SESSION.

The praise service was conducted by Rev W H Moseley. The Convention sang "Jesus keep me near the cross," after which prayer was offered by Rev P C Caddell and others.

The address of welcome was delivered by Rev A A Battle, pastor, and it was responded to by Rev A N McEwen, Mobile. At this point, by the suggestion of the President, a collection of \$10.15 was raised for the church in which the Convention was being held. This was done in view of the fact that the church had labored so very heartily to build a house of worship. Then the Convention was called to order for divine services. Rev E B Young, Tuskegee, read Ephesians, 6th chapter, and led in prayer. Singing by the choir of the church—"Soldiers of Christ, arise." Then the President introduced to the Convention Rev I T Simpson, Opelika, who arose to preach the introductory sermon. Bro Simpson took for a text 2 Cor 10: 3, 4, and preached an awakening sermon. Rev L Bryant, Selma, led the Convention in prayer. Singing—"O, bless the Lord, my soul." Collection \$20.25.

On motion the vote by which Rev W Broaden was invited to preach on Friday night was reconsidered so as to have Rev L M Luke, D D, to speak on Foreign Missions. Adjourned with benediction by Rev I T Simpson.



## SECOND DAY--MORNING SESSION.

ANNISTON, ALA., Nov. 22, 1894.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention met at 9 a m., with Rev. J. P. Barton, President, in the chair. Rev. T. B. Goldsby conducted the devotions. Prayer was offered by Rev. S. L. Ross, Birmingham. The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The President spoke of the little book—"Guide No. 1"—which was written by Mrs. R. T. Pollard for women's societies in Alabama. W. R. Pettiford also spoke of several publications by himself, and which are being sold by a publishing company that has headquarters at Birmingham.

The report of the Board of Trustees was presented by Rev. C. P. Jones, Secretary of the Board, C. S. Dinkins, D. D., President of Selma University, and W. R. Pettiford, D. D., Financial and Corresponding Secretary of the Board; this report consisting of the doings of the Board, report of the President of Selma University, and the report of the Financial and Corresponding Secretary. After considerable discussion and questions, so much of the report as related to money paid Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, or that is due him, was recommitted to the Board of Trustees with instruction that after corrections are made the report be given to the auditing committee.

The recommendations coming from the Board of Trustees were taken up and discussed. This feature was discussed by Revs. M. M. Archer, W. H. McAlpine, D. D., R. T. Pollard and Bro. C. M. Wells. The chair ruled out of order the second recommendation bearing upon accepting the resignation of Dr. Pettiford; and on empowering the Board to appoint another man. This ruling was in view of the fact that the Convention had by resolutions previously given the Board such powers. At this point M. Tyler, D. D., addressed the Convention in a very impressive manner. The remarks were heartily accepted by the Convention as was shown by the appreciation indicated. Pending the adoption of the report of the Board of Trustees the Convention adjourned.



### SECOND DAY--AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment at 3.30 o'clock p. m.; Rev. P. C. Caddell, Calera, conducted the devotions. Song—"I'm not ashamed to own my Lord." President Barton called the Convention to order for business. The consideration of the report of the Board of Trustees was resumed, and President Dinkins addressed the Convention upon the report: "We are seeking to do more in the theological department than ever. Other institutions in the state have theological departments attached to them, but these theological departments will not do for us. We want to make special arrangements for our preachers. We hope the preachers will take advantage of this arrangement. We need to give work to our young men. If we had work to give our students we would have five hundred or a thousand students. I feel that during last year we have had your support. I assure you that all money passing through my hands shall be accounted for." The address was listened to with interest. Then the remainder of the report of the Board of Trustees was adopted.

Rev. E. E. Perryman, Helena, moved that there be a Financial Agent, and that he be appointed by the Convention. Carried. The subject was very warmly discussed by the brethren. On motion W. R. Pettiford, D. D., was re-elected Financial and Corresponding Secretary. Then Dr. Pettiford was called forward to make some explanations, which he did in a satisfactory manner.

Rev. S. T. Clanton, D. D., District Secretary of American Baptist Publication Society, for the Gulf States, Rev. S. M. Fisher, Arkansas, Prof. G. W. Scott, Normal, Ala., were introduced to the Convention. The Convention then adjourned, with benediction by Rev. Wm. Madison.

### SECOND DAY--EVENING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 7:30 p. m. Singing led by Rev. P. C. Caddell, Calera. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. C. Jackson, Bessemer, and L. Whitaker, Rockford. At this point W. H. McAlpine, D. D., offered the sugges-

tion that by common consent brethren be given an opportunity to express themselves. Accordingly remarks were made by Rev. G. R. Nash, A. N. McEwen, W. H. McAlpine, D. D., and A. C. Jackson.

The President announced that the evening services would begin. The occasion was an auditorium service that had been previously announced by the Board. Singing by the choir. Then E. M. Brawley, D. D., District Secretary of American Baptist Publication Society, and the speaker of the evening was introduced by the President. Dr. Brawley spoke upon "Duty of Alabama Baptists to Selma University." "You are not strangers to me. Selma University is a product of an evolution. The all pervading thought of this Convention is what shall we do for Selma University? Before a man is fitted for service in this world, he must set his account straight with God. You owe Selma University everything under God. That type of religion which is uppermost among you is the word of God. You are seeking those things of far greater value—the word of God. As much as I esteem mental culture, the man who has only a smattering of Bible knowledge is not fit to shove the work on. Selma University is holding up the right idea of Christian life, viz:—that a man hold himself up for the good of other men. When a man shut himself up in himself, he is but the incarnation of all sin. The chief idea of every Christian should be to emulate himself. The thought that we should hold before ourselves now, is that Christ is with us in the person of the Holy Spirit. Christ is here, not tangible to my hand, but tangible to my heart. You may not be able to look out and see the pillar of fire, but God is with you. Now, answer your own question, what do you owe to Selma University? There is a bigger thing than to clothe your body with garments. You ought within the next year raise \$10,000 for Selma. You can do it—will you do it?" The address suggested many pleasant relations of the Convention with the speaker.

Singing by the choir. At this stage of the service



Dr. C. S. Dinkins presided; and after having spoken, called upon the choir which sang, "Guide me, O, thou great Jehovah." Then addresses were made by Revs. A. N. McEwen, Mobile, and F. A. Chapman, Flint Station. The choir of the Galilee Baptist Church sang, "This is my Savior," after which W. M. Mullens, J. D. Maddox, Eufaula; I. Dawson, Eutaw, spoke. The choir then gave a selection, after which Rev. L. J. Green, Elyton; W. H. Hart and M. Tyler, D. D., spoke.

President Dinkins asked the Convention for a collection for Selma University, before which the Convention sang, "Where he leads me I will follow," and Rev. C. P. Jones, led the Convention in prayer. Collection \$83.73.

Adjourned with benediction by the President.

### THIRD DAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention was called to order at 9:30 a. m. by President Barton. Singing, "When I can read my title clear." Rev. F. A. Chapman, Flint Station, conducted the devotions. Bro. Chapman read Gal. 3rd chapter, after which Rev. S. A. Rivers, Talladega, led in prayer. Singing, "Come we that love the Lord." The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the State Mission Board was called for, but as the report was not ready, on motion the Board was given one-half hour to complete its report.

M. Tyler, D. D., Chairman of the Board of Trustees, asked an expression of the Convention on the salary of the Financial and Corresponding Secretary and the charter of Selma University. After remarks by Rev. A. N. McEwen, Mobile, and Bro. Ad. Wimbs, the President ruled that the consideration of the new charter was out of order, in view of the resolutions in minutes of 1893, page 19. Bro. Ad. Wimbs, Greensboro, moved that the Convention now consider the ways for raising money for the work of the State.

Bro. C. M. Wells offered a set of resolutions in lieu of Bro. Wimbs' motion, whereupon the following brethren



ren spoke, W. H. McAlpine D. D., Bro. C. M. Wells, Revs. J. C. Curry, E. E. Perryman, J. C. Crawford, J. H. Eason and R. T. Pollard. At this point the President announced that the time for the consideration of this subject had expired, and on motion the time was extended thirty minutes. The following brethren spoke: Rev. C. P. Jones, I. Dawson, then the resolutions were tabled.

Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma, moved that the motion by which a Financial and Corresponding Secretary was appointed on yesterday be reconsidered. The motion was spoken to by Revs. A. N. McEwen, W. R. Pettiford, D. D. and L. D. Hanna. The motion was reconsidered, and on motion of W. H. McAlpine the question of putting out a Financial and Corresponding Secretary was referred to the Board of Trustees to put out a man at their discretion.

The report of the State Mission Board was read by Rev. D. T. Gully, Secretary of the Board; Rev. R. T. Pollard, Editor of the Baptist Leader; C. L. Purce (through Prof. R. B. Hudson) General Missionary, C. L. Fisher, State Sunday School Missionary. At this point Rev. T. L. Jordan, Birmingham, was allowed to read the resolutions bearing upon the financial feature of the educational work. The resolutions were referred to the committee on resolutions.

On motion S. T. Clanton, D. D. is to speak to-night just before the address by L. M. Luke, D. D.

The report of the committee on Time and Place was read and adopted. (See Report A.)

Adjourned with benediction by Rev. I. Dawson.

### THIRD DAY--AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 3 o'clock p. m. with the President in the chair. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. H. E. Levi. James 3rd chapter was read, after which Rev. D. Wilson, led in prayer.

The report of the State Mission Board was resumed. The part of the report recommending the appointment of

a General Missionary, and that Rev. D. T. Gully be the man was adopted. At this point the report of the State Mission Board was suspended.

On motion of Rev. C. L. Fisher, the following committee was appointed to give expressions in regards to the Fireside schools as represented by sister J. P. Moore, Rev. C. L. Fisher, T. L. Jordan,, H. E. Levi, sisters, Nettie Penn, and A. A. Battle.

The President at this point requested W. H. McAlpine, D. D., to introduce Mrs. R. T. Pollard, President of the Women's Baptist State Convention. Mrs. Pollard proceeded to read the report of the work of the Baptist women of Alabama, and delivered an address. The address was listened to with interest. Then a collection of \$8.33 raised for the women's work.

Mrs. E. M. Armstead, Montgomery, representing the work of the women also spoke. On motion of W. H. McAlpine D. D., the collection for the women's work was increased to \$ 20.

On motion the order of business was suspended, and Rev. A. N. McEwen offered a set of resolutions which upon its adoption was discussed by Bro. Ad. Wimbs, W. H. McAlpine D. D., P. S. L. Hutchins J W Jackson R T Pollard, W R Pettiford, C S Dinkins, and C M Wells. Time was extended fifteen minutes, and Rev T L Jordan spoke. (See resolutions No 1).

On motion the following are members of the board of incorporators: Rev J D Maddox (in place of Rev C L Purce D D) D T Gully, S Rurnett, (in place of Rev A N McEwen) L J Green, and R T Pollard.

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### THIRD DAY--EVENING SESSION.

At 7 45 p m the President called the Convention to listen to an address by S T Clanton D D, District Secretary of the American Baptist Publication Society. E M Brawley D D read 2nd Psalm, and prayer was offered by Rev S A Rivers, Talladega. Then Dr Clanton delivered



a very instructive and interesting address upon the Bible work of American Baptist Publication Society.

