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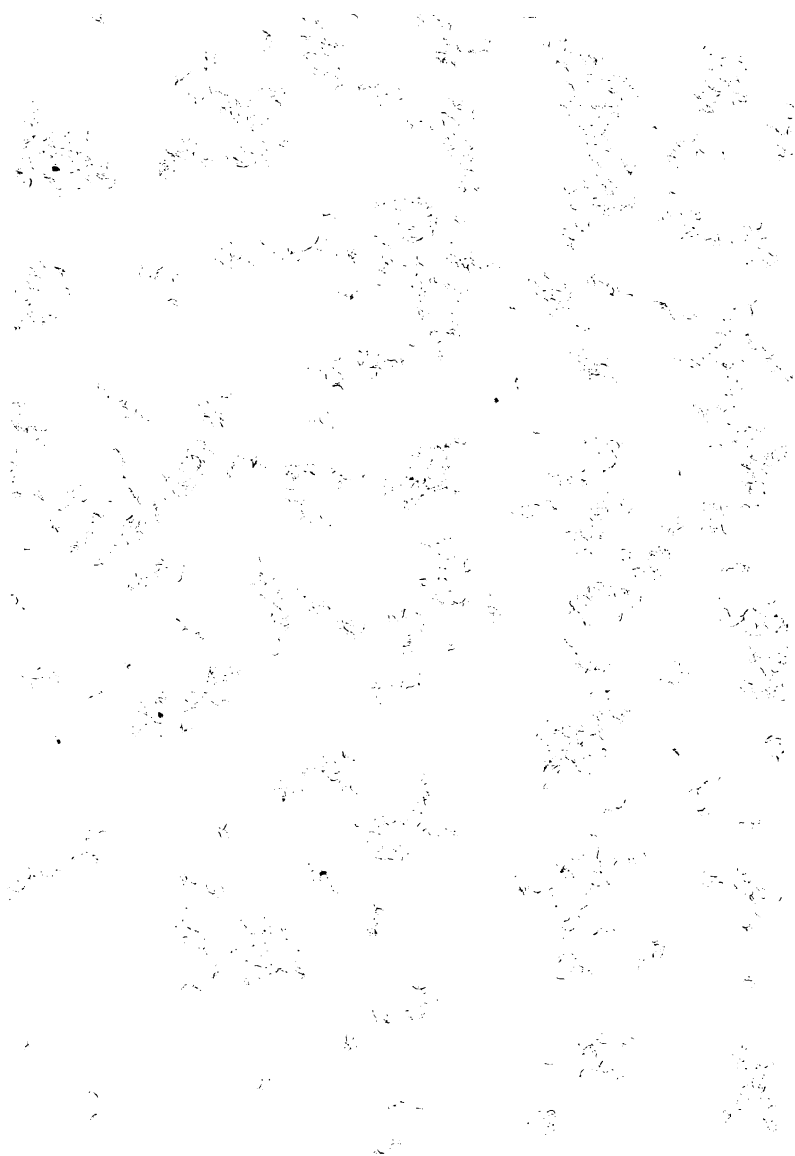
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Elder I. Toliver,	- - - - -	Rockdale, Texas.
Mr. A. Terrell,	- - - - -	Anderson, Texas

ANNUAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Convention meets on Wednesday before third Lord's day, in October, 1887, at Mt. Rose Baptist Church, Brenham.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON.

Elder E. W. D. Isaac, Tyler, Texas.



CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

This Convention shall be known as the Missionary Baptist State Convention.

ARTICLE II.

The objects of this Convention shall be : First, to supply, as far as its means will allow, destitute regions with missionaries ; second, to promote educational interests.

ARTICLE III.

This Convention shall be composed of delegates from Churches and Associations of regular Missionary Baptists, who sympathize with us in the objects of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

The number of delegates which each Church or Association may send to the Convention, shall not exceed three, and every delegate before taking his seat, shall produce satisfactory evidence of his appointment ; provided, that any member of a Baptist Church may be an annual member by the payment into the treasury of the Convention, the sum of two and a half dollars, and a life member by paying the sum of ten dollars ; and any Baptist Church, Association, or Society, may be entitled to one membership of the Convention for every five dollars paid into the treasury of the Convention.

ARTICLE V.

SECTION I. The officers of this Convention shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding and Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and seven Managers, who shall be elected annually ; and who, together with the officers, shall constitute an Executive Board for the management of all business of the Convention, and five of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. II. The Executive Board shall have power to fill vacancies in its members between the meetings of the Convention, to appoint and dismiss agents and missionaries, fix their compensation, direct and instruct them concerning their particular fields and labor, make all appropriations to be paid out of the treasury, do all the executive business of the Convention, present to the Convention, at each annual meeting, a full written report of its proceedings during the current year, and in all cases be subject to the directions of the Convention.

The Board shall elect its own officers, at its organization, after each annual meeting.

SEC. III. The President, or, in his absence, the Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the Convention, and, at the request of ten members from at least seven associations or churches, he shall call a special meeting of the Convention.

SEC. IV. The Treasurer shall keep in trust all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall pay them out on an order from the Board, signed by the President and Secretary ; and shall, when required by the Board, give Bond for the faithful discharge of his duty. His books shall always be open for inspection of any church connected with the Convention.

ARTICLE VI.

There shall be an annual meeting of the Convention, at such time and place as shall be chosen, a sermon preached by a person appointed at a previous annual meeting, and give an

account of the state of religion in their respective Associations or churches, together with any other information they may possess relating to the prosperity of the Churches of Christ ; provided, however, that nothing disciplinary shall be introduced.

ARTICLE VII.

It shall be in the power of the Convention to correspond with similar bodies by letter or delegates, and to enter into any arrangement to promote the interest of religion, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VIII.

All donations to the Convention shall be sacredly appropriated in accordance with the will of the donor.

ARTICLE IX.

The Convention shall never possess a single attribute of power or authority over any Church or Association.

It absolutely disclaims any right of this kind, hereby avowing that cardinal principle that every church is sovereign and independent.

ARTICLE X.

No alteration shall be made in this Constitution without the concurrence of two-thirds of the delegates present at an annual meeting of the Convention, notice having been given at a previous meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Preach Introductory Sermon.
2. Appoint committee on credentials.
3. Call the roll.
4. Organize by the election of officers.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appoint the usual committees.

7. Invite ministers of our faith and order, not delegates, to seats with us.
8. Read rules of decorum,
9. Call for correspondence.
10. Return correspondence.
11. Call for reports of standing committees, in the order of appointment.
12. Appoint special committee, nominate ministers to preach introductory and missionary sermons at the next session of this body.
13. Select the place of holding the session.
14. Call for Treasurer's report.
15. Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER.

1. Call to order.
2. Appoint Committee on Enrollment and Finance.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Report of Committee on Enrollment.
5. Invitation to Visiting Brother.
6. Appointment of Committees on Home and Foreign Mission, Ministerial, Education, Schools, Colleges, Destitute Region, Temperance, Time and Place of Meeting, Women's Work, Denominational Literature.
7. Report of Executive Board.
8. Election of Officers.
9. Call for report of Committees in their order.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Missionary Baptist State Convention, of Texas, held with New Hope Baptist Church, at Waco, Texas, October 21, 1886.

FIRST DAYS SESSION.

The Convention was called to order by the President, A. R. Grigg. After the rendering of several anthems by the choir. The president read the 96th Psalm, after which Elder Duncan offered prayer. The congregation joined the choir

in singing a very feeling and touching hymn; then the president stated the cause of the change of the Convention from Paris to Waco.

The Welcome Address by Elder L. G. Jordan was fitting and appropriate, Elder Wm. Commer's timely remarks in response will be long remembered, Elder G. H. Davis was introduced, and took for his text for the introductory sermon Ex. 14-19, "Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." The sermon was an excellent one, and well rendered. At the close of the service a collection was taken up for African Missions, during which time Mrs. Jordan's Choir rendered some beautiful chants. Collection amounted to twenty dollars and twenty-five cents. The president then appointed the following brethren on committee of credentials and finance.

Rev. C. Toliver,	Rev. M. Harrison,
" D. Abner, Jr.,	" C. C. Chambers,
" R. H. Boyd,	" E. W. D. Isaac,
" S. Andrews,	" Moore,

Rev. F. Lights.

While the said Committee was getting ready to report, Elder Wm. Massey was invited to address the Convention, which he did; his address was very encouraging, he urges the great mission from Texas to the sandy shores of Africa.

On motion of H. L. Davis, the following programme was adopted to take precedence of the regular Rules of Order, throughout the session in the way of substitute.

