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ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PROCEEDINGS.

BROOKLYN CHURCH, Sept. 21, 1861.

The Bethlehem Baptist Association convened with the Brooklyn Church, Conecuh County, Ala., pursuant to adjournment.

Elder Jno. McWilliams being absent, the alternate, Elder Z. Williams preached the Introductory from 1 Corinthians, 3d chap. 15th and 19th verses ; also, 2 Corinthians 6 : 16 ; Gal. 4 : 5.

After a short recess the delegates assembled in the meeting house. The former Moderator, Elder A. Jay, being absent, Elder Wm. C. Morrow was called to the Chair, who opened the Association with appropriate remarks, and after prayer by Elder F. H. Moss, was declared ready for business : Elder Geo. L. Lee acting as Clerk.

Brethren C. L. Thornton, F. H. Moss, Y. M. Rabb and A. J. Robinson, were appointed to read the letters.

Letters were read, contents noted and the names of the delegates enrolled. (See Tabular Statement.)

On motion of bro. Y. M. Rabb, proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the election of Elder Wm. C. Morrow Moderator, and the re-election of Elder Geo. L. Lee, Clerk, and bro. Y. M. Rabb Treasurer.

APPOINTED COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

A. Hendrix, W. E. Carter, Elder Z. Williams and the Deacons of Brooklyn Church.

Invited visiting brethren to seats.

Opened the door for the reception of Churches ; whereupon the delegates from Pleasant Hill, Monroe county,

Coon Hill, and Little Escambia Churches presented letters, which were read, the Churches received, and the names of the delegates enrolled.

The Moderator then announced the following committees:

1. *On the State of Religion and Digest of Letters*—Elder P. S. Milner, M. Herington, J. Norred and A. Dees.

2. *On Domestic Missions*—Elders F. H. Moss, Z. Williams and brethren W. J. Milner and J. J. Jackson.

3. *On Sabbath Schools*—Elders C. L. Thornton, F. H. Moss and brethren D. M. McNeil, and H. Gully.

4. *On Correspondence*—S. Maxwell, E. G. Autrey, D. Robbins and T. Kendal.

5. *On Queries and Requests*—Elder Z. Williams, O. F. Nunalee, J. M. Travis and M. Wimberly.

6. *On Finance*—Y. M. Rabb, C. W. Snowden, A. Hendrix and E. G. Autrey.

The committee on preaching reported as follows: Elder Wm. C. Morrow to-night; for Sabbath to the whites, Eld. J. D. Kendrick, 11 a. m.; Elder F. H. Moss, 2 p. m.; at night Elder G. W. Kierce. To the blacks, Elder P. S. Milner, 11 a. m.; Elder C. L. Thornton 2 p. m. Prayer meeting to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.

Adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. D. Kendrick.

SABBATH, September 22, 1861.

Special Prayer-meeting 9 o'clock, for our bleeding country, and for the success of our arms. Prayer by Elders G. L. Lee, P. S. Milner, and J. C. R. Lockhart. Recess 15 minutes.

The brethren appointed to preach came forward in the order of their names, and preached with power to large and attentive congregations.

At the close of the 11 o'clock sermons, collections were taken up amounting to \$13 85 cents.

MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 23.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. C. R. Lockhart. The Minutes of Saturday's proceedings were read, statistics corrected and received.

An opportunity was given for the presentation of other letters.

Letters from corresponding bodies were called for.

Howard College—D. R. Lide.

Alabama Association—S. W. Lide.

Pine Barren Association—Present, Elder J. D. Kendrick, with package of minutes and letter.

Zion Association—Present, Elders J. C. R. Lockhart, L. H. Oswalt, J. Thames, and bro. H. M. Merrel. All the above named brethren were received, and invited to seats with us.

On motion the names of delegates not present, be omitted in the minutes.

The committee on preaching reported—Elder F. H. Moss in the forenoon, and Elder J. D. Kendrick in the afternoon.

Resolved, That the delegates of this Association reduce all resolutions to writing, which they offer to the Body for its consideration. The benefits arising from such a course are too obvious to require enumeration here. But the principal reason why this resolution is submitted is, that it will prevent many inaccuracies and *omissions* in making out the minutes and preparing them for publication, which unavoidably arise when the Clerk is compelled, through the press of business to rely so much upon his memory. Unanimously adopted.

Reports from standing committees called for.

Committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters—Report received and adopted. [Appendix A.]

On Domestic Missions—Report received and adopted.—[Appendix B.]