The Convention then sang heartily, "Pity them," after which the President introduced Rev L M Luke, D D Field Secretary of Foreign Mission Convention. Dr Luke delivered a stirring address which was very heartily received. After the address of Dr Luke Rev A J Stokes D D and W H McAlpine D D spoke. Then a collection of \$25.03 was raised for Foreign Missions.

On motion \$20 was ordered paid to Rev. S. T. Clanson, D. D., for the American Baptist Publication Society.

The committee on devotional services made its report through the Chairman, Rev. A. A. Battle. (See report C.)

The Convention adjourned with benediction by the President.

#### FOURTH DAY--MORNING SESSION.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention met at 9:20 Saturday morning. Rev S A Rivers, Talladega, led the devotional exercises. Singing, "Lord, in the morning Thou shalt hear." Psalm 148 was read by Bro Rivers, after which Rev Wm Madison, Greensboro, led in prayer. The minutes of previous session read and approved.

The Secretary named the following committee on New Bodies: Revs J W White, A C Jackson, S M Hall, Silas Jones, W M Walker. Rev G W Wynn, of the M E Church, was introduced to the Convention.

Rev H E Levi, Talladega, read the report of the committee on temperance, pending the adoption of which the following persons spoke: Revs H E Levi, R Z Deyampert. (See report B.)

The report of the committee on fireside schools was read by Sister J P Moore, and was adopted. (See report D.)

The report of the State Mission Board was resumed. On motion of W H McAlpine, D D, the financial matter pertaining to the Baptist Leader was referred to the State Mission Board and the Board of Trustees.

On motion the Baptist Leader be carried to Selma,



and be published by Rev D L Prentice, as he sees fit, in connection with Selma University—to be published by him unhampered.

On motion the motion by which all financial matters pertaining to the Baptist Leader was referred to the State Mission Board and the Board of Trustees was reconsidered. Then the motion to put all financial matters pertaining to the Leader in the hands of the State Mission Board and the Board of Trustees was tabled.

C L Purce, D D, spoke to his report, which was a part of the report of the State Mission Board. The address was listened to with much interest. The report of the State Mission Board was then adopted.

The report of the committee on New Bodies was read, and, excepting the Red Mountain Association, it was adopted. Then on motion the Red Mountain Association was received.

On motion the Eufaula Association was received as an annual member of the Convention in consideration of money paid to Rev. L. P. Foster by W. R. Pettiford, D. D.

The following resolutions, bearing upon C. L. Purce, D. D., were offered by Rev. A. N. McEwen, and was adopted. (See resolutions No. 2.)

A partial report of the finance committee was presented by Rev. I. Dawson and was adopted. (See report F.)

Sister J. P. Moore spoke to the Convention and stated that Spelman Seminary was willing to support a woman from Alabama in that institution two years free. Remarks were made by Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., and J. P. Barton.

The Secretary read a communication from Prof. W. H. Council, Normal, Alabama.

The Convention adjourned with benediction by Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins.

#### FOURTH DAY--AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention met pursuant to adjournment at 4 p. m., President Barton presiding. Prof. G. W. Scott, Normal, led in prayer.

The statistical Secretary submitted his report which was adopted.

The State Mission Board was elected as follows;—Revs. C. L. Fisher, W. H. McAlpine, D. D., D. L. Prentice, R. B. Hudson, J. W. Jackson, C. J. Davis, and the moderators of all the associations in the state.

The Board of incorporators reported that they had elected the Board of Trustees according to the provision made in the charter for annual elections; where upon on motion of W. H. McAlpine, D. D. the Board of incorporators were requested to elect the Board of Trustees whose terms had expired so as to conform to the Charter that is now in the hand of the legislature of Alabama.

The following resolutions bearing upon President Barton were adopted. (See resolutions No. 3.)

The resolutions by Prof. R. B. Hudson, bearing upon the editors of The Leader (See resolutions No. 4.) were adopted.

The resolutions offered by Prof. C. M. Wells were referred to the committee on resolutions.

On motion fifty dollars of the amount due Rev. C. L. Purce as missionary was paid him.

On motion seven dollars was paid for the fare of E. M. Brawley, D.D. to Atlanta Georgia.

The auditing committee made a partial report which was adopted, and the committee was allowed further time to complete its report.

On motion the resolutions by Rev. S. A. Rivers were adopted. (See resolutions No. 5.)

The committee on the Presidents address made their report which was adopted (See report G.)

The committee on resolutions made their report which was adopted. (See report.) The Statistical Secretary was paid \$10 for services.



On motion the Secretary was requested to prepare a report on obituaries.

On motion the Secretary was allowed twenty dollars for services.

The following resolutions by Rev. C. L. Fisher were adopted. (See resolutions No. 6.)

The following were made a committee to lay before the Governor of Alabama the fact that Brother Abram Wadkins had been driven from his home by a band of wicked men and was not allowed to return: Revs, A. J. Stokes, R. T. Pollard, C. J. Davis, C. P. Jones, J. P. Barton, W. H. McAlpine, D. D., W. R. Pettiford, D. D., D. L. Prentice, A. N. McEwen.

R. T. Pollard, the Statistical Secretary, declined to be re-elected; and on motion Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma was elected Statistical Secretary.

The following brethren were added to the list of correspondance to the Georgia Baptist State Convention: Brother C. M. Wells, Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, Rev. A. N. McEwen.

On motion the Sexton was paid \$6.

On motion all money on hand for foreign missions was turned over to Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, Vice-President of the Foreign Mission Convention.

On motion 2000 minutes were ordered printed.

On motion eighty dollars was set aside for printing and distributing minutes.

On motion the Red Mountain Association was ordered to be held in suspense as to its membership in the Convention till the committee at Birmingham should be heard from.

On motion half of the collections of to-morrow was ordered to be given to Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Anniston.

The report of the committee on literature was read and adopted. (See report.)

On motion the Corresponding Secretary was paid 50 cents expenses for correspondence.

On motion the Convention assumed the debt of \$35



which was due Revs. C. S. Dinkins and R. T. Pollard by Rev. C. R. Rodgers. On motion the Board of Trustees was requested to settle the above claims as soon as possible.

On motion one-half of the money raised at the auditorium services was credited to the report of W. R. Pettiford, Financial and Corresponding Secretary.

On motion of Rev. A. N. McEwen the Board of Trustees was requested, that as early as possible, they arrange a series of parliaments in the State, and that they request Rev. W. R. Pettiford to assist.

After having completed its work the Convention adjourned its work, to meet with the Bethesda Baptist Church Opelika, Ala., on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in November, 1895.

R. T. POLLARD,  
Secretary.

J. P. BARTON,  
President.

## APPENDIX.

### RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1. Resolved, That the Board of Trustees be empowered to borrow the money and pay the present indebtedness on Selma University, provided they can get the money on one, two and three years' payment, with the privilege to pay sooner if desired by the Board.

A. N. McEWEN.

No. 2. Whereas, Dr. C. L. Purce has accepted work in Kentucky:

Resolved, That it is with reluctance that we give him up, and we recognize the loss of a Christian, a scholar, and an earnest Christian educator in his change of field.

Resolved 2d, That we tender him our prayers and best wishes for success in his new field of labor, and congratulate the brethren of Kentucky in securing his service as president of their University.

A. N. McEWEN.

No. 3. Whereas, Rev. J. P. Barton has done much good in the past year traveling in the interest of Selma University and the State work in general, without charge; Be it

Resolved 1st, That we tender a vote of thanks to him for what he has done. Also that we tender a vote of thanks to his church which so generously gave his services.

Resolved further, That we ask the same services of himself and his church for the ensuing year, and authorize him to speak and collect for the work, and report the same to the Trustees board at its different meetings.

C. P. JONES.

No. 4. Whereas Rev. R. T. Pollard, and Dr. A. J. Stokes, Rev. A. J. Knight, and Mr. J. H. Phillips have rendered the denomination invaluable aid, and have given such service in editing the Leader as could not be secured otherwise; and,

Whereas, These brethren have continued to keep the paper in the field, notwithstanding the hardness of times, and scarcity of money; Therefore be it

Resolved, That, the Alabama Baptist State Convention assembled do tender these brethren a vote of thanks for the able manner in which the paper has been run and has been kept in the field when there was so much opposition to it.

2nd. That our lasting gratitude is hereby tendered for the personal money spent from time to time in keeping the Leader in the field.

3rd. That as a compliment to Revs. Pollard and Stokes for spending so much money that they be made life members of the Convention.

R. B. HUDSON.

No. Whereas, The primary object in establishing the Selma University is the education of the ministry of Alabama and

Whereas, This feature of our work is the most potent, important, and imperative, of all our denominational work, and,

Whereas, The Southern Baptist Convention is manifesting more interest in the education of the Colored ministry of the South than ever before, as is shown in the fact that they are employing men in a number of the Southern States to interest our ministers, and in the committee to confer with the H. M. S. in the ed work therefore,

Resolved 1st. That we the Colored Baptist State Convention of Alabama, hail with joy the manifestations of interest in this important part of our work by our Southern white brethren and believe that the hand of God is in it "causing all things to work together for good".

Resolved 2nd. That we tender to the Southern Baptist Convention and the white Baptist Convention of Alabama an invitation to co-operate with the colored Baptist State Convention of Alabama in our effort to maintain the theological department of Selma University.

Resolved 3rd. That the thanks of this Convention are due and are hereby expressed to the Southern Baptist Convention and the white Baptist Convention of Alabama, for valuable services of Rev. W. H. McAlpine D. D. as the theological instructor, given to us by the above named Conventions.

Resolved 4th. That every ordained and licensed minister in Alabama, is hereby asked to give at least fifty cents each year for the support of the theological department of Selma University; and that this money shall be a separate and distinct fund from the other funds raised for education and missions, and shall be only used in the payment of instructors in the theological department, and in fitting up rooms, library for that department.

Resolved 5th. That the present theological instructor, Rev. W. H. McAlpine D. D., shall have charge of the collection of this money from the ministry, and shall pay over the same to the President of the University,



Rev. C. S. Dinkins, D. D., who shall place the same in the 1st. National Bank of Selma, Alabama, and paid out as all other moneys for the object specified.

Resolved 6th. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the Home Mission Board of the S. B. C; and the State Mission Board of the W. B. S. C.

S. A. RIVERS.

No. 6. Whereas, Dr. W. R. Pettiford in the preparation and publication of the books, "The Centenary," "God's Revenue System," and "Divinity in Wedlock," has furnished the reading world with abundant information upon the subjects, methods, and aims of divine service, the Bible system of giving, and upon the marriage institution, and

Whereas, In this work he has elevated the literary standard of the Baptists of Alabama, and demonstrated the literary ability of the Negro race:

Be it resolved, That we, in Convention assembled, on behalf of the Baptists of Alabama and interest of the race with which we are identified, and in whose intellectual progress we are most deeply concerned, express to Dr. Pettiford our sincere sympathy and gratitude, and pledge to him our moral support in his efforts to attain literary distinction.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. FISHER.

#### COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Bro. President and Convention :—We, your committee on resolutions, recommend the following to be adopted :

(1) Resolved, That the Colored Baptist State Convention, representing 180,000 Negro Baptists of the State of Alabama, and more than one-third of the Negroes of America endorse the recommendation in the message of His Excellency Governor Thomas G. Jones to the Legislature of Alabama in which he asks that they enact such laws as will suppress lynch law and compel officers of the law to defend their prisoners from mob violence; and that we tender the retiring governor our sincere thanks for his earnest efforts in trying to uphold the dignity of the laws of our beloved State while in office.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. McEWEN.

