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Constitution

OF THE

Alabama Colored Baptist 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 president is to preside at all meetings, sign all orders for Convention, and perform such other duties as are usually assigned to such officer. 2. The Vice-President is to preside in the absence of the President, and perform such other duties as would be performed by the President. 3. The Recording Secretary is to keep a correct record of all proceedings of the Convention, and to read all communications. 4. The Corresponding Secretary is to do all communications for the Convention, write and sign orders for the payment of money, and to provide reduced rates for persons attending the Convention.

ARTICLE VI—STATE MISSION BOARD

The 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 it 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 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.

Presidents and Secretaries of Alabama Colored Baptist State Convention.

From its Organization 1868 to the present, 1898.

PRESIDENTS.

- Rev. Nathan Asheby, Montgomery, 2 years, 1868-1869.
Rev. J. Washington Stephens, Montgomery, 1 year, 1870.
Rev. Prince Merrell, Tuscaloosa, 2 years, 1871-1872.
Rev. James Foster, Montgomery, 3 years, 1873-1875.
Rev. Mansfield Tyler, D. D., Lowndesboro, 11 years, 1876-1886.
Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D., Birmingham, 5 years, 1887-1891.
Rev. C. S. Dinkins, D. D., Selma, 1 year, 1892.
Rev. J. P. Barton, Talladega, 4 years, 1893-1896.
Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Birmingham, 2 years, 1897-1898.

SECRETARIES.

- Rev. Holland Thompson, Montgomery, 5 years, 1868-1872.
Rev. J. Washington Stephens, Montgomery, 3 years, 1873-1875.
Rev. George Casby, Montgomery, 3 years, 1876-1878.
Prof. N. R. Nickerson, Marion, 8 years, 1879-1886.
Rev. R. T. Pollard, A. B., Montgomery, 10 years, 1887-1896.
Prof. R. B. Hudson, A. B., Selma, 2 years, 1897-1898.

In Memory of

• Rev. Iverson Dawson, Eutaw Ala.

Rev. K. D. Palmer, Snow Hill Ala.

Rev. J. A. Simmons, Anniston, Ala.



"Servants of God well done;

Rest from thy loved employ;

The battle fought, the victory won,

Enter thy Master's joy."

—*James Montgomery.*

PROCEEDINGS.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov., 23, 1898.—The 31st Annual Session of the Alabama Colored Baptist State Convention assembled, according to appointment, in the African Baptist Church, Rev. E. B. Young, pastor. Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, president, called the Convention to order, and said, on account of a marriage to take place in the building, the Convention will be somewhat delayed in beginning its work. The marriage having occurred, Pres. Wilhite announced that according to program as submitted by committee, Rev. Wm. Madison, of Uniontown, would conduct the devotional exercises. The Convention sang, being led by Rev. Madison, "Am I a soldier of the Cross." Rev. J. A. Martin offered prayer. Rev. Madison used as a Scripture lesson, John 15, 1-17 taking "Abiding in love" as the central thought. "All hail the power of Jesus' Name" was sung. A number of short prayers were offered by Prof. T. H. Posey, Revs. Newman, Peel, Williams and Carter. Song "Come Holy Spirit." Prayer by Rev. L. Brown. By motion of Rev. McEwen the program as prepared and submitted by the committee be adopted, by allowing changes inserted where needed.

Rev. Wm. Madison introduced President J. Q. A. Wilhite, who delivered the annual address.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION.

Ladies and gentlemen:—Again, by the providence of our all wise God, we have been brought together in another annual meeting of our Convention. I suppose this session has been looked forward to with more anxiety than any session in our history; our conflicts have been many, our difficulties innumerable, yet out of all the Lord has brought us safe thus far. I cannot be too urgent in trying to impress upon you the importance of this meeting. We are moving in a critical age, living in an age with men who are full of ambition yet such a condition would not create fear and uneasiness in our Christian Ranks if it was Godly ambition, but alas it is that which only supports personal notoriety; yet, with all the trials and conflicts, I congratulate myself upon having the honor of addressing this, the one Alabama Baptist

State Convention of Colored Baptists, representing as you do the bone and sinew of the Colored Baptists of Alabama, I assure you that such a privilege is a source of great pleasure. I desire to express to one and all my hearty gratitude for the uniform courtesy and support you have given me this year; there may have appeared on the surface at times differences of opinion as to the best thing to do in carrying on and caring for the object of the Conventional Work, but how could it have been otherwise, with such an army of leaders as we have, all endeavoring to put forth the very best plans for the advancement of our work? Yet my brethren it matters not how much we may have differed in the past, we must unite ourselves as one grand army, composing one hundred and eighty-six thousand souls with our colors flying bearing the inscription: "UNITED FOR RIGHT and ALABAMA BAPTIST COLORED UNIVERSITY BRETHREN." With profound gratitude, I greet you as Soldiers of the Cross, coming from the four quarters of this grand old state to participate in our Convention. Comparing the past with the present, we can recognize the faces of only a few of the battle scarred soldiers who were founders and faithful supporters of our work. Time has sent them into eternity but they did not go alone. We miss familiar faces of stalwart young soldiers as well, but amid all. God has indeed blessed us since the day of our freedom. Contrast our condition today with that of our parents. Instead of ignorance and heathenism we enjoy educational benefits and religious teachings, yet as we review the past and realize what we could have done, the self-evident fact stares us in the face, we have been negligent, have failed to do our duty to ourselves, our children and to God; as leaders we have not experienced smooth cooperation, hence the objects fostered by the Convention and the different boards have, to a certain extent, been neglected. I refer particularly to the Missions, both Home and Foreign and our Educational work.

I recommend and ask that we institute a system by which we can have a monthly or quarterly income for the work. I favor a financial basis in our Convention and urge you to put such plan into effect just as early as possible. How may we expect to comply with the objects of the Convention without such? We boast of 180,000 members, therefore, we should easily raise ten or twenty thousand dollars annually for our work.

I invite your undivided attention to OUR MISSION FIELD. I refer to Alabama. Let some plan be put into operation the effects of which will be felt in the hearts of men and women in each of the sixty-six counties of our state; we have much to accomplish by winning the support of many who have not learned of the efforts of our hands and prayer of our hearts. We compliment ourselves but we are behind, we have the material but it is of no benefit, so long as it is

not properly shaped, formed, put together that some benefit may be received.

Regarding our Educational Work we are making scarcely any progress. We boast of our numerical strength but such a boast only condemns us because we have no comparative results of our strength. Compare our Educational Resources with those of other denominations and we fall short of the standard: how many schools have we—how many in first-class condition for the accommodation of our sons and daughters—how many teachers receive first-class salaries? The future awaits our coming, the present demands our support; thousands of boys and girls, our children, uneducated stand an easy prey for other denominations; do we mean to relinquish our strength, then let us give up in the struggle, let other religious institutions educate our children and though they cannot be severed from us by the relation as child and parent their support their lives will be made useful in the support of other denominations. What is the remedy for such a deplorable state of affairs? We have plenty space at the University at Selma to erect buildings enough to accommodate all who need training; we are in a great measure responsible for the future condition of our children. If we do not show our love for education, our interest for our children's future, the preservation of our denomination, why then, our situation is deplorable, our doom sealed. Are we to meet such a fate, will not our pride force us to make rapid strides to change the current which is bearing down upon us? Long speeches will not do so, resolutions are non-effective, pledges serve as momentary excuses; what then is to be done? With the aid of money the hinderances can be abolished, our present brick building at Selma, completed and new buildings erected there or at some other place. Seeing our very pressing and important needs, I urgently recommend that some tangible plans be started during this session that will be the means of accomplishing our purpose.

Of the negro it has been said that to hide something of importance from him, print it in a newspaper, but of its truthfulness, I cherish some doubt, however. If we desire to eradicate such ideas let us have among us a strong, stable newspaper which will wield an influence for good among our people, and its doctrines serve as sermons to all. If we are to let others know of our progress, if we are to know of our progress, we must have a first-class printing establishment.

In conclusion I desire to express to you that upon me there rests very seriously the importance of being united, indeed, it is necessary that our forces be combined. Rome was a great city until her people divided. As the rise and fall of any nation is the result of union and division so may the same be said of us as a denomination. If we are upon the brink of a fatal fall it can only be averted by our personal

differences, by annihilating the feeling of "I can't you shan't" and regard more seriously the good to be accomplished. Therefore, let us exert the influence that will result in something beneficial regardless of its source, whether from the home, school room, press or pulpit, for without such an influence from such a source we are without hope.

May the spirit of unity peace and harmony reign supreme among us. Let us show by our conduct that we are followers of Jesus Christ. By doing so, each of us as true soldiers can sing,

From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle and fight and pray
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well fought day.

The address was full of good thoughts and recommendations and was well received. By motion the address was adopted as the sentiments of the Convention and referred to a committee on digest of papers. The president announced the following as committee on enrollment: Associations, Rev. A. N. McEwen; Churches, Bro. Jno. C. Leftwich; Sunday Schools, Societies &c. Prof. E. W. Knight; Life and Annual Members, Rev. W. S. Stratman.

The Convention deeming it best to take the money as the list of enrollment is made, the president named as finance committee: Revs. L. P. Foster, J. A. Martin, L. Brown, J. H. Washington and S. L. Belsar. The New Hope church being recently organized, expressed its appreciation of the work by giving \$1.00, hoping another year to regularly represent.

The following is the enrollment made:

ASSOCIATIONS:

Ala. District, Lowndesboro—Rev. Tyler, D. D.
Snow Creek, Anniston—Rev. W. M. Munds.
Mt. Calvary, Coaling—Rev. S. J. Taylor.
Shelby Springs, Talladega—Rev. G. R. Nash.
Town Creek, Fort Davis—Rev. M. Ellington.
Mt. Hermon, York Station—Rev. E. Grant.
Dallas County, Gees Bend—Rev. D. Boyd.
1st Mt. Pleasant, Dayton—Rev. E. W. Shields.
2nd Mt. Pleasant, Dayton—Rev. Wm. Green.
Rushing Springs, Anniston—Rev. A. A. Battle, Anniston,
Deacon E. J. French, Talladega.
Mobile Sunlight, Mobile—Rev. J. L. Frazier.
Bethlehem, Epes Station—Rev. L. Brown.
Auburn, Opelika—Rev. I. T. Simpson.

Uniontown, Uniontown—Rev. Wm. Madison.
 Hope Hill, Old Spring Hill—Rev. M. H. Gilbert.
 Mt. Pilgrim, Birmingham—Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.
 Star of Hope, River Ridge—Rev. J. E. Blackman.
 Canaan Pickensville, Carrolton—Rev. J. W. T. Cunningham.

Free Mission, Singleton—Rev. David Small.
 Friendship Western Union, Heflin—Rev. J. D. Auston.
 East Ala. Union, LaFayette—Rev. C. J. Davis.
 Bowen East, LaFayette—Rev. C. J. Davis.
 Bladen Springs, Bladen Springs—Rev. C. L. Davis.
 Antioch, Montgomery—Rev. E. D. Jones, and Rev. S. Jones.

Geneva Geneva—Rev. A. D. Smith.
 Old Pine Grove, Abbeville—Rev. C. H. Thornton.
 Mulberry, Elba—Rev. C. P. Larkins.
 New Cahaba, Anniston—Rev. J. H. Eason.
 East Perry, Sprotts—Rev. J. A. Jemison.
 Evergreen, Herbert—Rev. R. McCreay.
 Bibb County, Aldrich—Rev. J. S. Prentice.
 Autauga, Deatsville—Rev. A. J. Jones.
 Eufaula P. O., Eufaula—Revs. J. D. Maddox, P. J. Johnson, R. T. Schell.

Lebanon, Bridgeville—Rev. J. C. Archibald.
 New Antioch Bethlehem, Tuscaloosa—Revs. W. P. Cook, J. A. Alston.

Kintibish, Gaston—Rev. G. W. Woodward.
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 Ala. Middle, Montgomery—Rev. A. J. Knight.
 Colored Bethlehem, Barlow Bend—Rev. Geo. Washington.

Morning Star, Wetumpka—Rev. A. L. Swindall.
 Perote
 Early Rose, Dadeville—J. M. Ferrell.

CHURCHES:

Friendship, Gadsden—Rev. J. P. O'Ryley.
 Peace Baptist, Talladega—Rev. J. P. Barton.
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 Hopewell, Marion—Rev. W. H. Reddick.
 Springfield, Sawyerville—Rev. W. H. Reddick.

- Bethlehem, Johns—Rev. W. C. Owens.
 Mt. Zion, Anniston—Rev. A. A. Battle.
 Mt. Olive, Tuskegee—Rev. A. W. DeYampert.
 Ebenezer, Auburn—Rev. I. T. Simpson and F. I. Holmes.
 Mt. Moriah, Charity—Rev. L. P. Foster.
 Hebron, Uniontown—Rev. J. A. Martin.
 African, Tuscaloosa—Rev. E. B. Young.
 Mt. Canaan, Talladega—Rev. J. W. Goodgame.
 16th Street, Birmingham—Revs. C. L. Fisher, B. D., W. R. Pettiford, D. D., J. Leach, Bros. A. Lennard, C. Carter, S. Mayfield.
 Healing Springs, Birmingham—Rev. S. L. Belser.
 Sardis, Ishkooda—Rev. V. B. James.
 1st Baptist Uniontown, Uniontown—Rev. Wm. Madison, R. A. Denby, D. D. Lacy.
 6 Avenue, Birmingham—Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite, P. Costom.
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 Central Massillon—Rev. A. W. Ragland.
 Macedonia Ft. Deposit—Rev. L. W. Calloway.
 1st Baptist, Newberne—Rev. G. Frost.
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 New Asiary, Coaling—Rev. D. Barnes.
 Green Leaf, Scotts—Rev. W. H. Huckabee.
 Ramah, Calhoun—Rev. E. E. Edwards.
 Mt. Calvary, Uniontown—Rev. Wm. Madison, Jr.
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 Sardis, Birmingham—Prof. I. L. Dismukes.
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 New Friendship, Anniston—Rev. F. R. Kennedy.
 Eagle Grove, Marion—Rev. A. W. Ragland.
 Mt. Calvary, Irondale—Rev. J. E. A. Wilson.
 Perryville, Perryville—Rev. R. Z. DeYampert.
 New Shiloh, Selma—Rev. R. Z. DeYampert.
 New Hope, Brighton—Rev. J. T. Washington and Prof.
 T. H. Posey.
 Mt. Hebron, Thomas—Rev. A. A. Scott.
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 Gallilee, Anniston—Rev. J. H. Eason, B. D.
 Pilgrim, Matthew Station—Rev. M. E. Pleasant.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS, S. S. CONVENTIONS, SOCIETIES &C.

Ladies' Missionary Society, Dexter Avenue Baptist
 Church, Montgomery.
 B. Y. P. U. Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Mont-
 gomery.
 Women's Missionary Society, African Baptist Church,
 Tuscaloosa—Mrs. S. H. Koyton, Mrs. Mary J.
 Wood, Miss Bell Devall.
 Ala. Baptist State S. S. Convention, by letter.
 Tabernacle S. S., Selma—Profs. R. B. Hudson, E. W.
 Knight.
 Sardis S. S., Ishkooda—Rev. G. A. Williams.
 Ladies' Missionary Society, New Friendship, Anniston,
 Mrs. F. R. Kennedy.
 Women's Missionary Society, Demopolis.
 Women's Willing Workers, African Baptist Church,
 Tuscaloosa.

So much time having been taken in making the en-
 rollment and taking the donations and Rev. J. C. Curry
 who was to preach at night being absent, it was decided,

by motion, that the Introductory Sermon by Dr. W. H. McAlpine be preached at night instead of at 11 as provided on program.

The president announced permanent organization in order. On motion of Bro. Leftwich the following officers were unanimously elected for another year President Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, Birmingham; Vice President Rev. J. P. Barton, Talladega; Recording Secretary R. B. Hudson, Selma; Corresponding Secretary Rev. A. A. Battle, Anniston; Treasurer Rev. I. T. Simpson, Opelika. Rev. Pollard in a very appropriate and humorous speech installed the officers; Revs. Wilhite and Barton responded in behalf of officers. Rev. A. N. McEwen spoke in a forcible and serious manner of the dissatisfaction of some brethren in the state, to the extent, to cause a proposed split of the Convention, stating that the Convention should appoint a judicious committee to try and adjust all dissatisfactions, if they could be, on fair and equitable grounds. On motion of Rev. Davis the following brethren were appointed by President Wilhite as the committee: Rev. A. N. McEwen, Dr. W. H. McAlpine, Revs. J. P. Barton, L. Brown, R. T. Pollard, J. A. Peel and Dr. W. R. Pettiford. Rev. C. L. Fisher offered a touching prayer that the Holy Spirit may lead the committee in its deliberation. "Blest be the tie that binds." Benediction by President Wilhite.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 4.15 o'clock. President Wilhite called the meeting to order and requested Rev. A. A. Battle to conduct the devotions, which he did by reading Isa. 33:1-10. Prayers were offered by: Revs. James, Auston, Battle and Munds. Prof. T. H. Posey read a paper on "Work of the B. Y. P. U. movement in Ala." The paper was discussed by Revs. Battle, Fisher and Dr. Tyler. President Wilhite announced the following committees:

ALABAMA BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

Revs. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., Wm. Madison, J. W. Goodgame, V. B. James, E. W. Shields, T. J. Flood.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Prof. E. W. Knight, Rev. F. R. Kennedy, Mrs. Mary J. Wood, Revs. G. A. Williams, J. Leach.

DIVINE SERVICE.

Revs. E. B. Young, R. McCreay, A. J. Jones, R. T. Schell, W. H. Reddick.

OBITUARIES.

Bro. Jno. C. Leftwich. Revs. J. W. T. Cunningham, M. H. Gilbert, J. S. Prentice, C. H. Thornton, J. D. Maddox, J. E. A. Wilson, W. T. Bibb.

RESOLUTIONS.

Revs. C. L. Fisher, J. L. Frazier, A. A. Scott, I. T. Simpson, J. E. Blackman, C. L. Davis, T. B. Goldsby.

TIME AND PLACE.

Revs. W. T. Coleman, D. Boyd, W. C. Crawford, Bro. D. D. Hawkins, Rev. Wm. Green, Y. R. White.

NEW BODIES.

Revs. L. W. Calloway, E. J. French, Revs. M. Ellington, A. W. Ragland, N. P. Anderson, B. R. Ross

HOME MISSIONS.

Revs. D. M. Coleman, E. Grant, W. C. Owens, C. J. Davis, S. J. Taylor, Wm. Munds, G. R. Nash.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Revs. R. T. Pollard, A. B., J. P. O'Ryley, D. T. Gulley, P. E. Costom.

BAPTIST LEADER.

Revs. W. S. Stratman, P. Cottrell, L. D. James, R. Z. DeYampert, G. Frost, J. B. S. Boatwright.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Revs. P. S. L. Hutchins, A. B., E. Moore, S. Jones Dr. M. Tyler, Deas. D. T. Shields, S. C. Carter.

By motion of W. T. Coleman, Prof. R. B. Hudson was added to the committee appointed in the last session to memorialize the legislature to change the name of the University. "Brightly beams our Father's mercies" was sung. Prayer by Rev. S. M. Fisher. Benediction by Rev. A. W. Ragland.

EVENING SESSION.

Rev. J. P. Barton, vice-president, called the meeting to order before the time appointed to re-assemble, and asked for the report of special committee appointed to confer with the aggrieved brethren. The report was read by Rev. R. T. Pollard. On motion the report be adopted by sections. By motion the part referring to Rev. T. W. Walker be adopted. The report, providing for meeting of the committee in Birmingham to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the aggrieved brethren. on motion it was decided to ask the same committee to serve. On motion Rev. Wm. Madison was inserted in place of Dr. Pettiford as a member of the committee. Rev. Foster gave notice that he would call up on Thursday certain features of the committee's report. The time having arrived for the welcome address, President Wilhite in a few well chosen words introduced Rev. L. O. Dawson, pastor white Baptist Church, who delivered the welcome address. Music by the choir—How firm a foundation. Rev. R. T. Schell responded out to the welcome address. Music by the choir—"Our God is able to deliver."

President Wilhite introduced Dr. McAlpine who was to preach the Introductory Sermon. Dr. McAlpine invited Fathers David Small and M. Tyler to the pulpit. "Praise God from whom all blessing flow" was sung while these fathers were coming to the rostrum. Dr. McAlpine read John 17 chapter as the Scripture lesson. Dr. M. Tyler led in prayer. The congregation led by the choir sang, Blest be the tie that binds." Dr. McAlpine said before taking his text he would like to give the Convention a bit of history. "Twenty-five years ago we met in this city in Convention. On account of the unfinished condition of this building the Convention had to meet in the Zion M. E. Church. At that time only \$5.00 were in our treasury and our Convention was in a critical condition. The White Baptist Convention was in session here at the same time. It was in our Convention at that time that plans were laid for our Educational Work."

