

1891

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

BAPTIST WOMEN'S STATE CONVENTION,

HELD WITH THE.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH,

OF

EUFAULA, ALA.

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Convention Proceedings.

THURSDAY MORNING.

JULY 25TH, 1891.

Pursuant to adjournment the Women's Baptist State Convention met with the Second Baptist Church of Eufaula, Ala. Mrs. Brooks, the President, being absent, Mrs. Bowie, Vice-President, called the meeting to order at 12 M.

Rev. J. H. Eason of Selma, Ala., led the devotional exercises. He read first Corinthians, II chapter, after which the Convention sang hymn 227 in Select Gems. Prayer by Rev. Eason. The President then asked all to join in the general prayer and experience meeting. After singing Rev. I. T. Simpson led in prayer. Mrs. Bowie then gave a short account of her experience since last meeting.

Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite then read a few verses of scripture that he felt would express his feelings, and led in prayer.

Then Miss Knapp, of Birmingham, made a few remarks, and offered prayer, which very touchingly told her joy at being able to be with the Convention. Brother Grant then requested the following hymn to be sung, "Jesus I my cross have taken," saying that it would express his feelings better than words. Then followed prayers by Mrs. M. M. Owens and Mrs. L. Byrd. Mrs. Nickerson very feelingly expressed her joy at being able to be present at another meeting of the Convention.

The delegates being tired and dusty, some having just arrived, it was best to adjourn, to meet again. So it was motioned to adjourn to meet at three o'clock. Before adjourning, the following persons were enrolled:

Mrs. Mary Stokes—Demopolis, Ala.
Mr. Jones Spring—Collerine, Ala.
Rev. C. L. Fisher, B. D.—Selma, Ala.
Rev. C. L. Purce, D. D. " "
Mrs. R. Pitts—Uniontown, Ala.
Mrs. Sarah Gulley—Selma, "

Bro. R. Grant—Uniontown, Ala.
 Rev. I. T. Simpson—Selma, “
 Rev. W. H. McAlpine—Anniston, Ala.
 Rev. J. M. Mason—Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Rev. J. D. Maddox—Eufaula, Ala.
 Mrs. A. T. Smith—Greenville, Ala.
 “ L. F. Merrill—Ft. Deposit, Ala.
 “ B. R. Smith—Batesville, Ala.
 “ Frances Nickerson—Selma, Ala.
 “ Susie A. Morton—Lowndesboro, Ala.
 “ Amanda Tyler, “ “
 “ Ella Ashmond, Eufaula, Ala.
 “ Lelah Hill—Mobile, Ala.
 Miss Pheobe Kigh—Selma, Ala.
 Mrs. Louise Byrd—Mobile, Ala.
 “ Mary Anderson—Collerine, Ala.
 “ H. Nichols—Greenville, Ala.
 “ Mary M. Owens—Mobile, Ala.
 “ Sallie Pierce—Collerine, Ala.
 Miss Matilda West—Eufaula, Ala.
 “ Ella Knapp—Birmingham, Ala.
 Rev. J. M. Eason—Selma, Ala.
 Miss Ella Lunard—Eufaula, Ala.
 Miss Lula I. Watkins—Montgomery, Ala.
 Mrs. H. C. Miller—Montgomery, Ala.
 “ S. H. Wright—Montgomery, Ala.
 “ J. R. England—Birmingham, Ala.
 “ J. A. Craig—Selma, Ala.
 “ S. A. Mathews—Aldrich, Ala.
 “ M. A. Lockett, “ “

After prayer by Rev. W. H. McAlpine, D. D., adjourned to meet at three o'clock.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

Pursuant to adjournment the Convention re-assembled promptly at three o'clock, Mrs. Bowie in the chair.

After singing hymn 65 in Select Gems, prayer by Mrs. England of Birmingham.

Then followed a few remarks from Sister Uunderwood ; Rev. D. T. Gulley, who gave us some practical thoughts as to enlarging the work ; Mrs. Wright, and Mrs. Mathews.

A paper was then read by Mrs. Owens of Mobile. Subject: "Some Plans for Raising Money." She gave quite

an excellent paper, with many practical thoughts. The paper was well discussed, the following taking part:

Mrs. Byrd opened the discussion, Miss Knapp, Mrs. England.

Dr. Manaway was then introduced to the Convention; he spoke then on the paper; among other things said, that doing was better than saying, at the same time giving fifty cents, and asking the others to do the same.

A collection was then taken of \$5.45, Mrs. Bowie called Mrs. Owens to the chair, while she took the collection.

Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite then spoke, followed by Rev. D. T. Gulley. Rev. Eason rising to speak, was asked to come forward, and was introduced to the Convention, after which he spoke to the paper. Mrs. Bowie, Miss Knapp and Rev. C. L. Fisher then spoke. The time for discussing having ended, it was moved and seconded, that the discussion be closed, carried. Some discussion arising as to whether it was right to have the welcome address before the permanent organization had been effected, a motion was made that the welcome address would be given at seven o'clock. Carried.

The following committees were then appointed:

Committee on Finance—Mrs. R. Pitts, Mrs. A. Tyler and Miss A. Europe.

Committee on Permanent Organization—Mesdames J. R. England, Henrietta Millier, M. M. Mason, S. A. Mathews, Joanna Craig.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. Carried.

After prayer by Rev. J. M. Mason the convention adjourned to meet at seven o'clock.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

Pursuant to adjournment the convention met at eight o'clock. It being past time, and Rev. J. P. Barton not having arrived, devotional exercises were conducted by the President, Mrs. Bowie.

After singing, Rev. J. H. Eason led in prayer.

Then the convention sang, "Savior more than life to me." Prayer by Rev. D. T. Gulley.

Then sang, "'Tis the promise of God." Prayer by Rev. O. Bryant.

The choir then gave some excellent music, after which Miss Leonard of Eufaula gave the welcome address, which was responded to by Mrs. England of Birmingham.