On Sabbath Schools—Report received and adopted. [Appendix C.]

On Correspondence—Report received and adopted. [Appendix D.]

On Queries and Requests—Report received and adopted. [Appendix E.]

On Finance—Report received and adopted. [Appendix F.]

Resolved, To wait on Corresponding Bodies. Brethren volunteered to go to our corresponding bodies as follows:

To the State Convention—Elders P. S. Milner, A. Jay, W. C. Morrow and brethren W. J. Milner and A. Hendrix.

Pine Barren Association—Elders C. L. Thornton, G. L. Lee, F. H. Moss, W. C. Morrow, A. Dees and brethren D. Robbins, Y. M. Rabb, D. M. McNeil and J. M. Travis.

Providence Association—Elder A. Jay.

Bethel Association—*Resolved*, That the Clerk prepare a letter and package of minutes, and forward by Elder J. D. Kendrick, if convenient.

Bethel Association—No one agreed to go; but do not wish to cease correspondence.

Alabama Association—Elders P. S. Milner, C. L. Thornton and bro. W. J. Milner.

Zion Association—Elders F. H. Moss, Z. Williams, G. L. Lee, A. Jay, and brethren J. M. Travis, A. J. Robinson and M. Wimberly.

On motion, regular order of business was suspended for a short time to give Elder C. L. Thornton an opportunity of representing Elder J. L. Brier's condition.

Resolved, That the same committee appointed to visit the Blakely Church by this Body last year, be continued, and that said committee's expense for waiting on said Church be defrayed by the Association at her next annual session. Committee—Elders W. C. Morrow, G. L. Lee, and J. L. Briers.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare a suitable obituary in memory of our much beloved Z. G. Henderson, deceased; and that said obituary be spread on the minutes. Committee—Elders W. C. Morrow, G. L. Lee and bro. A. Hendrix.

Resolved, That any member of this Association whose name appears on our minutes, be authorized to represent us in any of the Associations with whom we are accustomed to correspond. Unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the money sent up by this Association to the State Convention be appropriated to Indian Missions.

On motion, by bro. Milner, a collection was taken up voluntarily to increase the Indian Mission fund. Amount collected \$14 75 cents.

Resolved, That the Clerk take the names and the amounts of those willing to pledge for Indian Missions; to be paid at the next annual meeting of this body; provided, if I

mistake not, that the war now waged upon us as a nation should cease.

Names and amounts ;—W. J. Milner \$10 ; C. L. Thornton \$10 ; O. F. Nunnelee \$5 ; J. M. Travis \$5 ; C. W. Snowden \$5 ; B. M. Lovelace \$5 ; T. Kendal \$5 ; A. Hendrix \$5 ; Y. M. Rabb \$10 ; E. G. Autrey \$10 ; S. Maxwell \$5 ; G. L. Lee \$5 ; J. T. Fountain \$5 ; I. Hines \$5 ; Wm. B. Lovelace \$5 ; J. H. Sims \$5 ; Wm. Lovel \$5 ; D. M. McNeill \$5 ; M. Wimberly \$5 ; A. J. Roinson \$5 ; Z. Williams \$5 ; D. Robbins \$5 ; H. Gully \$5 ; W. C. Morrow \$5 ; R. T. McDavid \$5 ; A. Dees \$5 ; J. Moore \$5 ; M. Owens \$5 ; W. L. Gully \$5 ; J. Norred \$2 50 ; J. J. Jackson \$2 ; T. A. McIver \$1. Total, \$170 50.

On motion of Elder G. L. Lee,

Resolved, That the Bethlehem Baptist Association now in session recommend, especially to the Churches within her bounds, as well as throughout the Confederate States, that the first Sabbath in November next, be observed as a day of fasting and prayer in behalf of our bleeding country, and for the success of her arms. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded immediately to the *South Western Baptist* for publication. Unanimously adopted.

SEPTEMBER 23, 1861.

The Committee on Correspondence reported letters to the different Corresponding Bodies, which being read and adopted, the committee was discharged. [Appendix D.]

Resolved, That this Association feeling the great importance of sustaining a Missionary amongst the Indians, recommend that the different Churches within our bounds send up if possible, to our next annual meeting, enough funds to support at least one Missionary in that field.—Unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Delegates present agreed to circulate subscriptions at their several Churches, for the purpose of raising funds for Indian Missions.

On motion, the Clerk was requested to have 600 copies of these minutes printed, and distribute amongst the Churches, and that he be allowed \$25 for his trouble.