Dr. McAlpine took as his text, Psalm 133:1, Jno. 18:21, Eph. 4:3, Romans 16:17. In taking this text he said; "I advise our young preachers not to do as I am

doing unless they are very familiar with the scriptures." His subject was "Unity of God's People." He considered the principles by which unity is secured." In discussing this he took selfishness as one of the hindrances. He divided his text into the following heads:

1. Love—one of the elements of Unity.
2. One standard to govern our actions. The standard I present is the blessed book of God.
3. Careful study of our peculiar form of government as revealed in the scriptures.
4. Oneness of aim and object. The sermon was forcibly delivered and had many hearty amens throughout its delivery. All were well pleased and Dr. McAlpine but maintained his former record as one of the leading preachers, in the Convention. Prayer by Rev. B. Small. Collection \$5.06. Adjourned.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov., 24, 1898.

Rev. Pollard called the Convention to order at 9:15 o'clock. Rev. E. E. Edward being absent, Prof. T. H. Posey was asked to conduct the devotionals. Bro. Posey read 100 Psalm—Song "I am thine O Lord." The conductor asked the brethren to take part as moved by the spirit, in song, expressions, scripture quotation or prayer. Many brethren took part.

Rev. R. T. Pollard, acting as president, ordered Secretary to read Minutes of previous day which was done—the same being approved. On motion of Bro. J. C. Leftwich the name of Dr. Pettiford was added to the special committee on grievances which meets in Birmingham December 6. The order of the day being called for, Dr. L. L. Burwell read the Board's report and Dr. C. S. Dinkins the President's report. The reports were enthusiastically received by the Convention. The hour having arrived for preaching of Thanksgiving sermon, Rev. A. N. McEwen came forward and was assisted in the devotions by Dr. C. S. Dinkins. Music—Anthem by the choir.

Dr. Dinkins read 148 Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins. Music—"Praise the Lord O my soul." President Wilhite introduced Rev. McEwen to the Convention who said among other things:

Brethren of the Convention and friends—I am glad to meet you on this occasion. Today is our National Thanksgiving Day and the grateful people of the whole country with children in their several places of worship turn their hearts to a Gracious God for mercies shown them in the past. I have selected the 3rd, 4th and 5th verses of the 30 Psalm as a text for our discourse. "O Lord thou hast brought up my soul from the grave; thou hast kept me alive that I should not go down to the pit. Sing unto the Lord O ye saints of his and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness. For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favor is life; weeping may endure for a night but joy cometh in the morning."

Theme: A Thankful Disposition. These are expressions of David when he had recovered from a severe attack of sickness. It is said that David had caused the children of Israel to be numbered against the command of God and that for that sin God had offered him and his people the choice between these evils: as recorded in II Samuel 24:13 viz: a famine, to be chased three months before the enemy, or three days' pestilence.

From David we learn these truths:

- 1st. That God will punish sin wherever found in saint or sinner.
- 2nd. That our sins will bring upon us even in this life affliction, poverty, disgrace and shame.
- 3rd. That sins will find us out and that what we sow we shall reap.
- 4th. That God's object in punishing sin is to save the soul and that all are to be made perfect through suffering.
- 5th. By experience, we all have learned that it pays to live Godly lives and it blesses in this life as well as in the life to come.

Many of the joys of this life have been cut short and we can never enjoy them because of our sins. David's thanksgiving came from a heart that could see God's goodness even in affliction.

The first thought in the text, God had kept alive so that the son had not gone down to the pit. For this the Psalmist wanted all the saints of the Lord to join him in singing and giving thanks unto the Lord.

Second: He wanted them to think of God's goodness and so should we as a race—think of God's dealings and that will nerve us for the future.

God never fails in goodness nor in power and the man or nation that holds on to God's promises shall not be disappointed. As a race and denomination we have much to thank God for. Whatever may be said about the race problem we must ever remember that God yet rules and that much of our trouble in this country is the result of our own sins; for God declares that when we obey him He will make our enemies to be at peace with us. Weeping may last a night but joy will

come in the morning. Blessed is that man that does not despair. Hope is the anchor that binds the christian to God. Cut the chord and the christian begins to drift in the waves of despair. Joy cometh in the morning. This life is compared to a night of sorrow, the next to a morning of joy. We are groping in the night waiting for the morning—Watchman, what of the night?

The sermon was enjoyed by all. "Come Holy Spirit" was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. A. Scott. A collection of \$33.30 was raised for the University. "Praise God." Benediction by Rev. R. T. Pollard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 3:45 o'clock with Vice President Barton, presiding. Devotional services were led by Bro. J. D. Auston, who read 112 Psalm. After which "In all my Lord's appointed way" was sung, and prayer was offered by Rev. S. L. Ross. Singing. Rev. G. Houston led in prayer. The Convention resumed the consideration of the report of the Board of Trustees of Selma University. On motion the report as submitted be adopted. Pending the adoption of the report some questions were asked as to the power of the Trustees in electing teachers, dismissing them, and to what extent does the H. M. S. control the University. Dr. Dinkins answered the questions. A general discussion of the Board's power was engaged in, in which the following brethren took part: Bro. J. C. Leftwich, J. H. Eason, R. T. Pollard, Dr. C. S. Dinkins, A. N. McEwen, T. W. Walker and others. The report was adopted. By motion of Rev. L. W. Calloway it was decided to fill vacancies on Board of Trustees. On motion Rev. D. M. Coleman was elected to fill vacancy caused by death of Rev. I. Dawson. On motion J. C. Leftwich was elected to fill place of one whose time expires. C. L. Fisher another. Pending the election of Rev. L. P. Foster to fill last place, a discussion arose as to the manner of electing the trustees; when upon motion of Rev. R. T. Pollard the entire election was reconsidered. On motion a committee was appointed to nominate three times as many names as trustees needed that the vacancies may be filled from that number.

Rev. T. J. Streeter of Columbus, Ga., was introduced and addressed the Convention. The President announced the following as committees:

ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

Rev. W. C. Bradford, S. M. Fisher, W. H. Holloway, W. H. Huckabee; E. E. Edwards, J. D. Auston.

ON NAMES OF TRUSTEES.

Dr. W. H. McAlpine, Wm. Munds, J. L. Frazier, Y. R. White, J. A. Peel, T. H. Posey, G. R. Nash, F. R. Kennedy.

By motion it was decided to have an Echo meeting on Foreign Mission Work on Friday at the hour designated for Rev. Hardy's paper and Rev. Hutchins speak at that time. Adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. E. Grant.

EVENING SESSION.

Eight o'clock having arrived, and neither President nor Vice President being present the Secretary called the meeting to order and requested Rev. Pollard to preside.

Music by the choir.

Rev. C. H. Champney of the Presbyterian Church was introduced.

Rev. W. C. Bradford read an excellent paper on "Inconsistency of Baptists in affiliation with Pedo-Baptists." Ere Rev. Bradford was through, the Convention had decided upon its peculiar mission as Baptists.

SYNOPSIS OF ADDRESS.

(BY WM. C. BRADFORD.)

THE INCONSISTENCY OF BAPTISTS, AFFILIATING WITH PEDO-BAPTISTS.

In the discussion of the subject I would have it understood that it is not the name Baptist, that distinguishes our denomination from other denominations; but our principles and practices as taught by New Testament, the Pedo-Baptists and many of the members of our own church being ignorant of same, cannot see the consistency of our position.

In answer to the question, "Why do you Baptists contend for certain principles" we would say that while the word *why* is oftentimes

very dangerous to handle, it is like a two edged sword; because, there are things the whyness of belongs to the providence of God, therefore for the whyness of our position we can only refer to word of God. For therein, we find sufficient reason for our faith and practices. In common with other evangelical churches, we believe in some of the principal doctrines of protestantism, such as: The Inspiration of Scriptures, the Atonement, Resurrection and Judgement, although we are not really protestants, from the fact, that Baptists and the faith for which they contend existed long before the beginning of the age of reformation or protestantism, therefore we regard affiliation inconsistent for the following reasons:

1. Difference in creed. The Pede-Baptists of human origin. Ours found only in word of God.—Ours Scriptural; others unscriptural and imperfect.

2. The difference of belief and practices of the doctrines of Baptism and Lord's supper. The Pede-Baptists allowing substitutes such as pouring, and sprinkling for Baptism, while Baptists contend for immersion as the only true Bible Baptism, the Pede-Baptists accepting infants and unbelievers as fit subjects for immersion, while Baptists only admit intelligent believers in Christ Jesus. The Pede-Baptists rejecting part of their so-called Baptized members from communion, while Baptists admits all of their members.

3. The difference of church governments. The Pede-Baptists being governed by men as the heads of the church; Baptists recognizing only one head, Jesus Christ.

The Pede-Baptist Ministry being an unbaptized ministry and have Lords and Masters as overseers and dictators; the Baptists, a Baptized and God sent ministry, having no Lords or Masters, save Christ himself, could not consistently recognize any ministry governed by man as being equally qualified for affiliation.

4. Because Baptists regard affiliation with others possible and consistent upon Bible grounds, and that unity and christian affiliation in bond of peace will never be, until all acknowledge and conform to "one Lord, one Faith and one Baptism."

At the hour indicated upon the program, the preacher, Rev. C. L. Fisher, pastor of the Sixteenth St. Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., ascended the stand and after the reading of the Scripture by Prof. W. T. Coleman of Selma, and prayer by R. DeTampert of Tuskegee, announced as his text Rom. 1:20. "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen being understood by the things which are made even his eternal power and Godhead." His theme was: God revealed in nature.

The following leading thoughts were urged:

I. What does nature teach concerning God?

1. That he is.
2. That he is powerful.
3. That he is eternal.
4. That he is wise.
5. That he is good.

II. Why should we study God from nature?

1. That we may be able to demonstrate the agreement between God's word and works.
2. That we may defeat the infidel upon his own grounds.
3. That we may see our inefficiency when compared with God's wisdom and power, and humble ourselves before him.

III. How should we study God from nature?

1. In the light of God's word.
2. By the assistance of christian teachers; hence the need of christian schools to train them. Here the preacher showed how God had committed the work of christian education to the churches, and how this work has its precedent fully set forth in scriptures. He made a strong appeal in behalf of the school at Selma, and our educational work generally. The following are a few extracts from the most striking passages of the sermon.

"As the light and heat from the blaze tell of the presence of the fire to warm and illumine or to burn and consume, so the rites and ceremonie of the temple, the burnt offerings, and peace offerings, and incense offerings for the sins of the people tell of the presence of a holy God to condemn and punish sin or to forgive sin and reclaim the sinner."

"As the colors of the rainbow stand out more prominently and are seen more clearly when the sun hides himself behind the clouds, so the divine attributes were thoroughly illustrated and clarified to mortal vision when God veiled himself in human flesh, and introduced himself to man as the incarnate son." And when refuting the theories of fate and chance accounting for their existing, these burning words escaped his lips: "O there is a first cause—An uncaused cause somewhere, who hung the stars in the sockets, ordered the planets in their marches around the sun, carpeted the earth green,

threw up the hills from her bowels, and cut a way for the waters of the mighty deep. In a word nature tells us that there is a being somewhere filling immensity,--- who brought light out of darkness, order out of chaos, and something out of nothing."

The sermon was scholarly and eloquent and well seasoned with the word of God. "When the Roll is called" was sung. Prayer by Dr. C. O. Boothe.

Dr. Dinkins made statement about Dr. Boothe's teaching in the University, stating that the Board needed \$700. with which to pay him and asking that the Convention consider how best to raise the amount.

By motion it was decided that money to be taken in collection be given to the Board to pay on Theological teacher's salary. It was decided that the hour designated on program for Sunday School Work be given Dr. Pettiford to discuss Baptist Academies &c.

Rev. W. H. Holliway spoke very entertainingly on "Old Folks and Orphan's Home." Rev. Walker spoke on same, after which a collection of \$3.16 was raised for it. The collection for the Theological Department was \$11.23. After the calling of some committees and making announcements, "Praise God" was sung. Benediction by Rev. C. L. Fisher.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov., 25, 1898.

The Convention assembled at 9:10 o'clock. Devotional services were conducted by Elder V. B. James, Birmingham. Bro. James led in singing, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' name" and read 19th Psalm, after which Rev. C. B. Larkins and J. L. Frazier offered prayer. The President, Rev. Wilhite ordered the Secretary to read the Minutes of previous day which were approved. President C. S. Dinkins asked that the rules be suspended so as to consider the work of Theological Department. It was agreed to suspend rules for this purpose. Rev. C. L. Fisher spoke of how the money might be systematically raised for the support of the teacher and therefore, moved that some one be appointed whose duty shall be to see after the raising of the money. The motion was discussed by Dr. Tyler, Dr. McAlpine, Revs. Coleman, Simpson, Davis and others. The motion was carried. On motion, Rev. C. L. Fisher was appointed

the one to collect the money. Subscriptions were then taken to the amount of \$554. See list. By motion it was decided that the payment of the money be made on 15th of each month. By special permission, Dr. Booth spoke on the work of the Department.

Bro. Add Wimbs asked permission to denounce the false impression which had been circulated the day before which was that the University was not owned and controlled by the Alabama Baptists. He wished to correct same by emphasizing what had been said before that the property belonged to the Alabama Baptists and was owned and controlled by them.

The State Mission Board made its report in the following order. Board's report by Rev. D. T. Gulley, Treasurer's report by Rev. C. J. Davis, Baptist Leader by Rev. J. H. Eason, and Missionary reports by Dr. W. R. Pettiford and Dr. C. O. Boothe. On motion of Bro. R. T. Pollard, the report as a whole be adopted. Pending the adoption of the report, Rev. T. W. Walker came forward and discussed it. By common consent Rev. McEwen read a set of resolutions which went to the committee on resolutions. The discussion of the report was resumed by the following brethren: Revs. R. T. Pollard, A. A. Battle, F. R. Kennedy, A. N. McEwen and Dr. C. O. Boothe. By motion of Rev. McEwen that part of the report, referring to appointing five missionaries be adopted. The following came forward and were introduced: Mr. Chee Chee-Chi, an African by birth, who has been educated in this country to return to his native country to do mission work, Bro. Jordan of the National Publishing Board, Rev. Perkins and Woodward of Kintibish Association. The Palos Sunday School sent 25 cents to the Convention, it not being able to represent. After some announcements, "Praise God" was sung. Benediction by Rev. W. Broaden.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President called the Convention to order at 3:45 o'clock and asked Rev. E. E. Moore to conduct the devotional exercises. "Oh for a Heart to Praise my God" was sung. Revs. Battle and Schell offered prayer. The discussion of the State Mission Board's report was resumed. Rev. DeYampert spoke on the Leader's report. Bro. J. T. Hamney, a blind man, addressed the

Convention and asked for a collection which was taken to the amount of \$2.07. Rev. Williams spoke on the Leader's report, being followed by Revs. Nash, Dr. McAlpine, A. N. McEwen, R. T. Pollard, Dr. Booth, A. Wimbbs, J. A. Martin, J. B. S. Beatwright, S. M. Fisher, J. H. Eason, and Dr. Pettiford. By motion the report of Baptist Leader be adopted a lien motion being offered and carried by which the report was referred to a special committee of three: Dr. C. O. Booth, Revs. J. E. Washington, and A. A. Battle. On motion the recommendation to give to the Baptist Leader \$50.00 be laid on table till special committee reports. By motion the part recommending the other seven members of State Mission Board was stricken from the report. By motion a committee was appointed to name the seven members needed for the board committee: Bro. J. C. Lestwich, W. T. Bibb, T. B. Goldsby, H. C. Crum, A. W. Ragland, J. D. Maddox, J. D. Auston, R. T. Schell, and J. S. Prentice. The report of State Mission was adopted excepting the Baptist Leader's report, which had already been referred. Rev. R. T. Pollard read an excellent paper on "Best Methods of Conducting Associational Work."

BEST METHOD OF CONDUCTING ASSOCIATIONAL WORK.

SYNOPSIS OF PAPER BY REV. R. T. POLLARD, A. B.

What is Associational Work? It is prosecuting the work of missions, education, and the collection of statistics.

I. The Mission Work of Associations.

1. This work can best be done in co-operation with and through the State Convention.

(1) The machinery of the work as I would suggest that it be done.

Let the Association in conference with the State General Missionary recommend the missionary for the bounds to the State Convention, which through its agency will make the appointment.

Now why should the Associations co-operate with and do their missionary work through the State Convention? The answer to the question lies in the following proposition: (a) The Associations, as a rule, are not able alone to support a missionary. Inquire into the plans for mission work in all our Associations and what is a fact? The missionary who is thus engaged has also two or more churches, or he teaches school or runs a farm, or perhaps does all these com-

combined. The reason for this is the Association is not able to engage his whole time. He gets poor pay and the work is equal to it. (b) Because co-operation after the method just suggested in this paper will give to the Association the benefit of the experience and tact of the General Missionary. (c) Co-operation will bring to the Associations as well as to the Convention greater fraternity and oneness of operation.

Let the Convention and the Association jointly support the Missionary, the Convention paying, say, one-third of salary and expenses and the Association the remainder, both bodies receiving a pro rata of the actual collections made by the Missionary.

3. Place of Missionary Work.

Institute work should be the most prominent feature. A good simple plan for institute work having been previously arranged would serve to accomplish much good. What our churches, church officers, and members now need most is practical instruction in work and methods.

Bible and colportage work should form another feature of missionary work. Such a work vigorously prosecuted would have telling effect upon the progress of the denomination.

Of course preaching will always constitute a feature in our Missionary Work.

II. Educational Work.

The work of fostering christian education is plainly the work of christian institutions, primarily the work of the church. The Association, except in a few instances should do its educational work through the State Conventions. Why?

1. Because the very make up of the Association renders it capable to do directly educational work. It is composed of delegates, many of whom cannot read. It is up to the State Convention which is composed greatly of pastors (the best of them at that) and intelligent laymen.

2. Because having the whole financial burden to bear, the Association finds itself unable to meet the demands. Hardly any Association that has made the attempt has been able to furnish teachers enough to meet the ordinary demands for teachers for a graded school.

Now, how should our educational work be regulated so that the suggestions I have offered could be carried out? Let there be three or four academies located at equally or nearly equally accessible points in the State, and let there be one college or university centrally located; all under the management of the State Convention of Alabama; the academies to do academic work only and the university to do the higher work. At the University there should be a good ministerial course also. This arrangement might not require more than three or four teachers to be in the University, but there would be

teachers at the academies doing just as good work, if not better, as is now being done in the same departments in the University.

III. Gathering Statistics.

In Alabama the gathering of statistics has not been satisfactory. In many instances the churches guess at their statistics which are reported to the Association. If the Associations could be induced to adopt a uniform schedule of statistics to be reported to the Associations, that step would greatly help the general interest of the denomination.

Rev. R. H. Boyd, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of National Publishing Board was introduced to the Convention.

Rev. W. R. Pettiford addressed the Convention on "Importance of systematizing the work of the University and Baptist Academies." His speech was in opposition to academic work being done in the academies in bounds of different associations. The money given to them injures financially. Selma University. Rev. A. A. Battle represented the Normal Institute in Anniston, which started out without one dollar but now owns property to the amount of \$7000. Rev. H. E. Levi represented the academy in North Alabama, Mrs. M. D. Duncan, the Demopolis Institute, Rev. J. F. Washington, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Academy, Rev. R. T. Schell, the Eufaula Baptist Academy and Rev. I. T. Simpson, the Opelika Baptist Academy. Rev. Dr. Booth read a resolution which was referred to committee on resolutions. The committee on recommending the seven members of the State Mission Board made its report which was adopted. See report. By motion it was decided that Rev. Dr. Boyd will speak on National Publishing Board and Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins on Foreign Mission Work immediately after preaching. The hour having arrived for preaching Rev. L. W. Calloway with Rev. I. T. Simpson and C. J. Davis ascended the rostrum preparatory for preaching.

The choir sang—"The Beautiful Golden Gate." Rev. I. T. Simpson read 1 Cor. 3 as the scripture lesson. Prayer by Rev. C. J. Davis. Music by the choir.