Rev. Dr. McAlpine was then introduced by Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite, and preached the introductory sermon from Mark, XVI—3. "Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulcher?" The sermon was full of words of encouragement, cheering the hearts of the sisters, and filling them with new zeal to do more, and to stop at no difficulties. It was a grand sermon, and was enjoyed by all the convention.

After the sermon, Rev. J. M. Mason of Tuscaloosa led in prayer. The choir gave some music, and a collection of \$8.58 was taken up.

The programme for the morning meeting was then read. Sister Gairy having just arrived, and being tired, asked that sister Stokes be asked to lead the morning prayer meeting in her stead. Sister Stokes was appointed to lead the prayer meeting.

The convention then adjourned to meet Friday morning at nine o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING.

JULY 26TH 1891.

After prayer meeting, which was led by Mrs. Stokes of Demopolis, the President called the meeting to order for business. Rev. J. T. Simpson conducting the devotional exercises. He read Psalm CIII.

Rev. W. H. McAlpine then offered prayer.

The President then made a few remarks, asking the convention to keep good order, and to pay strict attention to business.

The minutes of the previous session were then read. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be received, Carried.

Mrs. Owens was then called to the chair.

Mrs. Bowie moved that the paper by Mrs. M. M. Owens of Mobile, (on Thursday) be published in full in the "Student's Voice," and the "Baptist Leader," and that a synopsis of it appear in the minutes. After some discussion by Mrs. Tyler, Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite, D. T. Gulley, J. H. Eason and Brother R. Grant, the motion was carried.

The following were then enrolled :

Mesdames Laura Underwood, Pleasant Hill ; Fannie Evans, Wetumpka ; Ellen Brown, Eufaula ; Jennie Brooks, Eufaula ; Bettie Pitts, Wetumpka ; L. J. Gairy, Faunsdale ; M. Jackson, Harris ; Annie Walker, Harris.

The committee on permanent organization not being ready to report, Miss Europe's paper was then called for.

Subject—"The needs of the work, and how to meet them." The paper was a grand one; and presented just such thoughts as was needed before the convention. Discussion was opened by Mrs. Tyler, who said that whenever Selma University was the subject of discussion, that her heart welled up with so much love, that words failed to express her feelings. She was followed by Mesdames Gairy, Merrill, Eliza Callen and Pitts. A collection of thirty two dollars, (\$32.00) was then taken.

The following giving one dollar, and becoming annual members ;

Mesdames L. J. Gairy, R. Pitts, Bettie Pitts, Louise Byrd, M. M. Owens, A. Europe, J. R. England, A. E. Callens, Celia Hill, Susie A. Morton, Mary Stokes, M. A. Lockett, A. Tyler, Laura Underwood, Fannie Edwards, M. A. Goldsby, Anna M. Brooks, Hester May, Lucy Smith, Jennie Fantroy, Mamie Pools ; Revs. J. Q. A. Wilhite, J. H. Eason, I. Boston, J. D. Maddox ; Miss Mary A. Smith ; Brother R. Grant and Dr. C. L. Purce.

Brother Grant gave another dollar. He had already become an annual member.

The committee on permanent organization being ready made the following report :

Mrs. President—We, your committee on permanent organization, beg leave to submit the following report :

We have carefully considered the matter ; all the officers have been faithful in the discharge of their duties, but as all should help bear the burdens, we have made some changes. We recommend for President, Mrs. A. A. Bowie, Birmingham ; Vice-President, Mrs. A. Tyler, Lowndesboro ; Recording Secretary, S. H. Wright, Montgomery ; Corresponding Secretary, Miss A. Europe, Mobile ; Treasurer, Mrs. E. W. Pollard, Selma. For Executive Board, we recommend the

same with the addition of Mrs. M. M. Owens' name in place of Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Pollard being recommended for Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mrs. J. R. England, Chairman.

" H. C. Miller,

" M. M. Owens,

" Joanna Craig,

" S. A. Mathews.

Committee.

Mrs. Collins moved that the report coming from the committee be received and adopted. Seconded by Miss Knapp,

Mrs. Miller was then called to the chair. Mrs. ——— then offered an amendment to the motion, but being unconstitutional was lost. The original motion was then put and carried.

Mrs. Miller then asked Mrs. M. M. Owens to conduct the new President to the chair and introduce her to the convention. Mrs. Bowie, in a few well chosen remarks, thanked the convention for the honor conferred, promising, so far as able, to faithfully perform her duty.

The next paper by request being appointed for night. Miss H. Curtis being absent, Miss Tyler was asked to open the discussion on the paper entitled "Impressions." Mrs. Tyler begged to be excused. Mrs. Knapp was then called upon, followed by Rev. C. L. Fisher.

No one else caring to speak, the next paper was called for—Miss Eliza Walker, of Talladega. Subject: "How to arouse an interest in the work." Mrs. Nickerson was appointed to prepare some thoughts to open the paper for discussion.

Miss Knapp's paper was then called for, but on account of physical weakness she had not prepared her paper. She however, consented to open the discussion. Her subject was "God's approval of women's work." Mrs. England and Miss Europe taking part in the discussion. Then followed the reading of letters, after which an intermission of twenty minutes was taken.

On reassembling sang "Oh how I love Jesus." Prayer by Miss Knapp. Sang "Jesus I long to be perfectly whole." Prayer by Rev. A. N. McEwen. Mrs. Byrd was called upon to continue the discussion on paper entitled "Impressions." the following taking part in the discussion: Miss Europe,

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Mrs. Celia Hill, Mrs. Morton, Revs. W. H. McAlpine, I. T. Simpson, J. M. Macon, Mrs. Bettie Pitts, Mrs. M. A. Lockett, Mrs. Fanny Edwards, Rev. D. T. Gully and Mrs. Underwood. The time having arrived for Rev. J. M. Mason's paper, it was moved and seconded that the discussion be closed. Carried.