On motion the Convention adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 4 p. m.

Divine services conducted by Rev. O. C. Ashly.

Minutes of Missing Session read and adopted.

A. H. Rowland of Mt. Zion Association., was introduced after making some interesting remarks.

Rev. Burgin of Paul Quin College, C. P. Westbrooks of

M. E. Church and W. H. Davis of the M. E. Church, were introduced to the Convention and invited to a seat, after which the Committee on Credentials and Finance made their report. (See remarks of Committee.)

Rev. Shebourne, of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced and given a seat upon the stage.

The workings of the Executive Board during the Conventional year was read, together with several recommendations. After some discussion the report was adopted as read. The President then stated the time of adjournment was in order.

Elder W. H. Shebourne offered prayer, the Convention adjourned to meet at 8 p. m.

The Convention reassembled at 8:30 a. m. the report of the Sup't of Missions was read and adopted. (Sup't. report,)

Elder O. E. Perpener, Missionary in the S. W. Texas, submitted his report which showed that he had labored ardently in the cause of Mission Work during his short period of service

The report was adopted (see report) afterward the Convention resolved itself into a general Mass Meeting.

Elder Toliver opened the Meeting by asking the congregation to join in singing, "Go preach my Gospel" saith the Lord, etc. The meeting was a very interesting one, made more so by the beautiful, appropriate music, rendered by the choir.

There were many interesting addresses made.

A collection was called for which amounted to \$22.50, after which pledges for the ensuing year, for the Mission work, were taken, (Sup'ts. Lists of Pledges.)

On motion the "Paper on Mission Work," read by Elder Wm. Massey, was adopted.

The President appointed the following Committee, Home Mission.

Rev. Wm. Massey,
" S. C. Smith,

Rev. Samuel Anderson,
" C. B. Sam,

WOMAN'S WORK.

Mrs. E. Smothers,	Mrs. Holley Tatnell,
“ L. Eater,	“ K. Miller,
“ K. Brignance,	Miss Cora Patterson,
Miss Hattie Alexander,	“ J. L. Peik,
Elder J. E. Stoney,	Elder G. B. Orvis,
	Elder Z. T. Pardce,

Resolved, that the Convention endeavor to collect \$ 1.00 from every Baptist for Mission Work during the year.

MONEY PAID IN FOR VARIOUS PURPOSES.

Convention,	- - - - -	\$ 201.50
African Mission,	- - - - -	42.75
Total,	- - - - -	244.25

Convention adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., Oct. 22nd.

A. R. Griggs, President, W. F. Smith, Secretary.

SECOND DAY, OCT. 22nd.

MORNING SESSION.

The Convention reassembled at 9 a. m. (22) with president in the chair.

After devotional exercises, a motion prevailed to omit calling the roll. The minutes of the evening sessions of the previous days were read, corrected and adopted.

The President extended an invitation to visiting brethren, not delegates, to have their names enrolled, they were, viz :

Elder Peter Diggs, Calvert,

Elder S. M. Hoyles,

Elder G. Bass, Mexico.

On motion, the following brethren were appointed to represent the Baptist State Convention at the following Conventions, National Convention to assemble at Mobile, Aug. 1887.

Rev. D. Abner, Jr., Rev. M. Harrison.

Arkansas Convention to convene at Camden, Aug. 1887.

Rev. W. M. Conner.

Baptist State Convention, (white) held at Dallas, Nov. 1887, Rev. A. R. Griggs.

Foreign Mission Convention, Rev. F. Hooks.

The motion prevailed that all the delegates defray their own expenses to and from the various Conventions.

The report on Foreign Mission was read and adopted, after which the Committee on Schools and Colleges reported.

An opportunity was given to the Representatives of the schools to represent their work.

Seguin Academy, O. E. Perpener.

Bishop College, Prof. S. W. Culver and D. Abner, Jr.

Hearne Academy, W. F. Smith.

After hearing the word of Education we feel more determined than ever that it shall have our support.

A collection was taken up for African Mission, amount 3.35.

It now being 12 m., Elder E. W. D. Isaac took his seat in the pulpit. Text, Acts, 2-38. The speaker dwelt quite largely on the three requisites, Repent, Believe and be Baptized, the Sermon was well rendered, we all felt it was good for us to be there. After prayer by Elder C. M. Butler, a collection was taken for Conventional purposes, amount 9.20.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Elder S. C. Smith conducting the opening exercises, after which a motion prevailed to omit reading the minutes of the morning session.

The President then stated the next business before the Convention would be to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The Candidates receiving the highest number of votes, standing votes be declared elected. * Elder A. R. Griggs would not allow his name to go before the Convention for the following reason * The election resulted as follows :

Elder Wm. Massey, President, Elder F. Hooks, 1st Vice President, Elder R. H. Boyd, 2nd Vice President.

Recording Sec'y, W. F. Smith, Rev. D. Abner, Corresponding Sec'y, A. Terrell, Treasurer.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 5 p. m.

Elder Orviss offered prayer.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY.

Convention opened with devotional exercises.

Elder Rowland read 34 Psalm and offered prayer, the President appointed Elder C. N. Pryor to escort the newly elected President, Wm. Massey to the Chair. The Ex-President made some fitting remarks before leaving the Chair.

The report on enrollment was offered for 15 minutes, until they had a chance to complete it.

On motion, the election of Seven Managers be deferred to Miscellaneous Business, after which the Finance Committee reported 313.55 the report was adopted.

On motion, the rules were suspended for the purpose of the Baptist Pilot.

PLEDGES.

C. H. Shaw,	- - - - -	\$ 5.00
J. H. Stewart,	- - - - -	1.00
Rev. O. C. Ashly,	- - - - -	1.00
Willis King,	- - - - -	1.00
O. E. Perpener,	- - - - -	1.00
Elder Bland,	- - - - -	1.00
“ Wm. Massey,	- - - - -	1.00
“ F. Hooks,	- - - - -	1.00
“ F. L. Lights, on subscription,	- - - - -	1.00
“ W. F. Smith,	- - - - -	1.00
“ Roe, (pay in three days,)	- - - - -	2.50
“ Greyer, “ “ “	- - - - -	2.00
“ O. C. Ashley, (pay in three days,)	- - - - -	20.00
“ M. Johnson, “ “ “	- - - - -	5.00
“ Wm. Massey, Navasota, -	- - - - -	10.00
“ C. M. Butler, (in thirty days,)	- - - - -	2.50
“ S. M. Hoyles, “ “ “	- - - - -	2.50
“ M. Irving, “ “ “	- - - - -	6.00
“ S. I. W. Waters, - - - - -	- - - - -	10.00

" H. Booth, - - - - -	5.00
" R. H. Boyd, - - - - -	10.00
" B. J. Johnson, in thirty days - - - - -	5.00
Mr. Manning, - - - - -	2.50
Collection for Pilot, - - - - -	-22.15

The Committee on Time and Place reported Brenham as the next place of meeting.

C. A. Andrews preached the introductory sermon. The paper read by Dr. Vandarell on an Educated Ministry, ordered to appear in the minutes, also the one read by D. Abner, Jr., on Christian Education, which was a rare production, appear in the minutes.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 9 a. m., Saturday morning. Wm. Massey, President, W. F. Smith, Secretary.

THIRD DAY.
MORNING SESSION.

Convention opened by D. H. Shivers, who read the 86th Psalms and prayer.

The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted after which the election of the executive which was deferred from the previous session was entered into, on motion, to reconsider was laid on the table, after which Bro. F. G. Davis read the report on schools and colleges which was adopted.

The ladies of the Missionary Society made their report, Sister Peck, Vice President, made some very appropriate remarks, much stress was placed upon these words: "without me you can do nothing." "Do all things without murmuring or disputing." "Do all things to the glory of Him."

The Sisters' Missionary Society gave to the following:

Abiline, - - - - -	5.00
Weldon, - - - - -	5.00
Weatherford, - - - - -	5.00
El Paso, - - - - -	26.60
Brazoria, - - - - -	5.00

The report was thankfully received.

Sister F. Dysart read the General Missionary report of the Woman's Work of the State. The report was interesting, it was also received and adopted. Papers read on woman's duty to children by Mrs. F. Jordan.

Woman's work among "back sliders," Mrs. Haws stated plainly what she felt was the great cause of "back sliding."

Woman's duty to Africa, Mrs. F. Hall.

Woman's work in Texas, in connection with the Baptist State Convention, Mrs. E. Smothers expressed herself gratified to see the appreciation on the part of the State Convention.