President Wilhite introduced Rev. L. W. Calloway, who preached a very able sermon on Missions. His text being found in 1 Cor. 3:9 and Matt. 6:10. His subject being "Unanimity in Christianity End of Christian Labor." He spoke at length on benefits derived from being together, intellectually, morally, spiritually, and

financially. Song—"Go preach my gospel," Prayer by Rev. I. T. Simpson. Dr. Boyd delivered an instructive address on the work of the National Publishing Board. He told the brethren why he was here in the Convention, emphasizing the one fact that when the Alabama Baptists made a demand of them as to the contributors for the periodicals, this was granted. He spoke of how he visited the Convention 2 years ago and this Convention being the first to make a donation to the Board. He gave the following figures showing the work done by the Board during the past year: Letters received 21580 being an average of 60 or more letters each day. Orders filled 15295. Cash sales \$19,426.64, outstanding claims \$439.70. He spoke of the amount of property now owned as being about \$25,000, yet 2 years ago not one dollar was on hand, and during these 2 years the Convention has not donated \$1.00 to the Publishing Department. There are 30 or more colored young men and ladies working at a salary of more than 30c per hour.

The hour being so late Rev. Hutchins decided not to speak on the Foreign Mission Work. "Praise God" &c., was sung. Benediction by Rev. J. B. Hatcher.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., November 26, 1898.

The Convention assembled at 9 o'clock, Rev. J. D. Maddox presiding. Rev. Q. C. Craig was asked to conduct devotional exercises, which he did by using Psalm 23 and leading in singing "O for a closer walk with God." Prayers were offered by Revs. Williams, Carter and Madison. "At the Cross" was next sung. By motion the reading of journal of previous day was omitted as time was limited and feeling satisfied Secretary had properly recorded same. Mr. A. B. Daniels spoke of an agency which he represented and concluded by presenting to the Convention 100 pictures.

The committee on Sunday School Work reported. Pending the adoption, Rev. S. L. Ross spoke on his work as Missionary for the Publishing Society and the Convention. The report was adopted. See report.

The committee on Time and Place reported in favor of the Friendship Baptist Church Gadsden, but was amended by inserting Mt. Canaan, Talladega. The res

port was adopted. See report. By motion of R. B. Hudson, Rev. S. L. Ross was given \$7.00 to assist in fostering the Sunday School work in the state. The committee on Missions reported through its Chairman, Rev. D. M. Coleman. By motion of Dr. McAlpine the report was so amended as to authorize the Convention to co-operate with the Home Mission Board in Nashville, Tenn. Rev. W. C. Bradford reported on accounts and claims. See report. The committee on naming persons to be voted on for trustees of the University reported. Upon statement of R. B. Hudson, his name was dropped from list. On motion the name of Rev. A. N. McEwen was added to list. On motion Dr. C. S. Dinkins was made life member of the Convention.

By motion it was decided that names of trustees be voted for in order appearing on list. The following were elected as trustees: Rev. C. L. Fisher, B. D. Hon, J. C. Leftwich, Revs. D. M. Coleman, Wm. C. Bradford. By motion Rev. D. M. Coleman filled the unexpired term of the late, Rev. I. Dawson. The special committee on Baptist Leader reported. By motion the report was re-committed. The committee on Obituaries reported through Hon. Jno. C. Leftwich. By common consent 30 minutes were spent in memorial services in memory of the late, Revs. I. Dawson, R. D. Palmer and J. S. Simons. Dr. C. O. Booth spoke very touchingly concerning the life of the brethren. His speech brought many tears from the brethren's eyes. "When He Cometh" was sung. Dr. McAlpine followed with appropriate remarks. "Servants of God Well Done" was then sung. Short speeches were next made by Rev. A. N. McEwen, Dr. Pettiford and Rev. L. Brown. Song, "Shall We Gather at the River." Rev. Brown spoke of the widow of Rev. Dawson. A contribution of \$1.70 was raised for her and subscription to the amount of \$15.00 pledged. Rev. Davis led in prayer. The special committee through Rev. McEwen made a statement of its work and requested Rev. T. W. Walker to make a statement concerning a letter which had been placed in the hands of the committee signed by Rev. T. W. Walker. Bro. Walker said it was not necessary for him to say more than he did not recognize the letter as he has not seen it before and did not authorize his name to be signed, nor had he been consulted about same. By motion the special committee

reported in form of a resolution. See report. The committee on New Bodies reported. See report. By motion it was decided that Rev. Dr. Pettiford continue his work as Missionary. A. B. H. S. W. E. S. R. 1914.

The finance committee submitted its report which was adopted. See report. The committee on resolutions reported. The resolution by Rev. S. M. Fisher was amended by motion of Rev. McEwen. (See resolutions as amended.) Resolution by Rev. Battle on Anniston Baptist College was warmly discussed by Drs. Booth, McAlpine, Revs. McEwen, and Gulley, it being the sense that the Baptists could not endorse but one college, the educational status being such that only one could be supported. Dr. Booth was asked to prepare a substitute resolution bearing on academies. By motion resolution bearing on annual sermons was tabled. By motion Selma University was given \$200.00. By motion Secretary be paid \$20.00 for his services. Secretary read the statistical report which was adopted. On motion Statistical Secretary was paid \$10.00 for gathering statistics. By motion of Rev. McEwen, Bro. R. B. Hudson be instructed to get up financial statistics of the Baptists for another year. On motion Sexton was paid \$4.00. Secretary was ordered to have 2000 minutes printed. Rev. Chechechi addressed the Convention, at the conclusion of which it was decided to have him lecture at night.

By motion it was decided all brethren from Convention attending National Convention go as delegates from Convention. By motion it was decided to give Baptist Leader \$12.50. By motion donation for Foreign Mission be turned over to Rev. McEwen, State President. "Praise God from whom all Blessings &c" was sung. Benediction by Rev. R. H. Boyd.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Convention assembled at 7 o'clock with Rev. Wilhite, President, presiding. After devotions Rev. Chechechi delivered a very interesting lecture on the Duty of Afro Americans to Africa. The lecture was highly enjoyed by all. A collection was lifted to the amount of \$3.45 for the Prince.

Rev. J. H. Eason read Matt. 20th chapter as the scripture lesson and offered prayer. Music—"All Hail

the Power." Rev. McEwen who had been invited to preach, took as his text, Matt. 20-23, taking as his theme, "True Manliness." The sermon was enjoyed by all. Prayer, Rev. E. W. Shields. A collection of \$2.00 was raised to present the pastor, Rev. E. B. Young, a book, "Our Baptist Ministers and Schools," as a token of appreciation for untiring efforts in caring for the Convention. "Praise God." Benediction by Rev. McEwen.

APPENDIX.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Mr. President:—We your committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following:

We have collected, at this session, from Associations, Churches, Sunday Schools, Sunday School Conventions, Annual Members, Societies &c the sum of \$487.96.

RECEIPTS.

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| From Associations..... | \$192 00 |
| From Churches..... | 207 58 |
| From Sunday Schools, Conventions, Societies &c..... | 14 50 |
| From Annual Members..... | 7 00 |
| From Wednesday night's collection..... | 5 06 |
| From special collection, Selma University..... | 33 30 |
| From special collection, Theological Dep't Selma University..... | 11 23 |
| From Old Folks and Orphan's Home..... | 3 16 |
| For Rev. Prince Chechechi..... | 3 45 |
| For Rev. E. B. Young, presentation of book..... | 2 00 |
| For Mrs. I. Dawson..... | 1 70 |
| From Sunday School Mass Meeting and 3 o'clock services.. | 6 98 |
| Total..... | <u>\$487 96</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| To Selma University..... | \$200 00 |
| To Recording Secretary..... | 20 00 |
| To Rev. S. L. Ross, S. S. Missionary..... | 7 00 |
| To Foreign Missions..... | 5 00 |
| To Accounts and Claims..... | 26 38 |
| To Statistical Secretary..... | 10 00 |
| To Missionaries on old claims..... | 62 46 |
| To Orphan's and Old Folk's Home..... | 3 17 |
| To Sexton..... | 4 00 |
| To Rev. E. B. Young, gift on book..... | 2 00 |
| To Rev. Prince Chechechi..... | 3 45 |
| To Theological Dep't, Selma University, Rev. C. S. Dinkins..... | 11 23 |
| To Mrs. I. Dawson, Per Rev. L. Brown..... | 1 70 |
| To Dr. C. O. Booth, Sunday's collection..... | 6 68 |
| Total..... | <u>\$363 00</u> |
| Total received..... | \$487 96 |
| Total disbursements..... | <u>\$363 06</u> |
| Balance on hand..... | \$124 90 |

ASSOCIATIONS.

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| Alabama District..... | \$ 5 00 | Alabama Middle | \$ 5 00 |
| Autauga | 5 00 | Bibb County..... | 5 00 |
| Bethlehem | 5 00 | Bladen Springs | |
| Bowen East | 5 00 | Canaan Pickensville..... | 5 00 |
| East Alabama Union.... | 3 00 | East Perry..... | 5 00 |
| Evergreen | 5 00 | Free Mission | |
| Friendship Western Un'. | 3 00 | Dallas County | 5 00 |
| Geneva | 1 50 | Hope Hill..... | 5 00 |
| Kintibish | 2 00 | Lebanon | 5 00 |
| Morning Star | 5 00 | Mt. Calvary | 5 00 |
| Mt. Hermon | 3 00 | 1st Mt. Pleasant | 7 00 |
| 2nd Mt. Pleasant | 5 00 | Mt. Pilgrim..... | 5 00 |
| Montgomery Antioch .. | 5 00 | Mulberry | 2 00 |
| New Antioch | 5 00 | New Cahaba | 5 00 |
| Nedom Creek | 5 00 | Old Pine Grove..... | 5 00 |
| Rushing Springs | 5 00 | Shelby Springs | 5 00 |
| Snow Creek | 5 00 | Star of Hope | 4 00 |
| Town Creek | 5 00 | Uniontown | 10 00 |
| Union District | 5 00 | Auburn | 5 00 |
| Colored Bethlehem..... | 5 00 | Eufaula | 10 00 |
| Early Rose | 2 00 | Mobile Sunlight..... | 5 00 |

CHURCHES.

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| African | \$ 2 00 | Antioch | \$ 3 00 |
| Bethlehem | 3 00 | Berean | 2 00 |
| Antioch | 3 00 | Cedar Point | |
| Central | 1 50 | Bethel | 3 00 |
| Bethlehem | 3 00 | Day Street | 1 50 |
| Ebenezer | 5 00 | Ebenezer | 1 50 |
| Eagle Grove | 2 00 | Elizabeth, Ft. Davis | 2 00 |
| 1st Baptist Uniontown... | 5 00 | 1st Baptist Eufaula | 5 00 |
| 1st Baptist Cronon | 2 00 | 1st Baptist Boiling Sp'gs .. | 3 00 |
| 1st Baptist North B'ham.. | 2 00 | 1st Baptist Corronor | 2 00 |
| Gainesville | | Green Leaf | 3 00 |
| Green Liberty | 3 00 | Good Hope | 3 00 |
| Franklin St..... | 3 00 | Hopewell | 3 00 |
| Hebron | 3 00 | Harmony Street | 3 00 |
| Ishkooda | 3 00 | Jerusalem | 3 00 |
| Healing Springs | 3 00 | Mt. Zion..... | 5 00 |
| Mt. Olive | 3 00 | Mt. Moria..... | 3 00 |
| Mt. Zion | 4 00 | Mt. Olive | 3 00 |
| Mt. Canaan | 3 00 | Mt. Calvary | 2 00 |
| Mt. Hebron | 2 00 | Morning Star | 2 07 |
| Macedonia | 3 00 | New Asia | 2 01 |
| Mt. Calvary | 3 00 | Mt. Hebron | 3 00 |
| New Hope | 5 00 | Newberne | 3 00 |
| New Friendship | 3 00 | New Shiloh | 3 00 |
| New Hope | 5 00 | Pleasant Grove..... | 3 00 |
| Perryville | 3 00 | Ramah | 3 00 |
| Springfield | 3 00 | 16th Street, B'ham | 13 00 |
| 6th Avenue, B'ham | 5 00 | Solomon's Chapel..... | 3 00 |
| Shady Grove | 3 00 | Salem | |
| Sardis | 3 00 | Spring St. | 3 00 |
| Tabernacle | 3 00 | New Boiling Springs | 3 00 |
| Woodlawn | 3 00 | 1st Baptist Prattville | 1 50 |

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| 1st Baptist Wetumpka .. | 1 50 | Pilgrim | 1 00 |
| Dexter Avenue, Montg'y .. | 14 00 | Women's Soc' Af Bap't Ch. | 3 00 |
| Cary Missionary Society .. | 1 00 | S. S. State Convention .. | 5 00 |
| Ishkooda Baptist S. S. .. | 1 00 | Eufaw Baptist S. S. | 2 00 |
| Willing Workers' Af. Bap. | 1 00 | Tabernacle S. S. | 1 50 |

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

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| Rev. W. T. Coleman, B. D. Selma, Ala | \$ 1 00 |
| Rev. H. E. Levi, Talladega, Ala. | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. W. Wright, Dayton, Ala. | 1 00 |
| Rev. W. S. Stratman, Selma, Ala. | 1 00 |
| Rev. S. M. Fisher, Selma, Ala. | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. T. Hamely | 1 00 |
| Rev. S. C. Carter, Old Spring Hill | 1 00 |

INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION TO SELMA UNIVERSITY.

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| Rev. R. T. Pollard ... | \$ 1 00 | Rev. W. S. Stratman | \$ 1 00 |
| Rev. W. M. Munds | 1 00 | Rev. W. H. Reddick | 1 00 |
| Rev. T. W. Walker | 1 00 | Rev. Y. R. White | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. F. Washington ... | 1 00 | Rev. W. C. Owen | 1 00 |
| Rev. A. Lennard | 1 00 | Rev. Jas. Leach | 1 00 |
| Rev. W. T. Bibb | 1 00 | Rev. J. D. Maddox | 50 |
| Rev. G. W. Shields | 1 00 | Rev. W. H. Huckabee | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. S. Prentice | 1 00 | Rev. C. L. Fisher | 1 00 |
| Rev. E. Moore | 1 00 | Rev. I. T. Simpson | 1 00 |
| Dr. L. L. Burwell | 1 00 | Rev. M. Tyler | 1 00 |
| Rev. Wm. Greene | 1 00 | Rev. D. B. Bryant | 50 |
| Rev. Wm. Madison | 1 00 | Rev. P. Cottrell | 1 00 |
| Rev. C. H. Thornton | 1 00 | Rev. J. B. Hatcher | 0 25 |
| Bro. Ad Wimbs | 1 00 | Rev. David Small | 1 00 |
| Rev. A. W. DeYampert .. | 1 00 | Rev. D. M. Coleman | 1 00 |
| Rev. C. W. Wallace | 1 00 | Rev. F. D. Holmes | 1 00 |
| Rev. G. A. Williams | 1 00 | | |

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THEOLOGICAL DEPT SELMA UNIVERSITY.

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| E. D. Barnes | \$ 50 | Rev. J. L. Frazier | \$1 25 |
| Rev. S. Mayfield | 50 | Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D .. | 50 |

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. J. A. Martin.
 Rev. L. P. Foster.
 Rev. J. H. Washington,
 Rev. L. Brown.
 Rev. S. L. Belcar,
 Committee.

ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

Mr. President:—We respectfully submit the following report:
 We find the following claims against the Convention and recommend their payment: Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, for cards and printing &c \$6.00; Prof. R. B. Hudson, balance on programs, distribution &c

\$1.90; State Mission Board for minutes of 1896, \$16.48; Dr. L. L. Burwell, medicine and expenses of Rev. N. P. Anderson \$2.00.

We further recommend that the bill due by Rev. Anderson be sent him with a request of settlement.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. W. C. Bradford,
Rev. S. M. Fisher,
Rev. W. H. Holloway,
Rev. W. H. Huckabee,
Rev. E. E. Edwards,
Rev. T. B. Goldsby,
Rev. J. D. Auston.

ANNUAL REPORT OF I. T. SIMPSON, TREASURER BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION FOR 1897-1898.

RECEIPTS.

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| December 11, 1897. | |
| Received of Finance Committee | \$ 96 12 |
| Dec. 12, Sunday's collection..... | 10 00 |
| October 8, 1898. | |
| Received of Rev. A. A. Battle on Sept. Rally..... | 1 00 |
| Total received of Convention..... | \$107 12 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

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| December 12, 1897. | |
| Paid C. S. Dinkins..... | \$ 5 00 |
| February 2, 1898. | |
| To R. B. Hudson, Sec'y, on printing Minutes..... | 100 00 |
| Expenses for Bank Exchange | 27 |
| Total received | \$ 107 12 |
| Total paid out | 105 27 |
| Leaving balance from last year..... | 1 85 |

I. T. Simpson, Treas.

RESOLUTIONS.

EDUCATIONAL AND MISSIONARY WORK.

Whereas, The general work of the Baptists in the State has shown signs of improvement both Educational and Missionary, and *whereas*, this improvement is due largely to the men who have charge of this work, because of their constant agitation, therefore be it

Resolved, That this convention hereby tenders its congratulation to the brethren:

Rev. C. S. Dinkins, D. D., President, Selma University, Rev. C. O. Booth, D. D., and Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D., Missionaries and Rev. J. H. Eason, B. D., Editor Baptist Leader, who have carried on this work.

Resolved further, That we pledge our hearty support to all features of our work, and strive by our encouraging counsel and liberal contribution, to put our work upon such basis as will render us self-supporting and entirely independent in our state work.

Respectfully,

C. L. Fisher.

SELMA UNIVERSITY.

Resolved, That we renew our efforts to make Selma University the acme of our schools in the State, and that each preacher be requested to use every lawful means to secure students for it, pledging himself to give as large a donation yearly as his opportunity and means will allow.

Resolved Second, That the Board of Trustees and the President be requested to seek through state legislation such enactments as will put the University on strong legal basis and give the Negro Baptists of the State full power to control it in all matters pertaining to a full fledged University.

Resolved Third, That the Baptists of the State who are in sympathy with negro manhood and who are blessed by the Lord with this world's goods, be asked to remember our University when making their last will and testament.

A. N. McEwen.

TRUSTEE AND STATE MISSION BOARD'S REPORT.

Whereas, The reports of the Trustee Board and the State Mission Board come to us each year in different parts and by different men which often tends to disjoint parts of the report which should come into closer connection; to repeat parts which have been already given, hence to confuse minds, impair debate, and consume time, be it therefore

Resolved, That hereafter the reports, after having been made to the two Boards respectively be digested by the secretaries of the boards comprising all the points in all the reports and presented to the Convention by them.

C. L. Fisher.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR BAPTIST ACADEMIES.

Whereas, It is necessary that harmony and sameness prevail in our educational operations,

Resolved, That the President of the University and the principals of the several academies should be and the same are hereby requested to meet during the last week in May, at such place as the President of

the University may designate, with the view of formulating such plans of agreement as shall tend to harmonize the academies with the course prevailing in the University.

C. O. Booth.

OLD FOLKS AND ORPHANS' HOME.

Whereas, As there has been established in Birmingham an Old Folks and Orphans' Home and whereas, such an institution is of such importance to the proper uplifting of the poor and destitute of our State, therefore be it

Resolved, That we, the Alabama Baptist State Convention, do tender to the home our moral and financial support.

W. H. Holliway.

NATIONAL BAPTIST PUB. BOARD AND AM. BAPTIST PUB. SOCIETY.

Whereas, The objectionable feature of the literature published by the National Baptist Publishing Board, the writing of Rev. J. T. Brown, has been removed and whereas the literature published by the board is the product of negro brain, being the outcome of the Convention organized in Alabama some 13 or more years, therefore be it

Resolved, That we hail with delight the establishment of this Board, and that we commend both the National Publishing Board, Nashville, Tenn., and the American Baptist Publishing Society, Philadelphia, Pa., to the Baptists of the State as the places for purchasing Baptist Literature.

S. M. Fisher.

BAPTIST PAPERS.

Whereas, The Baptist Leader, Southern Watchman, Blade, and Hope have rendered such valuable services to the state work in carrying notices for our University, publishing monthly reports of the president, publishing notices for minutes of Associations and publishing program of the Convention, therefore be it

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered them for services rendered and aid given.

Resolved 2nd, That, so far as consistent, we give them our moral and financial support.

D. M. Coleman.

ANNISTON'S NORMAL AND THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

The following is the amendment adopted to Rev. A. A. Battle's resolution on his school.

Resolved, That we hear with pleasure of Rev. A. A. Battle's educational effort at Anniston and extend to him our moral support.

Resolved, However, that we deem it proper to designate said school by the name of Academy or High School rather than "College."

C. O. Booth.

LYNGHING.