Rev. J. M. Mason's paper was then called for—just the reading of the paper.

The following committees were then appointed:

Committee on Time and Place—Mrs. L. J. Gairy, Miss P. A. Kigh, Mrs. S. A. Morton, Chairman.

Committee on New Bodies—Mesdames L. F. Merrill, A. T. Smith, M. A. Lockett, B. D. Miller, Joanna Craig.

Committee on Temperance—Mesdames A. Tyler, Craig, Callen, Waugh, Jones.

Committee on Resolutions—Mesdames M. M. Owens, M. C. Merrill, Frances R. Nickerson, Rev. W. H. McAlpine, Miss Ella Lunard.

Committee on Obituary—Mrs. Lucy J. Gairy, Mrs. Ellen Brown, Brother R. Grant.

Committee on Education—Miss A. Europe, Mrs. Stokes, Miss Ella Knapp, Miss Celia Hill, Mrs. L. Byrd.

Rev. J. M. Mason then read his paper entitled "Woman's part in denominational work." It was full of rich thoughts and timely suggestions.

The time having arrived for adjournment, it was moved and seconded to extend the time fifteen minutes for discussion on the paper. Rev. A. N. McEwen, of Montgomery, used the whole time. After reading the programme for night service, the convention adjourned to meet at seven o'clock. Prayer by Rev. D. T. Gulley.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

Prayer meeting was led by Rev. D. T. Gulley. After several prayers and songs the time for business having arrived, Mrs. Bowie called the meeting to order and the program for the evening was begun.

After music by the choir Miss Lula I. Watkins, of Montgomery, read a paper entitled "Woman's part in the education of the race." At the close of the paper Rev. W. H. McAlpine raised the hymn "Must go, and empty handed." The whole congregation joined in and sang. The paper was a grand one, giving in full woman's part in the education of the race. Much enthusiasm was created and then

followed a lengthy discussion of the paper, opened by Mrs. Pitts, of Uniontown, the following taking part in the discussion: Rev. A. N. McEwen, Mrs. S. H. Wright, Mrs. Callen, Rev. W. H. McAlpine, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Tyler, Mr. Leftwich and Mrs. England.

It was moved and seconded the discussion be closed. Carried. The choir then gave some music.

Rev. W. H. McAlpine then introduced Dr. C. L. Purce, President of the Selma University, who lectured from the subject "Selma University and the relation of the Woman's Convention to it." He held the convention spellbound for an hour and a half in his usual happy vein, suggested many practical thoughts. After close of the lecture the choir sang some beautiful songs while the collection was being taken. A collection of \$11.10 was taken. After reading the programme for Saturday morning, adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. W. H. McAlpine.

SATURDAY MORNING.

After prayer meeting, led by Mrs. Bettie Pitts, of Wetumpka, Mrs. Tyler, Vice President, called the convention to order. Sang hymn 116 G. H. Rev. W. H. McAlpine read the scripture in concert with the convention, using the 23 Psalm and part of the 24th Psalm. Sang 202 Gospel Hymn 176. Prayer by Rev. A. N. McEwen.

Then followed the reading of the minutes. It was moved and seconded to receive and adopt the minutes. Quite a lengthy discussion followed, but as it was found that the minutes were all right they were adopted.

Mr. Callens then moved that the report coming from the Committee on Permanent Organization be reconsidered. Carried.

The reading of the report of the committee was then called for. It was moved to adopt by sections. The first section was then read, which was as follows: "We recommend Mrs. A. A. Bowie for President, Mrs. A. Tyler for Vice President."

It was then moved that the name of Mrs. Tyler be inserted in place of Mrs. Bowie, and Mrs. Bowie's name in place of Mrs. Tyler's. A rising vote was called for. Sixteen voted to have Mrs. Tyler President, and two for Mrs. Bowie. Mrs. Tyler was then declared President. It was then moved to adopt the report as a whole. Carried.

Reading of letters was then resumed. A letter was read from Sister Anna M. Brooks, ex-President, when the following resolution was offered:

Resolved 1st, That we thank Sister Anna M. Brooks for her earnest work for three years as President.

Resolved 2d, That we regret exceedingly her inability to be present with us at this session. That she will ever live in our hearts in grateful remembrance for her services to us, we will remember her in our prayers and we hope to have her presence at the next session of the convention.

S. H. WRIGHT.

It was moved and seconded that the resolution be adopted. Carried.

These were then enrolled: Miss Nellie Jones, Hamburg; Miss Murilla Waugh, Uniontown.

Sister Evans then read an essay, which was very good.

It was then moved and seconded that we hear from Rev. C. L. Fisher in regard to his work as theological teacher. He came forward and gave an outline of his work.

Mrs. Bowie then spoke to the question, followed by Revs. A. N. McEwen, who spoke of the preacher as "poor devils." Rev. W. H. McAlpine took exception to being called "devils." Mesdames Callens, Purce, M. A. Lockett, Bowie and Dr. Purce then make remarks as to the work of the Theological Department.

Mrs. Bowie was then called to the chair. Rev. W. C. Bradford and Mr. Leftwich were brought forward and introduced to the convention. Both made a few remarks.

Mrs. Tyler then suggested that the Women's Convention set apart a day that a collection be taken for the Theological Department. Mesdames Jones, Matthews, Waugh, Miller and Pitts all spoke in favor of the plan suggested by Mrs. Tyler.

It was moved and seconded that the discussion be closed. Carried.

Time was then given for a subscription to be opened for the Theological Department. The time for intermission having arrived, it was moved that any member of the convention being late, be fined one dollar. Carried. An intermission of twenty minutes was then taken.

After intermission, prayer by Rev. J. M. Mason. After singing Rev. J. M. Mason made a few remarks in parting, as he was expecting to leave.