Woman's H. M. S. by Mrs. F. Dynast at the close of the Woman's Bap. H. M. S.

By request of the President, O. E. Perpener read the report on Home Mission and Education, which was adopted.

It was moved that those wanting co-operation, apply to the Executive Board of State Convention.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 3 p. m.

Wm. Massey, President, W. F. Smith, Secretary.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention was opened by reading 10th chapter of St. Luke and prayer. On motion, the reading of the minutes of the preceding session be dispensed with until at the close of the session.

A paper, *Décades*, proposed by Prof. S. H. Smith, was read by Rev. A. R. Griggs. Paper entitled *Ministerial Education*, Elder M. Harrison. Paper, *Denominational Literature*, by E. W. D. Isaac, these papers were received with marked interest and the Clerk was ordered to record them in the minutes. *Buds of the Field* was also read by Rev. O. E. Perpener.

On motion, the old Executive Board was retained. E. M. Wright was appointed in Elder J. Yates' stead. On motion, the report of *Woman's Missionary Society* be received.

The Convention adjourned. Wm. Massey, President, W. F. Smith, Secretary.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Convention opened with singing by the Willow Grove Choir, after which Miss Dysart of the Ladies Missionary Society, read a portion 2nd, Peter, followed by fervent prayer by A. R. Griggs.

Sister Fanny Hall gave a sharp and pointed address, "Our Duty to Africa." Sister Miller of Houston, followed on "Woman's Work as a Peace Maker." her advice will long be remembered by those who heard it.

The following Brethren representing the Mission Work of various Associations, gave very interesting accounts of their work. From them we learn that there is yet a good deal of earnest work to be done in all parts of the State, truly the "harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few."

Rev. Rowland, Mt. Zion Association.

" Shaderick, Willow Grove Association.

" R. H. Boyd, Palestine "

" Roc, East Texas "

" Andrews, Central "

" Parker Western, Good Hope "

" Moore, Bramins "

Rev. I. Toliver spoke on Temperance, Elder O. E. Perpener offered the following resolutions: Whereas, Intemperance is the evil that ruins mankind, physically, temporally, spiritually and finally sinks the same in Hell.

Resolved, that we, as Ministers of the Baptist State Convention will 1st, practice total abstinence, preach, teach and vote Temperance. Thereby doing all we can to rid this State of that terrible curse. The Constitution was so amended so that Article 4 should read the *

* Be it resolved that Article 4 of the Constitution of this Convention be amended so as to read after the word "Convention," on the 2nd line as follows: * shall be two for their membership fee of five dollars paid at the convening of the Convention, and one additional delegate for every ten dollars paid into the treasury of the Convention for its general work

during the conventional year and also any member of a Baptist Church may be an annual member of this Convention, by paying into treasury of the Convention, \$2.50, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars.

O. E. Perpener gives this much light on finding an educated Minister among the Baptist, when first to man the light was shown of Science, Letters and Arts. By Genesis the negro soon made known the knowledge of each separate part.

Methinks I see him in that day, (when ignorance reigned supreme,) dispel the clouds and burst away from ignorances darkest dreams. Again I see over this fair land that race in degradation as slaves and chattels held in hand, of a proud and haughty nation.

Again I see the chains are riven from God's own image pure. He freedom to the slave has given. No more the sin will he endure, and soon the topmost height of fame, where Genius her merits pour forth, the black man again shall have a name to ring o'er all the earth.

Resolution, resolve, we the members of this Convention, recommend the Woman's Work to the brethren and churches of the State, pledge them our support and hearty co-operation believing wherever this work is organized, it will be a blessing to the church and the mission cause. Mrs. E. Smothers, Mrs. Hollie Tatnell, Miss Hettie Alexander, Mrs. K. Miller, Miss C. Patterson, Mrs. K. Brigance, Miss L. Stell, Miss L. Peck and Elder Z. T. Pardee.

Resolve, that it is the duty of the 69,950 colored Baptists represented in in this Texas Baptist Convention, to use every honorable means in their churches, in their committees and use their influence among the citizens against alcoholic drinks at the polls, to exterminate this curse from our state and the world.

A. R. Griggs.

EXECUTIVE BOARD, MEETING AT WACO., 27.

The Board met at 9 a. m., President Wm. Massey in the

chair. After devotional exercise, W. F. Smith was elected Secretary, on motion, the special collection for the south western portion of the State be donated to Elder O. E. Perpener on motion, the Banner was turned over to the Convention, for which the same paid three dollars.

One thousand copies of the proceedings be printed.

PLEDGES TAKEN FOR MISSION WORK.

Elder I. Toliver,	- - - - -	\$ 25.00
“ Wm. Conner,	- - - - -	5.00
“ W. H. Shelburn,	- - - - -	10.00
“ C. H. Anderson,	- - - - -	10.00
“ M. Harrison,	- - - - -	5.00
“ C. N. Pryor,	- - - - -	10.00
“ A. H. Rowland,	- - - - -	25.00
“ E. M. Wright,	- - - - -	5.00
“ J. B. Dunbar,	- - - - -	5.00
“ G. F. Rayfro,	- - - - -	2.50
“ A. R. Griggs,	- - - - -	25.00
“ C. B. Love,	- - - - -	5.00
“ R. Williams,	- - - - -	5.00
“ B. Williams,	- - - - -	5.00
“ D. H. Shivers,	- - - - -	5.00
Prof. R. H. Pery,	- - - - -	2.00
“ W. F. Smith,	- - - - -	5.00
Sister H. Nelson,	- - - - -	5.00
“ Mary Burke,	- - - - -	5.00
“ Mary Hill,	- - - - -	5.00
“ Dicy Buckner,	- - - - -	1.25
“ Jennie Jackson,	- - - - -	1.50
Mr. Rob't Davis,	- - - - -	5.00
“ Albert Ayers,	- - - - -	5.00
“ Hamp Franklin,	- - - - -	5.00

On motion, 75.00 was appropriatad for the printing of minutes, on back leaf of minutes, advertisements.

Whereas, on treasurer, Mr. Terrell be tendered a vote of thanks for punctual attendance at the Convention and his

willingness to pay his own way.

On motion, that the old Board of Managers be retained.
Shaw, Pardee, Jordan, and Davis. Adopted.

§ 9.00 was allowed the Sec'y for sending out minutes.	
P. D. Bishop, - - - - -	\$ 19.90
Hearne, - - - - -	19.35
Seguine, - - - - -	19.35

CHAIRMEN OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES.

Motion, A. R. Griggs, Chairman, Home and Foreign Mission, James A. Denis, Ministerial Education, Dr. Culver.

Schools and Colleges, C. N. Pryor.

Destitute Region, O. E. Perpener.

Temperance, E. M. Wright.

Time and Place, R. H. Boyd.

Woman's Work, W. B. Ball.

Denominational Literature, Dr. Vine.

PAPER.

Christian Education, A. C. Murphy.

Progress of colored Baptists in Texas, W. F. Smith.

On motion, the reports on papers do not cover more than five pages of writing paper. On motion, Bro. Ankrews, Missionary of the Central Association, be given \$ 10.00, adopted.

On motion, He is authorized to meet the South Central Association, Executive Board. On motion, Board of Manages be empowered to arrange for the dispersing of the money donated by the while brethren. On motion, in no case shall the donation be given only at the quarterly meeting of the Board or through the Sup't of Missions. On motion, the Sup't of Missions be allowed to use Elder Toliver as Assistant in his work, but that no debt be incurred on the Convention. On motion, Elder A. R. Griggs was allowed \$ 25.00 to begin his work or, as much as is absolutely necessary. On motion, that we advance Elder Jordan \$ 45.00 on the minutes.

On motion, the various Pastors, Supt's of Missions, be hereby requested to organize Missionary Unions among the brethren.

Whereas, there are various objects calling upon us for help at each sitting of their Convention, therefore be it resolved that the first night after the opening be given, 1st, to Home Missions collections and pledges, 2nd to Educational Work and 3rd to Foreign Mission.

REPORT OF CONVENTION MISSION.

We, your committee on Home Mission, are pleased to report the following for considerations: Whereas, we are commanded by our Saviour to preach the Gospel to every creature, and to begin at home, as the cry comes to us from every part of the state. Whereas, the Home Mission Work is the foundation of all mission work. We recommend that all churches and pastors be requested to contribute sixty cents annually, per member, for the Missionary and Educational purposes, to be collected quarterly, and sent to the treasurer of the State Convention. Whereas, we see the magnitude of the work and the great destitution of our great state, we recommend to ask the Home Mission Society of New York to co-operate with us in developing the Mission Work in the dark places of our state, which are in great need of the gospel, as we are not able to supply them. Whereas, the great destitution of our state, is great, we recommend that the Baptist State Convention to appoint a missionary for the southwestern part of our state. We also recommend that all Associations be asked to co-operate with the State Convention in her general work, and especially in her Home Mission Work. "The harvest is truly great but the laborers are few." We further recommend, that the State Convention co-operate with the Central Association in supporting a missionary in their bounds.