(2) Whereas, It will require \$8,000 to meet the present indebtedness of our educational work and to meet current expenses in the State and make needed improvements on the grounds of Selma University, and

Whereas, The progress of the work is greatly hindered in this respect for the want of more liberal contributions, and especially a contribution from every member of the Baptist churches, therefore be it resolved :

First, That the amount of money be prorated among the associations as follows :

MEMBERS.	AM'T.	MEMBERS.	AM'T.
Alabama District. . . . .	13,164 \$921 43	Alabama Midland. . . . .	569 \$ 39 83
Auburn . . . . .	6,041 422 87	Bethlehem . . . . .	11,043 773 01
Bibb County . . . . .	1,321 92 47	Bladen Springs. . . . .	1,377 96 39
Brownville. . . . .	990 69 30	Bowen East. . . . .	2,354 164 78



	MEMBERS.	AM'T.		MEMBERS.	AM'T.
Canaan, Pickensville.	1,054	73 78	Bethlehem, Col.	3,413	238 91
Bethel.	2,725	190 75	Canaan Grove.	296	20 72
Dallas County.	4,160	215 88	East Dallas.	3,084	215 88
East Perry.	445	31 15	Evergreen.	2,340	163 80
Flint River.	591	41 37	Friendship, Western.	538	37 66
Free Mission.	1,193	83 51	Geneva.	184	12 88
Gilfield.	1,285	89 95	Good Samaritan.	575	40 25
Hope Hill.	1,505	105 35	Kintibish.	381	26 67
Lebanon.	1,525	106 75	Lily Star.	642	44 94
Mobile Sunlight.	2,244	157 08	Morning Star.	1,276	89 32
Muscle Shoals.	6,531	457 17	Mt. Pilgrim.	4,365	305 55
New Antioch B'h'hem	2,396	167 72	New Cahaba.	1,353	94 91
New Pine Grove.			Ozark.	439	30 73
Perote.	359	25 13	Pike County.	991	69 37
Rushing Springs.	5,052	353 64	Salem.	1,284	89 68
Sandy Ridge.	1,249	87 43	Snow Creek.	2,272	159 04
Sea Coast.			South East District.	1,427	99 89
Shelby Springs.	2,737	191 59	Spring Hill.	4,144	290 08
Star of Hope.	1,779	124 53	Town Creek.	1,307	91 49
Union.	3,753	262 71	Uniontown.	13,800	966 70
Wills Creek.	518	36 26	Eufaula.	6,232	436 24

Resolved 2d. That each pastor be earnestly urged to collect from his church ten cents a member per annum,

3d. That each of us in convention assembled pledge to this plan our hearty and undivided support.

(3) Whereas, The Foreign Mission Convention at its last session made the Vice-President for each State a representative of their Convention in each State, therefore be it

Resolved, That we give to Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, Vice-President for Alabama, our hearty support and endorsement as the representative of the Foreign Mission Convention.

C. M. WELLS.

The above Nos. 1, 2, and 3, are respectfully reported by the committee on resolutions,

P. S. L. HUTCHINS, Chairman.

#### A. REPORTS—TIME AND PLACE.

Brother President:—We your committee on Time and Place would submit the following:

The following churches, asked for the Convention, viz., the Baptist church at Greenville, the Franklin Street Baptist Church Mobile, the Bethesda Baptist Church Opelika, Alabama. As the church at Opelika has asked for the Convention two years in succession, we recommend that we hold our next annual session with Bethesda Baptist Church, Opelika, Alabama, Wednesday before the 4th, Sabbath in November 1895.

A. SCOTT,  
A. W. WHITE,  
M. M. ARCHER,  
A. J. KNIGHT,  
C. M. WELLS,  
SAM. GARRETT,  
A. MARTIN,  
S. A. RIVERS,  
Ch'n Committee.

B.

## ON TEMPERANCE.

[The report on Temperance was not put in the hands of the Secretary; hence it does not appear in these minutes.—SECRETARY.]

C.

## ON DIVINE SERVICES.

We your committee beg leave to report as follows :

At Mt. Zion Church—Friday night at 7:30, Rev. L. M. Luke, D. D — Saturday night at 7:30, Rev J H Eason,—Sunday at 9:30 a m, S. S. Mass Meeting, Prof C M Wells.—Sunday at 11 a m, preaching by Rev. A. J. Stokes, D D. Alternate, Rev R Donald.—Sunday at 3 p m, preaching by Rev J W Jackson. Alternate, Rev. V. B. James.—Sunday at 7:30, preaching by Rev C P Jones. Alternate, Rev A G Walker.

At Galilee Baptist Church—Sunday at 11 a m, Rev J H Eason.—Sunday at 3 p m, Rev P Caddell. Alternate, Rev N P Anderson.—Sunday at 7:30 p m, Rev C L Fisher.

New Hope, Oxford—Sunday at 11 a m, Rev C P Jones.—Sunday at 7:30 p m, Rev E B Young.

Friendship Baptist Church—Sunday at 11 a m, Rev C L Fisher.—Sunday at 3 p m, Rev S L Ross. Alternate, Rev A W Stone.—Sunday at 7:30 p m, Rev L F O' Bryan.

Congregational Church—Sunday at 11 a m, Rev R T Pollard.—Sunday at 7:30 p m, Rev S A Rivers.

C. M. E. Church—Sunday at 11 a m, Rev D L Prentice.—Sunday at 7:30 p m, Rev J W Jackson.

A. M. E. Church—Sunday at 11 a m, Rev J C Crawford.

Thankful Church—Sunday at 11 a m, Rev L F O'Bryan.—Sunday at 7:30 p m, Rev C H Young.

Mt. Olive—Sunday at 3 p m, Rev C J Davis.—Sunday at 7:30 p m, Rev A C Jackson.

A. M. E. Z. Church—Sunday at 3 p m, Rev W H McAlpine, D D.

M. E. Church—Sunday at 11 a m, Rev A G Walker.

D.

## ON FIRESIDE SCHOOLS.

Home is the unit of society. If the homes are pure, intelligent and orderly, the church will be the same, and the State will be the same as the houses of the people.

Mother is the Queen of home and also the one that does by far the greatest part in moulding the character of its inmates. Therefore, we should take more time, thought, and care in making mother strong and good since she holds the destiny of the nations in her hands.

1st. We will do our best to provide her appropriate books, and papers, and help her study them.

2d. We will strive to make home a comfortable place by having useful, but not expensive furniture, and strive to have every convenience about the house to make the work of the mother easier; and we will stay at home all the time we can spare from our every day duties.



3d. We will consider it a positive duty to daily take a few minutes to read with wife and children, and encourage them along the line of mental improvement, remembering that the conditions of Society gives man a better opportunity, usually, to become intelligent than it gives to women.

4th. We recommend Hope as a paper especially adapted to help the mother and children in their every day work in the study of the Bible.

5th. We endorse the Fire Side School plan as given in Hope, and the books published by Sister Joanna P. Moore, and that we will do our best to supply our homes with this literature, and strive in every way to make Home a school room for our wives and children.

6th. That the women of Alabama be and are hereby requested to have one or two day's mothers conference in connection with the meeting of the woman's State Convention the next or subsequent session.

C. L. FISHER,  
T. L. JORDAN,  
H. E. LEVI,  
SISTER NETTIE PENN,  
SISTER A. A. BATTLE,  
Committee.

E.

#### NEW BODIES

Brother President:—We your committee beg leave to report the following: We recommend the Bethlehem Baptist church, at Johns, Alabama, and Cross Roads Baptist church to membership in this body. The Committee tied as to the Red Mountain Association because there was some question as to its organization.

J. W. WHITE,  
S. JONES,  
A. C. JACKSON,  
S. M. HALL,  
WM. WALKER,  
Committee.

#### CN PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Brother President:—We your committee recommend that the address of the President be published in the minutes.

H.

#### ON DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

It is a matter of first importance what kind of reading matter goes into the homes of our people. Pure mind and heart food is as necessary to secure healthy minds and hearts as is pure physical food in maintaining healthy bodies. We need to be careful to exclude all books and papers of an injurious nature, and to admit such only as are sound and elevating.

We earnestly recommend the wider circulation of the Baptist Leader, and the more generous use in our Sunday Schools of the excellent periodicals of the American Baptist Publication Society.

We earnestly recommend, that we as pastors and others take a deeper



interest in circulating the word of God, as it, more than any other publication, promotes christian unity, denominational progress and power, which things are of vital concern to us as a people.

J. H. EASON,  
J. W. JACKSON,  
E. C. WHITE,  
C. C. TERRY,  
WM. MUNDS,  
C. L. FISHER,  
WM. WATKINS.  
Committee.

# I. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Mr. President and Members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention :  
—After a careful examination of the books and accounts in our possession, we find that we are unable to make a satisfactory report, owing to the fact that there are papers, receipts, etc., that are not accessible at this time; but are necessary to a proper examination of all accounts, except the books and accounts of the Financial Agent, Rev. Dr. Pettiford, which we find correctly kept accounts and expenditures properly vouched for. We therefore find that it is impossible for us to submit a satisfactory and true report of the financial account at this session.

WM. C. BRADFORD,  
C. M. WELLS,  
S. O. JOHNSON,  
I. T. SIMPSON,  
J. B. BOATWRIGHT,  
Committee.

# J. ON OBITUARIES.

The Lord has been merciful to us in that he has not called off the walls many of his servants. Yet he has called some whose names are familiar to many of us, and whose services have been and will be missed. As far as information has been obtained the Lord has called from us, since last Convention, Revs. A. Gatchett, Clayton, Ala.; who was a member of the Board of Trustees of Selma University; M. D. Brooks, Pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., and B. N. Tubbs, Selma, Ala., who was Moderator of the New Cahaba Association. These brethren were all interested in the State work, and serviceable in their communities.

Slowly the workers are falling off one by one. This suggests that we too must pass away. Therefore, we ought to put forth every effort to make our "calling and election sure."

Resolved, That the Convention sympathize with the widows of the deceased, and ask God's blessings upon them. Respectfully submitted by the Secretary.

# FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Dallas Co. Association.....	\$ 5 00	Blooming Light Church .....	\$ 1 00
Snow Creek " .....	5 00	Alabama Association.....	10 00

New An. Bethlehem Ass'n...	5 00	Mt Moriah Church.....	2 00
Mt Olive Sunday School....	2 00	Mt Olive ".....	2 50
Rev M M Archer, An Mem..	1 00	Galilee ".....	3 00
Bethlehem, Gallion.....	3 00	Old Pine Grove Association...	90
First Baptist, New Berne...	3 00	Centre Church.....	1 00
Mt Zion, Anniston.....	3 00	Little Zion ".....	1 50
Dexter Ave, Montgomery ...	5 00	St Paul ".....	1 50
Hopewell Church.....	3 00	16th St Birmingham.....	2 00
Springfield ".....	3 00	Liberty S S, Blocton.....	1 00
Mt Levelty ".....	1 00	Eufaula Church.....	10 00
Mt Olive ".....	1 00	Eufaula ".....	1 00
Rushing Springs Association.	5 00	Bowen East Association.....	5 00
Mt Canaan Church.....	3 00	Uniontown Association.....	5 00
Sandy Ridge ".....	3 00	Salem, Greensboro.....	3 00
Gainesville " First....	3 00	Mt Zion, ".....	1 00
Bethel, Calera.....	1 00	Jackson St, Woodlawn.....	2 00
Mt Zion, Selma.....	1 50	Sardis, Clayton.....	1 00
Public Collections.....	20 25	Troy-Ozark Union Ass'n.....	2 00
Mt Liberty Church.....	1 00	Mt Ararat, Selma.....	1 00
Shady Grove Association ...	5 00	Col Bethlehem Association ...	5 00
Mt Zion, Coosa Valley Ass'n	1 00	" " Home Mission.	10 90
Shady Grove Church.....	50	" " Foreign "	8 75
St John ".....	50	Autauga Association.....	5 00
Rising Star ".....	2 00	Shelby Springs Association...	3 00
Morning Star Association ...	1 00	6th Ave, Birmingham.....	5 00
" " Sunday School	1 00	St Phillip St, Selma.....	3 00
Tabernacle Church.....	5 25	New Cahaba Association.....	5 00
Liberty Church.....	2 00	Union Church.....	1 00
Canaan, Pickensville Ass'n ..	5 00	Elbethel ".....	1 00
Peace Baptist Church.....	2 00	Auditorium.....	49 19
Aldrich ".....	1 15	Muscle Shoals Association...	1 06
Friendship, Anniston.....	3 00	Public Collection.....	33 14
Mt Sinai Church.....	1 00	Shiloh, Birmingham.....	5 00
Zion Hill ".....	50	Public Collection.....	1 14
Brownville Association.....	2 00	East Perry Association.....	3 00
Lebanon ".....	3 00	Shady Grove, Jenifer.....	75
Sandy Ridge ".....	3 50	Good Hope Church.....	2 00
Autaugaville Church.....	1 00	Bethel Baptist.....	1 50
Perryville ".....	1 00	Rev E C White, annual memb	1 00
" ".....	1 00	Mt Zion, East Lake.....	2 50
" Sunday School....	50	Blosburg Church, Bismingham	5 00
" Women's W S.....	50	Thankful " Anniston ..	1 00
Bethlehem Association.....	4 00	1st Baptist, Prattville.....	1 00
Bro Wadkins, annual mem ..	1 00	" " for Selma Univ'ty.	50
Florence Church.....	1 00	" " Milldale.....	1 00
" Sunday School.....	1 00	New Hope, Oxford.....	1 50
Russellville Church.....	1 00	New Morning Star, Demopolis	1 00
" Sunday School ..	1 00	Bethesda Church, Selma Univ.	10 00



Shiloh Church.....	65	New Pine Grove Ass'n, Selma.	3 00
Sumterville Church .....	1 00	State Convention .....	1 50
Jones' Creek " .....	1 00	Mt Joy Church, Trussville....	1 50
Green Street " .....	8 00	Healing Springs Church.....	1 50
Mt Zion " .....	1 10	Mt Zion, Coosa Valley Ass'n..	1 00
Mt Olive " .....	1 00	Ebenezer Association.....	1 00
1st Bapt, North Birmingham.	1 75	Shiloh, Birmingham.....	5 00
Tabernacle, Birmingham.....	1 50	Alabama Midland Association	4 00
Peace Bapt Willing Workers.	2 00	1st Baptist, Warrior.....	1 00
" " Morning Star....	2 00	Mt Olive, Compton.....	50
Spring Street, Elyton .....	1 00	Mt Olive, Selma.....	50
Pleasant Gap.....	1 00	Lily Star Association.....	2 50
X Road Church, Morrowville	1 00	Bethel, Montgomery.....	1 00
Evergreen Association.....	3 00	St John, Mt Meigs.....	1 00
Columbus St, Montgomery ..	5 00	Union District Association...	5 00
Spring Hill Association.....	3 00	Morning Star, Demopolis....	3 00
Uniontown Church .....	3 00	Shiloh, Selma.....	1 00
Bethlehem " .....	1 00	Mt Zion, Tallassee.....	1 00
Red Mountain Association...	5 00	Old Elam, Montgomery.....	1 00
Flint River Association.....	50	Public collection Friday night	
Bethlehem .....	50	for Dr Luke.....	25 03
Sycamore, Talladega .....	50	Tabernacle S S, Selma.....	1 50
Franklin Street, Mobile.....	2 50	Shady Grove S S, Jenifer.....	50
Mt Hebron, Thomas .....	1 00	Noah's Ark, Birmingham.....	50
Noah's Ark, S S, Birmingham	25	Harmony, Avondale.....	3 00
Mt Pilgrim S S Convention..	3 00	Mt Zion, Boligee .....	1 00
African Bapt, Tuskaloosa, by note .....	5 00		

Total recived from Associations, District Sunday School Con-  
ventions, Churches, Sunday Schools, Missionary Societies,  
and Public Collections .....\$481 63

I. DAWSON,  
W. R. REDDICK,  
T. DIXON,  
J. W. JACKSON,  
LYDDEN GREEN,  
Committee.

Later collection—Saturday night.....\$ 1 50  
Sunday at 11 o'clock ..... 13 12 |

Amount received by the Secretary since the Convention:—Gilfield  
Association, per H G Ruffin..... 6 45 |

#### ON BAPTIST LEADER.

Mr. President:—We, your committee on the Leader, beg leave to re-  
port the following: We have considered the matter you have trusted to  
our hands. We feel the Leader is an important factor in the operation of  
our Christian and Educational work. Journalism is playing a leading part  
in the affairs of this age.



Every institution that would assume great proportions, the business of life, feels, and rightly feels, it must secure its influence.

If we would keep the Baptist denomination alive in the State of Alabama, and extend her borders and strengthen her cords, we must be financial as well as moral patrons of journalism, our denomination paper.

The Baptist Leader has, through these years, led us in a meek and humble way. It has succeeded in opening our eyes to the field of duty and organizing us for the work. To the end, it may lead us to still grander achievements that lie out before us; We bring to you the following:

Whereas, The paper is financially embarrassed and has lost its popularity in the State; and, whereas, we feel that this embarrassment can be more easily removed by being connected with the University, and the job press thereof; and, whereas we feel that in bringing together the State property in this way will go far toward restoring this potent agent, the Leader, to public favor; and will prove a more direct benefit to the school, the chief interest fostered by this Convention.

PROF. R. B. HUDSON,  
REV. D. T. GULLEY,  
REV. J. P. RICKS,  
DR. W. H. McALPINE,  
REV. J. H. EASON,

#### REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD OF COLORED BAPTISTS OF ALABAMA FOR 1894.

To the Baptist State Convention:—Dear Brethren—We bring before you our annual report as State Mission Board. We must confess that we have not done all that could have been done under more favorable circumstances; and yet as it is our duty to do so, we report as follows:

1. We have attempted to have meetings during the year 1894. The first was held on the 22d day of February, 1894. That was a joint meeting of State Mission and State Sunday School Boards. At that meeting we approved the appointment of Rev. C. L. Purce, D. D., of Selma, Ala., for General Missionary, to work under the joint appointment of the Home Missionary Society and the Baptists of Alabama. We also made recommendations concerning the Mission work of the State, etc. And also requested the Sunday School State Convention to join us in raising money to begin a co-operative and book store at Selma, Ala.

The third time we met on the 9th of September to prepare our report for the State Convention at this session. The report will be read by the brethren who have worked under the Board during the year. The first part by Editors of the Baptist Leader, Rev. R. T. Pollard. Second part, on Missions, by Prof. R. B. Hudson for Dr. Purce. Third, by Rev. S. L. Ross, Sunday School Missionary. 4th, by Rev. C. L. Fisher, General Sunday School Missionary, under the Publication Society. Then if the Convention so orders it they may be condensed, that is the reports of the several workers and missionaries be prepared for the press.

## RECOMMENDATIONS—PLAN OF WORK, 1st.

We also recommend that all money raised for State and Foreign Missions, that are raised in the district Association, and Sunday School Convention, will be sent to the treasurer of the State Mission Board, Rev. C. J. Davis, Selma, Alabama.

2d. That it is the sense of the State Mission Board that, we have a general Missionary, under the joint appointment of the Home Mission Society and the Baptists of Alabama, and that in case one is appointed, we recommend Rev. D. T. Gully as the man.

3d. We further recommend that we look with favor upon the work of the General Missionary, under the publication Society, Rev. C. L. Fisher, D. D., and commend him to the confidence of Alabama.

Rev. S. L. Ross was recommended for re-election, and a joint appointment, of The State Mission Board, and the Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

4th. We recommend that as soon as possible we pay the following claims: To Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., on back Salary as recommended by Auditing Committee \$175 00. To Rev. D. T. Gully for stationery, \$2 60. Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma, Alabama, 80c.

5th. That this Convention will at this session attempt to raise \$100 00. for book house to be carried on in connection with the Baptist Leader, at Selma, Alabama.

6th. That we recommend Rev. D. L. Prentice, of Aldrich, Alabama, for Editor of the Baptist Leader, and ask for him the hearty support and election by the State Convention.

Resolved, that it is the sense of this Convention that Dr. McAlpine, is expected to raise the part money that the State Mission Board promised him; but that the Convention shall not be responsible for the money.

## REPORT OF THE BAPTIST LEADER,

Made to the State Mission Board from Nov. 1st, 1893 to Nov. 1st, 1894.

To the members of the State Mission Board:—Dear Brethren—After a hard year's struggle to keep the paper alive, we have come to present to you a report of our efforts, and the condition of the paper.

At the last session of the Baptist State Convention the Board recommended that the Convention attempt to purchase a printing outfit. The Convention accordingly began the effort; and gave to the management one hundred dollars with which to begin the purchase, with the distinct understanding that the title to the property remain in the Convention. The management having received the money, soon discovered that one hundred dollars alone could not be used to advantage in the purchase for cash: that is, not enough material to run a printing office could be purchased with only one hundred dollars. One of three things had to be done so far as the management saw, viz:—Either purchase one hundred dollars worth of material to be layed aside till money could be secured with which to purchase enough material to begin an office; or lay the one hundred dollars aside till



more could be obtained, or to buy on credit. The last the management did, making notes to pay \$22 monthly till payment should be completed.

The management found it almost impossible to issue the paper regularly and also to meet these notes. Hence they did not keep up with payment of notes. Our creditors threatened to take property back; to prevent which the management was enabled to borrow \$54 00, from the Alabama Penny Savings Bank of Birmingham. The Bank was given security by notes made to it by Revs. J. W. White, T. L. Jordan, T. W. Walker, and R. T. Pollard. Had it not been for the kindness of these brethren, and the willingness of the Bank to lend the money, The Leader would have lost the whole outfit purchased. This money the management has been able to return with the exception of \$7 40. Even after borrowing money the management was not able to keep up the payments. So now the editors are personally on notes to pay to Thomas Seitzinger, Atlanta, Ga. \$92 00 with interest to be paid in December next. The management once had great hope of making success of the paper, in order to which they put their money into it, thinking that the pastors, and brethren over the State would after awhile work in interest of it, but they are sorry to have to report that the paper has not received the support of the denomination. Only two or three brethren have done anything like their duty to the paper; all the rest did virtually nothing.