Mr. McEwen's paper was then called for. Subject—the "*Baptish Leader*." He had not prepared a paper, but he opened the discussion. As the time was short, he having to leave, he did not have time to get subscribers. Rev. McAlpine, Rev. Purce, Mrs. Bowie, Miss Europe and others spoke on the paper. Miss Europe moved that something be donated to the paper; seconded by Mrs. Byrd. Carried.

The time for adjournment having arrived and so much unfinished business, it was moved to have a night session, Carried. The convention adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock.

SATURDAY NIGHT SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the convention met at 8 o'clock, Mrs. Tyler President, in the chair. After music by the choir, Rev. W. H. McAlpine led in prayer. After more music by the choir Mrs. Gulley's paper was called for. She being absent, Mrs. Bowie was called for to open the discussion.

Subject—The advisability of dividing the State into districts, Mesdames Harriet Nichols, S. H. Wright, and Bowie and Rev. W. H. McAlpine taking part in the discussion. Mrs. ——— was then call to the chair and Mrs. Tyler spoke on the subject. It was moved and seconded that the discussion be closed and the matter referred to the Executive Board. Carried.

The Committee on New Bodies being ready, submitted their report. See report.

Mrs. Bowie then offered resolutions, which were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The Committee on Time and Place being ready, submitted their report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

MRS. PRESIDENT—We, your Committee on Time and place beg leave to submit the following report:

We have received invitations from Demopolis and Birmingham. We, your committee feel that since the convention has never been in the southwestern part of the State, we recommend that we meet with the New Morning Star Baptist Church, of Demopolis, Ala., on Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in June, 1892.

Committee, MRS. L. J. GARY,

MISS P. A. KIGH,

MRS. S. A. MORTON, Chairman.

Mrs. Callens moved that we go to Demopolis. Seconded. It was also moved to amend by inserting Birmingham in place of Demopolis, but after some discussion the amendment was withdrawn, and the original motion was put and carried. There being no further business, adjourned to meet Sunday morning in mass meeting with the Sunday school.

SUNDAY MORNING,

JUNE 28TH, 1891,

The convention reassembled with the Sabbath school in mass meeting. The Superintendent, after distributing the new quarterlies, turned the Sabbath school over to the Convention.

Mrs. Wright was called upon to conduct the mass meeting. Topics were assigned as follows: Rev. W. H. McAlpine—The lessons; Mrs. Bowie—How to be successful as a teacher; Mrs. Owen—How to awaken an interest in Sunday school work.

Rev. W. H. McAlpine gave quite a careful review of the lessons. The time being spent, a collection of \$5.55 was taken.

The time for services having arrived, Rev. W. H. McAlpine went to the pulpit and after music by the choir, gave one of his very best sermons, which was listened to with marked attention. His text being second Song of Solomon and 1st verse, "I am the rose of Sharon and lilly of the valleys." After the sermon a collection of \$10.35 was taken. Benediction by Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.

At 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite preached. A collection of \$3.21 was then taken.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON,

Pursuant to adjournment Mrs Bowie called the convention to order.

The report of the Treasurer was then read. (See report.)

Then followed report from Financial agent. (See report.)

The report of the Board was then read. (See report.)

It was moved to receive the report coming from the Board.

While waiting for the committees to report the convention had an experience meeting.

After hearing reports of the several committees the convention adjourned to 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY NIGHT.

The convention reassembled at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite leading the devotional exercises, after which Rev. C. L. Fisher preached a very interesting and instructive sermon from these words: "Thy Kingdom come." It being one in a series of sermons on the Lord's prayer.

A collection of \$23.96 was then taken up, after which the following resolutions were offered:

Mrs. President and Members of the Convention:

WHEREAS, The members of this Church, friends and citizens, have shown us so much kindness and have entertained us so pleasantly during our stay, therefore be it

Resolved, That a vote of thanks be tendered the society, Church, citizens and friends of Eufaula for hospitality shown Delegates and visitors to the convention.

Resolved 2d, That a vote of thanks be given the choir for its excellent music rendered during our services.

Resolved 3d, That a vote of thanks be tendered the railroad authorities for their kindness in giving us reduced rates.

AND WHEREAS, The work of this convention embraces not only the work of Christian education, but the great mission work.

AND WHEREAS, The thorough organization throughout the sisterhood in the State is needed,

AND WHEREAS, The work cannot be prosecuted without at least \$2000 for the next conventional year, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention appoint an efficient agent whose duty it shall be to travel over the State and visit as many churches as possible.

Resolved 2d, That an effort be made to secure the cooperation of all our pastors in organizing the sisters throughout the State.

Resolved 3d, That a day be set apart and be known as "Sisters' Day," and that an effort be made on that day to raise at least \$2000.

Resolved 4th, That the Financial Agent be empowered to print and distribute circulars throughout the State, giving information and instruction about the work.

Resolved 5th, That the churches be requested to give at least one service for the sisters on "Sisters' Day," and that suitable programs be suggested for "Sisters' Day," and that pastors be earnestly requested to co-operate with the sisters and to help to make "Sisters' Day" a success.

Resolved 6th, That the Financial Agent, as far as possible, in connection with raising money, do mission work, holding Bible readings, prayer meetings and in whatever way she can best advance the mission cause.

Resolved 7th, That the Financial Agent visit conventions, associations and annual meetings, and lay before them the work of the sisters.

Resolved 8th, That the agent will gather statistics of the Womens' Work.

Resolved 9th, That a sufficient number of minutes be printed to give each church at least two or three.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. M. M. OWENS,
 " M. E. MERRILL,
 " H. NICKERSON,
 REV. W. H. MCALPINE,
 MISS ELLA LUNARD,

Committee.

It was moved and seconded to receive and adopt the resolutions. Carried.

After singing "God be with you till we meet again," the convention adjourned to meet in Demopolis, Ala., Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in June, 1892.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW BODIES.

Mrs President and Members of the Convention:

We, your Committee on New Bodies, have carefully examined the same and find them in good standing, and recommend that they be received in the convention.