Ordered the Treasurer to pay over to the Clerk the min-

ute fund, that amount being \$56 65 cents. Clerk gave receipt for the same.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association be held with the Salem Church, in Monroe County, Alabama, to convene on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in Sept. A. D. 1862.

Appointed Elder F. H. Moss to preach the next Introductory Sermon and Elder G. L. Lee, alternate.

No other business being before the body, a hymn was sung, the parting hand given and prayer by Elder F. H. Moss, and then adjourned, after a peaceful and harmonious session.

WM. C. MORROW, Moderator.

GEO. L. LEE, Clerk.

September 23, 1861.

A.

Report of Committee on the State of Religion.

Your committee on the State of Religion beg leave to report, that on examination of the letters, they find some few churches have had a revival of religion and baptized a good number. Many appear to be at a stand still, and consequently a want of spirituality abounds; and worldly-mindedness is seen in every church to an alarming extent. Some have not been represented at all. Others have no pastor, and ask your prayers and sympathies.

Brethren, these things call for our action, especially at this time, when war is in our land. We would therefore, most earnestly recommend the churches to try and live this year more religiously and more prayerfully;—praying for all men, and will all pray that the word of God may have free course, and be glorified, and that our country be speedily delivered from threatened despotism, war and bloodshed, and that peace and good will may abound throughout our Southern Confederacy and the world.

Respectfull^y submitted,

PITT. S. MILNER, Cha'n.

B.

Report on Domestic Missions.

Your committee report as follows: There being no missionary in the bounds of this Association, and the churches being relieved from the expense thereof, your committee would suggest that the Domestic or Home missionary work in the limits of the Confederate States, presents a subject worthy of the services and prayerful consideration of this body. In consequence of the present struggles in our country and the hardness of times, the contributions to the Domestic work have fallen far short of the demand, and many of our missionaries have been discontinued, and the work will be suspended altogether, unless something is done to sustain those now in the field.

The Indian mission is one of peculiar interest to us, and commends itself to the benevolence of every Christian and patriot in the land.

The consideration, that the efforts of our missionaries have been successful in destroying the enmity excited among the Indians against us by Abolition agents sent from the North, should urge us to liberal contributions to sustain that mission, in view of our political and sectional interests. This, in connection with the great importance of their souls' salvation, cannot fail to excite our deepest sympathies, and elicit from every Christian and patriot the means of supporting missionaries among them, in order to foster and perpetuate in their bosoms that friendship already entertained for us as a nation, in preference to our Northern enemies, who have made strenuous efforts to secure their co-operation.

Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption, by this body, of some plan by which we can co-operate in the work of Indian missions.

F. H. MOSS, Cha'n.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully reports,—That they deplore the manifest want of interest in Sabbath Schools by the churches in this Association. That they find comparatively very few Sabbath Schools reported in the Associational letters. That they earnestly recommend to the prayerful consideration of all the churches, the great importance of having Sabbath Schools. That they diligently employ the necessary means for their successful operation. And that they give a statistical report of the same in their Associational letters.

All of which is submitted,

C. L. THORNTON, Cha'n.

Report on Queries and Requests.

We, your committee on Queries and Requests, beg leave to report, that we find no queries or requests in the different church letters to this Association, that comes before your committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Z. WILLIAMS, Cha'n.

Your committee on the obituary notice of Elder Z. G. HENDERSON, have to regret the scanty means of information in their possession as to the life of our lamented brother.

On the 7th of October, 1860, he died of pulmonary consumption, after several months of severe suffering; which he bore with Christian fortitude and resignation, and departed this life in perfect peace, with the blessed assurance of eternal joy at God's right hand. Bro. Henderson was born in the State of Georgia. His father, Wm. Henderson, was a distinguished minister of the Gospel, and died while the subject of this notice was an infant, and predicted on his dying bed, that this child would fill his place in the church.

In 1815 he was baptized by Elder J. R. Hand, and joined the Caleb Church of Christ. He was then about 16 years of age. In 1857 he graduated, with high honors at Howard College. In 1855 he was called to ordination by the church at Tallassee, Elders J. D. Williams and S. Henderson acting as presbytery. His labors here were much blessed. Subsequently he served successfully as pastor of the Wetumpka church. "After this he devoted a year to the agency of Howard College, in which he succeeded beyond the most sanguine expectations of his friends. I do not suppose that College ever had an agent that accomplished so much in all respects as he did. He was the most indefatigable agent I ever saw." (S. Henderson.)