We herewith submit a report from the Rev. S. M. Walker, of the destitution in Denton county.

Your committee on home missions would recommend that the report read by Wm. Massey be published in the "Pilot."

REPORT OF FOREIGN COMMITTEE.

Whereas, the Continent of Africa is now being steadily opened to civilization, and light is penetrating into its darkened extension. Whereas, the work of our colored missionaries have been so successful in that country, and whereas, the 200,000,000 of Africans must be brought to the light of the Gospel of truth.

RESOLUTIONS.

RESOLVED.—

1. That this convention appoint a messenger to the foreign mission convention.

2. That each of our churches be recommended to raise and send collection to their secretary for that work.

3. That, as soon as the convention can do so, we employ a missionary to send to Africa and support him.

That after the reading of this report, a collection was taken for the work.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S MISSION WORK IN TEXAS.

REPORT OF THE STATE VICE PRESIDENT.

The beginning of mission work among the Baptist women of Texas dates back to Christmas, 1880. At that time Rev. Colley, missionary from Africa, was visiting Richmond, New Orleans and other southern cities, striving to arouse a spirit of missions. The good sisters in a few churches in eastern Texas organized and sent for Rev. Colley, paying his expenses to come to Texas, and tell of the needs of Africa.

The sisters in and around Palestine organized, and for two years have supported gospel work in their own home churches. In the spring of 1884 Rev. A. R. Griggs organized in the New Hope church, Dallas. Since that time he has organized Woman's Mission Societies in several other churches, and has ever been the best of friend and helper to woman's work. The success of his efforts in his own church was largely due to the faithful, earnest work of sister Eunice Smothers, who fol-

lowed the direction of her pastor, and has ever since been a kind of devoted mother to the mission cause.

In November 1884, sisters J. L. Peck and F. Dysart were sent to Texas by the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of Chicago. They soon found that the hearts of brothers and sisters in Texas were awake, and interested in women's work. After a general and kindly consultation, a uniform plan of work was decided upon, and a Constitution adopted for general use. Since then the work of arranging Women's Baptist Mission Societies has gone steadily forward until today we record 49 societies. Of these 31 have sent in their reports to this meeting of the convention. The Women's Baptist Mission Societies of this State, now have a membership of over 1171. These sisters have gathered into their Sunday Schools 456 scholars. Have, by their labors, brought back to the fold, 44 backsliders. Have kept their pulpit in order 168 Sabbaths. Cleaned their churches 81 times, and have given money as follows :

To Texas Baptist State Convention, - - -	\$ 122.41
“ The Foreign Mission Convention, - - -	58.80
“ Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, - - -	38.45
“ Church improvements, - - - - -	268.75
“ Associational work, - - - - -	33.90
Total, - - - - -	<u>522.31</u>

Think of what this means.

An army of over 1171 women have enlisted, and are marching in the line of Women's work for Christ. Over 456 children who were out of Sunday School, have now been gathered in where they may be taught the word of life. Backsliders' enough to form a church of 44 members, have been won back to the right way. On 168 Sabbaths, the Pastors have been able to stand in the pulpits, which had been dusted and neatly cared for. Beside the help of 122.41, given by these sisters to the Texas State Convention, 58.81 gathered by them has been given over into the hands of

brethren in charge of the work in Africa. To-day, with gratified hearts we give thanks to God who has all the way been the guide and strength of our cause. In June 1886 Sister Eunice Smothers was appointed by the Women's Baptist Home Mission Society, to give her whole time to the work in the state, and she is faithfully going forward. We wish to acknowledge the part the brethren have had in helping us. Elders A. R. Griggs, F. G. Davis, O. E. Perpener, I. Toliver and others have been active. While many other pastors have welcomed and encouraged the women in their churches, we believe that many devoted Christian sisters all over our great State are only waiting to have Sisters Smothers, Peck or Dysart to go and give them a little help and instruction in starting out. We hope that during the coming year, many more will join our ranks.

“Loud and long the Master calleth,
Fields are white and harvest waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?”
The *World* for *Jesus!*

J. L. Peck.

WOMAN'S MISSION MEETINGS.

On Friday the sisters representing the Women's mission work of the Baptist churches of the State, held their business session, Sister J. L. Peck, Vice President of the State presiding.

Meeting opened by singing, “Come thou fount of every blessing.” Scripture texts were read as follows:

“For it is God who worketh in you, both to will and to do of His good pleasure, Do all things without murmurings and disputings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, the Sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world.”
Phil., 2 : 13-15.

Prayer by Sister E. Smothers. Sister F. Jordan then ex-

tended a hearty welcome to visiting sisters, which was responded to by Sister E. Smothers in behalf of the sisters of the state. Sister M. A. Smothers was asked to act as Secretary for the meeting and reports from the woman of the different churches was called for. The following churches then reported :

Mount Bethel,.....	Cuero,
Bethlehem,.....	Gatesville,
Willow Grove,.....	Sheegville,
Bastrop Missionary,.....	Bastrop,
Antioch,.....	Houston,
Mt. Zion,.....	Houston,
New Hope,.....	Dallas,
Pine Bluff.....	Pittsburg,
Mt. Moriah,.....	Hillsborough,
White Roek,.....	Bonham,
Second,.....	Waco,
New Hope,.....	Waco,
Mt. Zion,.....	Brenham,
Mt. Rose,.....	Brenham,
Friendship,.....	Navasota,
Holly Springs,.....	Burton,
Springfield,.....	Rockdale,
3rd Independent,.....	Corsicana,
Galilee,.....	Caldwell,
Harmony,.....	Sherman,
Hopewell,.....	Annona,
Hopewell,.....	Denison,
St. John,.....	Honey Grove,
Marlin,.....	Marlin,
St. Emmanuel,.....	Hearne,
Samaria,.....	Waxahachie,
St. Paul,.....	Paris,
Longview,.....	Longview,
Northwestern,.....	Bonham,
Mt. Zion,.....	Texarkana.

These reports were encouraging and gave proof of the growing earnestness among the sisters. Meeting dismissed with prayer by Rev. W. Massey.

The second session was held on Saturday. The Presider of the convention remaining in the chair. Sister M. Sharkie acting as Secretary. Meeting opened with singing, "Nearer my God to Thee." After which Sister Peck asked all to repeat with her the following texts, "Without me ye can do nothing," John, 15:5 "Do all things without murmurings and disputings," Phil. 2:14. "Do all to the glory of God," 1 Cor. 10:31.

Prayer by Rev. A. R. Griggs.

Sister E. Smothers stated that the sisters wished the money which they turned over to the Convention at this meeting, to be designated to help the following churches :

Weatherford,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 5.00
Brazoria,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
Abilene,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 5.00
Wellborn,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
El Paso,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26.60

To this the brethren expressed their approval.

The Vice President's general report of Women's work in the state was read by Sister F. Dysart and on motion of Rev. R. H. Boyd, was adopted and ordered printed in the minutes.

The following subjects were then presented and listened to with interest :

Woman's duty to the children, Sister F. Jordan.

Work among backsliders, Sister M. Haws.

Woman's work in connection with the Texas State Baptist Convention, Sister E. Smothers.

Work of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society, Sister F. Dysart. After the presentation of the last subject, Elder C. H. Shaw said he had never understood the work of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society as he did to-day, and he wished to help on in the good work. He placed one

dollar on the table, other good brethren followed with dollars and smaller sums until \$23.00 was contributed. Meeting closed with prayer.

One of the sisters appointed to speak, not being able to reach the city until late, the women were given another half hour at opening of the evening service. At this time Sister Jordan and her choir gave excellent music. Sister K. Miller spoke upon "Woman as a Peace-maker," giving several scripture texts upon peace. Sister F. L. Hall spoke of "Woman's Duty to Africa." Her talk was interesting and instructive, her points clear, her manner earnest; we believe many hearts were stirred to give more and pray more to send the Gospel of Christ to Africa.

A vote of thanks was extended by the sisters to the brethren for the kindness and interest with which they welcome and help the woman's work.

GENERAL MISSIONARY'S REPORT.