Seacey, Butler county, Damascus Baptist Church Society, \$3.00; Spring Hill Baptist Church and Sunday School, \$2.00; Pleasant Hill Bethel Baptist Church Society, \$2.00; Mobile, St. John's Baptist Church Society, 50c.; Union Beat, Ala., Baptist Church Society, \$1.00; Spring Hill Benevolent Society, \$1.00; Eufaula, Ala., Missionary and

Educational Society, \$6.00; Alberta, Wilcox county,
Christian Light Womans' Missionary Society, \$2.00;
Christian Light Childrens' Band, \$1.00.

MRS. L. F. MERRELL, Chairman,

" A. F. SMITH,

" M. A. LOCKETT,

" E. D. MILLER,

" JOANNA CRAIG,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, after careful consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, That which is most needed by our people next to the religion of Jesus, is an education, that we may reach the heights of usefulness above us, and

WHEREAS, A Christian education is greatly needed by us, that we may know better how to work for Him who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor; and

WHEREAS, A denominational school is much needed in our State that we may be intelligent as Baptists regarding the doctrines of our Lord Jesus Christ, which are so dear to us, and also that we may be strong in principle as well as profession; and

WHEREAS, There is no school in our State which will afford us such facilities aside from our Selma University, thereforh. be it

Resolved, That we, the Baptist sisters of Alabama, do all in our power to foster this great work at Selma by interesting others in the merits of the school and the demands it has upon us, and by giving liberally of our means for its support, and lastly and most important, by our earnest prayers for every department of the work and that God may direct us in the best ways and means of carrying forward this great work.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. A. EUROPE,

" STOKES,

" L. BYRD.

MISS ELLA KNAPP,

MRS. CELIA HILL,

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

DEAR SISTER—Since our Convention, it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from our midst our beloved sister, Hattie Colly, President of the Woman's Missionary

Society,, Georgiana, Ala. We deeply deplore her loss, but bow in humble submission to the will of our dear Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well, and also extend our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends.

Respectfully submitted,

LUCY GARY,
ELLEN BROWN,
R. GRANT, Committee:

REPORT OF MRS. D. T. GULLEY,

Treasurer of the Women's Baptist Sunday School Convention, assembled in Eufaula, Alabama, June 26-29, 1891:

DEAR SISTERS—I cannot be with you in your meeting, but I beg leave to submit my annual report through D. T. Gulley.

Report of moneys that have passed through my hands is as follows:

RECEIPTS.	EXPENDITURES.
June and July \$104 75	July \$ 99 05
August 15 05	August 10 00
September 35 00	September
October 137 00	October 90 00
November 51 00	Nov. and Feb. 176 00
December 31 00	
February 10 00	Total amt. expended . . \$375 55
Total amt. rec'd. . . . \$375 50	

I have paid to Mr. J. B. Schuster on the debt of \$161.90, which the convention assumed, \$135.00, leaving a balance of \$26.60. Respectfully submitted,

SARAH GULLEY, Treasurer.

REPORT OF MRS. A. A. BOWIE,

Financial agent of the Women's Baptist State Convention.

Mrs. President, Brothers and Sisters of the Women's Baptist State Convention:

I beg leave to make the following report of the work done since our last meeting:

Eleven months and a few days I have been employed in your service as Financial Agent. From the 19th of July up to the 22d of December the work was done without a break. At that time I reached my home and found my

husband sick. His sickness demanded my immediate attention, and only at intervals I could do any work up to the time of his death.

The amounts raised each month are as follows

RECEIPTS.

August 19	\$ 48 28
September 18	47 35
October 19	173 00
November 19	106 73
December 10	48 36
January 19	42 20
February 18	6 70
March 19	8 28
April 19	7 10
May 19	11 35
June 19	10 75
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	\$387 18
Paid Mrs. Bowie on salary	125 27
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	\$261 91
To Prof. Purce on rooms	60 00
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	\$101 91
From Mrs. J. A. Craig, by Prof. Purce	5 00
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	\$206 91
Paid to Prof. Purce on water works	5 00
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Balance with Mrs. Gulley	\$201 91
	10 75
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	\$212 66

RAILROAD EXPENSE.

July	\$ 8 25
August	
September	21 40
October	20 34
November	14 00
December	6 85
January	3 55

February	9 80
March	7 47
April	2 75
May	
June	3 90

Convention	\$ 98 70
Expense on money order	8 00
Writing	10 17

\$116 97

EXPENSE FOR WRITING MATERIAL.

July	\$ 1 75
August	
September	1 70
October	40
November	2 17
December	85
January	
February	20
March	
April	85
May	2 25
June	84

\$ 10 80

DEBTS.

Balance to agent due	\$ 77 73
" " Schuster	45 00

\$123 65

Out of nineteen rooms paid on, only ten are paid in full.

All money paid to me goes directly on the rooms.—C.

L. Purce.

Latham room, Mr. K. P. Latham, July 1890	\$ 18 00
Enfaula S. S. C., Per C. Purce, July 1890	20 00
Christian Light Church W. H. Montgomery, Safford, July 18, 1892	5 00
Band of Hope, McKinley, J. S. Berry, July, 1890	8 65
1. Agawam, No. 1, September, 1890	40 00
2. New Hebron, Safford, Bro. Tom Anderson, Sept. '90	40 00
3. Mt. Pleasant Ass'n, Rev. L. S. Steinhilber, Oct. '90	40 00
4. Elgin room, October 1890	40 00

5.	Purce room, C. L. Purce, October, 1890	50 00
	Spring Hill Ass'n, J. C. Leftwich, Nov. 1890	10 00
6.	Seeley room, Miss L. M. Seeley, Nov. 1890	40 00
	Birmingham, 16th St. Baptist Church, Rev. W. R. Pettiford, D. D., Nov. 1890	21 45
7.	Logansport room, Nov. 1890	40 00
8.	Woodsmall room, Mrs. H. Woodsmall, Dec. 1890	40 00
	Montgomery, Dexter ave. Mrs. S. H. Wright and Miller, Dec. 1890	15 00
	Europe room, Miss A. Europe, Mobile, April '91	5 00
	Loveall room, Miss Ella H. Loveall, April, 1891	15 00
9.	First Baptst Church, Opelika, per Rev C. S. Wilkins, pastor, May, 1891	40 00
10.	Fisher room, Rev. C. L. Fisher	40 00
	Agawam No. 2, June, 1891	20 00
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		\$548 10
Paid for furniture		546 40
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Balance on rooms		\$ 1 70
Women owe Schuster, \$45.90		

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

Mrs. President:

We, your committee on Accounts and Claims, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommended that the following claims be paid.