In 1858 he accepted the call of the Pensacola church, in which he labored with great zeal, ability and success, until he fell a prey to the disease that brought on his death. In Dec. 1859 he was married to Miss Mattie Sterns, who died only a few days previously to his own death.

Though bro. H. pursued no secular business, yet succeeded in laying in a competency, all of which he left to the care of Christ.

Bro. Henderson, besides writing several communications for newspapers, which bore the mark of intelligence and mature reflection, published a treatise while at Pensacola, with the singular title of, "Strike, but hear me," in which he defended the Old Landmark doctrine, with signal ability and originality.

His piety was ardent, and his zeal for his Master unsurpassed by any one we ever knew. All the benevolent objects of the day shared largely in his sympathies and contributions. He was possessed of sound judgment, and consequently a firm believer in the doctrine of grace and the sovereignty of God.

He was probably the most laborious pastor we ever knew and as successful as any.

We mourn his loss as of one whose place cannot be easily supplied.

W. C. MORROW, Cha'n.

Report of Auditing and Finance Committee.

Your Committee report the following amounts for the objects designated .

Churches.	Minutes.	Domestic Missions.	Indian Missions.	Total ...
Claiborne	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Salem	3 00	.....	.....	3 00
Zion.....	3 50	.....	.....	3 50
Monroeville ...	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
A. Lambert ...	.....	.....	1 00	1 00
Philadelphia...	1 75	.....	.....	1 75
Bethany.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Bellville	5 00	.....	.....	5 00
Hopewell	1 50	.....	.....	1 50
Murder Creek.	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Arkadelphia ..	2 35	.....	.....	2 35
Cataba Spring.	1 30	.....	.....	1 30
Beulah	3 00	.....	.....	3 00
Shilo	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Pilgrims' Rest.	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
Pensacola.....	2 50	2 50	.....	5 00
Evergreen.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Olive Branch..	1 95	.....	.....	1 95
New Hope	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Union	1 35	.....	.....	1 35
Brushy Creek .	1 50	.....	.....	1 50
Georgiana	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Brooklyn	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Bethel.....	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Sepulga	70	.....	.....	70
Old Town	1 00	.....	.....	1 00
New Prospect .	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Pine Barren ...	75	.....	.....	75
Pleasant Hill..	2 00	.....	.....	2 00
Little Escambia	75	.....	.....	75
Coon Hill.....	75	.....	.....	75
Sunday Collec. ....	.....	13 85	.....	13 85
Voluntary Con. ....	.....	14 75	.....	14 75
	58 65	31 10	1 00	90 75

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. AUTREY, Cha'n.

Treasurer's Report.Y. M. RABB, *Treasurer, In Account with the Bethlehem Association.*

DR.		CR.	
To Sabbath collection.....	\$13 85	By amount paid by G. L. Lee	
Amount of Minute fund.....	58 65	for Minutes.....	\$58 65
" " Associational fund	11 80	State Convention fund.....	41 40
Voluntary contribution of the			
Asso. for Indian Missions	14 75		
	<u>\$99 05</u>		<u>\$100 05</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Y. M. RABB, Treasurer.

NOTE.—Received from New Prospect Church, after the Association adjourned, two dollars for Minutes.

CLERK.

A LIST OF MINISTERS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

A. J. LAMBERT.....	Claiborne.
J. MCWILLIAMS	Monroeville.
G. L. LEE.....	Burnt Corn.
WM. C. MORROW.....	Bellville.
A. JAY	Sparta.
A. W. JONES	Evergreen.
J. SMITH	Bellville.
Z. WILLIAMS	Brooklyn.
P. S. MILNER	Georgiana.
T. BENNETT	Garland.
N. PARKER.....	Oaky Streak.
A. D. STEWART.....	Monroe Springs
R. GENTRY.....	Starlington.
J. P. MYRES	Garland.
F. H. MOSS	East Georgia.
J. MITCHELL.....	Pensacola.
C. L. THORNTON.....	“
J. L. BRIERS	Bluff Spring.
S. JOHNSON	Pensacola.
- -. IRVIN.....	

LICENTIATES.

J D. BECK.....	Pensacola.
W. A. JONES.....	“
JAMES THAMES.....	Claiborne.

NOTICE.

DEAR BRETHREN :—It is with regret that I have been so long in getting the Minutes of the Association published. *I have endeavored to do my duty* ; prepared the manuscript soon after the Association adjourned ; sent it immediately to R. B. Witter, of Sparta, to publish ; said Witter having agreed to do so, but failed to comply with his promise, without sending me back the manuscript, or letting me know any thing about it. After waiting on Witter for weeks, for the job, I have been compelled to re-write ; and there may be some inaccuracy in the Minutes. GEO. L. LEE, Cl'k.