When the paper was put under the present management the brethren said that they must wait to see what would be done before they would secure subscribers to it. The paper was issued regularly, (with the exception of January last, when the management was trying to set up an office for the Leader), for about one year, during which time the brethren could have supported the paper but, did not. After the editors and managers had paid their own money till they felt that they were not going to get the support they deserved, the paper began to be irregular. Then the brethren said, "We could do something for the paper if it would come out regularly." The want of support therefore has been one of the hinderances to the paper. Another hinderance was, there are a class of persons who going about have raised money for the paper, but the money was never sent to the management. In such cases, persons have paid their money to some professed agent who never sends money in.

In the month of April of this year Mr. J. C. Leftwitch, one of the Business Managers, resigned, acting upon the request of the Editors and the other Business Manager. This request was made because of complications in Mr. Leftwitch's management—complications which he was not able to explain to the satisfaction of the management. These complications have done the paper more harm than any other one thing.

The Board will permit the management to say that the Leader will never have success as long as it is run on the present plan. The Board ought either discontinue the paper or make some provisions for its continuance. It cannot afford to discontinue it, therefore it ought to provide for the paper. The following is our financial statement for the year:

Amount received from all sources.....\$382 31

Amount of expenses:—

To printer, per month,.....\$ 23 77 7-9—\$267 50

To press work and paper, per month ..... 15 80 — 177 75

To office rent, per month..... 6 00 — 72 00

\$112 85—\$247 79

\$630 10—\$630 10

The report on office outfit is as follows:—

Amount received from State Convention.....\$100 00

Press fund ..... 15 00

Total received.....\$115 00

Amount of expenses:—

To type and other material .....\$ 64 60

To spaces, slugs, rules, &c ..... 33 00

To packing, drayage, freight, &c..... 20 75

To type and other material ..... 23 10

To notes ..... 38 60

To stands ..... 3 00

\$183 05

Cost of material.....\$255 60

Freight, packing, &c..... 10 75

Interest on borrowed money and notes ..... 6 50

Telegrams, drafts, &c ..... 1 05

\$283 90

Balance due .....\$100 85

#### REPORT OF REV. S. L. ROSS, SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSIONARY FOR EAST ALABAMA.

To the President and Members of the State Mission Board:—I am very grateful to God to be able to submit to you this my first annual report as Sunday School Missionary. To say to you that the scarcity of finances has very much retarded the work this year, is but to tell you that which you already know. But, though the times have been hard, by the all-sufficient grace of God, I have been able to do something for His cause:

Days of service..... 357 Miles traveled .....6378

Families visited... .. 274 Sermons delivered ..... 80

Addresses..... 102 Sunday Schools addressed..... 25

Prayer meetings held ..... 78 Institutes held ..... 6

Associations attended..... 15 Number of persons baptized .... 13

Pages of tracts distributed ....4321 Sunday Schools aided..... 1

Number letters written ..... 302 Number of Testaments donated . 16

“ Testaments sold ..... 2 “ Bibles sold ..... 214

“ Bibles donated..... 13 “ books sold..... 514

“ books donated..... 25 Families found destitute of Bibles 52

Individuals destitute of Bibles.. 87



Cash sales from stock.....	\$279 32
Cash collected from the field .....	219 63
Total .....	498 95
Amount donated .....	\$ 21 95
" discount .....	30 52
Special orders.....	12 19
Expenses :—	
Railroad fare, etc.....	\$112 20
Postage.....	15 00
State Mission Board, to S. L. Ross, Dr.:—	
To one-half salary.....	\$300 00
" " postage .....	7 50
" " Railroad fare, etc .....	£6 10
	\$363 60
Cr. by cash .....	219 63
Balance due.....	\$143 97

#### REPORT OF REV. C. L. FISHER, S. S. MISSIONARY.

SELMA, ALABAMA, November 16th, 1894.

To the officers and members, of the State Mission Board :—Dear Brethren, I herewith submit to you my first report as Sunday School Missionary, for the State of Alabama, appointed by the American Baptist Publication Society, and endorsed by you. As you will observe from the Statistical part of my report, I have served as a missionary in this State only five months. My work has been done under considerable disadvantage:—The change of homes, and fields, the delay because of a few days illness, and a lack of either information, or interest, on the part of some of our brethren in the great missionary, and Bible work being carried on by our Society, have all had something to do in retarding the progress of the work.

It is a grand work, all will admit, to build schools in this South land and to support teachers for these 10 million negroes. It is also an important mission to erect churches in the West, and pay the salaries of ministers to preach the gospel to the thousands of foreigners, who are infesting our shores. It is nobler still to carry the word of truth across the sea to the heathern who have not heard of our Lord's Christ. But what work however important, grand, and noble, can supercede the placing of the Bible itself in the hands of millions, who have it not, both in this country and over the ocean? But the work does not cease with placing the Bible in the individual's hand; but competent workers are employed Who advise with Christian workers all over the land upon the best means of creating a deeper interest in Bible Study, and thus lead men to know God's will and do his bidding. Hence the Sunday School Institutes, and Bible Conferences held by the Missionaries, and Secretaries of the Society. The Society spends annually upon its workers in this State, about \$1,100 00 that in addition to the grants which it is continually making to individuals and schools.

There are many poor ministerial students and pastors whose hearts have been made glad this year by grants coming to them from the Publication rooms Philadelphia. And Sunday Schools without number have been encouraged to struggle on against the tide because of timely aid from our Society.

We are tempted to think too slightly of Sunday School work. The figure is trite, yet it is true, that the Sunday School is the nursery of the church. If we must not go to the Sunday School for young plants, or vines to set out in the Master's vineyard whither must we go? Not to the gamblers den, or drunkard's saloon; I am sure, though occasionally it is true a domestic plant may be found in the woods. Build up the Sunday Schools, Put them in touch with the great Sunday School Society. Acquaint them with missionary data, and demands; and I assure you, all other things being equal, you will have a lively Sunday School, and working church. But the narrow limits of a report will not admit of a presentation of the special work of any one missionary organization. I desist here. It sufficient to say in addition that the American Baptist Publication Society is the fountain head of Baptist Principles. If you would be a well rounded Baptist in head as well as in heart come in possession of her literature, study it, and make it your own. Now how can we best carry on this good work? The only general answer is this, by every Baptist worker heartily co-operating with his brother in endeavoring to spread the kingdom of Christ.

1. Let every pastor purchase all his ministerial and religious books from this Society. In so doing he helps on the work; for the profits on the books above expenses go to the missionary department. Let him use our tracts in his parish, and thus receive valuable aid in preaching the gospel to men.

2. Let every Sunday School Superintendent use our periodicals in his school, observe our days.—Children's Day, the 2d Sunday in June; Bible Day, the 2d Sunday in November; subscribe to the Superintendent and thus better prepare himself for his work, and do whatever lies in his power toward imbedding within the hearts of our youth those principles for which our fathers bled and died.

3. Let every District Missionary, whether of Association or Sunday School Convention, put himself in correspondence with the Sunday School Missionary for the State, and report to him churches with no Sunday Schools, destitute Sunday Schools, families and individuals destitute of Bibles, times and places where a few days' institute meeting would do good, and in this way help the Missionary and the great Society under whose appointment he works to push on the great work of the Master.

4. An Institute, or Bible Conference in every county permanently organized and regularly operating about every three months for the instruction of Sunday School teachers, deacons, and preachers, would add much toward spreading bible information among the people. To that end I am setting my plans for another year. Should I be so fortunate as to secure the endorsement of the Board and Convention, this work will begin with the New Year.



5. Last, but not least we need the financial support of the Baptists of Alabama. Our Missionary and Bible work is \$15,000 in the rear. We call upon Baptists north and south to come to our rescue. We need not fear to give our money. There is no danger of our giving more than we receive. God grant that we may! One thing, however, let us remember, that one feature of this great work of missions, one should not live at the sacrifice of another. Let all be supported to the extent of our ability, and so push the good work on.

With the above suggestions and hints I submit my statistical reports for the months of June and October inclusive.

CHAS. L. FISHER,

S. S. Missionary for Ala.

	JUNE.	JULY.	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	TOT'L.
Miles traveled .....	396	502	786	305	621	2610
Bibles sold .....	5	6	3	2	13	29
Testaments sold .....	6	—	12	8	2	28
Bibles given .....	—	—	1	—	22	23
Testaments given .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Books sold .....	65	42	103	97	134	441
“ given .....	—	1	3	1	12	19
Packages of Tracts distributed..	50	—	80	100	920	1150
Sermons .....	15	14	13	6	11	59
Addresses .....	10	11	15	13	18	67
Prayer meetings .....	4	3	7	4	4	22
Families visited .....	47	23	28	20	20	118
Families destitute of Bibles ....	25	—	1	—	—	26
Individuals destitute of Bibles ...	5	—	1	4	23	33
Persons Baptized .....	18	—	2	—	—	20
Churches Constituted .....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Schools organized .....	—	1	—	—	2	3
Schools addressed .....	5	5	4	4	4	22
Schools aided .....	—	1	1	1	2	5
Institutes held .....	—	1	1	1	—	3
Ass'ns, Conventions attended ..	—	4	4	4	5	17
Letters written .....	46	61	45	48	61	261
Circulars .....	200	1,075	600	310	600	2,785
Sales .....	36.71	7.40	25.92	41.74	57.16	168.93
Grants .....	—	65	1.82	50	2.35	5.32
Discounts .....	1.14	10	45	3.76	3.18	8.63
Periodicals ordered .....	—	—	—	—	2.30	2.30
Money collected .....	12.00	21.35	32.48	11.76	50.86	128.45

#### REPORT OF C. S. DINKINS, D. D., PRESIDENT OF SELMA UNIVERSITY.

Made a part of Report of the Board of Trustees of Selma University.

To the President, and Members of the Board of Trustees of Selma University—Dear Brethren:—It is with pleasure that I present to you the 15th. annual report of the Selma University.

It was on the 29th. of September 1893. that I accepted the position you offered me as president of your beloved Institution.

The condition of the school, and the divided state of mind of the brethren, through the state, caused me to enter upon the work with fear and

trembling. It was the repeated call of your Board and the great love that I have for my race and denomination, that moved me to accept. I entered upon the work with a due sense, I trust of the great responsibility resting upon me as President of your Institution, realizing that the success of the Institution was the success of the denomination, and the race; and a failure of the Institution was a failure of us all. I dare say no President of Selma University, ever entered upon his work with greater embarrassments than he who now occupies that position, Notwithstanding the heavy clouds that hung over the school one year ago, there are reasons to believe that the Lord has wonderfully blessed the work,

Never in the history of the Institution, was the outlook so bright as to-day. The interest in the work does not grow out of mere sentiment, but from a deep sense of the necessity of such an Institution in our state. Our churches and pastors are loyal to the work, not from any selfish, or superficial motive, but from the principle of love. With such a principle animating the supporters of Selma University, it will take more than an ordinary storm to overthrow it.

The number of teachers employed during the year were:—Males 4,

Females 5, total .....	9
The number of students—Males 82, Females 102, total .....	184
Number preparing to preach .....	19
Number preparing to teach .....	44
Number of conversions .....	10
Number of graduates .....	6

The amount required to carry on the work of teaching was as follows:

From Selma University .....	\$ 950 00
From Women's Convention .....	200 00
From Southern Baptist Convention .....	533 33
From A. B. H. M. S. ....	2000 00
Total .....	\$3683 33

Notes—1. The above does not include what the teacher in the Model school received. 2. It includes \$100 00 paid Mrs. Clark, who did part of the work of matron.