Whereas, We see by newspaper reports that the terror of lynch and mob violence still reign unmolested throughout the country, therefore

Resolved, That we deplore the awful condition of things and commend the widows and orphans of the victims to that God who says, "Vengeance is mine."

Resolved 2nd, That we appeal to our brethren throughout the country to love their country, obey the laws of the land, and wait God's solution of the race problem in this country, in whose hands are the destinies of all the nations of the earth.

A. N. McEwen.

RESOLUTIONS OF REV. A. N. MCEWEN ON NEW ERA CONVENTION.

Whereas, We see by published circulars and newspaper reports that there is a movement on foot, in the state, to organize another state convention, and whereas it is reported that the originators of this proposed new convention claim as a reason for so doing, they are dissatisfied with the management of the present convention, therefore be it

Resolved, That we in Convention assembled do regret that there has been anything said or done, in the Convention, calculated to create such an impression.

Resolved 2nd, That if such has happened at any time either in word or deed, the State Convention stands ready and willing to correct said mistake and comply with any rule prescribed in the Constitution of our Convention.

Resolved 3rd, That it is the desire of the Baptist of the state that there be only one convention in the state and that we as Baptists believe that all matter of differences in the State Convention as well as in churches be settled on scriptural plans. That divisions in conventions and churches tend rather to weaken and widen a breach than to unite, hence should not be resorted to in ordinary cases.

Resolved 4th, That we assure all the Baptists of the State that every act of the State Convention in the future, as in the past, shall tend at least in aim to unify and unite the Baptists of the State both in faith and in work. And as we have associations located in all parts of the state, where there is a sufficient number of Baptists, we deem two conventions unnecessary, tending to confuse rather than to help in the work.

THANKS.

Whereas, The Convention has been so well provided for and entertained by the pastor, members of the church and citizens,

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered to them for their

hospitality and kindness and pray for them the choicest blessings of God.

Resolved further, That we thank the R. R. of the state for the reduced rates granted.

W. C. Bradford.

All the above resolutions we most respectfully recommend to you for adoption.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. L. Fisher.

Rev. J. L. Frazier,

Rev. W. C. Bradford,

Rev. A. A. Scott,

Rev. I. T. Simpson,

Rev. J. E. Blackman,

Rev. T. B. Goldsby,

Rev. G. L. Blackburn.

The following resolution was adopted at a meeting of the State Mission Board, held in Selma, Ala., Dec., 28th, 1898.

Whereas, It comes to the knowledge of the State Mission Board of the Alabama Baptist State Convention that a few Baptist preachers have met, since the regular State Convention, in Decatur, Ala. and organized what they call a new convention in opposition to the work of the State Convention, which is contrary to the rules of regular Missionary Baptists and the teaching of divine scriptures. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we condemn the act as unchristian and unprincipled to the denomination.

Resolved 2nd. That for such an act we mark such as disturbers and withdraw from them the hand of fellowship.

OBITUARIES.

Mr President:—We your committee beg leave to submit the following: After having glanced over the field, we are constrained to say that the Lord has blessed our Baptist Convention in that He has preserved the lives of so many of the members during the year. But alas! through all these blessing we have lost one of the greatest heroes in the Baptist ranks, namely, Rev. Iverson Dawson. Like a thunder clap from a clear sky, so was the astonishing news herald over the state telling of the death of this hero. We all know that Brother Dawson was a faithful, true and loyal Baptist. He was true to his denomination to his race and to his country. He fought like a brave warrior for Selma University and left in West Alabama a lasting impression among the colored Baptists in that they must ever remain true and loyal to our school and denominational work. There are others in the person of Rev. R. D. Palmer, so long a leading light in

the bounds of his Association who always stood as a mighty rock for all those virtues which were true and ennobling and Rev. J. S. Simmons, though young in years, having not reached the zenith of his life, but who billed himself doing what he could, who have gone to their long and final rest, therefore be it

Resolved 1st, That the Convention bow in humble submission to the will of God who rules and controls the lives of all men.

Resolved 2nd, That this Convention recognizes in the death of Revs. Dawson, Palmer and Simmons, faithful leaders, true and tried ministers and loyal Baptists.

Resolved 3rd, That the Convention extend to the bereaved wives and families its sympathy and commend them to that God who does all things well. Respectfully submitted,

J. C. Leftwich,
J. W. Cunningham,
M. H. Gilbert,
J. S. Prentice,
J. D. Maddox,
J. E. A. Wilson,
A. L. Swindall.
Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Brother Presiden:—We your committee on Sunday School Work beg to submit the following: We learn though our Missionary and other reliable sources that the work is progressing rapidly. Of the seventy odd associations in the state, fully two-thirds of them have Sunday School District Conventions organized in their bounds. These district conventions are sub-divided, having district superintendents over each division, whose duty is to visit the schools, hold institutes, arouse greater interest in the Sunday School Work and keep the work of the denomination before them. Our State Sunday School Convention has jointly with the American Baptist Publication Society employed Rev. S. L. Ross as Missionary. He gives his entire time to the work of the Sunday Schools throughout the state, paying particular attention to schools in the rural districts. The good that Rev. Ross is now doing can not be told. We ask your prayers and assistance in the prosecution of this work.

Respectfully submitted.

E. W. Knight,
F. R. Kennedy,
Mrs. Mary J. Wood,
G. A. Williams.
J. Leach.
Committee.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to submit the following as its report: This subject, by misunderstanding has almost become a hiss and by-word on the ears of many; and not a few of our ministers who put much stress upon a certain portion of the great commission, but fail to emphasize that part which teaches the doctrine of Foreign Missions.

Since Foreign Missions is simply another name for doing the same work in another part of the Master's great vineyard, we urge that our duty to this particular work is equally as binding.

The National Baptist Convention is the only colored organization, through which Negro Baptists may do mission work, that is doing missionary work in Africa. This convention, we are sorry to admit, has not any plan in operation, to make a substantial contribution to Foreign Missions. The National Baptist Convention has 14 missionaries, 8 churches, 12 out stations, 17 Bible schools, 1 industrial school, 25 native helpers and 612 members in Africa, also 2 appointed to Cuba, Dr. D. N. E. Campbell and wife.

Our state should put itself on record in helping to support these missionaries in darkest Africa and priest-ridden Cuba. It should go without saying that in proportion as we support missionary interests, all things being equal, our other interests will be supported. We therefore make the following recommendations:

1st. That a donation of \$5.00 be sent to the Foreign Mission Board, Louisville, Ky.

2nd. That missionaries will encourage Foreign Mission collections as well as other collections.

3rd. That we observe Foreign Mission days, as set by the Board at Louisville.

P. S. L. Hutchins, Chm
E. Moore,
S. T. Shields,
M. Tyler, D. D.,
S. C. Carter,
C. S. Dinkins, D. D.
Committee.

HOME MISSIONS.

Brother President—We your committee on Missions beg to submit the following report: The Savior said that the world is the field. He orders his servants, commencing at home, to tell the story of the cross to the uttermost parts of the world. We cannot be loyal Baptists to the great Head of the Church and neglect this commission. The sin of omission is as great in the sight of God as the sin of commission. The day that our Blessed Master's feet kissed

this earth their last time, and the clouds, by his orders, were waiting to take him back to His Father's house, and myriads of angels were waiting to honor him into His Father's presence. He said: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." This includes Home and Foreign Missions. The Master said: "Lift up your eyes and look on the field." If we will only open our eyes, we will see men, women, boys and girls hurrying on into the whirlpool of destruction.

Brethren let us bestir ourselves and do more for fallen humanity; for there is no possible excuse, we can render to our God for neglecting His command, both home and abroad. Alphabetically arranged Alabama stands among the first on roll. From a missionary standpoint, among the colored Baptists, let her stand among the first magnitude. Let us push this great work on until Tennessee will feel the movement, Georgia will tremble, Florida and the Gulf of Mexico will fear, Mississippi catch the inspiration and all join in one solid phalanx, with Alabama in the van and take the world for Jesus.

Much good has been done for mission work by the New Era Institute and missionaries traveling over the state; yet there is room for improvement. We look forward with a prophetic eye and hail with joy the day when each pastor and church will do mission work, and will not rest until the flag of the Prince of Darkness is pulled down and the flag of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords be hoisted in its stead, and the salute guns will be fired from pole to pole. "That this world has become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ."

Your committee also favors the districting of the state so that missions can be more systematically done in the future than in the past.

The following amendment was offered: That the State Mission Board be authorized to co-operate with the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention.

Rev. D. M. Coleman,
 Rev. Wm. Munds,
 Rev. W. C. Owens,
 Rev. E. Grant,
 Rev. G. A. Nash,
 Rev. C. J. Davis,
 Rev. S. J. Taylor,
 Committee.

TIME AND PLACE.

Brother President—We your committee on Time and Place beg leave to report the following: We find two applications for the convention next year: The Friendship Baptist Church, Gadsden, Ala., and the Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, Talladega, Ala. Your com-

mittee recommends that the convention will hold its next session Wednesday before the 4th Lord's day in November, 1899, with the Friendship Baptist Church, Gadsden, Ala. The report was amended and Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, Talladega, was substituted.

Rev. W. T. Goleman,
Rev. D. Boyd,
Rev. W. C. Crawford,
Prof. D. D. Hawkins,
Rev. Wm. Green,
Rev. Y. R. White,
Committee.

NEW BODIES.

Brother President—We your committee on New Bodies make the following as our report: We find three (3) churches and one association which we recommend that they be admitted to membership in this convention, namely: Solomon's Chapel, Bellmount, Ala., Rev. Chas. Solomon, pastor; Ebenezer Baptist Church, A. J. Gordon, Delegate, Dolcito, Ala. and Newhope Baptist Church, Brighton, Ala., Rev. J. F. Washington and T. H. Posey, delegates; Geneva Association, Rev. A. D. Smith delegate, Geneva, Ala.

L. W. Calloway,
E. J. French.
M. Ellington,
C. C. Yates,
A. W. Ragland,
W. P. Anderson,
B. R. Ross
Committee.

MEMBERS OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

Bro. President:—Your committee beg leave to recommend the following brethren as members of the State Mission Board: Revs. D. M. Coleman, A. N. McEwen, F. R. Kennedy, A. W. Ragland, R. T. Schell, L. W. Calloway, C. J. Davis.

Jno. C. Leftwich,
W. T. Bibb,
T. B. Goldsby,
J. S. Prentice,
H. C. Crum,
R. T. Schell,
A. W. Ragland,
Committee.

SUGGEST NAMES FOR TRUSTEES.

Bro. President: We your committee appointed to suggest names to fill the vacancies on Board of Trustees, beg to make the following report: In submitting the following names we would state that we have been governed by the fitness of the men to act as Trustees by the proper distribution of the Board in the State and by the fact that we need a sufficient number in or near Selma to constitute the executive committee of the Board.

THE NAMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

* Revs. C. L. Fisher, Birmingham, W. C. Bradford, Selma, J. C. Leftwich, Montgomery, D. M. Coleman, Crumptonia, J. P. Barton, Talladega, J. L. Frazier, Mobile, A. N. McEwen, Mobile, L. Brown, Epes Station, David Dukes, Claiborne, Wm. Madison, Uniontown, C. Thornton, Abbeville, H. C. Crum, Pineapple.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. McAlpine, Chm.
Wm. Munds,
J. L. Frazier,
Y. R. White,
J. A. Peel,
T. H. Posey,
G. R. Nash,
F. R. Kennedy,
Committee.

REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

We the committee on the President's address beg leave to submit this report: The address is full of practical thought and covers the most important features of our state work. We recommend that a synopsis of the address be published in the Minutes. The recommendations in the address bear upon a financial system, regular and solid, for our work both educational and missionary. As these points have been covered by the reports of the Boards and committees we deem it sufficient simply to refer to these as being in harmony with the recommendations in the President's address.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. Pollard,
D. T. Gulley,
P. E. Costom,
Committee.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DISSATISFACTION OF SOME BRETHREN.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., 11-23, 1898.

The special committee consisting of Revs. A. N. McEwen, chairman, R. T. Pollard, secretary, W. H. McAlpine, W. R. Petti-

ford, J. A. Peel, L. Brown and J. P. Barton met in the parsonage of African Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, for the purpose of seeking adjustment of the dissatisfaction from brethren who were seeking to effect a new convention. After a statement by the Chairman and Rev. W. H. McAlpine, Rev. T. W. Walker who spoke for the dissatisfied made a suggestion. The Chair asked for the cause of dissatisfaction which was given by Bro. Walker as follows: 1. Were not recognized. 2. Money arrangements not satisfactory. 3. Some who are pastors object to those not pastors ruling or managing affairs instead of pastors. Bro. Walker gave these reasons for others, but said that he himself had nothing to complain of as a charge against the Convention. Remarks were made by Revs. W. R. Pettiford, J. P. Barton, R. T. Pollard and A. N. McEwen.

Revs. J. H. Eason, G. R. Nash and F. R. Kennedy came before the committee. Bro. Nash complained that the recognition is too narrow:

1. The program always has one set on it.
2. The rural districts are not taken into consideration. Bro. F. R. Kennedy complained: 1. Concurred in remarks of Bro. Nash, as above. Brothers Nash and Kennedy made it plain that they were not in the movement of the new convention. Rev. J. H. Eason, after remarks, read a document which was signed by the following brethren: F. R. Kennedy, G. R. Nash, J. H. Eason. The document is in the hands of secretary of committee. Bro. Eason, before reading the document, stated that he was not in the movement of the new convention.

The following was agreed upon as recommendation to the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

1. That a committee be appointed by the State Convention to confer with a similar committee, to be named by the representatives of the new convention, who will meet in Birmingham on December, 6th for the purpose of adjusting such grievances as may be, with a view to putting an end to the effort to effect a new convention.
2. That when the program for this convention be made, that it be made by a committee to be named by the Convention yearly and representing the four quarters of the State.

Respectfully submitted,

A. N. McEwen,
W. H. McAlpine,
J. P. Barton,
W. R. Pettiford,
R. T. Pollard,
J. A. Peel,
L. Brown,

Committee.

SUBSCRIBERS TO THEOLOGICAL DEPT SELMA UNIVERSITY.

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| Rev. J. L. Frazier, Mobile | \$ 7 00 |
| " W. Broaden, Sumterville | 7 00 |
| " Y. R. White, Hamburg | 7 00 |
| " A. W. Ragland, Marion | 7 00 |
| " C. O. Booth, D. D., Selma | 5 00 |
| " I. T. Simpson, Opelika | 7 00 |
| " David Small, Singleton | 7 00 |
| " Peter Cottrell, Greensboro | 7 00 |
| " George Washington, Barlow Bend | 7 00 |
| " A. A. Battle, Anniston | 7 00 |
| " C. S. Dinkins, D. D., Selma | 5 00 |
| " J. D. Maddox, Eufaula | 7 00 |
| " E. W. Shields, Dayton | 7 00 |
| " T. J. Streeter, Newberne | 8 00 |
| " E. E. Edwards, Calhoun | 7 00 |
| " W. R. Pettiford, Birmingham | 7 00 |
| " J. C. Kendrick, Johns | 7 00 |
| " A. A. Wilson, Adamsville | 7 00 |
| " M. Ellington, Ft. Davis | 7 00 |
| " P. E. Costom, Birmingham | 5 00 |
| " T. C. Crooms, Montgomery | 7 00 |
| " W. H. Holliwax, Birmingham | 7 00 |
| " A. L. Perkins, York Station | 7 00 |
| " G. Frost, Newberne | 7 00 |
| " J. C. Crawford, North Port | 7 00 |
| " A. Leonard, Birmingham | 2 00 |
| " V. B. James, Birmingham | 5 00 |
| " J. W. T. Cunningham, Carronton | 2 50 |
| " H. E. Levi, Talladega | 5 00 |
| " F. T. Turner, Newberne | 7 00 |
| " D. Boyd, Gee's Bend | 5 00 |
| " A. B. Richardson, Ethelville | 2 00 |
| Salem Baptist Sunday School per Ad Wimbs, Greensboro .. | 2 00 |
| Rev. T. L. Lewis, Birmingham | 5 00 |
| " G. W. Smith, Tuscaloosa | 5 00 |
| " James Howard, Pickensville | 3 50 |
| " J. B. S. Boatwright, Gainesville | 7 00 |
| " Wm. Munds, Anniston | 7 00 |
| " J. Q. A. Wilhite, Birmingham | 10 00 |
| " D. M. Coleman, Crumptonia | 7 00 |
| " C. J. Davis, Selma | 7 00 |
| " E. Grant, York Station | 7 00 |
| " J. W. Goodgame, Talladega | 7 00 |
| " Wm. Madison, Uniontown | 7 00 |
| " W. H. McAlpine, D. D., Montgomery | 10 00 |
| " W. T. Coleman, B. D., Selma | 5 00 |
| " J. P. Barton, Talladega | 7 00 |
| " W. C. Owens, Birmingham | 10 00 |
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| " C. H. Thornton, Abbeville | 7 00 |
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| " C. F. Larkins, Elbert | 7 00 |
| " A. A. Scott, Birmingham | 7 00 |

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| " C. L. Fisher, B. D., Birmingham..... | 7 00 |
| " A. D. Smith, Geneva..... | 7 00 |
| " A. J. Gordon, Adamsville..... | 7 00 |
| Bro. Jno. C. Leftwich, Montgomery..... | 5 00 |
| " Ad Wimbs, Greensboro..... | 5 00 |
| Rev. A. W. DeYampert, Tuskegee..... | 10 00 |
| " L. S. Steinback, Demopolis..... | 7 00 |
| " M. Tyler, D. D., Lowndesboro..... | 7 00 |
| " J. E. A. Wilson, East Lake..... | 7 00 |
| " J. A. Peel, North Birmingham..... | 5 00 |
| " W. H. Reddick, Greensboro..... | 10 00 |
| Dea. D. T. Shields, Elyton..... | 7 00 |
| Rev. T. W. Walker, Birmingham..... | 5 00 |
| " J. B. Hatcher, West Bend..... | 2 50 |
| " G. W. Woodward, Gaston..... | 5 00 |
| " W. H. Huckabee, Newberne..... | 7 00 |
| Prof. D. L. Dismuke, Birmingham..... | 2 00 |
| Rev. L. McDaniel, North Port..... | 2 00 |
| Bro. C. Carter, Birmingham..... | 1 50 |
| Rev. L. D. James, Birmingham..... | 5 00 |
| Bro. S. M. Mayfield, Elyton..... | 2 00 |
| Rev. General Houston, Adamsville..... | 2 50 |
| " W. Brazil, Fayette..... | 2 00 |
| " L. W. Calloway, Ft. Deposit..... | 7 00 |
| " T. B. Goldsby, Blossburg..... | 5 00 |
| Tabernacle Baptist S. S. per R. B. Hudson, Selma..... | 2 00 |
| Prof. Ed. W. Knight, A. B., Selma..... | 5 00 |
| Rev. J. M. Roberts, Gainsville..... | 7 00 |
| " S. M. Fisher, Selma..... | 3 00 |
| " F. R. Kennedy, Anniston..... | |
| Prof. T. H. Posey, Brighton..... | 16 70 |
| Prof. R. B. Hudson, Selma..... | 5 00 |
| Rev. Prince Femu, Chechechi, Birmingham..... | 3 00 |

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES ALABAMA COLORED BAPTIST UNIVERSITY.

God keeps the future for Himself. Only His eyes can see the results the day to come may bring.

We come to you today to tell of the blessings we have received from the fount of God's own hands during the last conventional year.

GENERAL WORK OF THE SCHOOL.

The general work, though hindered to some small degree, has been very satisfactory. The number of students remained small throughout the session, owing to the interference by yellow fever at the beginning of the scholastic year. What they lacked in quantity they made up in quality. They were a very promising set of young people. The number of graduates was twelve—the majority of whom are teaching. One has entered the medical department of Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. Our students are scattered all over the state and are doing well.

TEACHERS.

Our faculty, we are proud to say, is inferior to none in the state. Each teacher seems deeply interested in the work and is well prepared for the work of each department in which he is assigned. They are strong Baptists, and of exemplary character. Number teachers 11, 8 colored, 3 white.

PRESIDENT.

We believe that good ought to be commended and bad condemned. So we, the Board of Trustees commend to this convention the able administration of Dr. C. S. Dinkins, president of our school. He is doing a grand and noble work for us. No one can successfully succeed in an enterprise unless his or her heart and soul are in that work. These features seem to mark the president of our school, for which we have gained the utmost confidence in him and commend him to this convention as an honest, upright, able, moral and Christian gentleman. The pressure of the work and the happy results of the future seem always to stimulate him to duty and to be always on the alert for whatever is of interest to the school.