STATISTICS OF THE CHURCHES.

Churches.	Post Offices.	Pastors.	Clerks.	Delegates.	Baptized.	Received by Letter.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Sabbath Meetings.
Blakely	Blakely			Not represented	85						85	26	111	1
Stockton	Stockton	A. J. Lambert	J. Booth, jr.	Not represented	45						45	35	80	1
Montgomery Hill	Tennaw	"	J. T. Boyles	Not represented	82						82	26	108	
Little River	Mount Pleasant	"	R. J. Draughen	Not represented	34						34	35	69	
Clabourne	Clabourne	Geo. L. Lee	J. T. Fountain	Andrew Lambert	6	3	10	1	0	2	38	107	145	4
Salem	Salem	Jno. McWilliams	D. M. McNeill, J. T. Fountain	D. M. McNeill, J. T. Fountain	31	15	6	2	0	2	111	15	126	
Zion	Monroeville	A. J. Lambert	W. D. McWilliams	A. Dees, Wm. L. Gully	8	2	0	1	0	1	91	15	106	1
Monroeville	Monroeville	Jno. McWilliams	J. T. Henderson	Letter and no delegates	2	1	1	0	0	0	78	42	120	2
Philadelphia	Burnt Corn	Wm. C. Morrow	C. Newberry	C. Newberry	11	12	0	1	0	0	80	30	110	4
Rehany	Rehany	Jno. McWilliams	R. Fowler	Geo. L. Lee, No letter	31	3	3	3	3	3	80	83	163	2
Belville	Clabourne	Jno. McWilliams	W. F. Higdon	W. E. Carter, A. Stacey	2	2	1	0	1	0	105	3	108	3
Belville	Clabourne	A. Jay	D. Robbins	D. Robbins, T. Bahard, H. Gully	0	2	0	2	0	0	27	0	27	4
Belville	Balville	J. Smith	B. Journagan	J. Warrick, M. Owens	2	0	5	2	0	0	24	2	26	3
Belville	Balville	J. Thames	J. H. Brewton	J. Moore, J. Burnham	9	1	3	2	0	1	65	16	81	3
Belville	Balville	Geo. L. Lee	J. J. Norred	James Norred, Isaac Hines	2	0	4	3	0	2	43	1	44	2
Belville	Sparta	J. Smith	J. J. Jackson	J. J. Jackson, J. Journagan	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	256	306	1
Belville	Brewtons	Wm. C. Morrow	E. G. Autrey	Wm. C. Morrow, O. F. Nunnelee, T. Kendal, E. G. Autrey, J. M. Travis	10	3	0	2	1	0	19	0	19	1
Belville	Sparta	J. Thames	E. E. Murphy	M. Brown, W. B. Lovelace	2	0	0	0	0	2	74	130	204	4
Belville	Fort Crawford	Z. Williams	B. L. Lovelace	T. A. Melver, R. M. Lovelace	2	1	4	0	0	2	46	25	71	3
Belville	Brewtons	Wm. C. Morrow	A. Hendrix	W. J. Milner, C. L. Thornton, A. Hendrix	8	7	1	3	0	1	87	13	100	2
Belville	Brewtons	Wm. C. Morrow	Y. M. Rabb	Y. M. Rabb	3	3	3	0	0	0	38	6	44	2
Belville	Brewtons	A. Jay	J. A. Williamson	D. Spence	4	2	1	0	0	0	38	18	56	1
Belville	Brewtons	Jno. P. Myres	J. R. Cook	M. Wimberly, S. Maxwell	9	4	2	1	0	0	56	1	57	3
Belville	Pensacola	Geo. L. Lee	F. J. Billingslea	Letter and no delegates	22	1	3	3	1	0	9	0	58	3
Belville	Evergreen	F. H. Moss	A. B. Brown	F. H. Moss, J. H. Sims	304						304			
Belville	Sepulga	"	"	Not represented	17						17			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	74						74			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	7						7			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	46						46			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	116						116			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	56						56			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	42						42			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	22						22			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	13						13			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	68						68			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	1						1			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	26						26			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	12						12			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	16						16			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	4						4			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	10						10			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	4						4			
Belville	East Georgia	"	"	Not represented	148	94	89	35	4	21	1670	1144	3286	4

First District.

Second District.

Third District.