To the Baptist State Convention :

Dear Brethren:—I have the honor to submit, herewith, my report of work done while General Missionary for Southwest Texas, from January 7th to August 8th, 1886, less one month. I can truthfully say of Southwest Texas, "that the harvest is great and the laborers are few." My report is not what I intended it should be, as I was compelled to resign at the time that I anticipated that I would make it a success financially. Again, it has been a year of storms, cyclones and drouth, such as has never been experienced in this portion of the state. But I thank God that he has blessed my labors otherwise.

I would earnestly call the attention of the Convention to the southwest, urging them to make a few sacrifices now, and be assured it will be like bread cast upon the waters. The counties of Fort Bend, Matagorda, Brazoria and Wharton, especially. The people sit in great darkness, and are stretch-

ing out their hands to you, calling for help, that error, ignorance and superstition may be banished from their fair land.

During the seven months, I traveled much, have met with fightings without and fears within, having, as is the lot of all missionaries, my bitters and sweets. And here permit me to tender my heartfelt thanks to those who aided me, and in so many places received me hospitably.

I herewith submit my report :

Miles traveled	2,762
Sermons preached	70
Lectures	25
Religious visits	70
Churches organized	3
Conversions witnessed	7
Received by letter	18
Missionary societies organized	6
Visited associations	4
“ conventions	1
Pages of religious literature distributed	2,500

Collections :

Ebenezer Church, Austin	\$ 2.50
Mrs. R. Morton, “ . . . . .	.25
Second Baptist Church, Austin	3.40
Dr. Kerr, Waelder . . . . .	.50
Live Oak Church, Columbus . . . . .	.30
Baptist Church, Rosenberg, June . . . . .	.05
Mt. Zion Church, Houston	2.05
Rev. J. H. Hall, Brazoria	2.00
Baptist Church, Seguin	6.30
“ “ Luling	3.15
Providence Church Sunday-school, Gonzales	2.60
“ “ “	4.25
Palestine Church, Victoria	12.40
“ “ Sunday-school, Victoria . .	2.60
Zion Hill Church, Goliad	6.00

Mt. Bethel Church Sunday-school, Cuero . . .	2.05
Mt. Bethel Church, Cuero	7.40
Sweet Home Church, Guadalupe County . . .	2.60
Zion Hill " " "	6.35
Baptist Church, Seguin . . . . .	.75
Well Hope Church, Gonzales County	1.50
Damascus Church, Houston . . . . .	.40
Antioch " "	3.50
Watts' Chapel, "	1.15
Rev. E. D. Barnes, Brazoria . . . . .	.50
Rev. W. L. Wormley, Brazoria . . . . .	.50
Brazoria Mission, "	4.00
Providence Church, Chenengo	1.60
Rev. Wm. Richardson, Sandy Point	1.00
St. James' Church, Schulenburg . . . . .	.20
Bro. Elias Lee, near Schulenburg	1.00
Corinthian Church, near Schulenburg	1.10
Mr. L. Vernal, Columbus . . . . .	.25
Live Oak Church, Columbus	1.70
Mt. Olive Church, Eagle Lake	1.10
Elder L. Branch, Richmond . . . . .	.50
Mr. J. P. Dillard, " . . . . .	.25
Dr. R. H. Boyd, Houston	1.00
Jerusalem Church, Houston	2.10
Rev. A. R. Griggs, McKinney	2.10
New Hope Sunday-school, Dallas	2.15
" " Church, "	10.40
A. M. E. Church, Brenham	3.00
S. W. Central Association, Wharton	4.00
Mt. Zion Association, Hallettsville	11.90
Miss Eliza Mountain, Waelder	1.00
Ladies of Seguin Baptist Church	2.05
J. Hicks, Waelder . . . . .	.25
S. Burleson, Waelder	2.50
Texana Burleson, Waelder . . . . .	.05

Lily Henry, Waelder .....	.05.	
Caroline Hutchins, Waelder	1.90	
Wm. Henry, Waelder25	
Bro. Russell, Waelder25	
Thomas Watson, Waelder.....	1.00	
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Total Collections.....		\$132.80
Traveling Expenses	\$ 88.97	
Stationery.....	3.40	
Retained on one-half Salary	40.43	
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		\$132.80

As per contract with Brenham Board of the White Convention, I was to receive \$200.00 for six months labor.

As per understanding with Superintendent of Missions, I was to collect the remaining half salary of \$800.00 per annum or \$200.00 for six months.

As per contract with Superintendent of Missions, I was to receive \$60.00 for the month of July.

Received as follows :

From Brenham Board	\$125.00	
“ Collections.....	40.43	
“ Superintendent of Missions	48.80	
“ “ “ as per Cards,	11.20	
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Total		\$225.00

Had my work continued during this Fall there would have been no debt brought on the Convention, but being compelled to stop, the results are as above stated.

Respectfully submitted,

O. E. PERPENER.

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

Institutions of learning have been the great factors in the preparation of all nations for their great work. Nations generally take the impress of their leading schools. They have always been powerful. Notice the schools of Alexandria, of Greece and of Rome. No nation prospers without schools; for without schools there is not much thought, and without thought there is but little activity and advancement.

The early founders of this government recognized the importance of good institutions, when they established Harvard and Yale, also the Baptists of early days when they established the great Brown University of Providence, R. I., it being the first Baptist institution founded in this country. Now we have over 100 white institutions, many of which are open to our colored youth, and something near 25 higher institutions founded especially for our race. The Baptist Home Mission Society has under control near 16 institutions, in the various states, for the elevation of our race, viz: Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Virginia, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Texas, North and South Carolina, Louisiana, Indian Territory, etc. There are something near 100 teachers in these schools, representing a yearly salary of near \$60,000, besides the running expenses and repairs every year. These schools representing nearly \$1,000,000, have been established for us through the providence of God, by our friends north. Many a dollar, representing the hard earnings of poor, pious Christian widows, and others. From this we have derived untold blessings, and they have been bright lights leading us through the dark.

As the years come and go, this society will be appreciated more and more, and from us as a race will flow dollars of gratitude into her treasury that she may ever be able to lift up the down-trodden.

Besides these schools there are other Baptist institutions

run by associations and conventions, that are doing much good and will in future do much better work. In this state we have the Bishop Baptist College, at Marshall, run by the Home Mission Society, worth about \$55,000; yearly costs the society \$5,000, besides repairs, etc. Also we have the Hearne and Seguin Academies, children of our making. These schools should be put in a safe running condition, and equipped as first-class academies, feeders to the great Bishop, for it will take years unnumbered to make these first-class colleges. We can make them first-class high schools, and it will be a shame on us as Baptists if we do not unite ourselves and stick to these schools until they are what they ought to be.

We would recommend that for the interest and great work done for us by the Home Mission Society that we as Baptists shall endeavor to raise each year the salary of a colored teacher in Bishop. We recommend that, as a State Convention, we ask all the churches for a collection for our schools, that these collections be divided thus: one-fifth to Bishop, two-fifths to Hearne, and two-fifths to Seguin. We recommend that immediately on the passage of this report some one be appointed to take pledges for our schools and colleges, said pledges to be paid during the next conventional year.

We also recommend that there be a general secretary of education, whose duty it shall be to collect these pledges and raise money for educational purposes.

We also recommend that this General Secretary shall not be connected with any of the schools, but shall be a friend to all.

Seguin has paid \$4,500; they owe \$2,500. They have secured Prof. Garnett, graduate of Morgan Park, Ill., as teacher. It will take about \$1,500 per year to run the school.

Hearne has paid \$1,500; they owe about \$1,300. It will take about \$1,200 yearly to run it. Number of scholars during the five years, 600.

Bishop property is worth about \$60,000. Running expenses about \$6,000. Number of pupils during the five years, 1,100.

F. G. DAVIS,
D. ABNER,
W. F. SMITH,
O. G. PERPENER,
Z. T. PARDEE,
WM. DUNCAN,
C. C. CHAMBERS,
Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the Missionary Baptist State Convention :

Dear Brethren :—I have received at the last annual meeting held at Hearne, Oct. 22 to 25, 1885, the sum, from all sources, of \$424.00, and disbursed as follows:

Paid to Elder O. E. Perpener.....	\$181.50
Paid Forest Hooks for D. Abner.....	5.00
Paid Bro. W. F. Smith for claims against Hearne Academy	71.25
Paid I. Toliver.....	60.25
Paid Elder A. R. Griggs, balance due on Min- utes for 1884	9.65
Paid A. B. Moore.....	1.20
Paid J. Yates.....	3.70
Paid M. Massey.....	7.50
Paid A. R. Griggs.....	7.05
Paid D. Abner	12.00
Paid A. Terrell.....	1.05
Paid E. M. Wright.....	25.00
Paid S. C. Smith	7.50
Paid J. H. Stewart, secretary.....	3.00
Paid for Stationery.....	.50
 Total Paid Out	 \$445.25

April 20, 1886, received from Woman's Home Missionary Society, of New Hope Baptist Church, Dallas.	\$ 1.65
Received from other sources.	424.00
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Total Amount Received.	\$425.65

December 12, 1885, forwarded to Rev. E. Wright, per Rev.
A. R. Griggs, \$58.00.