The teachers and students seem always ready to be governed by his wise council.

BUILDINGS.

We are proud to report to you at this convention that the unfinished wing of the girl's dormitory is nearing completion. On September 15th we began this work and hope by the first of January, '99, to have it ready for occupancy. At a formal meeting of the board at Greenville, Ala., it was decided that the board furnish the material for the building and pay cash for the work as it progresses. This plan has worked admirably. We have been able to very nearly pay for the labor up to date and have paid half the amount on the brick and part on lumber and hardware bills, about \$75 in all. We hope to be able with what we get from this convention and what the brethren will do when they return home, to be able to pay the last dollar by the last of February next.

We have made no other improvements on the grounds except a few minor repairs and painting of the front fences which was done by Mr. R. S. P. Abbott, of which amount he donated over half to the school, our attention being given to the southwing. The fourth story of the northwing is yet unfinished; which could be finished at a cost of about \$300.

OPENING OF PRESENT SESSION.

In defiance of reports to the contrary, our school opened with an increase of students over last year, owing to the work of Prof. W. T. Coleman during the summer and the faithful work of friends of the

institution. The present building is crowded with girls and they continue to come. Also we have a large number of boys.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD.

The Board met in annual session April 21st, '98. There was nothing of importance except the election of teachers. Upon recommendation of Dr. Dinkins, the following were elected as teachers:

Prof. C. L. Fisher, Prof. W. T. Coleman, Prof. E. W. Knight, Dr. C. O. Boothe, Miss Ruth Holdrum, Miss Mamie Rivers, Miss Mamie McAlpine.

Prof. C. L. Fisher having resigned, the board had to seek another teacher in his place. After a long correspondence we secured the services of Prof. J. H. Wigginton of Maryland. Prof. Wigginton is a graduate of Wayland Seminary, Washington, D. C., and also holds two diplomas from Yale College. In music, Mrs. P. H. Patterson having declined, the Executive Board had some difficulty in securing a music teacher, but after repeated efforts we secured Miss Josie Summons, of Washington, D. C., daughter of the lamented W. J. Summons of Louisville, Ky. The music department is now doing very well.

The good women of Chicago in addition to Miss Morgan, have added another teacher to the faculty, for which we are under many obligations and do pray that God will continue to keep their hearts and pocket books open to us, and that their labors result not in vain.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

As the 4th story of north-wing is yet unfinished, we the board, recommend to this convention the privilege of finishing it and do prayerfully ask your moral and financial assistance for its completion.

2. Knowing that the building (or southwing), will soon be finished, we recommend further to this convention, that you as individuals, associations, conventions, societies and churches will furnish a room or rooms. You have the privilege of sending money or sending the furniture or going to Selma and buying the furniture; also the name of person or persons, or institutions will mark the donor.

Brethren we have an institution that is a monument to the Baptists of Alabama, of which we should be proud. It represents the nickles and dimes of fathers and mothers and friends, representing the poor, the well-to-do and the rich.

The board further recommends to this convention the privilege of setting apart some day in spring for the purpose of dedicating the school. The Board setting the time and arranging the program.

*To the Honorable President and Members of the Board
of Trustees of Alabama Baptist Colored University.*

Dear Brethren:—By the grace of God, I am permitted to make to you the 21st annual report of the work and condition of your institution for the year commencing June 1st, 1897 and ending May 31st, 1898.

The number of teachers employed was as follows:

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| Males 4, females 6, total..... | 10 |
| Students enrolled, males 121, females 129, total..... | 240 |
| Boarders, males 27, females 32, total..... | 59 |
| Number pursuing college course..... | 5 |
| Number receiving systematic training in industrial dep't..... | 67 |
| Number preparing to teach..... | 104 |
| Number preparing for the ministry..... | 15 |
| Number of conversions..... | 11 |
| Number graduated..... | 12 |
| Total number of graduates from the establishment of the inst..... | 137 |

Our receipts and disbursements were as follows:

I RECEIPTS.

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| From tuition..... | \$ 645 45 |
| From board..... | 2091 60 |
| From churches, individuals &c..... | 1901 13 |
| From old accounts..... | 177 75 |
| From other sources..... | 35 15 |
| Balances from year, 1896-1897..... | 21 48 |
| Total from all sources..... | <u>\$4872 56</u> |

II DISBURSEMENTS.

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| School supplies..... | \$ 133 70 |
| Material and labor in boarding department..... | 1176 69 |
| Repairs and labor for same..... | 102 49 |
| Paid students for labor..... | 264 88 |
| Paid on salaries..... | 1653 71 |
| Rebates..... | 112 50 |
| Sundries including debts &c..... | 1293 23 |

Total disbursements.....\$4737 20

Balance on hand.....\$ 135 36

The money to carry on the work of instruction came from the following sources:

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| American Baptist Home Mission Society..... | \$1272 00 |
| Baptist Women's Society of Chicago..... | 360 00 |
| Baptist Women of Alabama..... | 40 00 |
| The institution itself..... | <u>1653 71</u> |

Total from all sources.....\$3325 71

Until this year, for which we are now making report, our annual reports showed an increase each year in enrollment and receipts. The reduced number of students and receipts this year is due to yellow

fever. Before the appearance of this disease there was every appearance of an unusually large attendance. Excellent work was done in all departments except the theological. We had no one who could devote his whole time to this work as heretofore, hence the department suffered. However the work was divided among Rev. C. L. Fisher, A. M., Rev. W. T. Coleman, B. D., and myself. We did the work as best we could under the circumstances. For lack of classroom and means to pay a theological teacher, Dr. Boothe did not undertake the work for which he was elected. Of the amount subscribed at Uniontown for this department only \$5.50 was received. It is thought that the reason more was not paid was because Dr. Boothe did not enter upon his work. It is hoped that those who subscribed will yet pay, as we trust Dr. Boothe will begin his work Dec. 1.

If our brethren will give the support they promise, there is no reason why in a short time the department should not be in a flourishing condition. In order to help our pastors in school we felt that we would be safe in reducing their board to \$5.50 per month. It is hoped that many will take advantage of this reduction.

We had considerable difficulty in securing a teacher for the sewing department. We did not succeed in getting one till April. We were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Mary L. Burney of Montgomery, who in the short time she had rendered good and satisfactory service.

THE MORAL STATUS OF THE INSTITUTION.

The moral status of the school was never better. A strict watch is kept over the young men and women on the grounds. It is doubtless well known that we cannot exercise the same watch over those who do not board on the premises. While we do the best we can, we cannot be held responsible for any misconduct on the part of those who do not board in the institution. We make this statement because at least one brother has falsely charged us with a neglect of duty in this respect. I think we can safely say there is no school in the state more rigid as respects the morals of students and teachers than ours. It is malicious in any one to charge us with the contrary.

THE REMOVAL OF THE DEBT.

The year is remarkable in that we succeeded in removing the longstanding and burdensome debt. About the 15th of March it was announced that the debt had been reduced to \$125.00. So enthusiastic were the students over this announcement, they said they would raise and pay that amount. By the 21st of April the amount was reduced to \$22.00. Students, teachers and trustees (trustees were present that day) were told that before the sunset that day, that amount had to be raised.

In a short time we were able to report that the desired amount was raised. There was genuine rejoicing among all present. President Meserve of Shaw University, N. C., said he never witnessed such loyalty on the part of students. As representing the Home Mission Society he congratulated both teachers and students. For the removal of this debt we are under obligation to every man, woman and child, every preacher, church, association, society and Convention that has given one cent or more or spoken one word of encouragement. Above all the glory belongs to God. To one and all we wish through your honorable Board, to express our sincere and hearty thanks for removing out of our way one of the greatest hinderances to our progress. This ought to be to the Baptists a great occasion of rejoicing. Certainly if our institution had gone down in debt, we would have hung our heads in shame, our enemies would have rejoiced and many would have pointed to our failure as a conspicuous example of Negro incapacity to conduct large enterprises. Surely we need to be very thankful to God for what he has done for us.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

As an expression of our gratitude for deliverance from debt a number of pastors and other brethren met in the University chapel and voted to ask each church to observe some day in September in which to give thanks for the deliverance of our school from debt and at the same time make a contribution to the work. For some cause only a few observed it, but wherever it was observed, it was with great profit to the church. The history of the colored Baptists of Alabama is indeed interesting. All of them ought to know it. It would be inspiring to them, their sons and daughters.

THE SOUTHWING.

The unfinished southwing of the ladies' hall, of which we have heard so much, is about to be a thing of the past. On the 15th of September the first material for the southwing began to be brought. Work began a few day afterwards. At this writing (Nov. 16) it is nearly completed. It adds very much to the appearance of the building and the campus. The whole building is 120x40 feet and including the ground floor is four stories high. The completion of the wing will cost something over \$1500.00. I may state in this connection that the fourth story of the middle portion and northwing has never been finished. It will require \$300.00 to complete it. The completion of the southwing and the fourth story mentioned above will give to us 28 more rooms—in this is included a large recitation room 15x40 to be the preacher's room. The furnishing of these rooms not including the preachers' room and reading room, will require about \$20.00 per room—in all \$520.00 for 26 rooms. The Board is

requested to get authority from the Convention to finish the fourth story and to furnish the rooms.

SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR MINISTERS.

The Board is hereby requested to grant the privilege of holding an institute for preachers and other Christian Workers, commencing the first of June and lasting two weeks. Room and board can be furnished for three dollars during that time. Competent instructors and able lecturers will be furnished. This will give our pastors an excellent opportunity to make improvement in their studies. At least one hundred churches might send their pastors and let them take advantage of this opportunity.

DEDICATION.

The Board is also requested to ask the Convention to set a part some day next spring on which to dedicate the ladies' hall. I would suggest the appointment of a committee on programme and arrangement for that occasion. The occasion ought to be the greatest and grandest in the history of the colored Baptists of the State. Every church, association, Sunday school, convention and society ought to be represented.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF N. Y., AND THE WOMEN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CHICAGO.

To each of these societies the Baptists of Alabama are under many obligations. From the commencement of our work until now, the Home Mission Society of New York, has shown itself a strong friend to the Baptists in Alabama. The magnitude of its work and the comparative scarcity of money renders it unable to do more. The society gives every evidence of being sincerely interested in us.

This ('98-'99) is the third year that the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago, has been helping us. The first two years it gave us the services of Miss Ada F. Morgan. This year in addition to her services they are giving us the services of Miss Kate E. Stote, of Kansas City, Kansas. The training that our young women are receiving under these excellent ladies will be of incalculable value. Thus along with their intellectual training, they are receiving a training in domestic affairs, of which no girl can well afford to be ignorant, and for lack of which there are thousands of unhappy homes. The ladies who have charge of our girls have themselves been trained in one of the best training schools in America.

THE WORK OF REV. W. T. COLEMAN, B. D., DURING THE SUMMER.

Rev. Coleman did an important and necessary work in the summer. A work that could not well be accomplished by a newspaper.

New interest in our work was created wherever he went. There is a disposition on the part of many to estimate the value of this work by the number of dollars and cents raised. This is a mistake. The value of this work cannot be estimated. Every year there is a sharper and sharper competition among the schools. Many of them send out agents, whose only work is to set before the people their advantages and to secure scholars. These agents are not expected to raise any money, but simply do the work mentioned for which they are paid. Rev. Coleman does all this and more. He does a work that not even a paper can do, however well circulated it may be.

TAXES AND INSURANCE.

Our taxes last year were \$25.20. Efforts were made about two years ago to exempt our property from taxation, but without success. It would be a great relief if the property could be exempted.

The chapel and recitation rooms, the Woodsmall building and boys' hall and the brick buildings are insured to June 3, 1900, in the Georgia Home Insurance Company of Columbus, Ga. The chapel and recitation rooms are insured for \$750.00, the Woodsmall building and Boys' hall for \$750.00 and the brick building not including the southwing for \$5,000. The premium on all of these amounts to \$255, all of which is paid. The southwing being about finished needs to be insured. It can be insured for \$2,500.00, the premium on which is \$31.25.

OUR NEEDS.

Both of our pianos are very much in need of repairs. It will cost \$55.00 to put both of them in good condition. We have not yet been able to do anything about the fence around the field. We are waiting for the means to repair it. Under the heading "Southwing," I should have called your attention to the fact that for the lack of money, we have been unable to finish the basement—that is put in a cement floor, plaster and ceil it, all of which will cost about \$100.00.

You will please allow me to take this opportunity to thank the Board and the Baptists generally for the support they have given the work during the year. Hearty co-operation on the part of all will make ours indeed and in truth a grand and noble work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. Dinkins,
President.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

Following are the Names of the Contributors to Alabama Baptist University during the Conventional Year, Commencing Nov. 1, 1897 and Ending October 31, 1898

I. INDIVIDUALS.

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| Miss R. A. Haldrum, Jersey City, N. J. | \$ 10 85 |
| Miss Ada F. Morgan, Montgomery, Indiana | 17 50 |

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| Rev. A. A. Williams, Little River | 1 00 |
| Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, A. B. Columbus, Ga. | 11 00 |
| Mr. B. F. Watson, Birmingham | 1 00 |
| Mr. Frank I. Boppe, New Ark. N. J. | 5 95 |
| Rev. William Walker, Birmingham | 50 |
| Rev. C. O. Boothe, D. D., Hollywood | 13 00 |
| Mrs. Louisa Lee, Gallion | 1 00 |
| Rev. Wm. Reddick, Greensboro | 5 00 |
| Messrs. Hubbard and Clay, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. I. Loeb, Selma | 25 |
| Mr. B. F. Schuster, Selma | 50 |
| Mr. J. Feibelman, Selma | 1 00 |
| Eliaberg Bros., Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss Millie Scott, Gallion | 1 00 |
| Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D., Birmingham | 8 00 |
| Miss Mary J. Kennedy, Gallion | 5 00 |
| Prof. W. B. Patterson, Montgomery | 4 00 |
| Mr. Jno. C. Leftwich, A. B. Montgomery | 1 00 |
| Mr. H. A. Loveless, Montgomery | 2 00 |
| W. P. Thompson | 50 |
| G. F. Oliver, Montgomery | 50 |
| Rev. S. J. Taylor, Coaling | 2 00 |
| Rev. B. H. Peterson, A. M. Tuskegee | 10 00 |
| Rev. R. T. Pollard, A. B. Eufaula | 4 50 |
| Mr. J. P. Bryant, Luverne | 1 25 |
| Miss Julia Sanders, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. J. R. Curtis, Luverne | 1 00 |
| Mr. Wm. Cade, Selma | 6 25 |
| Mr. W. R. McCord, Hayneville | 2 75 |
| Mr. S. L. Battie, Harris | 1 00 |
| Miss Melissa Roberts, Lowndersboro | 4 25 |
| Miss Addie Brown, Lowndersboro | 2 60 |
| Miss Lula Martin, Levert | 1 00 |
| Miss Mary Bell, Tuscaloosa | 1 00 |
| Mr. U. S. McCord, Hayneville | 1 00 |
| Miss Winnie Agnew, Greensboro | 1 00 |
| Mr. R. F. Stanton, Monroeville | 1 00 |
| Rev. W. H. Shelton, Coatopa | 1 00 |
| Mr. Edward Graver, Livingston | 1 00 |
| Mr. John Inge, Ramsey | 25 |
| Mr. J. M. Coleman, Crumptonia | 2 60 |
| Rev. D. M. Coleman, Crumptonia | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. B. Jennings, Shelby | 1 00 |
| Mr. Wm. Bowen, Pine Apple | 1 00 |
| Miss Estelle Russell, Selma | 2 00 |
| Miss Sadie Bean, Selma | 8 30 |
| Mr. H. E. Jones, Aldrich | 1 00 |
| Rev. A. W. DeYampert, Tuskegee | 4 25 |
| Miss Sadie Parrish, Selma | 6 05 |
| Miss Charlotte Jones, Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss Jessie Wood, East Lake | 2 65 |
| Miss Fannie Chillis, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. David Hunter, Orrville | 3 65 |
| Mr. S. R. Smith, Selma | 6 00 |
| Mr. R. T. Page, Selma | 1 00 |
| Rev. W. S. Stratman, Orrville | 50 |
| Mr. T. C. Hixon, Forest Home | 1 00 |

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| Miss Annie Wyatt, Marion | 1 00 |
| Miss Susie Bradford, Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss Maude McCoo, Glenville | 1 00 |
| Mr. P. J. Williams, Lyons | 2 93 |
| Rev. D. V. Jemison, Selma | 3 00 |
| Rev. T. J. Flood, Selma | 1 30 |
| Miss Minnie Crenshaw, Hamburg | 1 00 |
| Miss Susie Russell, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. A. T. Allen, Tasso | 1 00 |
| Mr. Samuel Montgomery, Hamburg | 50 |
| Miss Mamie Hammonds, Lowndersboro | 50 |
| Miss Lilly Page, Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss Hattie Lawson, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. A. C. Hudson, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. D. W. Gayle, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. F. S. Simpson, Opelika | 1 00 |
| Rev. S. Jones, Marion | 3 00 |
| Mr. Willie Bradford, Selma | 25 |
| Mrs. J. A. Morgan, Toungeo, Burma | 1 00 |
| Rev. W. C. Bradford, Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss Cherry Roberts, Livingston | 1 00 |
| Mr. C. W. Reid, Selma | 50 |
| Mr. R. M. McKensie, Monroeville | 1 00 |
| Mr. A. R. Bettis, Gosport | 2 50 |
| Mrs. P. S. L. Hutchins, Columbus, Ga | 1 00 |
| Mrs. M. L. Bacon, West Newton, Mass | 50 65 |
| Mr. G. P. Adams, Mt Pleasant, Texas | 3 00 |
| Rev. J. J. Berry, Orrville | 1 00 |
| Rev. C. J. Davis, Selma | 2 00 |
| Mr. M. J. Meyer, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. — Hubbard, Selma | 1 00 |
| Rev. S. F. Kingston, Selma | 1 00 |
| Rev. Phillips, Montgomery | 1 00 |
| Rev. S. M. Fisher, Jackson, Miss | 1 00 |
| Rev. E. W. Shields, Dayton | 1 10 |
| Rev. H. Stephens, Scotts | 50 |
| Rev. M. M. Archer, Tuskegee | 25 |
| Mr. — Shepard, Montgomery | 25 |
| Mr. Peter Pierce, Collirene | 1 50 |
| Rev. H. L. Morehouse, D. D., New York | 2 00 |
| Rev. L. W. Colloway, Fort Deposit | 1 50 |
| Mrs. Rebecca Pitts, Uniontown | 4 50 |
| Mrs. E. C. Burroughs, Selma | 80 |
| Dr. E. W. Brown, Selma | 3 00 |
| Mr. B. H. Wilson, Matthews | 4 50 |
| Miss Olivia Stephens, Whitfield | 50 |
| Miss Savannah Rogers, Bevel Store | 25 |
| Mr. Willie Rogers, Bevel Store | 10 |
| Mr. Henry J. Duke, Claiborne | 50 |
| Mr. W. T. Pinkard, Mumford | 25 |
| Mr. L. A. Goodenough, Talladega | 25 |
| Mr. J. C. Williams, Talladega | 15 |
| Mr. John Evans, Ironaton | 25 |
| Mr. S. W. Whatley | 10 |
| Dr. I. B. Kigh, Birmingham | 50 |
| Mrs. Mary Edwards, Birmingham | 40 |
| Mr. L. S. Henderson, Birmingham | 50 |