To Sexton for services, \$2.00; agent, balance on salary, \$77.73; postage, \$1.50; clerk, \$10.00; minutes, \$25.00; baptist leader, \$5.00. Total \$121.23.

The balance of the money to be turned over to Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite on the brick yard debt.

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, June 24th.

Owing to the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Mrs. A. A. Bowie, and was opened with prayer by Brother J. Q. A. Wilhite.

The first business brought up was the amount of \$45 due Mr. Schuster and \$77 due the Financial Agent; the matter was discussed, but no action was taken.

Next the report of the Financial Agent was called for. It was read and adopted.

The question relative to the amount due Bro. Wilhite was raised, and, after a lengthy discussion, it was moved and

carried that the Board pay Bro. Wilhite one half of the amount due him and at as an early period as possible to make a payment.

A motion was made and carried for adjournment.

JUNE 26th.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Bowie for the purpose of hearing read the Treasurer's report, which, after hearing read, was favorably passed by the Board, with the exception of the difference of the debt due to Mr. Schuster.

The Financial Agent read her resignation, which was received and adopted.

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CONSTITUTION:

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This body shall be known as the Baptist Women's State Convention.

ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.

The object of this Convention shall be to promote the cause of Christ by laboring for the upbuilding of Selma University, and by doing such mission work as is possible.

ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

§ 1. Any Women's Society, whose members are connected with a regular Baptist Church, and women in good standing with their churches may become members of this organization.

§ 2.—Any women in good standing in the Baptist Church may become a Life-member, by the payment of Five (5) dollars, or an Annual-member, by the payment of One (1) dollar. All societies are requested to send annually to the Convention Ten (10) cents per member.

§ 3.—Any male member in good standing in the Baptist Church, may be received as an honorary Life-member, by paying Five (5) dollars, or an Honorary annual member by paying One (1) dollar.

§ 4.—No society shall send a male member to the Convention; none but women shall be allowed to vote or hold office.

ARTICLE IV.—OFFICERS.

§ 1.—The officers of this society shall be President, Vice-President, Recording-Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Board, consisting of fourteen members.

§ 2.—The President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties which usually fall to said officers in similar bodies.

ARTICLE V.—BOARD.

The Board of fourteen members, including the officers of the Convention, shall have the power to carry out the object of the Convention, and in general to do anything necessary to secure full and complete organization of the women of the State, provided always that they conform to this Constitution. The Board shall have its headquarters at Selma, and five (5) members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI.—ANNUAL MEETINGS.

This convention shall meet annually on Thursday before the fourth Lord's day in June.

ARTICLE VII.—AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution can be amended at any annual meeting by a two-third vote.

BY-LAWS.

This Convention shall be governed by such by-laws as usually govern religious bodies.

SOME PLANS FOR RAISING MONEY.

DEAR FRIENDS:—Lord Bacon said: "The greatest trust between man and man is the trust, of giving counsel." One class of people know what to say, but not how to say it. Others know what to say and how to say it, but they know not when to say. I consider myself thoroughly competent as to the when, but thoroughly incompetent as to the what and to the how. The when is now, as you will all agree, but the how and what I know not. My object is indefinite. I was requested by your honored committee to write a paper on plans for raising money. I am not confined to a special object for which money should be raised. I am like unto a man thrown over-board in a dark night, with simply the parting advice, "Swim for your life." I

am not told which way to go, and, in my bewilderment, I am more liable to fall in line with the drift-wood than I am to swim to the nearest shore.

There are two things that all mankind agree on—the necessity of friendship and the use of money. The recluse sequestered in his cloister may feign to disdain money, but the click of a few \$20 gold pieces will sound in his ear with a Heavenly ring as charming as the music of an Eolian harp. While preachers boldly denounce mammon and the money greed of the 19th century, they moderately tone down when time comes to take a collection they do not denounce the use but the abuse of money. The united prayer is money, many, more and more money. "Money is power." A man with a bank account is usually admitted into all business circles; heeded when he speaks and honored as he passes. I would say in passing to my subject that our people need to put a higher estimate upon money. Let us accumulate money and use it for God and humanity. But what we need is the Lord's money. Let us be understood on this point. What is meant by the Lord's money? The money that belongs to God's children. When we first experienced that change called the new birth, we solemnly gave ourselves and our money to God. Christianity started upon this basis. Look at the primitive church in those days; when a man was baptized his money was also baptized. When a man joined the Church, his money was laid upon God's altar, the influence of the holy spirit working in the heart caused the man to dig up his gold long buried in the earth and place it at the feet of the Apostles before he would be asked to be fellowshipped by the Church. We are not our own. There is enough money in the hands of God's people to do a work that could startle devils, astonish men and fill the Angels with amazement. We are only stewards of what we have, and God will take account of our stewardship. I say we want God's money. Money that carries with it is the blessing of God. God not only loves a cheerful giver, but He also accepts the gift and places it to our credit and then sends it out from His presence with His benediction. Let us not rob God, but crowd His storehouse with that which is His, and then claim a large blessing as we go out from His presence.

OBJECT.