Paid out for stationery, 60 cents.

I have not received any money from any source, except the
\$1.65 from the New Hope Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

The above is my annual report. All moneys paid in have
been disbursed at the discretion of the State Convention.

A. TERRELL, Treasurer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

I. Yates, Houston.	\$ 1.00
Eunice Smothers, Dallas	3.50
Easter Terrell, Dallas.	1.00
Jane Arnold.	1.00
R. H. Thornton, Dallas.	1.00
Horef, Ennis.	4.50
Melinda Swinney, Ennis.	1.00
Weatherford Church.	21.00
Temple Church, Hearne.	1.50
L. Price, Hearne . . . . .	.80
New Hope, Bremond	7.00
Little Flock, Hearne.	1.00
Jane Hill, Jones' Prairie	2.00
W. R. Baker, Hearne.	1.00
Woman's Missionary Society, Houston	3.85
St. Paul, Ennis.	19.36

Woman's Convention, Fort Worth.....	6.00
New Hope Sunday-school, Waco.....	2.50
" " Church, Waco.....	5.00
Woman's Missionary Society, Waco.....	9.85
Dilsey Fuller, Colorado.....	5.00
W. W. Hay, Corsicana.....	1.00
Good Hope, Boyce.....	.65
Joe McCullough, Spring Hill.....	1.00
L. Skinner, Sherman.....	1.00
White Rock, Ky. Town.....	2.15
Mass Meeting, Ennis.....	3.55
Second Baptist, McKinney, per E. Smothers.	6.05
St. Paul, Melissa, "	5.05
Harmony, Sherman, "	20.60
Hopewell, Denison, "	3.60
Bethlehem, Bonham, "	13.30
St. John, Honey Grove, "	7.40
St. Paul, Paris, "	21.80
Zion Traveler, Clarksville, "	12.00
Pilot Point Church, "	1.10
Mt. Moriah, Hillsboro.....	14.55
Second Independent, Corsicana.....	4.25
C. C. Collins.....	1.00
Samaria, Waxahachie.....	2.50
Hopewell, Rice.....	4.25
Collected by E. Smothers.....	173.00
Silent Grove, Angus.....	1.00
J. H. Jones, Waxahachie.....	.25
S. L. Lewis, Cotton Gin.....	1.00
Gray Turner, Ennis.....	.25
J. P. Elliott, Ennis.....	1.00
Jessie Joel, Ennis.....	.25
Mass Meeting, Ennis.....	2.00
Cleburne Church.....	2.50
A. Terrell, Anderson.....	4.00
Jerry J. Hill, Kaufman.....	.25

Antioch Sunday-school, Houston.....	1.30
County Sunday-school Institute, Houston...	1.75
Mt. Pleasant, Houston.....	8.60
Antioch, Houston	15.95
Miss F. Dyzart, Houston.....	25.05
Jerusalem Mission, Houston.....	79.80
Mt. Zion, Houston	5.50
Mrs. Gay, Houston	1.00
Antioch Industrial School, Houston	1.25
Mt. Gileod, Ft. Worth.....	1.00
Mt. Pisgah, Ft. Worth.....	3.05
H. M. Ferman, Ft. Worth.....	2.00
Griggs' Chapel, Dallas....	4.50
New Hope, Dallas.....	25.00
John Walker, Dallas .....	.50
C. N. Pryor and wife, Dallas	11.00
Emma Dower, Dallas.....	1.00
Annie Anderson, Dallas	1.00
Donie Harris, Dallas .....	.50
New Hope, Dallas, per E. Smothers	13.00
Lucinda Williams, Dallas	2.00
Ellen Beeclum, Dallas	2.00
A. J. Holt, Dallas	\$1,266.65
Martha Jordon, Dallas.....	.50
Lou Thomas, Dallas .....	.50
Silas Pitman, Dallas.....	1.40
Borrowed of Christian Aid Society, Dallas..	35.75
Jane Arnold, Dallas.....	1.00
First Independent Church, Calvert.....	37.25
Susan McCoy, Ft. Worth	1.00
Henry Campbell, Ft. Worth.....	1.00
F. H. Chadbourne, Church Building Fund ..	23.00
East Texas Association	8.45
Mrs. Jane Phillips, Horp.....	1.00
C. T. Moore, Horp	1.75
Mattie Hooker, Dallas.....	1.00

E. Barnes, Kiowita	2.00
Ennis, Texas	25.00
I. Toliver, Rockdale	5.00
C. Neal	2.00
Northwestern Association	203.80
Mr. and Mrs. Norland, Dallas	1.00
Second Baptist Church, Waco	6.80
Springfield Sunday-school	1.60
Rockdale Church	4.00
Third Church, Washington, D. C.	8.55
I. Toliver, collected	93.25
Bettie Lane, Baltimore, Md. ....	.50
Georgetown Church, Washington, D. C.	4.00
Prairie View	12.80
Wyett Chapel, Hempstead	1.00
Mt. Corinth, Hempstead	17.91
Mt. Zion Woman's Missioary Society, Houston	1.00
M. M. Rodgers, Schulenburg	2.50
Weatherford Mission	8.90
Jericho Sunday-school, Calvert .....	.50
El Paso Sunday-school, El Paso	2.50
Grand View Church, Grand View	1.60
J. L. Peck, Houston	4.00
Woman's Missionary Society, Ennis	5.05
James Maderson, Ennis	1.00
Central Association, Navasota	10.00
Huntsville Church, Huntsville	4.20
St. Paul Church, Crockett	1.20
Emanuel Association, Franklin	2.25
Kosse Baptist Church, Kosse	5.00
Mollie Hawes, Dallas .....	.50
Mrs. A. Levere and a friend, Dallas	1.00
Mrs. S. Winn, Dallas .....	.50
Gloss Baylor, Dallas .....	.25
Miss Lillie Duncan, McKinney	2.40
Mt. Gilead Church, Ft. Worth	1.50

Woman's Missionary Society, Hearne.....	15.00
Taylor Mission.....	28.15
J. W. Williams, Calvert.....	1.00
L. W. Woods, Calvert.....	1.00
Friendship Association.....	30.00
Woman's Missionary Society, Hillsboro.....	1.20
M. J. Gaines, for Woman's Missionary Society	1.40
Friendship Association.....	75.00
Willow Grove Association.....	13.85
Sandy Isaac.....	1.00
Texas and Louisiana Association, D. Abner reported.....	150.00
F. G. Davis, Sunday-school convention.....	5.00
M. T. Daily, Sherman.....	.90
P. Howell.....	.25
Mr. Tom Picket, Taylor.....	5.00
Della Roferson, Dallas.....	.50
Morning Chapel, Sulphur Springs.....	1.30
Zion Baptist Association, Paris.....	25.00
Rev. L. D. Honada, Paris.....	.50
Zion Day Star Association, Sim Evans, Paris,	5.00
Second Baptist Church, El Paso.....	2.00
Friendship Church, Navasota.....	15.40
Shiloh Church, Bryan.....	5.50
A. R. Griggs, for Ed.....	10.00
A. R. Griggs, on pledge.....	10.00
Woman's Missionary Society, Kaufman.. .	1.85
Collections.....	11.69

\$3,039.91

Total amount of money received for church building, missionary work in Texas and Africa, all told, \$3,135.82.

This amount shows the business of the superintendent of missions. Of this there has been paid out for mission work at home and abroad, church building, etc., \$3,098.97. Balance in hand of superintendent at this date, \$36.85.

Note.—It will be seen above, that money collected by Mrs. Smothers in some cases is simply reported in a bulk.

Money reported to the superintendent after he closed his books for the Waco Convention will be received in the minutes of the next year.

Below I will give the combined Missionary work of the whole state by all the Association, co-operating with the convention.

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that we have carefully examined the itemized account of Elder A. R. Griggs, superintendent of missions of the state of Texas, found it to be correct and in accordance with the above report.