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| Miss Matilda C. Leftwich, Forkland | 1 25 |
| Mrs. Amy Chapman, Livingston | 75 |
| Mr. I. W. Rogers, Auburn | 1 00 |
| Rev. Z. H. Wilson, Mathews | 2 00 |
| Mrs. Maggie Drane, Orrville | 1 00 |
| Miss Minnie C. Perryman, Orrville | 25 |
| Rev. C. L. Fisher, Birmingham | 3 88 |
| Judge J. H. Craig, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. W. W. Wadsworth, Wadsworth | 1 00 |
| Mr. B. Bynum, Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss K. E. Stote, Kansas City, Kansas | 2 78 |
| Mr. R. S. P. Abbott, Selma | 10 00 |
| Miss Mary T. Moore, Anniston | 4 25 |
| Miss Callie Gary, Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss M. L. McAlpine, Montgomery | 7 00 |
| Miss Fannie Mackey, Selma | 10 |
| Mrs. Sarah Bird, Selma | 10 |
| Miss Athelsteen Sullivan, Selma | 05 |
| Miss Pauline Dinkins, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mr. Willie Dinkins, Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss Daisy Dinkins, Selma | 1 00 |
| Miss Mabel Dinkins, Selma | 2 00 |
| Rev. J. R. Scott, Selma | 5 00 |
| Mr. Lorenzo Pollard, Eufaula | 2 50 |
| Miss Susie Wood, Lowndersboro | 1 50 |
| Miss Leah K. Walker, Marion | 5 05 |
| Mrs. G. W. Williams, Adamsville | 75 |
| Mr. A. A. Wilson, Adamsville | 25 |
| Miss Minnie Jones, Uniontown | 1 25 |
| Mr. A. D. Weathers, Seale | 1 10 |
| Rev. L. P. Foster, Selma | 1 00 |
| Mrs. E. A. Knight, Selma | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Gay Inge, Tishabee | 1 00 |
| Rev. N. Winston, Bodka | 1 00 |
| Mr. Nathan Wright, Gainesville | 1 00 |
| Mr. Henry Sims, Epes | 50 |
| C. S. Dinkins, Selma | 10 00 |
| Mrs. C. S. Dinkins, Selma | 5 00 |
| Mr. E. W. Knight, A. B., Selma | 5 00 |
| Rev. W. T. Coleman, B. D., Selma | 11 00 |
| Mrs. Emma Berry, Uniontown | 1 00 |
| Mr. John Cleveland, Uniontown | 10 |
| Miss Mattie Carson, Hayneville | 55 |
| Miss Annie Crittenden, Greenville | 1 15 |
| Mr. Solomon Dudley, Uniontown | 10 |
| Mr. C. C. Carrington, Uniontown | 25 |
| Mr. J. H. Coleman, Uniontown | 50 |
| Mr. Wm. Coleman, Uniontown | 10 |
| Miss Hattie C. Ruffin, Cedarville | 2 00 |
| Miss Minnie G. Gibbs, Mobile | 2 00 |
| Miss Eva A. Bryant, Columbus, Ga | 2 80 |
| Miss Clara Payne, Greenville | 50 |
| Miss Blanche Wilhite, Birmingham | 2 00 |
| Miss Annie M. Jackson, Richmond, Va. | 5 00 |
| Mrs. O. C. Abrams, Uniontown | 1 00 |
| Mrs. A. L. Banks, Uniontown | 2 00 |
| Mr. G. W. Brown, Anniston | 3 00 |

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| Miss Mary E. Hinton, Marion | 1.00 |
| Prof. and Mrs. R. B. Hudson, Selma | 5.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Mack, Gainesville | 2.00 |
| Mrs. M. M. Force, Selma | 1.20 |
| L. L. Burwell, M. D. Selma | 5.00 |
| Miss Francis C. Moore, Selma | 1.50 |

Total from Individuals..... \$438.29

II. CHURCHES, S. S., SOCIETIES, B. Y. P. U'S.

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| 16th St. ch, Birmingham, Rev. C. L. Fisher, p. | \$ 18.50 |
| Galilee S. S. Anniston, Mr. W. Jackson, s. | 4.00 |
| Rockford S. S., Rockford | 1.00 |
| W. N'tn S. S., Mass., Mr. H. A. Inman, s. | 50.00 |
| Berean church, Marion, Rev. S. Jones, p. | 3.00 |
| Lowndersboro S. S., Lowndersboro, M. N. Morton, s. | 2.50 |
| Mt. Zion church, Anniston, Rev. A. A. Battle, p. | 4.50 |
| Ebenezer church, Auburn, Rev. I. T. Simpson, p. | 4.90 |
| Healing Springs church, Birmingham, Rev. S. E. Belser, p. | 3.00 |
| Mt. Hebron church, Blossburg, Rev. T. B. Goldsby, p. | 1.15 |
| Macedonia church, Fort Deposit, Rev. L. W. Calloway, p. | 12.50 |
| Dexter Avenue church, Montgomery, Rev. W. H. McAlpine, p. | 5.00 |
| Dexter Av. Women's Mis. So., Montg'y Mrs. W. H. McAlpine, pr. | 5.00 |
| Dexter Avenue B. Y. P. U., Montgomery, Mr. G. F. Oliver | 2.50 |
| Dexter Ave. S. S., Prof. J. W. Beverly, s. | 2.50 |
| Women's Mission Society, Fort Deposit. | 2.00 |
| Tabernacle S. S., Selma, Prof. R. B. Hudson, s. | 12.50 |
| Shiloh church, Selma, Rev. J. R. Scott, p. | 1.50 |
| Bethlehem church, Gallion, Rev. D. M. Coleman, p. | 7.00 |
| Parrot Grove church, Harrels, Rev. W. S. Stratman, p. | 2.08 |
| Bethlehem church, John's, Rev. W. C. Owens, p. | 2.25 |
| Women's Mis. So., Tabernacle ch., Selma, Mrs. P. E. Dinkins, pr. | 3.00 |
| Bethel church, Tuskegee, Rev. B. H. Peterson, p. | 5.50 |
| Sandy Ridge church, Selma, Rev. J. H. Graner, p. | 1.05 |
| 1st church, Eufaula, Rev. R. T. Pollard, p. | 9.60 |
| 1st S. S., Eufaula, Mr. J. L. Seabrooks, s. | 5.50 |
| Dorcas Rising Star Cir. Bethesda church, Opelika. | 3.00 |
| Newberne church, Newberne | 8.35 |
| Pine Grove church, Crumptonia, Rev. D. M. Coleman, p. | 3.00 |
| Mt. Sinai church, Laneville, Rev. W. H. Huckabee, p. | 2.00 |
| Franklin St. church, Mobile, Rev. A. N. McEwen, p. | 3.00 |
| 1st church, Selma, Rev. C. J. Hardy, p. | 2.00 |
| Women's Home Mission Society, Randolph. | 3.00 |
| Sardis church, Clayton, Rev. R. T. Schell, p. | 2.50 |
| St. Emanuel church, Linden, Rev. E. W. Shield, p. | 2.75 |
| Mt. Moriah church, Scott Station, Rev. H. Stephens, p. | 2.00 |
| Oak Grove ch, Perryville, Rev. W. P. Tate, p. | 1.50 |
| Metropolitan ch, Columbus Ga., Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, A. B., p. | 10.77 |
| Friendship ch, Columbus, Ga., Rev. L. F. O'Brien, p. | 60 |
| Mt. Olive ch, No. 1, Greenville, Rev. Jas. Peterson, p. | 3.44 |
| Mt. Olive S. S. No. 1, Greenville, Mrs. A. M. McCoo, s. | 1.06 |
| Antioch ch, Hooks, Rev. E. Moore, p. | 35 |
| 1st ch, Greenville, Rev. T. Bellinger, p. | 2.60 |
| Ebenezer S. S., Auburn, Mr. B. J. White, s. | 1.13 |
| St. Paul ch, Greenville, Rev. M. C. Williams, p. | 50 |
| Shiloh ch, near Selma, Rev. R. Z. DeYampert, p. | 1.35 |
| Alabama B. Y. P. U., Mr. T. H. Posey, pr. | 6.17 |

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| Wagar church, Wagar..... | 1 00 |
| 1st ch, Hayneville. Rev. S. Reese, p..... | 35 |
| Lowndesboro ch, Lowndesboro. Rev. M. Tyler, p..... | 2 35 |
| Eutaw ch, Eutaw. Rev. C. L. Fisher, p..... | 6 00 |
| Mt. Olive ch, Eutaw, Rev. C. L. Fisher, p..... | 1 00 |
| Mt. Canaan ch, Talladega. Rev. J. W. Goodgame, p..... | 5 00 |
| Mt. Olive ch, Anniston, Rev. S. W. Whatley, p..... | 15 |
| Mt. Zion S. S., Anniston, Mr. J. C. Lindsay, s..... | 1 00 |
| Friendship ch, Anniston. Rev. F. R. Kennedy, p..... | 2 86 |
| Galilee ch, Anniston, Rev. J. H. Eason, p..... | 7 75 |
| Mt. Prospect ch, Linden, Rev. A. G. Walker, p..... | 1 35 |
| Bloominglight ch, Sedden, Rev. A. G. Walker, p..... | 1 70 |
| 6th Ave. ch, Birmingham. Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, p..... | 9 47 |
| Harmony St. ch, Avondale, Rev. — Person, p..... | 1 60 |
| Harmony St. S. S. Avondale..... | 1 00 |
| 1st ch, North Birmingham, Rev. J. A. Peel, p..... | 1 00 |
| 6th Ave. S. S. Birmingham, Mr. W. E. Tinker, s..... | 50 |
| Peace and Good Will church..... | 20 |
| African ch, Tuscaloosa, Rev. E. B. Young, p..... | 5 52 |
| Sumterville ch, Sumterville, Rev. W. Broaden, p..... | 1 00 |
| Millers Hill ch, Epes, Rev. N. Winston, p..... | 1 00 |
| Livingston ch, Livingston, Rev. G. Lowe, p..... | 4 00 |
| Livingston S. S., Livingston, Mr. D. S. Jones, s..... | 47 |
| Ht. Hermon ch, York, Rev. Josiah Kenon, p..... | 1 30 |
| Mt. Pleasant church..... | 1 00 |
| Mt. Olive ch, Cuba, Rev. T. J. James, p..... | 2 00 |
| Mt. Tabor ch, Coatapa, Rev. G. Young, p..... | 70 |
| Mt. Tabor S. S., Coatapa, Mr. F. J. Taylor, s..... | 61 |
| Mt. Pleasant ch, Coatapa. Rev. R. P. Phillips, p..... | 1 07 |
| St. Matthew ch, Dayton, Rev. C. Walton, p..... | 1 00 |
| New Asia ch, Coaling, Rev. S. J. Taylor, p..... | 1 00 |
| Sardis ch, Enon Ridge, Rev. W. C. Owens, p..... | 1 70 |
| Plantersville S. S., Plantersville..... | 65 |
| Providence S. S., Orrville. Mrs. M. A. Drane, s..... | 5 51 |
| Brighton ch, Brighton, Rev. S. Lewis, p..... | 2 00 |
| Jerusalem S. S., Adamsville, Mr. G. W. Williams, s..... | 1 05 |
| Lively Hope ch, Pratt City, Rev. S. Lewis, p..... | 1 00 |
| New Hope ch, Oxford, Rev. Wm. Munds, p..... | 75 |
| Cedar Grove ch, Selma, Rev. W. Ware, p..... | 75 |
| Lloyd chapel, Forkland, Rev. J. W. Matthews, p..... | 1 00 |
| Mt. Olive ch, Tuskegee, Rev. A. W. DeYampert, p..... | 8 10 |
| Antioch ch, Axle, Rev. H. J. Broughton, p..... | 1 15 |
| Bethel S. S., Ozark, Mr. B. F. Turpin, s..... | 1 00 |
| Antioch ch, Bladen Springs, Rev. C. L. Davis, p..... | 2 00 |
| 1st church, Evergreen..... | 50 |
| Friendship ch, LaFayette, Rev. C. J. Davis, p..... | 2 21 |
| Grove Hill ch, Dayton, Rev. E. W. Shield, p..... | 1 75 |
| Ishkooda S. S., Ishkooda, Rev. G. A. Williams, s..... | 1 00 |
| 1st ch, Uniontown, Rev. W. Madison, p..... | 8 00 |
| 1st S. S., Uniontown, Mr. N. R. Nickerson, s..... | 2 00 |
| 1st B. Y. P. U., Uniontown, Mrs. E. W. Edwards, pr..... | 1 00 |
| Mt. Calvary ch, Uniontown, Rev. Wm. Madison, Jr, p..... | 80 |
| Woman's Missionary Society, Uniontown, Mrs. R. Pitts, pr..... | 1 00 |
| Mt. Hebron S. S., Blossburg, S. H. Head, s..... | 2 50 |
| Hebron ch, Uniontown, Rev. J. A. Martin, p..... | 3 00 |

Total from churches, S. S., Societies and Unions.....\$ 349 47

III ASSOCIATIONS AND CONVENTIONS.

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| Mt. Pilgrim Association, Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, mod. | 150 00 |
| Uniontown Association, Rev. W. Madison, mod. | 289 70 |
| Marengo Co. Association, Rev. E. W. Shield, mod. | 25 25 |
| Kinterbish Association, Rev. Finderson, mod. | 4 00 |
| Autauga Co. Association, Rev. A. J. Jones, mod. | 20 25 |
| Ala. Dis. Assn, Rev. M. Tyler, D. D., mod. | 103 33 |
| New Cahaba Association, Rev. J. H. Eason, mod. | 15 00 |
| Bethlehem Association, Rev. L. Brown, mod. | 175 00 |
| New Antioch Association, Rev. W. C. Bradford, mod. | 12 00 |
| Needham Creek Association, J. W. Matthews, mod. | 5 50 |
| First Mt. Pleasant S. S. Con. | 2 00 |
| Ala. Baptist State Con., Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, pr. | 270 00 |
| Morning Star Association | 1 40 |
| Col. Bethlehem Association, Rev. G. Washington, mod. | 46 20 |
| East Perry Association, Rev. J. A. Jemison, mod. | 3 00 |
| East Perry S. S. Con. Rev. G. T. Moten, pr. | 3 00 |
| Montgomery Antioch Assn, Rev. E. D. Jones, mod. | 67 00 |
| Needham Creek S. S. Con. Rev. G. Nash, pr. | 2 50 |
| Star of Hope Association | 4 00 |
| Shelby Springs Association, Rev. G. R. Nash, mod. | 55 00 |
| Good Samaritan Association | 2 50 |
| New Cahaba S. S. Con. Rev. W. S. Stratman, pr. | 5 00 |
| Mt. Calvary Dist. S. S. Convention, Rev. S. J. Taylor, pr. | 2 00 |
| Uniontown Dist. S. S. Convention, Prof. R. B. Hudson, pr. | 105 00 |
| Mt. Pilgrim S. S. Con., Rev. J. A. Peel, pr. | 13 00 |
| Auburn S. S. Con., Rev. M. M. Archer, pr. | 5 02 |
| Bibb Co. S. S. Con., Rev. J. S. Prentice, pr. | 5 00 |
| Bowen East S. S. Con., F. E. Cooper, pr. | 7 00 |
| Union District S. S. Convention | 3 00 |
| Shelby Springs S. S. Con., Rev. J. B. Jennings, pr. | 2 00 |
| Alabama Baptist State S. S. Con., Prof. C. M. Wells, pr. | 56 55 |
| Autauga S. S. Con., Mr. C. S. Butler, pr. | 3 00 |
| Mobile Sunlight Association, Rev. J. L. Frazier, mod. | 10 00 |
| Eufaula S. S. Con., Rev. Jas. Peterson, pr. | 10 00 |
| Kinterbish S. S. Con., Rev. L. T. Cottrell | 3 00 |
| Evergreen S. S. Con., Mr. J. M. Michael, pr. | 3 15 |
| Col. Bethlehem S. S. Con., Rev. R. W. Russell, pr. | 12 00 |
| Woman's Uniontown Dis. Con., Mrs. R. Pitts, pr. | 27 20 |
| East Alabama S. S. Con., Mr. E. J. French, pr. | 17 01 |
| Snow Creek S. S. Con. | 5 00 |
| Bethlehem S. S. Con., Rev. G. Lowe, pr. | 30 00 |
| Auburn Association, Rev. I. T. Simpson, mod. | 30 31 |
| Rushing Springs Asso., Rev. A. A. Battle, mod. | 60 00 |
| Monty. Antioch S. S. Con., Mr. J. C. Leftwich, A. B., pr. | 37 58 |
| Woman's Baptist State Con., Mrs. E. W. Pollard, pr. | 300 00 |
| Alabama District S. S. Con., Rev. S. Jones, pr. | 30 61 |
| Dallas Co S. S. Con., G. W. Washington, pr. | 10 00 |
| Bethlehem Woman's Dis. Con., Miss Eva Green, pr. | 5 00 |
| East Dallas S. S. Con., Rev. I. S. Ross, pr. | 10 10 |
| Shady Grove S. S. Con., Mr. H. M. Hall, pr. | 4 02 |
| Coosa Valley S. S. Con. | 1 75 |
| Bibb Co Association, Rev. H. E. Doak, mod. | 5 00 |
| Eufaula Association, Rev. J. D. Maddox, mod. | 32 00 |
| Dallas Co Association, Rev. D. Boyd, mod. | 25 00 |
| Bladen Springs Association | 5 00 |

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| East Alabama Union S. S. Con., Rev. S. Q. Gun, pr..... | 2 00 |
| Bowen East Association, Rev. W. T. Mackey, mod..... | 11 45 |
| East Alabama Union Assn, Rev. S. Q. Gun, mod..... | 2 26 |
| Wom. 1st Mt. Pleasant Dis. Con., Mrs. E. H. Thompson pr | 2 00 |
| 1st Mt. Pleasant Association, Rev. E. W. Shields, mod.... | 4 00 |
| Wom. Montgomery Antioch Dis. Con., Mrs. S. Jackson, pr. | 5 00 |
| 2nd Mt. Pleasant Association, Rev. M. H. Gilbert, mod.... | 6 30 |
| Canaan-Pickensville Association..... | 3 40 |
| Total from Associations and Conventions..... | \$ 2173 34 |

IV MISCELLANEOUS.

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| Jun Nor Class Ala Bap University..... | \$ 5 10 |
| Sec " " " " "..... | 20 00 |
| Sec Prep " " " " "..... | 10 25 |
| 1st Yr Prep Class Ala Bap University..... | 2 50 |
| Model School Ala. Bap. University..... | 15 83 |
| Northbound Institute..... | 2 00 |
| Collection Commencement Sermon..... | 12 00 |
| Collection Thanksgiving Day at University (May 13)..... | 30 30 |
| Exhibition..... | 6 49 |
| Teachers State Normal, Montgomery..... | 1 05 |
| Ministers Union, Montgomery..... | 2 00 |
| Total from Miscellaneous Sources..... | \$ 107 52 |

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| Total from Individuals..... | \$ 438 29 |
| " " churches, S. S., Societies, B. Y. P. U's..... | 349 47 |
| " " associations and conventions..... | 2173 34 |
| " " miscellaneous sources..... | 107 52 |
| Grand Total..... | \$ 3068 62 |

Remarks:—In the above p stands for pastor, s for superintendent, pr for president, mod for moderator. The Home Mission Society of New York contributed \$1,272.00. The Woman's Home Mission Society of Chicago \$360.00.

C. S. Dinkins,

President.

ABREVIATED REPORT BY C. O. BOOTHE, DISTRICT MISSIONARY TO
THE CONVENTION—WORK DONE.

Sermons 160, addresses 150, institutes 16, letters written 300, prayer services 140, visits 130, associations visited 15, counties operated in 20, ministers spoken to 500, and masses spoken to 15,000, held special meetings 10, and money raised on field \$245.05 and received from Rev. C. J. Davis as treasurer, \$40.00, equaling \$285.05. Due from the state \$450.00, less \$285.05, equals \$164.95.

C. O. Boothe.

District Missionary.

Report of State Mission Board.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., November 25th, 1898.

Brother President:—We bring to you this morning our Annual Report. Although there have been changes over which we had no control and sometimes the ways and means by which to do successful mission work have been very limited, yet, at times, the work has had some encouraging features: therefore the future is brighter and more hopeful.

CO-OPERATION AND WORKERS.

(a) It is the hope of your Board that the New Era Institute work be endorsed by all of our churches, pastors, superintendents and christian workers, under the co-operative plan, that has given such satisfaction during the past 3 years. We recommend the continuation of the same plan another year, providing the other bodies co-operate with us.

(b) We recommend that we increase our missionary force to five, viz: Four district and one general missionary.

And that the Convention will be responsible for only \$300 as a minimum salary for the District Missionaries. They may receive as much as \$700.00 provided they raise the same. We recommend that the Convention be responsible for \$600.00 as a minimum salary for the General Missionary and he may receive \$925 provided he raises the same.

(c) We recommend also, that we re-district the state to suit the number of missionaries.

WORK OF PAST YEAR.

Since we have no general missionary to whom and upon whom we must depend and look to for reports, we ask that the brethren representing the different parts of the work, read their reports. (1) That Rev. C. J. Davis will read our financial report. 2 That Rev. J. H. Eason read the report of Baptist Leader. (3) That the missionaries for the past year Drs. W. R. Pettiford and C. O. Booth will read such parts of their reports as are thought best to be heard before the Convention.

INDEBTEDNESS TO CREDITORS OF STATE MISSION BOARD.