I now come to the object for which money should be raised. To begin at home, I would say we need more of

the Lord's money, to run our Sunday schools. We need money to purchase organs, buy S. S. literature, help the poor children of our school; need money to buy literature, to distribute in destitute regions where children are too poor to buy Bibles and song books, more money to support our Sunday schools, if we are to have greater results. And then we need more money to run our Churches. Our pastors should be paid better salaries. Our missionaries should have better support; our choirs should be aided so that they could make the services more enjoyable by furnishing good music. Some of our houses of worship need repairs, and others need putting down and new ones put up. And we need to look after the poor of the Church. One of the reasons why so many Christians belong to benevolent societies is the Church does not look after the poor. We need money for our home missions and more money for foreign mission work. There are destitute regions in our own land, and the Macedonian cry is "come over and help us." Christians are throwing away thousands of God's money on excursions and in extravagant living. God is crowding our doors with these demands and writing against us for our unfaithfulness. God grant we shall not wait for the handwriting on the wall to reveal to us that we are weighed in the balances and are found wanting.

Now, we will consider Christian education, which is the burden of the Church work. This is the burden of the Church that reason to promote Christian education. We have private schools taught by teachers of our own choice. A few Baptist academies and a grand University of our own in Selma. And, then our State paper, the Leader, has a larger claim upon us than we realize, the Home Mission Society and the Baptist Publishing Society that spends its thousands every year in our State, helping us in the grand work of education. They need money, and our sympathy and co-operation. But I recur to our Selma University. We need more money to place this school, where it ought to have been years ago. We need \$25,000 for building, \$5,000 for library, press, school apparatus, etc. And our teacher should have better salaries. The Home Mission Society is doing more than its share of the work, and we are doing less than our share. It is a marvel that our school goes on smoothly. But you say \$30,000 is a great sum of money for these hard times. Grant it, but look at the Colored Baptists in our State.

PLANS.

We will take the estimate of our own strength made by some of our most competent men several years ago. They put our strength at 125,000 communicants. An average of 25c. per member would place in the hands of the Board of Trustees the sum of \$31,250. Think of it. An average of 25c. per head of the Colored Baptist of Alabama would pay for the new building and furnish all the money at present. I have thus far spoken of money and objects for which money should be liberally contributed. Now, notice plans for raising money. It is thought to be the most difficult thing in the world to formulate a plan to suit alike all the Churches. This is true so far as it refers to the matter of raising money to run Sunday Schools and Churches. Recognizing these difficulties, we will not undertake to offer any suggestions on that line. But, concerning ourselves about plans to raise money for our Selma University, first, we need to concentrate our efforts upon one particular object. We must study, arrange, combine and execute. Arrange our plans for a special work, combine our forces and execute our plans. This, with the blessing of God, will give us success. The Emperor Nicholas, it is said, ordered his engineers to lay down for him a railway from St. Petersburg to Moscow. Presently, the engineers brought him a large card paper on which was laid down, like a snake, the designed path for the road between the capitals. "What is that?" asked Nicholas. "That is the best road." was the reply. "What did you make it crooked for?" "Why, we turn this way to touch this great city and to the left to reach that immense mass of people." The Emperor turned the card and made a new dot for Moscow and another for St. Petersburg, took a ruler, made a straight line from one dot to the other, and said: "Build me that road." "But what will become of the depot trade of that town?" "I don't know," said the Emperor. "They must look out for themselves," and that Emperor was wise. God does not require us to turn this way and that, finding the whole time in planning and altering our plans. He marks out a plan for us and tells us to follow it. He comes to our consciences, and to our hearts, and makes a straight line and says to us: "Build for me Selma University." Let us concentrate our efforts in building Selma University by raising at least 25 cts. from each Colored Baptist in Alabama. Let us ask the State Convention to unite with us

in taking the census of the Colored Baptists in our State by collecting 25 cts from each. Let us ask the different associations and Sunday school conventions, and churches, and pastors and missionary societies to unite in this grand effort to raise \$3,000. Judging by the success the Baptist women had in raising \$3,000 for our jubilee, we are assured of success. Let us do this because we can do, and because we ought to do it, and because there is need of doing it. Let the women of this convention have their headquarters, appoint secretaries and agents and confer as far as practicable with all of our leading men and women in all of our churches and associations. Let the Baptist Leader publish our plans, and we assist in circulating that paper until the editor shall be compelled to publish 10,000 copies every week. The field is ripe, and the work is ours, and consecrated Christian women never fail when they have wisdom in their plans and the law of God in their hearts. God never lays the burden of a great work upon a people without making a way for that work to be accomplished. The road to glory would cease to be arduous if it were trite and trod, and great minds must be ready not only to take opportunities, but to make them. Alexander the Great cut the Gordian knots which others had in vain attempted to untie. Those who start in a great work for God and humanity, like the mettled hands of Octavian, must pursue the game, not only where there is a path but where there is none. They must be able to leap and to creep and, like Nelson, snatch the laurels from the doubtful hand of victory, while she is hesitating where to bestow them.

Let us build Selma University.

M. M. OWENS.

REPORT OF FINANCIAL COMMITTEE.

We, your Financial Committee, beg leave to make the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Donations—Ladies Aid, Mt. Pleasant, \$1.40; Women's Mission and Educational, Fort Deposit, 4.00; Good Hope, Brown's Station, 2.50; True Believers, Collinane, 2.50; Third Mission, Mobile, 2.00; Tabernacle Ed. Selma, 10.00; Selma University, 1.00; Women's Mission, Gallion, 2.50; Women's Mission, Wadesboro, 4.00; Women's Mission St. Philip Street Church, Selma, 7.00; Mt. Zion, Anniston,