Two things greatly hinder us in our work. 1. The debt of the Institution. One of the conditions on which I agreed to accept the work was that I receive an exact statement of the debt of the Institution. This has never been given.

It is due the President, and the patrons that a specific statement of the entire indebtedness of the school, be given, otherwise it will be difficult to secure means from others to carry on our work. It is hoped that by this time the exact financial status of this Institution, can be furnished to the denomination. In this connection I would suggest that neither the president, or any other person be allowed to contract any debt, but that all debts be contracted by the Board itself, or the Executive Committee of the Board.

Second. Another hinderance to our work, is, the dilapidated state of our chapel and other buildings. Good building, and good accommodations, have as much to do with the success of of an Institution as anything else.



We hope that your Board will devise means to repair the chapel, complete the ladie's hall, and put up a hall for the young men. On consulting a carpenter I find that the chapel, and the rear room can be repaired, and a new set of seats be put in the chapel for the sum of \$71 00. It is hoped that you will ask the Convention to donate that amount, so that the work can be done during the Christmas holidays

I would call the Board's attention to one of the special objects, in the establishment of Selma University, namely, the training of preachers. We ought to have at least two men in the Theological Department who could give their whole time in that department. In view of what other denominations are doing to reach, and help our preacher, we are compelled, if we would keep abreast of the times, to do more for our preachers than what we have done. If our people are ever lifted up, it must be through the ministry, and that ministry must be educated. The Board cannot well afford to neglect this department.

#### SEWING DEPARTMENT.

It is with pleasure that I report to the Board that, the sewing department which was added last year, is doing an excellent work. Girls that one year ago were not able to handle a needle, are now able to do excellent work, both in plain and fancy work. All the girls above the Model school are required to take lessons in sewing.

#### ENDOWMENT.

No institution can continue to carry on its work successfully without an endowment. The financial crisis through which we are passing, is full evidence of this statement. I would suggest to the Board, the propriety of considering this subject, and would further suggest that, in my judgment the best way to endow our Institution, is by purchasing about 2,000 acres of land, in any part of the State that you may deem suitable, and rent the same to responsible parties, using the money arising from the rent to carry on the work of the Institution. In this way we will provide against the vicissitudes through which all institutions have to pass.

Below I submit to you my financial report for the year.

Respectfully yours,

C. S. DINKINS,  
President.

Receipts and expenditures of Selma University for the year, commencing October, 1893, and ending May 31, 1894:

I. BOARDING DEPARTMENT.			
1893.	Receipts.	1893.	Expenditures
October .....	\$ 529 35	October .....	\$ 321 61
November .....	162 65	November .....	370 39
December .....	127 60	December .....	124 05
1894.		1894.	
January .....	185 00	January .....	165 48
February .....	164 33	February .....	147 56
March .....	170 35	March .....	173 90
April .....	123 15	April .....	127 44
May .....	118 73	May .....	137 46
Total .....	\$1581 21	Total .....	\$1567 90
		To balance ..	\$13 31—

## II. TUITION, CONCERTS, &amp;C.

October .....	\$ 26 31	October .....	\$ 26 31
November .....	38 80	November .....	24 20
December .....	51 00	December .....	16 12
January .....	78 35	January .....	114 75
February .....	76 87	February .....	59 26
March .....	56 80	March .....	56 60
April .....	79 41	April .....	76 07
May .....	62 27	May .....	85 20
Total .....	\$469 81	Total .....	\$458 51
		To balance .....	\$11 30—

## III. PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

1893.	Receipts.	1893.	Expenditures.
October	\$11 30	October	\$ 74
November	14 40	November	16 49
December	8 25	December	7 16
1894.		1894.	
January	11 15	January	3 38
February	3 05	February	2 90
March	8 65	March	3 11
April	12 60	April	2 42
May	16 20	May	31 92
Total	\$90 60	Total	\$68 12
		To balance	\$22 48—

## IV. SEWING DEPARTMENT.

October .....	\$ 6 15	October .....	\$ 5 00
November .....	21 40	November .....	11 85
December .....	11 40	December .....	1 30
January .....	3 45	January .....	2 45
February .....	2 50	February .....	3 35
March .....	3 10	March .....	1 35
April .....	5 00	April .....	3 65
May .....	35 71	May .....	59 76
	\$38 71		\$88 71
Total Receipts.		Total Expenditures.	
1, Boarding department .....	\$1,581 21	Boarding department .....	\$1,567 90
2, Tuition, &c .....	469 81	Tuition, &c .....	458 51
3, Printing department .....	90 60	Printing department .....	68 12
4, Sewing department .....	88 71	Sewing department .....	88 71
5, H. M. S .....	1,800 00	H. M. S .....	1,800 00
Total .....	\$4,030 33	Total .....	\$3,983 24
		To balance .....	\$47 09—

## 1894. Financial Statement to November 1, 1894.

June 1. balance on hand .....	\$ 47 09	Expended in June .....	\$ 47 22
Received in June .....	20 00	“ July .....	37 63
“ July .....	9 00	“ August .....	22 90
“ August .....	25 31	“ September .....	16 10
“ September .....	22 45	“ October .....	537 14
“ October .....	614 89		
	\$738 74	Balance .....	660 99

# REPORT OF W. R. PETTIFORD, D. D., FINANCIAL AND COR- RESPONDING SECRETARY.

Made a part of Report of Board of Trustees of Selma University.

DEC. 1893.	CR.	DR.
1, Andrew Goldin, Uniontown .....	\$ 1 50	
1, Julia Smith, city .....	5 00	
1, Friendship church, Hatchechuba .....	1 20	
1, Mrs E. F. Samuel, Pratt City .....	1 25	
8, H. Lewis Whitehall .....	1 25	
8, Ridgeville church, Monterey .....	15	
8, James Lewis, " .....	3 00	
8, E. W. Lewis, " .....	50	
16, Arkadelphia church, Pine Apple .....	1 65	
16, Women's Mission Society, Pine Apple .....	1 00	
16, Squire Bloxom, " .....	1 00	
18, B. Bowen .....	1 10	
18, Caroline Colton .....	1 00	
23, Mt. Zion church, East Lake .....	1 65	
23, Mt. Olive church, North Birmingham .....	90	
8, Selma and return .....		\$ 6 00
13, Monterey and return .....		6 50
13, Express on turkeys .....		90

Total .....	\$22 15	\$13 40
Balance .....	8 75	
Agent's salary .....	13 40	8 75
	22 15	22 15

JAN. 1894.	CR.	DR.
7, Tuskaloosa church .....	\$ 6 70	
9, Rev. Willis Broaden, Sumterville .....	3 00	
9, Jease Eason, " .....	1 00	
12, Mt. Zion, " .....	40	
12, James Bell, " .....	1 00	
12, P. L. Brn'ton, " .....	1 00	
12, George Forney, " .....	50	
14, Rev. A. Richardson, Hamner .....	1 00	
14, Miss Patty Richardson, " .....	1 00	
14, Women's Building Society, Sumterville .....	5 00	
14, Sumterville church .....	2 00	
14, Miss Ida Mack, W. M. S., East Birmingham .....	96	
14, Spring Street W. M. S., Elyton, African .....	1 35	
14, Mt. Pilgrim W. M. S., Powderly .....	65	
14, " " Africa .....	65	
20, B. T. Washington, Tuskegee .....	5 00	
20, St. James W. M. S., Birmingham .....	45	
20, " " Africa .....	45	
20, Sixth Avenue Sunday School, (songs) .....	85	
20, Avondale Y. P. W. .....	1 15	
20, Spring Street church, Elyton .....	1 15	
20, Shiloh church, city .....	2 15	
28, Bessemer 1st Baptist church .....	55	
28, Jerusalem church, Bessemer .....	70	
3, Express on society literature from New York .....		\$ 75
3, Stamps .....		30
6, To Epes' Station and return .....		6 40
19, To Sullivan & Hay, printing .....		5 00
19, Stamps .....		1 75
19, Getting out circular to W. H. Clark .....		1 00



20, Stamps.....		2 00
25, ".....		2 78
26, ".....		53
Total .....	\$38 66	\$20 51
Balance salary .....	18 15	18 15
Feb. 1894.....	33 66	38 66
4, Jerusalem church, Bessemer.....	2 25	
4, Red Mountain church, Sloss.....	55	
4, North Birmingham church.....	70	
14, Mt. Joy church, Trussville.....	1 20	
18, " Hebron church, Irondale .....	1 00	
18, John's Miner church, John's.....	5 75	
22, L. L. Allen 70c; J B Roden 70c.....		1 40
1, To Selma and return 3.35; Bessemer and return 45c....		3 80
1, North Birmingham and return .....		10
14, Trussville and return 70c; postal cards 5c.....		75
18, Irondale and return 30c; John's and return 81c.....		1 11
22, Selma and return 3.86; Franklin and return 2.25.....		6 11
Total .....	\$11 45	\$12 57
Balance.....		1 12
March, 1894.....		
1, Rev. L. J. Green 50c; S. L. Belser 25c; P. E. Castrum 25c	1 00	
3, A. W. Thornton 1.00; Rev. J. A. Peal 14c.....	1 14	
2, Rev. J. W. White 2 00; J. H. Jones 50c.....	2 50	
5, Sardis church, Enon, for Africa .....	40	
11, Thomas church 50c; Rising Star church 50c.....	1 00	
11, 16th street church .....	1 30	
2, Stamps.....		56
1, Printing .....		2 50
11, To Pratt and return 25c; Franklin Paint House 2.00.....		2 25
18, Pratt and return.....		20
20, Stamps 22, stamps 23 .....		1 47
25, Childersburg and return .....		1 70
28, H. L. Morehouse 44.14; C. D. Freeman, printing 2.00....		46 14
22, J. Q. A. Wilhite.....		36 70
14, H. A. Lovelace .....	1 00	
18, 6th Avenue church 15.45; Pratt church 3.00.....	18 45	
18, Pratt S. S. 2.20; Mrs. E. Samuels 1.50; Mrs. Pope 1.00...	3 70	
18, Books 1.10; Rev. E. E. Perryman 1.50 .....	2 60	
18, Childersburg church.....	65	
19, Milldale church 2.50; Galilee 2.50; Mt. Zion church 4.00...	8 75	
19, Macedonia church.....	32	
20, Antioch No. 1 church 1.31; Macedonia church 2 40 .....	3 51	
20, Bethesda .....	5 00	
Total .....	\$51 42	\$91 52
March, 1894.....		
20, Troy S. S. 2.00; X Roads, Bethesda church 2.50 .....	4 50	
20, Tabernacle church 2.00; Pleasant Hill S. S. 45c .....	2 45	
20, Lincoln S. S. 25c; Cross Roads S. S. 1.40 .....	1 65	
20, Bethel Baptist church 1.95; Dolomite church 4.85.....	6 80	
20, Hope Hill church 2.75; J. M. Terrell 1.45.....	4 20	
20, Rocky Mount church 1.00; Isaac Black 85c.....	1 85	
20, Society of 2d Baptist church .....	1 00	
22, Mt. Olive church 49c; Bellville church 1.00.....	1 49	
22, Mt. Zion church 1.74; Bethlehem church 1 30.....	3 04	
22, Rushing Springs church 65c; Lowndesboro church 10.00...	10 65	
22, Lowndesboro S. S. 4.00; Wetumpka church 2.00 .....	6 00	
22, C. L. Long 98c; W. M. S. Tabernacle church 30c .....	1 23	