Respectfully,

C. H. SHAW,
C. W. PRYOR.

The following is a summary of the years work :

REPORTS OF 23 MISSIONARIES.

Days Labored	2,439
Stations supplied, regular and irregular	120
Miles traveled	43,939
Sermons preached	2,258
Exhortations and other Religious addresses delivered	924
Number baptized	535
Religious visits	651
Number received by letter	60
Total received	1,185
Churches organized	35
Prayer meetings organized	124
Prayer meetings attended	436
Sunday-schools organized	72
Elders or Bishops ordained	28
Deacons ordained	42
Meeting houses built	21
Cost of buildings	\$5,515.10

Lots procured	16
Cost of lots	\$1,090.00
Pages of religious literature distributed	10,235
Money collected for Missions.....	\$6,769.38
Total collected since last report	\$13,374.49
Of this the General Convention gave.....	\$1,266.65
Associations	25
Churches	795
Preachers.....	661
Members	69,950

(Numerical strength partly estimated.)

A. R. GRIGGS, Sup't of Missions.

Dallas, Texas, Oct. 22, 1886.

CHURCHES	P O.	COUNTY	DELEGATES	AMOUNT
S. B. Church	Waco	McLellan	M. Irving	
"	"	"	A. Taylor	
"	"	"	Deacon Bohldin	\$5 00
Bethesda S.S.	Marshall	Harrison	W. F. Gross	
"	"	"	L. M. Luke	5 00
Friendship Ass'n	"	"	W. W. Hay	
"	"	"	J. W. Dunbar	
"	"	"	Z. T. Pardee	
"	"	"	P. W. Upshaw	
"	"	"	C. H. Shaw	
"	"	"	C. Jones	
"	"	"	Wm. Holland	* 30 00
Lakeview Church	Hempstead	Waller	J. E. Stoney	1 50
S. W. C. S., D. C.	Spanish Camps	Wharton	P. H. Collier	
"	"	"	R. Owins	5 00
Centerpoint	Plantersville	"	O. C. Ashley	
"	"	"	H. Washington	5 00
Jericho	Calvert	Robertson	R. W. Williams	
"	"	"	J. P. Powers	
"	"	"	H. Salter	5 00
Jerusalem	Bryan	Brazos	L. W. Wells	5 00
Palestine	Victoria	"	M. Harrison	5 00
Rock Island	Hempstead	Waller	J. E. Stoney	
"	"	"	I. Archil	5 00
New Hope	Dallas	Dallas	C. N. Pryor	
"	"	"	Mrs M A Smothers	5 00
Mt. Rose	Brenham	"	Moses Johnson	5 00
Mt. Olive	Galveston	Galveston	E. M. Wright &	
"	"	"	H. Thompson	Due
Bl'k Bayou & U Ass'n	Jefferson	"	P. W. Wesley &	
"	"	"	C. B. Love	Due
Antioch	Houston	Harris	"	5 00
Mt Zion	Bryan	Brazos	Robt McManny &	
"	"	"	& A Thompson	5 00
Bethlehem	Grandson	Johnson	J. Simpson &	
"	"	"	Luk Kilgo	5 00
S. B. Church	Austin	Austin	Wm Massey &	
"	"	"	D A Scott	5 00
Pleasant Grove	Bryan	Brazos	F. L. Lights	5 00
Zion Hill B. Ass'n	Palestine	Palestine	J. B. Dunbar &	
"	"	"	Wm Duncan	5 00
Zion Baptist Church	Paris	Paris	T. Moore, F. Hooks	
"	"	"	W. M. Corner &	
"	"	"	H. Booth	5 00
Zion Traveler	Clarksville	Brazos	"	5 00
Shiloh	Bryan	"	L. W. Wells	5 00
St. Paul Church	Hempstead	Waller	J. E. Stoney	5 00
Bethlehem	Hamond Station	Robertson	Schott Beuford	2 50
Waco W. S. S. conv	"	"	E. B. Weaver	
"	"	"	J. H. Holder	
"	"	"	& A. H. Criner	5 00
White Chapel	Tunis	"	"	50
Shiloh Church	Ammona	"	W. M. Corner &	
"	"	"	S. W. R. Cole	Due 1 75
New Hope	Bennett	"	S. W. R. Cole	Due 1 25
Salem Church	Bryan	Brazos	Wells &	
"	"	"	S. H. Holston	3 00
Central Ass'n	"	"	"	10 00
Womans M. Society	Navasota	"	Mrs. K. Brigance	5 00
Shiloh Bap. Church	Bryan	Brazos	D. H. Chivers &	
"	Hillsboro	"	R. B. Gousbie	
Mt. Messiah B. Ch.	"	"	H. H. Harrison	
"	"	"	& A. Oliver	4 00

CHURCHES	P. O.	COUNTY	DELEGATES	AMOUNT
Bethlehem	Anderson		R. A. Andrews & R. S. Cotton	5 00
Palestine Ass'n			R. H. Boyd & P. W. Waters	10 00
"	Anderson	Grimes	Henry Keel John Adkins & A. Terrell	5 00
St. Paul	Alderado	Johnson	J. Simpson	3 25
Franklin Grove			F. L. Lights	5 00
Spring Hill B. Ch.	Marlin	Falls	J. Moore	7 00
St. Emanuel	Hearne	Robertson	W. King I. Toliver and W. F. Smith	5 00
Lake View			J. E. Stoney	1 50
Rock Gland			J. E. Stoney and T. Archy	5 00
St. Paul			J. E. Stoney	5 00
Mt. Corinth			J. Hairold and J. L. Starks	5 00
Palestine Church			M. Harrison	5 00
La Grange Ass'n			I. Toliver and S. C. Smith	5 00
La. and Tex. Ass'n			D. Abner, Jr. E. W. D. Isaas and L. M. Luke	5 00
Evansprings S. S.			N. Sloan	1 50
L. & I. S. S. Con.			F. W. Gross and L. M. Luke	5 00
Oak S. S.				1 50
Cainian B. Church	Calvert		L. J. Massey	1 00
St. John Ass'n			C. H. Anderson	5 00
Bethlehem	Anderson		S. R. Cotton and R. A. Andrews	5 00
S. Western Ass'n			J. H. Baptist R. Burry A. R. Griggs and C. N. Pryor	
			F. G. Davis C. H. Shaw and R. Curry	*15 00
Bethlehem B. Ch.	Bonham		F. G. Davis	5 00
White Roon Wo- mens' Miss'y Soc'y			F. G. Davis	5 00
S. W. S. S. D. Ass'n			P. H. Collier and R. Owens	5 00
G. B. Arvis	Huntsville	Walker	O. E. Perpeona	5 00
	Flatonia		J. D. Hill	2 50
Friendship S. Club	Navasota	Grimes	Mrs. M. L. Evans	10 00
Good Hope W. Assn	Waco	McLennan	W. W. Willis	5 00
Samaria Bap. Ch.	Corsicana		W. W. Hayden	2 50
Cainian Bap. Ch.	Bryan	Brazos	L. W. Wells	5 00
Friendship Bap. Ch.	Navasota	Grimes	D. Taylor and S. Thompson	5 00
St. Maria			A. Oliver	5 00
Mt. Zion Bap. Ch.	Bryan	Brazos	A. Thompson and McMarry	5 00
S. W. C. Ass'n L. B.	Long Branch		William Viney and P. H. Collier	5 00
New Zion Bap. Ch.	Dallas		A. B. Moore	5 00
Marlin Bap. Ch.	Marlin	Falls	A. B. Moore	5 00
Rock Dam Ch.	Marlin	Falls	G. W. Greer	

* Money paid Elder A. R. Griggs for Missions during the year.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP.

Rev. A. H. Rowland and Rev. S. Cobb paid \$2.50, due \$7.50.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP.

Rev. R. Dickerson, \$2.50, Rev. C. Jones, promised.

Rev. Sam Andrews paid \$2.50.

Bowens Association, A. Moore, \$5.00.

Mt. Pisgah, Frankfort, S. C. Clark, \$3.75.

Willow Grove Association, Rev. F. H. Chadburn, due \$5.00.

Woman's Missionary Society, Bethlehem, \$5 00.

Samaria Baptist Church, Kerenes, W. W. Hay, \$2.50.

Macedonia, Louisville, \$.50

Willow Grove Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. Lavana Thomas, \$1.50.

Woman's Missionary Society, Hearne, Mrs. H. Tattnell, \$5.00.

Woman's Missionary Society, Brenham, Cora H. Patterson, \$5.00.

East Texas Association, C. M. Buttler and J. Rowe, \$10.00.