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| Due C. L. Purce ... | \$ 31 62. | Paid..... | \$ 7 90. | Bal. Due ... | \$ 23 72 |
| Due J. T. Prince ... | 101 46. | Paid ... | 25 36. | Bal. Due ... | 76 10 |
| Due D. T. Gulley... | 47 66. | Paid ... | 11 91. | Bal. Due.... | 35 75 |
| Due P. S. L. Hutchins... | 57 19. | Paid... | 14 29. | Bal. Due ... | 42 90 |
| Due S. L. Ross..... | 12 00. | Paid... | 3 00. | Bal. Due ... | 9 00 |
| Due C. S. Dinkins.. | 11 39. | Paid ... | 0 00. | Bal. Due.... | 11 39 |
| Totals..... | \$261 32. | | \$62 46. | | \$198 86 |

RECOMMENDATION OF BAPTIST LEADER.

1. We commend the Leader to the general reading public, and ask that the Editor be given encouragement to go on with the paper and that we make a donation of \$50.00 to help on the work of Baptist Leader.

2. That we recommend to the Convention the necessity of doing what we can for the old debts and ask that the Convention pay at least 25c per cent of the old debts, and more if possible.

We recommend that the following named brethren to be a committee to meet with the committee on co-operation of other bodies. Revs. A. N. McEwen, J. H. Eason, C. J. Davis, Wm. Madison, J. Q. A. Wilhite, L. P. Foster.

A. N. McEwen, President.
D. T. Gulley, Secretary.

REPORT OF W. R. PETTIFORD, DISTRICT MISSIONARY TO THE CONVENTION.

Tuscaloosa, Ala., Nov. 25, 1898.

To the Baptist State Convention:—I submit the following report as District Missionary under the co-operating plan. When we left the Convention last year it was hoped that we could have the services of Rev. R. T. Pollard as General Missionary but we failed to do so. The plan to have Dr. Boothe act as General Missionary, failed. He and myself were requested to divide the state in two parts and do the best we could. We proceeded with our work without the assistance of a general missionary to meet the discouragements of the feeling of division as well as to be hindered by the quarantine regulations. But the Brethren opened their doors and co-operated with me to that extent that I believe that my work has never been more helpful to the cause than that performed in this field. Though the hardships have been many they are not worthy to be compared with the opportunity to serve the Master's cause in his name. In my judgment we have never had any work more helpful to the ministers outside of the school.

THE WORK.

My work has been the holding of institutes for preachers, deacons and all christian workers. We are to do religious visiting from house to house, consult the members as to the location of house of worship and the settlement of pastors, encourage the young people to secure an education, to assist in revivals and to preach the gospel of Christ generally.

THE NEEDS OF THE WORK.

At the present rate of work it will take us two years and nine months to go over the state one time, therefore we need men enough to cover the field at least once a year. With our substantial plans reaching every Baptist organization in our work, assisting them in their local work as well as to secure their assistance in the operating of other fields.

2. These missionaries need the support of all our papers in the state and frequent publication of the President of the Convention, presidents of the B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School State Convention, the chairman of the State Mission Board and its ex-committee together with the hearty co-operation of the moderators and Pastors expressed through press and from the pulpits.

AUGUST RALLY.

The forces of the denomination should be concentrated in an effort for an August Rally until its success shall be expressed in thousands collected for the work.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We recommend that Annual Institutes be held at Selma near the time of commencement.
2. That we name the second Sunday in August for a general Missionary Rally.

Respectfully,

W. R. Pettiford, District Missionary.

TO THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

We beg leave to submit the following report on Baptist Leader:

This department of the work still asserts itself as an important factor in the denominational work. The office has not been closed this year; but its operation has not been satisfactory; though in some respects inspiring. When we remember that it was through epistles written to the churches that the early evangelical work was conducted by the apostles, we must feel that the newspaper business in the religious work is in line with Bible methods.

This thought has been encouraging to the manager of the Leader this year. He has felt that if he could be instrumental in getting a message before the people of God for their consideration once a week, he would be willing to suffer with the hope of doing the master good service.

The Baptist Leader is a means of education. The apostles saw that the people did not only need conversion but instruction in the word. This same need is apparent in the church today. Strong articles published in the paper and sent to the people, will be the quickest way to give this instruction and will be accompanied with the most permanent results. I would urge that the Board will pay more attention to this potent means of good in our possession. The paper has not been very well supported this year.

It seems that friends who felt that last year in our controversy they were bound to interest themselves in the support of the paper, slackened their traces since the adoption of the peace measure in the Convention at Uniontown. Those that were indifferent to the paper it seems, have felt, the lion is tied, hence have not given it any attention. The new convention that has been agitated in the state this year, has affected also the financial support of the paper.

The articles contributed to the paper by the leaders have been few, the number of subscribers through their influence have not been what the manager thinks it should have been in view of the pledges in Uniontown. I have endeavored to make the matter published in the paper to be at least wholesome.

I here return thanks to those who have helped us in this way by sending us strong and well prepared articles. The manager of the paper does not feel that he has been treated fair in the prosecution of

his work. Though he has put his strength and money into his work and advanced every department of the state work of the Convention the Educational and Missionary Work, he has not been given support. Do you not believe that the communication and appeals made through the paper, have favorably affected the success of our Educational and Missionary Work? Say the raising of money and paying off the debts. I think they have, notwithstanding, the great pledges at the Convention in Uniontown, of peace and support, the manager has not been able to pay one dollar on \$250.00 of the debt reported last year, besides a debt of \$124.72 has accumulated on the paper for the year. We have received from all sources this year \$500.10; amount paid out \$542.82.

We added to the office this year \$65.00 worth of type cases, galleys and rollers, etc. Some donations have been given among which we remember to mention: Rev. C. S. Dinkins, D. D., \$1.00; Rev. R. T. Pollard, \$1.00; H. D. Harvey, 10c; Rev. D. T. Guiley, 50c; Women State Convention, \$3.00; Rushing Springs Association \$2.00; Shelby Springs, \$1.50; Uniontown Sunday School, \$4.00; Sunday School Convention, \$5.00; Eufaula Association, \$3.50; Uniontown Association, \$3.00; Shady Grove Association, \$5.52; East Perry, \$1.00; New Cahaba Association, \$10.00; Dallas County Association, \$1.00. I have thought seriously during this year of giving up the paper. But since I do not see as I can make things any better for the cause of the Master, that thought does not now engage our attention. Because of the impoverished condition of the treasury of the Leader. I have not been able to travel—hence I have depended on the pastors and agents. I am sorry that there are about \$25.00 in the hands of these brethren who will not or have not sent it in. There are some brethren who refuse to take the paper on the ground that he is taking another paper—a white paper sometimes. This is not a sufficient excuse for not taking the Leader which you pledged to support and from which you expect special service. Oh, how my heart bleeds when I consider this indifference and attempts to break down an instrument for good at our disposal. We have three young men now at work in the office. Brethren, will you will help me keep them there? Will you help me run the paper? For the next two years I run the paper, it shall not be pledged to any policy or bolster up any scheme except what my prayerful judgment approves. I here announce with emphasis, he that supports the paper shall have its support so far as is right. I thank you, brethren for support you have given this year and ask of your undivided support for the next year.

J. H. Eason, Editor Baptist Leader.

ANNUAL REPORT

—OF—

C. J. DAVIS, TREASURER

Of the State Mission Board of Alabama Baptist State Convention
from the last meeting of the Board at Uniontown in Decem-
ber, 1897. to the meeting of the Board at Tuscaloosa
in November, 1898.

RECEIPTS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

SELMA DISTRICT.

DECEMBER.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Bethlehem Association..... | \$ 10 00 |
| 1st Baptist ch. Selma | 2 10 |
| 1st Baptist ch, Alexander City.. | 1 00 |
| Total..... | \$ 13 10 |

MONTGOMERY DISTRICT.

DECEMBER.

| | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Little Mt Gillard ch, Benton... \$ | 1 00 | Lewis Martin..... | 25 |
| Gilfield ch, Old Spring Hill .. | 1 05 | E. H. Huckabee..... | 25 |
| Rev. George Washington's ch, | | James Moss..... | 25 |
| Barlow Bend..... | 1 00 | Darthullar Jones..... | 25 |
| Tabernacle Baptist S S. Selma .. | 1 00 | G. Nelson..... | 25 |
| " " ch, Selma..... | 1 50 | Rev. D. T. Gulley..... | 50 |
| Total..... | \$ 5 55 | James Simmons..... | 25 |
| | | Henry Picks..... | 25 |
| | | James Staks..... | 25 |
| | | Isaac Bearn..... | 25 |
| | | Nellie Patton, Greensboro..... | 25 |
| | | William Skipwith, Greensboro.. | 25 |
| | | Salem ch. Greensboro..... | 1 20 |
| | | Elyton ch. Elyton..... | 70 |
| | | Mt. Moriah ch. Elyton..... | 50 |
| | | Adamsville, Adamsville..... | 1 00 |
| | | | \$ 18 40 |

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

JANUARY.

TENNESSEE VALEEV DISTRICT.

DECEMBER.

| | |
|------------|-------|
| Total..... | \$ 00 |
|------------|-------|

SELMA DISTRICT.

JANUARY, 1898.

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| Mt. Canna Women's Society, | |
| Talladega..... | 1 60 |
| Peace Baptist church, Women's | |
| Society, Talladega..... | 1 15 |
| Salem Bapt. S. S. Greensboro... | 2 00 |
| Miss Mary Creasz, Greensboro | 2 00 |
| Rev. F. E. Jones..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. S. H. Harris..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. P. Cottrall..... | 50 |
| Rev. W. H. Reddick..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. N. Tlcent..... | 1 00 |
| William Kirkpatrick..... | 25 |
| Dock Opsent..... | 25 |

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| From different sources..... | \$ 2 59 |
| Mt. Zion ch. Heffman..... | 1 05 |
| Mt. Zion S. S. Heffman..... | 48 |
| Rev. Peels ch. North B'ham.... | 1 10 |
| Institute in Birmingham..... | 1 80 |
| First Baptist ch. Pratt City... | 2 56 |
| Rev. S. Lewis ch. Ensley City... | 1 00 |
| 6th Ave. ch. Birmingham..... | 1 30 |
| Rev. S. L. Belser..... | 40 |
| Rev. H. S. Thompson for Book- | |
| wood church..... | 1 50 |
| Mt. Zion Baptist ch. Anniston.. | 2 15 |
| Total..... | \$ 15 43 |

SELMA DISTRICT.

FEBRUARY.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Rev. E. W. Shields, Dayton... \$ | 1 25 |
| Linden Baptist ch. Linden..... | 3 05 |
| Grove Hill Baptist ch. Dayton.. | 1 25 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| Richard Adams | 25 |
| N. C. Lofton | 50 |
| Phil. Drummond | 25 |
| D. C. Catting | 50 |
| S. Huston | 40 |
| A. Huston | 25 |
| R. Walker | 27 |
| L. Adams | 25 |
| A. H. Hughs | 50 |
| B. Hughs | 50 |
| H. O. Adams | 25 |
| J. Bruce | 50 |
| M. R. Anthony | 25 |
| Jack Anderson | 25 |
| Margaret Fisher | 25 |
| B. G. Glover | 25 |
| Phil. Thomas | 25 |
| N. Williams | 25 |
| Rev. I. S. Thomas | 50 |
| Huldah Hughs | 25 |
| G. P. Glenton | 25 |
| Stonewall Jackson | 25 |
| Jessie Johnson | 50 |
| Bettie Bruce | 25 |
| Moses Bruce | 50 |
| J. Conner | 25 |
| Women Missionary Society | 3 25 |
| Baptist Young People's Union | 1 00 |
| Old Morning Star ch. Demopolis | 2 31 |
| Rev. L. S. Stenback | 30 |
| A. E. S. Hurts | 35 |
| John Jackson | 25 |
| A. O. Lee | 1 00 |
| P. D. Williams | 25 |
| A. Smith | 1 00 |
| L. S. Johnson | 25 |
| Dollie Taylor | 25 |
| Susie Reese | 35 |
| D. W. Williams | 25 |
| S. T. Matthews | 1 00 |
| H. Green | 25 |
| Tabernacle ch Birmingham | 65 |
| Avondale ch. Avondale | 50 |
| L. D. Sanders | 2 00 |
| Oxmore ch. Oxmore | 2 15 |
| Carrona ch. Carrona | 2 20 |
| Total | \$ 34 28 |

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

FEBRUARY.

| | |
|-------------------------|---------|
| Galilee ch. Anniston | \$ 3 10 |
| Friendship ch. Anniston | 2 00 |
| Mt. Zion ch. Anniston | 1 00 |

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Attalla ch. Attalla | 1 00 |
| J. A. Blankinship Attalla | 50 |
| Collinsville ch. Collinsville | 3 00 |
| Other sources | 1 40 |
| Total | \$ 12 00 |

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

MARCH.

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Galilee Baptist ch. Leighton | \$ 96 |
| Cave Springs ch. Cave Springs | 3 35 |
| Sheffield Baptist, Sheffield | 3 00 |
| Tuscumbia Baptist, Tuscumbia | 8 90 |
| St. Mark Baptist, Florence | 5 00 |
| Total | \$ 21 21 |

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

APRIL.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Through Rev. Wm. Walker for Avondale Baptist church, Avondale | \$ 10 00 |
| From other sources | 10 00 |
| Total | \$ 20 00 |

SELMA DISTRICT,

MAY.

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Avondale ch. Avondale | \$ 50 |
| Brighton ch. Brighton | 1 25 |
| Rev. A. L. Miggerson | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. D. Hill | 50 |
| Quintilla Rentz | 25 |
| Mrs. A. L. Miggerson | 25 |
| Mrs. M. Kennedy | 50 |
| Anner M. Roman | 25 |
| N. R. Rentz | 25 |
| Rev. C. L. Robertson | 2 00 |
| Mattie Dickerson | 25 |
| Eliza Bowen | 25 |
| Thomasville church | 2 00 |
| New Hope | 3 80 |
| S. Houston | 25 |
| J. W. Wood | 25 |
| Mondy Stretts | 25 |
| Rev. R. G. Gordon | 25 |
| Enon Ridge church | 4 76 |
| Mr. Lee Pope | 50 |
| Mt. Zion church | 8 55 |
| Rev. J. Daverson | 1 10 |
| Rocky Branch church | 35 |
| County Line church | 2 50 |

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| First Church, Chattanooga..... | 10 00 |
| Greenville church | 1 50 |
| W. C. Bennetta..... | 25 |
| Newberne church | 2 00 |
| Woodward | 1 25 |
| Uniontown church | 11 42 |
| Women Missionary Society..... | 2 51 |
| Morrowville church | 1 75 |
| Total..... | \$ 61 49 |

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

MAY.

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Rev. Peals, Birmingham..... | 95 |
| 6th Ave. ch. Birmingham..... | 5 00 |
| Shiloh ch. Birmingham | 5 00 |
| 16th Street ch. Birmingham | 8 50 |
| Women's Missionary Conven- vention, Jefferson Co..... | 2 20 |
| Jerusalem Baptist ch. Bessemer. | 1 00 |
| Dr. C. S. Dinkins, Selma..... | 11 50 |
| Total..... | \$ 33 45 |

SELMA DISTRICT.

JUNE.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| 6th Ave. ch. Birmingham..... | 1 10 |
| Institute Pickensville, B'ham... | 2 30 |
| Rev. R. Hinton, Birmingham... | 1 00 |
| St. John ch. Birmingham..... | 5 45 |
| St. John S. S. Birmingham..... | 1 30 |
| Rev. R. Richy..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. Jas. Howard..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. N. Brooks..... | 1 00 |
| Institute at Garrollton..... | 35 |
| Rev. J. W. T. Cunningham..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. C. Archibald..... | 1 00 |
| Carrollton church..... | 2 15 |
| New Salem church..... | 50 |
| Mt. Hewbern church..... | 1 00 |
| Cammin church..... | 4 40 |
| Good Hope church..... | 80 |
| Union Valley church..... | 1 50 |
| William Clark..... | 25 |
| John Bonds..... | 25 |

Total \$ 27 35

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

JUNE.

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| Courtland ch. Courtland..... | 1 60 |
| Prof. H. E. Love | 4 00 |
| Received from other sources.. | 5 00 |
| Total | \$ 10 60 |

SELMA DISTRICT.

JULY.

| | |
|--|-------|
| Rev. S. B. Bernett | \$ 25 |
| William Sanders..... | 25 |
| Rev. R. Hix..... | 25 |
| Rev. C. L. Fisher..... | 25 |
| Eutaw ch. Eutaw..... | 1 10 |
| Sumterville Women's Mission Society..... | 2 00 |
| Ex. Board, Sumter Co..... | 2 50 |
| David Hill..... | 25 |
| B. Y. P. U. Sumter Co..... | 50 |
| Uniontown S. S. Convention.. | 2 00 |
| Institute at Irondale | 1 00 |
| Mrs. Fannie P. McDowell..... | 25 |
| Rev. G. Lorse..... | 25 |
| Rev. Green Hutchin..... | 25 |
| Rev. W. Broaden | 1 75 |
| Institute at Epes | 2 00 |
| Rev. D. Harrison | 25 |
| D. Roberts | 25 |
| Rev. Thomas Mitchell | 25 |
| W. C. Brown | 25 |
| Church Ft. Deposit..... | 4 78 |
| Sumterville church | 1 25 |
| Women Missionary Society, Ft. Deposit | 3 03 |
| Sunday School, Ft. Deposit | 1 00 |
| Rev. E. G. Goldsmith | 25 |
| Sam Hood..... | 25 |
| Sarah Fuller | 25 |

Total \$ 24 36

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

JULY.

| | |
|---|---------|
| Russellville ch. Russellville..... | \$ 3 01 |
| 6th Ave. ch. Birmingham..... | 3 19 |
| 16th St. Church, Birmingham.. | 4 64 |
| Mission Band No. 4, 16th Street church | 32 |
| Mission Band No. 9, 16th Street church | 23 |
| Sardis church, Birmingham.... | 1 02 |
| Opelika church, Opelika | 75 |
| Minister's Conference, Colum- bus, Ga..... | 1 00 |
| Eufaula ch. Eufaula..... | 6 00 |
| Rev. A. A. Battle for S. S. Con- vention, Rushing Springs Association | 3 25 |
| Rev. R. T. Pollard..... | 3 00 |
| Rev. Mr. Johnson's ch. Union Springs | 1 65 |

Total \$ 28 17

SELMA DISTRICT.

AUGUST.

| | |
|--|----------|
| State S. S. Convention | 10 00 |
| S. C. Garrett..... | 25 |
| J. H. Love..... | 25 |
| Church at Blossburg..... | 50 |
| Mt. Olive, Clarke Co..... | 3 50 |
| Rev. D. Small..... | 25 |
| J. Bush..... | 25 |
| A. Austin..... | 25 |
| Frances Valentine..... | 25 |
| Claracy Harris..... | 25 |
| Sallie Bush..... | 25 |
| Baptist ch. Jackson Ala..... | 3 00 |
| Institute at Mobile..... | 1 39 |
| Rev. J. L. Frasier..... | 1 00 |
| S. S. of St. Louise ch..... | 1 02 |
| St. Louise Street ch..... | 1 00 |
| Women Mission Society of St. Louise St. ch..... | 3 10 |
| Union Baptist ch. Mobile..... | 2 00 |
| Minister's Conference..... | 30 |
| Franklin St. Street ch..... | 1 00 |
| Total | \$ 29 81 |

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT;

AUGUST.

| | |
|---|----------|
| 6th Ave. ch. Birmingham | 2 30 |
| Shady Grove ch. Rev. L. F. O'Brien, Pastor | 2 70 |
| Metropolitan ch. Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins, Pastor, Colum- bus, Ga | 2 00 |
| Inst. at Phoenix City, Gerrard and Columbus, Ga | 1 32 |
| Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins | 1 00 |
| Rising Star Church, Sylacauga | 2 25 |
| Harperville ch. Sylacauga..... | 1 15 |
| Mt. Canaan ch. Talladega..... | 1 00 |
| Mt. Zion ch. Anniston | 55 |
| Blossburg ch. Blossburg..... | 68 |
| Eufaula S. S. Convention..... | 4 28 |
| Total | \$ 18 50 |

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

SEPTEMBER.

| | |
|----------------------------------|------|
| Rushing Springs Association..... | 5 00 |
| Will's Creek Association..... | 2 50 |
| Paint Rock River..... | 3 50 |
| Other sources..... | 5 00 |

Total

\$ 15 50

SELMA DISTRICT.

SEPTEMBER.