22, W. M. S. Tabernacle, Africa 30c; J. H. Marshall 2.40...	2 70	
22, Troy Baptist church 5.00; W. M. S. Africa (Thomas) 70c	5 70	
25, Childersburg church 1.49; T. W. Walker 1.00 .....	2 49	
25, G. W. Park 50c; Mt. Pilgrim church 1.00 ..	1 50	
25, Zion church 50c; Hebron S. S. 2.00.....	2 50	
25, Newberne S. S. 1.00; Bethlehem church 2.20 .....	3 20	
Total .....	114 52	91 52
27, W. A. S. Cromton.....	50	
27, W. R. Pettiford, Treasurer, A. A. L. & S. Co.....	28 47	
27, Talladega Springs Sunday School .....	1 08	
30, Eufaula church 5.00; Eufaula Sunday School 7.93.....	12 93	
30, Jackson church, Jackson .....	13 00	
Total .....	170 40	91 52
Balance.....	78 88	
Total receipts of the quarter .....	242 66	138 00
Balance " " " .....	104 66	

## April, 1894.

2, Women's Mission Society 16th St. church, Africa .....	2 85	
3, Elam Garner, John's. ....	2 00	
5, Springfield ch. Greensboro 1.01; Hopewell ch. Marion 2.36	3 37	
6, C. Farley, Thomas .....	50	
9, Antioch church, Talladega .....	1 20	
8, Mt. Olive, Reddin 40c; Galilee, Smith's Miner 1.70.....	2 10	
8, Books .....	50	
9, Mt. Pilgrim Sunday School convention.....	20 00	
12, Mt. Hebron, Society Irondale, Africa .....	50	
13, Zion Hill Sunday School, Eufaula .....	1 65	
20, W. M. S., St. James church, Africa .....	25	
21, " Mt. Zion, East Lake .....	1 25	
22, " Harmony, Africa 60c; Cardiff church 1.05.....	1 65	
22, Mt. Hebron, Blossburg 5.16; Mt. Zion ch., Claiborn 1.70.	6 86	
1, To J. Q. A. Wilhite 12.80; Cards 25c .....		13 06
17, Selma and return .....		4 30
18, To John's and return .....		66
22, Blossburg and return .....		56
30, Repairing type writer.....		1 00
Total .....	44 68	19 58
Balance .....	25 10	
Paid on salary .....		25 10
Total .....	44 68	44 68

## May, 1894.

1, Cards 5c; Dr. Dinkins, tax on Selma University 25.50 ...	25 55	
9, Printing cards 6.50; Postage 30c .....	6 80	
11, To Columbiana .....	2 22	
22, To Wilhite 10.00; To Selma and return 4.00.....	14 00	
1, Dexter Avenue church, Montgomery.....	10 92	
3, Antioch Sunday School, Snow Hill.....	1 40	
5, Mt. Pilgrim W. M. S., Africa .....	55	
11, Benton Sunday School .....	1 00	
12, Ladies' Association, Columbus .....	8 00	
13, Calera Baptist church, Calera .....	2 00	
14, G. W. Trenholm, " .....	50	
16, Newbern church, Newbern .....	3 60	
20, 16th St. S. S. 1.40; 16th St ch. 14.48; Shiloh ch. 10.00...	25 88	
24, W C Bradford, Union Sp'gs 1.110; Mt Zion ch Claiborn.81	2 91	
20, Mrs. Polly Harris, city .....	1 00	
25, White Oak Chapel, Midway.....	2 15	
27, Jackson street church, Books .....	1 03	

30, Galilee church, Anniston.....	2 50	
Total .....	63 43	48 57
Paid on salary.....		14 86
Total .....	63 43	63 43
1891.                      Escape Account.		
Feb. 5, Franklin Printing.....		2 00
" 19, To J. W. Coleman, writing circulars.....		1 45
Mar 1, J. B. Roden, stationery.....		1 20
" 21, A. H. Parker, work.....		5 00
" 19, Franklin Printing.....		5 00
Apr 16, J. Q. A. Wilhite.....		10 00
May 7, Printing, Franklin.....		3 00
Total .....		27 65
June, 1894.		
1, Mt. Pilgrim church, Talladega.....	62	
4, Jackson ch., Jackson 2.00; Shelby S. S. convention 5.00.....	7 00	
4, A. S. Watkins, Collierine 3.00; Milton ch, Milton 93c.....	3 93	
8, Union Chapel church, Barlow Bend.....	1 45	
9, New Town Sunday School, Birmingham.....	1 00	
11, S. L. Belser, Birmingham 1.00; Bessemer church 35c.....	1 35	
12, G. W. Parks 1.00; Mt. Zion S. S., East Lake 1.00.....	2 00	
12, T. H. Posey, Blossburg.....	16 62	
16, Woodlawn church 1.10; P. C. Caddell, Faidsville 3.00.....	4 10	
18, B. Y. P. U., Birmingham 8.00; David Duke, Claiborn 1.90.....	9 90	
26, Cedar Park church, Singleton, D. Small.....	2 65	
28, Cedar Sunday School, Singleton.....	1 35	
28, Macedonia church, Montgomery.....	2 50	
28, New Liberty ".....	2 37	
28, Little Moriah church, Ft. Deposit.....	1 00	
29, Women's State Convention, Birmingham.....	25 00	
2, To Childersburg 1.70; stamps and cards 65c.....		2 35
5, To Bessemer and return 45c; W. R. Pettiford, salary 11.00.....		11 45
29, Stamps.....		12
Total .....	82 90	13 98
Balance.....	68 92	
July, 1894.		
1, North Birmingham and return.....		10
20, To Marion and return.....		6 20
21, Sent to Selma by Dr. Dinkins.....		10 00
21, W. R. Pettiford, salary 5.80; Talladega and return 3.74.....		8 54
24, To Rev. C. L. Fisher.....		3 00
1, Mt. Olive church, Birmingham.....	25 00	
1, Minister's Institute, Greensboro.....	2 30	
15, Salem church, ".....	4 00	
20, " S. S. ".....	5 00	
20, Springfield church, ".....	1 58	
21, Mt. Zion church, ".....	20	
24, Mars Hill church, ".....	80	
28, W. M. S., ".....	3 05	
28, Bethlehem church, Gallion.....	60	
21, S. S. Con., Marion 4.50; S. S. Con., Talladega 5.50.....	10 00	
21, Union District S. S. convention, Pine Apple.....	3 00	
28, Troy Sunday School convention, Ozark.....	2 00	
30, M. A. S., Troy 10.00; Troy church 3.00.....	13 00	
Total .....	70 03	28 84
Balance.....	42 19	
August, 1894.		
1, To Ozark 4.69; To Birmingham 4.69.....		9 38
2, To Tuskegee and return.....		2 02



7, To Tuscumbia and return .....	5 59	
27, To White Hall and return .....	4 86	
2, Clanton church .....	2 00	
4, State Sunday School Convention .....	20 55	
8, T. W. Walker, per T. L. Jordan .....	5 00	
12, Smart Taylor, Montgomery .....	2 00	
15, W. M. S., Tuscumbia 1.00; S. S. Con., Tuscumbia 8.12 ..	9 12	
15, Muscle Shoals Ass'n 7.02; Decatur church 55c .....	7 52	
15, J. W. Waters 2.00; Mt. Giliard church, Benton 2.00 .....	4 00	
30, Snow Creek church, Greensport .....	1 18	
31, Collection R. S. Convention, Talladega .....	5 21	
Total .....	56 63	21 85
Balance .....	34 78	
September, 1894.		
7, Dadeville, Talladega .....	5 00	
7, Wilhite 15.00; Dr. Dinkins 99.50; Stamps 91c .....	115 J1	
6, Anniston, Calhoun and return .....	7 49	
21, Speignor and return .....	3 24	
21, Rushing Springs Ass'n 8.00; I. M. Pollard 1.00 .....	9 00	
21, Auburn Association 12.14; Collection 1.03 .....	13 17	
7, Snow Creek Ass'n 5.05; Col. Ala. Dis. S. S. Con., 7.00 ..	12 05	
7, Donation Ala. Dis. S. S. Convention .....	25 00	
7, Smart Taylor, Montgomery 1.00; C P Jones, Selma 2.50 ..	3 50	
7, Tabernacle church, Montgomery .....	50	
13, Snow Creek S. S. Convention .....	4 00	
18, Free Mission Ass'n 9.90; Autauga Association 10.00 .....	19 90	
26, Selma and return .....	4 12	
Total .....	87 12	135 26
Balance .....	48 14	
October, 1894.		
6, Ebenezer 1.00; Ebenexer collection 5.02 .....	6 02	
12, Spring Hill Ass'n 5.00; Eufaula ch. 3.00; Eufaula S S 2.50 ..	10 50	
12, W. M. S. 2.50; Bibb Co. S. S. Convention 10.01 .....	12 51	
18, Shelby Ass'n 10.00; Calhoun S. S. 1.50 .....	11 50	
20, Ala. Dis. Ass'n collection 4.52; Ala. Dis. Ass'n 116.25 ..	120 72	
21, Mt. Moriah church and Mt. Hilliary .....	10 65	
21, Lily church, Gordonville .....	1 25	
24, L. W. Calloway, for Association, Lafayette .....	1 50	
24, Ozark and Troy Ass'n 10.00; J. C. Green 1.00 .....	11 00	
26, East Ala. Ass'n 3.40; Peter Span 25c .....	3 65	
35, Antioch Dis. Ass'n 49.80; Eufaula Ass'n 86.10 .....	135 80	
31, C. L. Fisher, Selma .....	47 00	
5, Notasulga and return 5.53; Ft. Deposit and return 5.92 ..	11 42	
12, Eufaula and return 11.27; Postage 75c .....	13 02	
12, Dr. C. S. Dinkins 35 00; To Abbeville and return 11.28 ..	46 28	
12, To J. Q. A. Wilhite 86.00; To C. L. Fisher 47.00 .....	133 00	
12, To Thomas Kane & Company 20.00; Printing 1.50 .....	21 50	
Total October .....	363 15	224 55
November, 1894.		
5, Mt. Neba ch. 3.00; New Cahaba Association 10.00 .....	13 00	
9, Lily Star Ass'n 1.00; B. Y. U. Montgomery 1.71 .....	2 71	
12, J W Waters, Birmingham 5.00; W M S Birmingham 15.00 ..	15 00	
12, Mt. Pilgrim, Association .....	24 95	
12, To Harrel's and return 4.10; cards 60c; stamps 10.00 .....	14 70	
6, To Selma and return .....	4 83	
July 20, To Rev. L. M. Luke, F. M. .....	5 00	
Nov 5, Blount Springs and return .....	2 10	
5, Will's Creek Ass'n 2.10; Thos. Kane & Co. 20.00 .....	22 10	
1, Times Publishing Company .....	1 50	