Womans Missionary Society, Brenham, Hattie Alexander, \$5.00.

Independent Baptist Church, Calvert, Rev. S. H. Smith, N. O. Bryan, H. Terrell, R. H. Perry, \$23.00.

Washington Church, Washington County, D. H. Shivers, G. A. Amazon, \$5.00.

Lincoln Association, H. L. Davis, A. L. Sledge, E. M. Wright, due \$5.00.

Baptist State Sunday-school Society, A. B. Moore, A. Taylor, R. H. Perry, J. H. Stewart, \$5.00.

Cypress Association, E. W. Foreman, C. C. Chambers, *\$15.00.

Crockett Church, A. Moore, \$5.00.

Sisters' Missionary Society of Antioch, Mrs. K. Miller, Mrs. M. Sharkey, \$5.00.

Springfield Church, I. Toliver, \$5.00.

Bethlehem, E. G. Nicholson, \$5.00.

Pleasant Grove, E. G. Nicholson, *\$1.00.

A PIOUS AND EDUCATED MINISTRY.

BEFORE THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF TEXAS, OCT. 21, '86.

Having been invited to read a paper before you on the present demands for a pious and educated ministry, I, with no small degree of reluctance, and a keen sense of the all importance of the subject, offer a few ideas which we trust may be developed by our general discussion.

The term "a pious ministry" is synonymous with a Godly, a holy, a devout, a religious ministry, while "an educated ministry" is that development of the mental or physical powers of perception, discernment, reasoning and judgment, in the ordinary degree, so that at least the pulpit will be on an equality with the pews in all questions literary and of daily life and walks, whether it possesses the extraordinary degree of intellectuality or not.

In the history of the Baptist Church the pastors have been men of longevity (very long lived), and have on a whole out-lived their day, and hence have not been able to keep pace with the constant march of progress, and the perpetual research being made in the laboratory of thought and science, and while it is a fact that we owe much to this class of men, old Brothers Mose, Jack and Jim, for our success as a denomination boasting of one and a half million communicants and two hundred thousand ministers, as just represented at the St. Louis National Convention of Baptists, and not to our learned men, Dr. Simmons, Rev. S. P. Anderson, Dr. Baptis, Editor Perry and others, who have by their name, accomplishments and art placed themselves among our ministers of national repute.

Too much honor can not be heaped upon the old heads, too many slabs of honor cannot be erected to their names, for the Godly lives they lived, yet without proper mental discipline, have had their hearts disciplined by grace, and lived worthy of the vocation to which they were called, and were

so zealous for Christ's cause that even to whistle the "Mocking Bird" was sin almost unpardonable.

They preached on in their way, and lived circumspectively before the world, and to-day their names are norms for us, and 'tis to this that we owe our numbers. Men saw their Godly ways and were constrained to follow Jesus.

To speak of the demands for a pious ministry leads us to infer that there are some ministers wanting in the essential which is seemingly paradoxical, and especially so since God does the calling, and secondly, since the church does the ordaining. It seems to me that a man in the pulpit that knows his immorality, should be at once suspended (and I mean by the neck), and a church that winks at the vileness of its ministers should be sold out at sheriff's sale and the doors locked.

If a minister is not able to care for his own good name, no church ceremonies can do it for him. It seems to me that the true spirit of the minister should be to honor his profession, and not make the profession honor him, and when he has dishonored his profession step down and out until he has been purged with hisses and made clean.

The ministry, morally and intellectually, cannot be elevated to its proper status of Christian manliness and dignity, until the pews, the children, the membership, the deacons, shall have acquired the moral courage to come forth and decide by their vote as to the character and qualifications of their minister—whether he be yellow or black, or his hair flax or silk—saying to this illiterate thou cans't not enlighten us until thou hast first been enlightened; to that *one* thou must not teach the beauties of character and the rewards of holiness till thou hast shown forth to us by a clear record that thy garments are unspotted from the world.

Of the two evils, a man with no literary attainments is to be preferred to an educated bufoon, bragadacio and villain, with whom your daughter and son would both be in danger, should they come individually under his influence.

An immoral minister is as detrimental to a church's prosperity, and as ruinous to Christ's cause as a general's sword turned upon his own men.

The first great demand for an educated ministry arises from the fact that we are now over one million in number, more in number than all other colored denominations combined, and, since this is true, the ministers have more expected of them and should be better and braver men, to hold that which we have acquired.

The ignorance of two decades has passed, and we now live in the fair morning of books and letters, schools and colleges, and fair sons and daughters, who, even while urchins, say the teacher—the minister—made a mistake in his morning service.

The very fact that a minister has a congregation of five hundred good common-sense people, and one hundred of these school children with their teacher, is a pressing demand for more light in the pulpit.

These little faces with their bright eyes now are only so many pointers to the bright minds, deep inquiries and potent demands, that are swift coming upon the lazy and non-studious pastor that has grown fat in his nest from rich food and no study, and as a consequence he must either stand up or stand back for the studious minister to enter.

There are times when the laity need helping over mental sand-bars and difficult questions which arise in the course of every-day life, and just at this place 'tis the pastor's duty at such times as he may be asked, and when he sees fit, to come boldly to his stand and meet, in a Christ-like way, meekly and intellectually, all issues of the day concerning isms, labor and capital, poverty and wealth, wages and industry, the present necessities and the coming demands of his flock, and have on hand such a collection of general information at his fingers ends that all may retire saying he birthed, named and discussed his subject in such a mood that all were enlightened and hence much benefitted.

Second, the day has come when the minister, like the lawyer and doctor, is paid for his skill, and his services are only in demand when 'tis known that he is a successful lawyer, or a rounded and devout minister.

Men like to pay for that which pleases their tastes. One kind of food constantly taken spoils digestion and assimilation, and finally is rejected, so different texts with the same subject matter will bring on dissention and even quaking among the members, though they have been silent for years—because the world is advancing, and the ignorant side can't hold the enlightened side down.

The minister should be the hardest student of all professional men, but generally it is *vice versa*. The lawyer may present his clients cause in various ways, and as similar causes have been presented by learned professors of law in England and America. The doctor may treat his clinic according to some German, French or American author, or try all. But with the minister 'tis the bible first, last and all the time, and the one that tells the story of the bible has very much to do with its sweetness.

Many a handsome pattern has been spoiled in the hands of a bad tailor, so many a sinner has been hardened by a poor presentation of Christ and His claims.

The glorious day is fast dawning when ignorance must go, for there now remains no excuse for it.

On every hill in Waco may be found a school-house, and this may almost be said of this broad and glorious country.

The amount of mental development that is being momentarily evolved is driving ignorance before it, and in warning we would say, for the benefit of the Baptist, do not prevent its dawning. Get off to school, though you be old ; educate your children, and the bright noon of intelligent and decorous churches and pastors will soon be here.

Lastly, but not least, if ignorant men are left to run the churches as their pastors, they will, as Prof. Tefft, of Rich-

mond Female College, says, "drive all the progressive young minds into infidelity." At that day I did not see it, but now I fully appreciate his remarks, for the time has come already, and ignorant men who say "don't do as I do, but as I tell," can lead no longer, and now ministers must *conduct themselves* in such a way as to command the *respect* of the school-boy and girl, the young men and women, and the gray-haired sage, *in his every-day life*, and in his pulpit adopt his argument to the minds of a conservative age, and to the *pressing demands* of a *catholic, reasoning* and *sprightly rising generation*.

J. W. VAUDAVELL.

TWO DECADES OF FREEDOM.

In 1865 there were not more than 30,000 negroes in the United States who could read and write. Now we have 2,000,000 that can read and write, and we count our professional men and women by the scores and hundreds. Then we had but two colleges, Oberlin and Wilberforce. Now we have more than forty institutions of higher learning, from the classic walls of which hundreds of young men and women are going out every year. Then we had less than a dozen newspapers. Now we have more than a hundred ably conducted monthly and weekly journals. Then the American negroes owned about \$20,000,000 worth of private property. Now they are worth \$200,000,000. Then we had about \$500,000 worth of church property. Now our church property is worth \$5,000,000. Then we had very few competent teachers and ministers. Now we can count our educated professors and preachers by thousands.

In view of these facts and figures, let us take fresh courage and gird ourselves for the race before us. Never in the world's history has a race of people made such wonderful progress in so short a time. As politicians we have failed,

but in the private walks of life we have achieved grand success. Let us profit by our past mistakes and blunders and spend less time with politics and give more attention to the acquisition of education and property. These are the elements of power and respectability. As we make ourselves respectable we will be respected.

S. H. SMOTHERS.

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