2.00; Benevolent, Everdale, Selma, 5.00; Mt Zion, near Selma, 1.60; Ladies Aid, Aldrich, 4.50; Women's Mission, Sixteenth St. Church, Birmingham, 6.00; Women's Mission, Greenville, 5.00; Women's Mission, Pratt Mines, 2.82; Church aid and Missions, Uniontown, 4.00; Morning Star, Demopolis, 3.00; from McKinley by Sister Pitts, 1.25; Zion Hill Mission, Faunsdale, 1.00; Selma University, 75c., Minutes, 25c.; Pine Top, Greenville, 1.50; Ladies Aid, Society, Calera, 5.00; Women's Mission, East Lake, 1.50; Woman's Missions, Faunsdale, \$1.50; Green Liberty, Hamburg, 1.50, Minutes, 50c.; Missionary, Felix, Perry county, 5.00; Faunsdale, 75c., Sunday School Union, 50c., Minutes, 25c.; Lowndesboro Children's Band, 1.00; Children's Band, Faunsdale, 1.00; Children Greenville, 1.00; Children East Lake, 1.00; Children Alberta, Wilcox county, 1.00; Missions, Alberta, Wilcox county, Christian Life, 2.00; Mobile W. M. and E., St. John, 50c.; Eufaula W. M. and E., 5.00; Union Beat W. M. and E., 1.00; Wetumpka Woman's Mission, 3.00; Pleasant Hill Woman's Aid, 2.00; Searcy, Butler county, Damascus, 3.00; Spring Hill Church and Sunday School, 2.00; Pleasant Hill, Bethel Church, 2.00; Spring Benevolent, 1.00; Christian Light Children's Bands, 1.00; Cash, 2.00; Benton, Ebenezer, 1.50; Patience Gresham, 1.00; India Prince, 1.00; Nellie Jones, 1.00; Rev. J. M. Mason, 1.00; Prof. Carn, 1.00; R. Grant, 2.00; Mrs. Smith, 1.00; Rev. J. D. Maddox, 1.00.

COLLECTIONS.

Thursday evening, \$5.45; Thursday night, 8.58; Friday morning, 32.00; Friday night, 11.10; Ladies Missionary, Dexter avenue, Montgomery, 5.00.

RECEIVED SINCE CONVENTION.

Missions, Trio, Bibb county, \$1.50; Miss Dora Culpepper, 1.00; Miss Nancy Black, 1.00; Macedonia Church, 1.40

SUNDAY'S COLLECTIONS.

Sunday School collection, \$5.55; Sunday morning, 10.35; Sunday afternoon, 3.21; Sunday night, 23.90.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS.

We, your Committee on Accounts and Claims recommend that the following be paid:

To Sexton for services, \$2.00; balance to agent on salary, 77.73; to Clerk, 10.00; to postage, 1.50; to Minutes, 25.00; on account to Wilhite to Baptist Leader, 5.00

REV. J. Q. A. WILHITE,

MRS. MILLER,

" UNDERWOOD.

Committee on Accounts and Claims.

MONDAY MORNING.

The Executive Board met pursuant to adjournment. Mrs. Bowie conducting¹ devotional exercises. Reading of the xxvii Psalm by J. Q. A. Wilhite. Song, "In Thy Cleft, O Rock of Ages." Prayer by Rev. J. Q. A. Wilhite.

It was moved and seconded that we have an agent in the field. Mesdames Wright, Gairy and Tyler.

It was moved that the Financial agent be paid forty dollars a month and expenses for the months traveled, and for months not traveled five dollars per month. After some discussion by Mrs. Gairy, Mrs. Bowie and Mrs. Tyler, it was carried.

It was moved that the minutes be printed at Selma.

The Board then adjourned subject to call of the President.

Post Office.	Church.	Society.	Presidents.	Secretary.	No.
Montgomery	Dexter Avenue	Ladies Miss. Circle	Mrs. S. H. Wright	Mrs. B. D. Miller	15
Calera	Bethel Baptist	Ladies Aid Society	" E. E. Ware	Miss J. F. B. Calhoun	20
Birmingham	Sixteenth St. Baptist	Missionary Society	" W. R. Pettiford	Miss J. B. England	57
Helena	Mt. Pleasant	Ladies Aid Society	Mary Hodge	S. H. Wright	14
Greenville			Charity Fegan	Mattie Simpson	
Greenville		Women's Miss. Society	Mrs. A. T. Smith	Mamie Nichols	35
Benton		Ed. and Miss'n Society	Menerva Steele	Amanda Gresham	10
Faunsdale	Faunsdale Baptist	Childrens Band	Alice Harrison	Nannie Harrison	20
Handolph	New Hope	Ladies Aid Society	Mintie Goodson	Lucinda Gardner	
East Lake	Mt. Zion Church	Missionary Society	Mrs. Sallie Keith	Rachael Wood	
Faunsdale	Zion Hill		Maria Collins		
Aldrich		Sisters Society	S. A. Mathews	Caroline Cleveland	40
Selma	Mt. Zion		Joanna Craig	Hanna Thomas	16
Pr. Deposit	Macedonia Baptist	Mission and Ed. Society	Mrs. L. F. Morrill	Sallie Goldsmith	
Selma	Everdale	Benevolent and Mission	Anna Binford	Ida Johnson	
Lowadesboro	Second Baptist	Women's Mission	Amanda Tyler	Susie A. Morton	86
Selma	Tabernacle	Women's Educational	I. B. Smith	Mary M. Hudson	
Greenville		Childrens	Mamie Nichols	Carrie Barge	37
Coltuna		True Believers	Sallie Prince	Martha Watkins	
Danapolis	New Morning Star	Sisters	Ma.y Stokes		
	Mt. Zion Baptist	Sisters			
	Third Baptist	Women's Missionary	L. E. Byrd	Minnie L. Tardy	
	St. Phillip Street				
	Good Hope	Sisters	Anna E. Collins	Lou Perry	30
	Bethlehem	Missionary	Mrs. C. J. Bayloe	Minnie Collins	
		Missionary	A. Waters	Mrs. Ezell	20
		Bond of Hope	Lucy A. Smith	Alabama Turner	
	Baptist Church	Missionary	Violet Cheatham	Patsy Smith	
	Baptist Church	Misssonary	Cotney Hill	Mary Oldham	