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Some of the State papers have said one or two of the reports herein contained were prepared by a "certain white man of Austin." In answer I wish to state: We, as colored men, are sure to be censured for all that is distasteful, hence we hope to receive credit for all that is commendable—for it is all our work.

To the members of the Convention I will say: It has taken considerable time and labor to rewrite and otherwise prepare these proceedings, and they had to be somewhat abridged. However, we trust nothing of importance has been omitted, and that you will pardon all errors.

I wish, also, to acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered me by Miss IDA B. EVANS, my sister-in-law.

I. B. SCOTT,

*Secretary.*