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Evergreen ch. Evergreen..... | 4 50 |
| Old Town ch..... | 1 00 |
| B. J. Quarls..... | 25 |
| Women's Missionary Society.... | 1 25 |
| Lucy Hayes..... | 25 |
| Julier Irvy..... | 25 |
| Rev. M. Dophin..... | 25 |
| Nazereen church..... | 1 27 |
| Evergreen S. S. Convention.... | 50 |
| Freemission Institute..... | 11 54 |
| Rev. Davy Duke..... | 25 |
| Rev. Joe Davison..... | 25 |
| Rev. R. C. Call..... | 25 |
| Rev. J. M. Dowell..... | 25 |
| Rev. W. H. Hury..... | 25 |
| Rev. Allen Taylor..... | 25 |
| Mt. Zion church, No. 2..... | 27 |
| Sandy Pugh..... | 25 |
| Bladen Springs Institute..... | 4 00 |
| Rev. C. C. Yates..... | 1 00 |
| T. H. Harthorn..... | 1 00 |
| D. M. Mitchell..... | 25 |
| Henry Page..... | 25 |
| Earnest Kul..... | 25 |
| J. B. Haleker..... | 25 |
| Other sources..... | 1 92 |
| J. L. Parker..... | 25 |
| W. J. Jackson..... | 25 |
| R. Hill..... | 25 |
| R. C. Crockett..... | 25 |
| T. G. Turner..... | 25 |
| Rev. C. L. Long..... | 50 |
| Rev. P. F. Dickerson..... | 25 |
| Rev. C. L. Davis..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. R. B. Brown..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. L. Osborn..... | 25 |
| Rev. J. E. Raine..... | 25 |
| Rev. J. F. Parker..... | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. W. Weeks..... | 25 |
| Rev. J. L. Laster..... | 25 |
| Rev. M. J. Jenkins..... | 25 |
| Rev. M. T. Turner..... | 25 |
| Saffrona Abrams..... | 25 |
| J. W. Bush..... | 25 |
| Isaac West..... | 25 |
| B. Davis..... | 25 |
| Clinton Yates, Jr..... | 25 |
| Nora Wiley..... | 25 |
| G. D. Adams..... | 25 |
| and Baptist church, Evergreen.. | 7 00 |

Total

\$ 47 30

SELMA DISTRICT.

AUGUST.

| | |
|---|----------|
| State S. S. Convention | 10 00 |
| S. C. Garrett | 25 |
| J. H. Love | 25 |
| Church at Blossburg | 50 |
| Mt. Olive, Clarke Co. | 3 50 |
| Rev. D. Small | 25 |
| J. Bush | 25 |
| A. Austin | 25 |
| Frances Valentine | 25 |
| Claracy Harris | 25 |
| Sallie Bush | 25 |
| Baptist ch. Jackson Ala | 3 00 |
| Institute at Mobile | 1 39 |
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| St. Louise Street ch. | 1 00 |
| Women Mission Society of St. Louise St. ch | 3 10 |
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| Minister's Conference | 30 |
| Franklin St. Street ch. | 1 00 |
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| Rev. P. S. L. Hutchins | 1 00 |
| Rising Star Church, Sylacauga | 2 25 |
| Harperville ch. Sylacauga | 1 15 |
| Mt. Canaan ch. Talladega | 1 00 |
| Mt. Zion ch. Anniston | 55 |
| Blossburg ch. Blossburg | 2 68 |
| Eutaula S. S. Convention | 4 28 |
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TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

SEPTEMBER.

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| Rushing Springs Association | 5 00 |
| Will's Creek Association | 2 50 |
| Paint Rock River | 3 50 |
| Other sources | 5 00 |

Total \$ 15 50

SELMA DISTRICT.

SEPTEMBER.

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Evergreen ch. Evergreen | 4 50 |
| Old Town ch. | 1 00 |
| B. J. Quarls | 25 |
| Women's Missionary Society | 1 25 |
| Lucy Hayes | 25 |
| Julier Irvy | 25 |
| Rev. M. Dophin | 25 |
| Nazereen church | 1 27 |
| Evergreen S. S. Convention | 50 |
| Freemission Institute | 11 54 |
| Rev. Davy Duke | 25 |
| Rev. Joe Davison | 25 |
| Rev. R. C. Call | 25 |
| Rev. J. M. Dowell | 25 |
| Rev. W. H. Hury | 25 |
| Rev. Allen Taylor | 25 |
| Mt. Zion church, No. 2 | 27 |
| Sandy Pugh | 25 |
| Bladen Springs Institute | 4 00 |
| Rev. C. C. Yates | 1 00 |
| T. H. Harthorn | 1 00 |
| D. M. Mitchell | 25 |
| Henry Page | 25 |
| Earnest Kul | 25 |
| J. B. Haleker | 25 |
| Other sources | 1 92 |
| J. L. Parker | 25 |
| W. J. Jackson | 25 |
| R. Hill | 25 |
| R. C. Crockett | 25 |
| T. G. Turner | 25 |
| Rev. C. L. Long | 50 |
| Rev. P. F. Dickerson | 25 |
| Rev. C. L. Davis | 1 00 |
| Rev. R. B. Brown | 1 00 |
| Rev. L. Osborn | 25 |
| Rev. J. E. Raine | 25 |
| Rev. J. F. Parker | 1 00 |
| Rev. J. W. Weeks | 25 |
| Rev. J. L. Laster | 25 |
| Rev. M. J. Jenkins | 25 |
| Rev. M. T. Turner | 25 |
| Saffrona Abrams | 25 |
| J. W. Bush | 25 |
| Isaac West | 25 |
| B. Davis | 25 |
| Clinton Yates, Jr. | 25 |
| Nora Wiley | 25 |
| G. D. Adams | 25 |
| and Baptist church, Evergreen .. | 7 00 |

Total \$ 47 30

TENNESSEE VALLEY DISTRICT.

OCTOBER.

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| Courtland ch. Courtland | \$ 2 00 | Rev. H. W. Conwell | 25 |
| Board of Trustees of North Ala- | | Blocton S. S., Blocton | 75 |
| bama Baptist Academy | 3 00 | Rev. J. C. Curry | 25 |
| Sheffield ch. Sheffield | 2 00 | Alabama District Association .. | 10 15 |
| Russelville ch. Russelville .. | 1 08 | Rev. E. D. Jones | 25 |
| Mission Board Newtown | 53 | Rev. C. P. King | 25 |
| Adamsville S. S. | 41 | Rev. M. C. Merrill | 25 |
| Eufaula Association | 3 44 | Rev. D. N. Wave | 25 |
| Light Bearert, No. 1. Mission | | Rev. E. D. Wallace | 25 |
| Band | 41 | Rev. H. C. Cooper | 25 |
| Light Bearert, No. 2. Mission | | Rev. P. Madison | 25 |
| Band | 46 | Rev. P. G. Gilcrice .. | 25 |
| Mt. Pilgrim Association | 15 00 | Rev. E. E. Edwards | 25 |
| Canaan, Pickensville Assoc' .. | 6 00 | Bettie Pitts | 25 |
| Shelby Springs Association | 6 00 | C. A. Mileard | 25 |
| 6th Ave. ch. Birmingham | 1 35 | Rev. M. Tyler, D. D. | 50 |
| New Town ch. Birmingham | 1 85 | J. W. Lemons | 50 |
| Rev. C. J. Davis, Birmingham .. | 25 | J. W. Washington | 25 |
| Rev. J. J. Chisholm | 25 | Mrs. C. R. Thornton | 1 00 |
| Rev. E. E. Moss | 25 | Tabernacle ch. Selma | 1 00 |
| C. A. Burwell | 25 | Sabbath S. Union | 50 |
| L. Echols | 15 | Uniontown Association | 7 60 |
| J. J. Johnson | 1 25 | Rev. G. W. Sewell | 25 |
| S. S. of Bethesda ch. Opelika .. | 2 45 | Rev. L. G. Johnson | 25 |
| Bethesda ch. Opelika | 2 45 | Rev. T. Duncan | 25 |
| Total | \$ 48 46 | Rev. J. W. Boaman | 25 |

SELMA DISTRICT.

OCTOBER.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|----------|
| Bibb County Association | \$ 25 | Rev. J. A. Lawson | 25 |
| Rev. J. S. Printis | 25 | Rev. P. Cottrill | 25 |
| A. F. Thomas | 25 | Rev. C. M. Bennett | 25 |
| Rev. J. W. Wetherspoon | 25 | Rev. H. Stephens | 25 |
| R. Drafer | 25 | Rev. Jas. Eaton | 25 |
| Mrs. J. W. Wetherspoon | 25 | S. Shepherd | 25 |
| S. B. Harris | 25 | Antioch Association | 7 25 |
| Hunt Laner | 25 | Rev. T. C. Croom | 25 |
| Nannie Woods | 25 | Rev. E. D. Jones | 1 25 |
| W. S. Halswith | 25 | A. W. DeYampert | 25 |
| B. L. Lester | 25 | A. G. Griffin | 25 |
| J. L. Greyhan | 25 | M. D. Eastody | 25 |
| Rev. E. B. Cotton | 25 | H. P. White | 25 |
| Curtis Gentry | 25 | E. C. Carroll | 25 |
| Robert Ellis | 25 | Other sources | 1 40 |
| Rev. W. M. People | 25 | Total | \$ 42 50 |

Grand total of all moneys raised from Dec. 1, 1897 to Nov. 1st, 1898.. \$530 36

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Rev. C. O. Boothe raised in 11 months | \$223 22 |
| Rev. W. R. Pettiford raised in 11 months | 298 59 |
| Rev. R. T. Pollard raised in December, 1897 | 5 55 |
| Bowen East Association sent up..... | 3 00 |
| Total | \$530 36 |
| Balance cash from last year..... | 284 68 |
| Grand Total..... | \$815 04 |

DISBURSEMENTS.

| | |
|---|------------------|
| Paid Rev. R. T. Pollard on salary and expenses..... | \$ 28 54 |
| Paid W. R. Pettiford on salary and expenses | 347 58 |
| Paid C. O. Boothe on salary and expenses | 276 29 |
| Paid on Old Claims | 41 66 |
| Paid on Treasurer..... | 20 00 |
| Paid on stationery and stamps..... | 2 00 |
| Miscellaneous..... | 2 45 |
| Balance Due by Dr. McAlpine 1896..... | 51 40 |
| Grand Total paid out..... | \$767 47 |
| Balance in favor of the Board | 45 12 |
| Grand Total..... | \$ 815 04 |

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| | | | | | | By Baptism. | By Letter. | By Dismission. | By Expulsion. | | | By Death. | |
| Alabama District. | Rev. M. Trier, D. D. | Lowndersboro | Rev. R. I. Payne | Sandy Ridge | 48 | 719 | 188 | 336 | 46 | 7823 | \$ 144 68 | | |
| *Alabama Middle | B. Coles | Fleata | J. C. T. Champion | Opelika | 12 | 34 | 11 | 4 | 61 | 7 | 666 | | |
| Auburn | I. T. Simpson | Opelika | Rev. W. Y. Reic | Opelika | 48 | 204 | 45 | 115 | 25 | 144 | 55 | 4578 | |
| Autauga | A. J. Jones | Deatsville | Prof. Wm. Cooper | Verbena | 20 | 93 | 27 | 38 | 110 | 113 | 1862 | | |
| Bethlehem | L. Brown | Epes Station | Prof. A. S. Plump | Kutaw | 68 | 452 | 64 | 239 | 67 | 800 | 104 | 7003 | |
| *Bethlehem Blount Sp'gs | F. A. Chapman | Flint Station | W. R. Hall | Bartonville | 21 | 91 | 89 | 111 | 31 | 114 | 2 | 1234 | |
| Bibb County | H. K. Doak | Calera | A. T. Thomas | Calera | 9 | 47 | 63 | 62 | 9 | 40 | 11 | 615 | |
| *Bessemer | G. S. Smith | Birmingham | Rev. P. Y. Moulton | Bessemer | 16 | 87 | 12 | 57 | 14 | 64 | 17 | 1533 | |
| Bladen Springs | C. Long | Bladen Springs | J. P. Parker | Coffeeville | 16 | 226 | 14 | 73 | 40 | 122 | 35 | 3999 | |
| Brownville | Rev. J. H. Garlington | Dudleyville | Rev. L. W. Calloway | Lafayette | 28 | 160 | 20 | 36 | 15 | 84 | 21 | 1446 | |
| *Bowen East | Rev. J. W. T. Cunningham | Carroiton | I. M. Sanifer | Jewell | 38 | 149 | 38 | 142 | 44 | 139 | 81 | 2594 | |
| Canaan Pickensville | Rev. Geo. Washington | Barlow Bend | Anthony R. Davidson | Tincle | 21 | 168 | 36 | 91 | 13 | 98 | 81 | 2594 | |
| *Central | Rev. C. L. Robinson | Thomasville | Rev. H. W. Mitehell | Whitley | 40 | 192 | 62 | 110 | 26 | 69 | 47 | 2759 | |
| Colored Bethel | Rev. H. C. Crum | Pine Apple | I. N. Carter | Monterey | 38 | 384 | 43 | 193 | 83 | 166 | 63 | 3550 | |
| *Canaan Grove | T. B. Gohsaby | Selma | Rev. C. C. Smedley | Crumptonia | 9 | 36 | 16 | 20 | 9 | 27 | 10 | 948 | |
| Cold Union District | C. C. Terry | Roanoke | Rev. A. C. Smedley | Welsh | 24 | 173 | 16 | 136 | 36 | 71 | 34 | 2779 | |
| Dallas County | R. F. Baxter | Polk | Rev. A. W. Hatcher | Selma | 6 | 48 | 7 | 87 | 8 | 48 | 8 | 533 | |
| *East Alabama Union | J. A. Jenison | *Prots | G. C. Bowing | *Prots | 29 | 155 | 23 | 28 | 7 | 22 | 5 | 782 | |
| *East Dallas | S. C. Colley | Alexandria | Rev. Wm. Suddeth | Notasulga | 8 | 37 | 8 | 19 | 4 | 100 | 51 | 1730 | |
| East Ferry | M. H. Hart | Camp Hill | Rev. K. D. Moss | Evergreen | 27 | 88 | 28 | 96 | 3 | 84 | 113 | 9833 | |
| *Early Rose | R. McGary | Herbert | W. N. Welch | Clayton | 54 | 659 | 138 | 133 | 84 | 113 | 2008 | | |
| Elmore | J. D. Maddox | Kufaula | Rev. Wm. Blankely | Clayton | 23 | 151 | 14 | 100 | 16 | 116 | 34 | 2008 | |
| Evergreen | E. W. Shields | Dayton | Rev. W. A. Wilhite | Massy | 21 | 59 | 6 | 10 | 14 | 30 | 16 | 770 | |
| Kufaula | J. W. Garth | Crowton | H. G. Ruffin | Pushmataha | 12 | 80 | 2 | 88 | 7 | 38 | 13 | 579 | |
| First Mt. Pleasant | Rev. G. W. Thompson | Desotenville | H. R. Austin | | 9 | 61 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 5 | 1570 | | |
| Flint River | Rev. G. W. Wood | Gallion | W. E. Sharp | | 16 | 34 | 4 | 70 | 11 | 66 | 26 | 1886 | |
| *Geneva | Rev. A. Collins | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Gilefield | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Good Samaritan | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Hardway | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lebanon | Rev. J. C. Archibald | Bridgeville | Rev. James Howard | Pickensville | 20 | 86 | 22 | 37 | 20 | 70 | 2075 | | |
| *Little Star | T. M. Parker | Vance Station | J. M. Cleveland | Trio | 20 | 63 | 72 | 61 | 22 | 71 | 11 | 250 | |
| Mt. Zion Coosa Valley | R. T. Trimble | River Side | W. L. Hood | Mobile | 12 | 43 | 6 | 35 | 8 | 24 | 7 | 478 | |
| Monie Sunlight | C. C. Richardson | Mobile | J. E. Hughes | Goodwater | 33 | 232 | | | | | | 2808 | |
| Morning Star | A. L. Swindall | Wetumpka | F. S. Edison | East Lake | 18 | | | | | | | 40 77 | |
| Mt. Pilgrim | Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite | Birmingham | D. D. Hawkins | Montgomery | 68 | 11 | 291 | 838 | 107 | 966 | 84 | 7032 | |
| Montgomery Antioch | E. D. Jones | Montgomery | Bro. A. W. Ware | Coaling | 47 | 578 | 218 | 145 | 46 | 163 | 111 | 6154 | |
| Mt. Calvary | S. J. Taylor | Courtland | W. P. Cook | Courtland | 4 | 22 | 17 | 5 | 10 | 19 | 1 | 309 | |
| *Muscul Shoal | G. B. Johnson | Columbia | H. W. Stewart | Kiebah | 55 | 523 | 173 | 106 | 50 | 237 | 88 | 2927 | |
| *Millbury | G. C. Stringer | Anniston | Rev. W. P. Cook | Caling | 18 | 72 | 30 | 87 | 20 | 36 | 8 | 768 | |
| New Antioch Bethlehem | W. C. Bradford | Anniston | M. L. Boyd | Marion | 35 | 192 | 19 | 92 | 31 | 85 | 87 | 2217 | |
| New Cahaba | J. H. Eason | Forkland | W. Q. Bean | | 17 | 209 | 24 | 80 | 12 | 88 | 18 | 1975 | |
| *New Pine Grove | J. W. Matthews | Limestone | S. P. Norwood | | 9 | | | | | | | | |
| *Needom Creek | J. P. Earls | Abbeville | L. W. Henahaw | | 6 | 21 | | | | | | 731 | |
| Paint Rock River | J. H. Burk | Abbeville | Wm. Mays | Mt. Andrew | 10 | 27 | 5 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 5 | 285 | |
| *Old Pine Grove | C. H. Thornton | Abbeville | F. L. Todd | Union Springs | 14 | 74 | 18 | 25 | 17 | 28 | 9 | 949 | |
| *Oak Grove | M. Jackson | Abbeville | N. D. Drummins | Union Springs | 22 | 160 | 87 | 87 | 29 | 125 | 83 | 2327 | |
| *Regular Free Mission | J. Lewis | Walker Springs | Rev. D. Duke | Union Springs | 13 | 24 | 4 | 8 | | 29 | | 257 | |
| Rehoboth Springs | A. A. Battle | Anniston | Rev. T. T. Jackson | Union Springs | 19 | 134 | 81 | 89 | 20 | 70 | 24 | 1616 | |
| Round Island Creek | E. J. Moore | Belle Mina | J. W. Meals | Sylacauga | 48 | 285 | 77 | 164 | 85 | 151 | 97 | 3574 | |
| *Salem | E. Smith | Burnsville | W. F. Pruitt | Clentonville | 14 | 59 | 23 | 9 | 6 | 84 | 9 | 404 | |
| Sandy Ridge | E. F. Ridge | Selma | T. H. Smith | Jones Switch | 14 | 147 | 32 | 18 | 30 | 76 | 11 | 1678 | |
| Shady Grove | R. E. Brown | Selma | G. S. Seay | Vallegrande | 16 | 54 | 11 | 61 | 13 | 59 | 14 | 1147 | |
| Selma District | J. R. Scott | Selma | W. H. Brown | Farmeraville | 20 | 175 | 34 | 148 | 11 | 116 | 83 | 3219 | |
| Second Mt. Pleasant | Wm. Green | Dayton | O. J. Washington | Demopolis | 7 | | | | | | | 5040 | |
| Shady Springs | J. P. Barton | Talladega | B. L. Lester | Aldrich | 11 | 60 | 18 | 86 | 15 | 67 | 46 | 2641 | |
| Sea Coast Good Will | Rev. M. C. Lowry | Troy | Walter Williams | | 32 | 248 | 88 | 198 | 20 | 107 | 82 | 3230 | |
| *Southeast District | A. J. Stokes | Montgomery | Rev. B. J. Brown | Glusgow | 18 | 189 | 20 | 10 | 23 | 14 | 2291 | | |
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| *Southeast Alabama | Wm. Munds | Anniston | J. M. Dickson | Newville | 20 | 118 | 89 | 50 | 21 | 40 | 19 | 1646 | |
| Snow Creek | Jno. Cotton | St. David | B. F. Germany | Alexandria | 37 | 212 | 96 | 60 | 23 | 188 | 54 | 285 | |
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| Town Creek | Wm. Madison | Uniontown | Rev. M. C. Byne | Ozark | 30 | 177 | 77 | 31 | 48 | 29 | 17 | 2144 | |
| *Troy Ozark | Elder H. Massey | Keener | Prof. G. G. Smith | Selma | 84 | 548 | 119 | 429 | 86 | 447 | 188 | 12028 | |
| Uniontown | Rev. Oliver Johnson | Williamsburg | | Fl. Payne | 20 | 55 | 12 | 29 | 8 | 39 | 14 | 715 | |
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