17, Mt Pilgrim S S Con 4.00; B F Sanders & Son, Selma 50c	4 50	
20, Florena Kirsy 50c; J F Taylor 25c; Thos Kirsey 50c	1 25	
20, Georgia Patterson 50c; East Dallas 5.00	5 50	
20, D L Printea 1.00; Mt Canaan ch., Talladega 2.00	3 00	
26, Rocky Mt ch, 4.00; Rev S A Rivers 2.00	6 00	
26, Rev M Cunningham 50c; Rev D Savage 1.00	1 50	
20, Spring Rill Ass'n 20.00; Columbus St church 5.00	25 00	
22, Rev R Z Deyampert 2.50; B Y P U Birmingham 1.00	3 50	
22, Mrs. Emma Shaw	1 00	
22, To Anniston and return 2.47; Balance on printing 6.50		8 97
22, Door money	49 50	
22, Balance on note in bank		21 75
22, Balance on Agent's salary		25 13
Total, November	156 05	
Total Expense		110 70
Balance, November	45 35	
Total for the year	1166 65	
Due credit for same		1166 65

W. R. PETTIFORD,  
Fin. and Cor. Sec'y.

#### REPORT OF REV. C.L. PURCE, D. D., GENERAL MISRIONARY.

To the State Mission Board and read before the Convention:—Dear Brethren—Since I was appointed in January, I tried to do all in my power to stir the state upon the subject of missions. I worked wherever I could to instill into the minds of the people the broadness of the great commission. I tried to show them that it was necessary for them to try to help all people, white and black, that the commission knew no limit, neither should we restrict our missionary work simply to our people, but rather while we try to help our own, we would also try to help, carry, and send the gospel to other races too. The work was quite a pleasure to me, and had I not been called do accept the educational work in Kentucky I feel that my success would have been much greater than my report will show. The field is large, in fact too large for one man. It is large enough to support four good men. Pay due attention to Missions, and your Educational work will not suffer. As I leave you, it is with warm, and tender love for all my Alabama friend, God bless you. The following tables are my Statistical, and Financial Reports:

##### STATISTICAL REPORT.

The following are the statistics for my nine months work as general missionary, from January, 1st 1894, to October 1st. 1894:

Visited 59 churches; attended 2 Associations; attended 6 other public meetings; spent 37 weeks in service; preached 63 sermons; delivered 132 addresses; attended 51 prayer meetings; made 190 religious vitsts; Distributed 6,850 pages of tracts; gave Lord's Supper 2 times; collected \$344-07; spent for traveling expense \$102 43, postage \$11 80, stationery \$1 75; traveled 2,923 miles; wrote 590 letters.

##### FINANCIAL REPORT.

January, 1894.

##### Receipts.

22 Mr J A Martin 10c, Faunsdale Bap ch 40c, Hattie L Prince 10c	\$ 60
24 Marion Bap ch, Rev S B Bacote 76c, Salem Bap ch Greensb'o 60c	1 36
20 Eutaw Bap ch, Lecture 4.05, Mt Olive Bap ch, Rev I Dawson 5.05	9 10



*Statistical Table of Colored Baptists of Alabama for 1893-1894—R. T. Pollard, Statistical Secretary,  
Montgomery, Alabama.*

ASSOCIATIONS.	MODERATORS.	MODERATOR'S P. O.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S P. O.	Churches.....	Increased.				Decreased.				Total Members	Total Money...
						By Baptism.	By Letter	By Resto- ration....	By Dismiss- sion....	By Exclu- sion....	Deaths.....				
Alabama District .....	M. Tyler, D. D .....	Lowndesboro.....	Rev. R. T. Payne.	Calhoun,	84	98	271	327	98	394	147	12870	\$212 00		
Auburn .....	Rev. I. M. Pollard	Loachapoka.	W. Y. Reed .....	Opelika,	45	258	57	86	24	125	70	6041	84 86		
Alabama Midland .....	Rev. A. J. Jones.....	Deatsville .....	Mr. Cooper .....	Verbena,	16	115	19	26	22	48	16	1522	68 87		
Autauga County .....	" L. Brown.....	Epes Station .....	Rev. I. Dawson .....	Eutaw,	54	575	55	154	51	96	110	4398	160 04		
Bethlehem. ....	" H. Zimmerman	Clanron .....	A. T. Thomas .....	West Calera,	15							350	31 93		
Bibb County. ....	" C. L. Long .....	Bladen Springs .....	J. F. Parker .....	Coffeeville,	16	136	16	50	22	90	28	1462	51 35		
Bladen Springs .....	" F. A. Chapman	Flint Station .....	W. R. Hall .....	Bartonville,	19	114	29	29	11	59	11	665	25 99		
Blount Springs, Bethel	" L. D. Harris .....	Columbus, Ga. ....	M. B. Vaughan.	Crawford,	10	36	24	28	8	41	2	105	21 52		
Brownville .....	" I. A. Macky .....	Lafayette.....	Rev. I. Chisholm.	Lafayette,	14	215	15	41	31	103	22	2658	49 16		
Bowen East.....															
Canaan, Pickensville															
Central .....															
Col. Bethlehem.....	Rev. Jacob Williams...	Finchburg.....	A. R. Davidson .....	Carlisle,	34	379	35	118	57	124	51	3936	93 32		
Col. Bethel .....	" C. L. Yow .....	Bethel .....	H. W. Mitchell .....		28	349	101	114	68	105	20	2870	83 46		
Canaan Grove.....															
Dallas County .....	Rev. C. M. Robinson	Benton.....	Rev. L. T. Foster...	Selma,	20	160	33	96	18	141	29	2616	114 60		
East Dallas.....															
East Perry.....															
Evergreen.....	Rev. R. McCreary	Evergreen.....	A. R. Aarons .....		33	118	34	110	31	37	28	2153	52 04		
Eufaula.....	" J. Q. A. Wilhite	Selma.....	Rev. A. E. McCall.	Columbus, Ga. ,	75	713	125	193	178	232	86	8127	215 65		
East Alabama.....															
Ebenezer .....															
Early Rose .....															
Flint River .....															
Friendship, W. Union															
Free Mission .....															
Geneva .....															
Gilfield .....					12	81	8	52	7	50	12	1341			
Good Samaritan.....															
Hope Hill.....															
Kintibish .....															
Lebanon.....	Rev. J. C. Archibald...	Bridgeville .....	Rev. Jas Howard .....	Pickensville,	21	110	12	20	23	37	19	1646	43 10		
Lily Star .....	" T. M. Parker .....	Brierfield.....	J. M. Cleveland .....	Trio,	16	117	32	32	11	29	9	1178	47 25		
Mobile, Sunlight .....	" M. J. Thompson	Mobile.....	J. E. Hughes .....	Mobile,	27	142						2155			
Morning Star .....	" J. A. Baker .....	Pentonville .....	J. W. Swindall .....	Sykes' Mill,	20	77	7	17	14	21	11	1276	34 83		
Mt. Pleasant .....	" M. D. Agee .....	Dayton.....	Rev. I. S. Thompson	Dayton,											
Mont'ry, Antioch Dist.	" R. T. Pollard .....	Montgomery .....	" J. C. Curry .....	Ft. Deposit,											
Muscle Shoals.....															
Mulberry .....															
Mt. Pilgrim .....	Rev. T. M. Walker .....	Birmingham .....	D. D. Hawkins .....	East Lake,	54							5451	149 79		
Mud Creek .....															
New Antioch, Bethel	Rev. J. C. Crawford .....	Tuskaloosa .....	W. P. Cook, .....	Tuskaloosa,	26	118	4	91	6	130	31	1919	114 98		
New Cahaba.....	" J. H. Eason .....	Selma .....	J. H. Stokes, .....	Hamburg,	12	99	6	39	4	65	13	1407	78 88		
Pine Grove.....	" E. Thornton .....	Union Springs .....	F. L. Dodd, .....	Union Springs,	20	187	27	47		166	18	2170			
New Star .....															
Needham Creek .....															
Ozark .....															
Perote .....															
Pike County .....	Rev. W. M. Mullen .....		D. B. Prior, .....	Froy,	10	157	27	19	9	19	15	1173	50 17		
New Pine Grove .....	" A. Martin .....	Union Springs .....	W. Q. Bean, .....	Linwood,	12	107	41	23	13	23	11	1255	68 51		
Rushing Spring .....															
Salem .....	Rev. E. A. Smith.....	Jones' Switch .....	A. R. Smith, .....	Jones' Switch.	13	108	29	11	12	20	6	1462	21 15		
Sandy Ridge.....	" J. H. Mixon .....		T. H. Smith, .....		13	50	10	49	11	43	9	1091	42 37		
Shady Grove.....			Lydden Green, .....	Anniston,	30	322	91	118	38	164	51	2731	53 01		
Snow Creek .....	Rev. H. W. Whatley .....	White Plains .....													
Sea Coast & Good Will															
Southeast District .....															
Shelby Springs .....															
Spring Hill .....															
Star of Hope .....															
Second Mt. Pleasant	Rev. William Green...	Dayton .....	S. C. Carson, .....	Van Dorn,	12	70	13	42	10	56	29	1797	61 40		
Southeast Alabama .....	" H. J. Craddock.		D. Trawick, .....		18	110	50	43	65	62	18	1422			
Town Creek .....															
Troy .....															
Union.....															
Uniontown .....	Rev. William Madison	Greensboro.....	Rev. L. J. Green, .....	Elyton,	79	1090	357	403	164	396	176	15677	344 25		
Will's Creek .....															
William Dorsey .....															
					759	6987						85259			

The Secretary finds it very difficult to secure returns from some of the associations in the State. Some of the best associations with some of the strongest men of the denomination in Alabama are not reported. Brethren who are supposed to recognize the importance of making the proper report, will pass by a request unnoticed. There has stood in the Baptist Leader for the last two or more months a request that minutes of associations be sent to the Secretary; but to practically no purpose. If we could induce the clerks of associations to mail the Statistical Secretary minutes of the associations as soon as minutes are printed, great trouble and disadvantage would be avoided. Let them send minutes to Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma, Ala. The Secretary has found in Alabama 38 associations, 31 of which have been heard from. This leaves 7 not heard from. In the 31 heard from the Secretary found 85,259 members. Supposing that those 7 not heard from contain as many members as those 31 heard from, then we have in Alabama 170,518 members reported from the associations. This does not include members of many churches that do not belong to any association; neither does it include churches on the border of the State and belong to associations out of the State.



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**4. It is our Baptist Colporter Missionary Society.**—Our Missionary Colporters have visited 1,245,488 neglected families, or more families than there are in the five largest cities of our land together. They have baptized 24,349 persons and organized 1,085 Baptist churches.

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**8. It has a Missionary field of its own and peculiar to itself.**—It does not appoint pastors or maintain local churches. Its Missionary Colporters go from house to house visiting families and doing religious work among the destitute. Its Institutes are for organization, instruction, and the means of great blessings. Its aid to needy Sunday-schools, ministers, churches, and destitute and distant regions has been unceasing. It is the push and pioneer Society.

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**10. No work is more needed, more blessed, or more economical than that of this Society.**—Not one dollar of the donations of the churches or others is expended on salaries at the rooms. The masses of our population will never be reached without such work as Missionary Colporters going among the people and after the people. The great and only hope for souls and for States is the gospel of Christ in and among them.

Help this Society. Study its work and worth. Spread this knowledge among the churches and people and see to it that every church, every school, and every person contributes to help this Society. **It needs your help. It deserves it.**

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