

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Bethlehem Baptist Association,

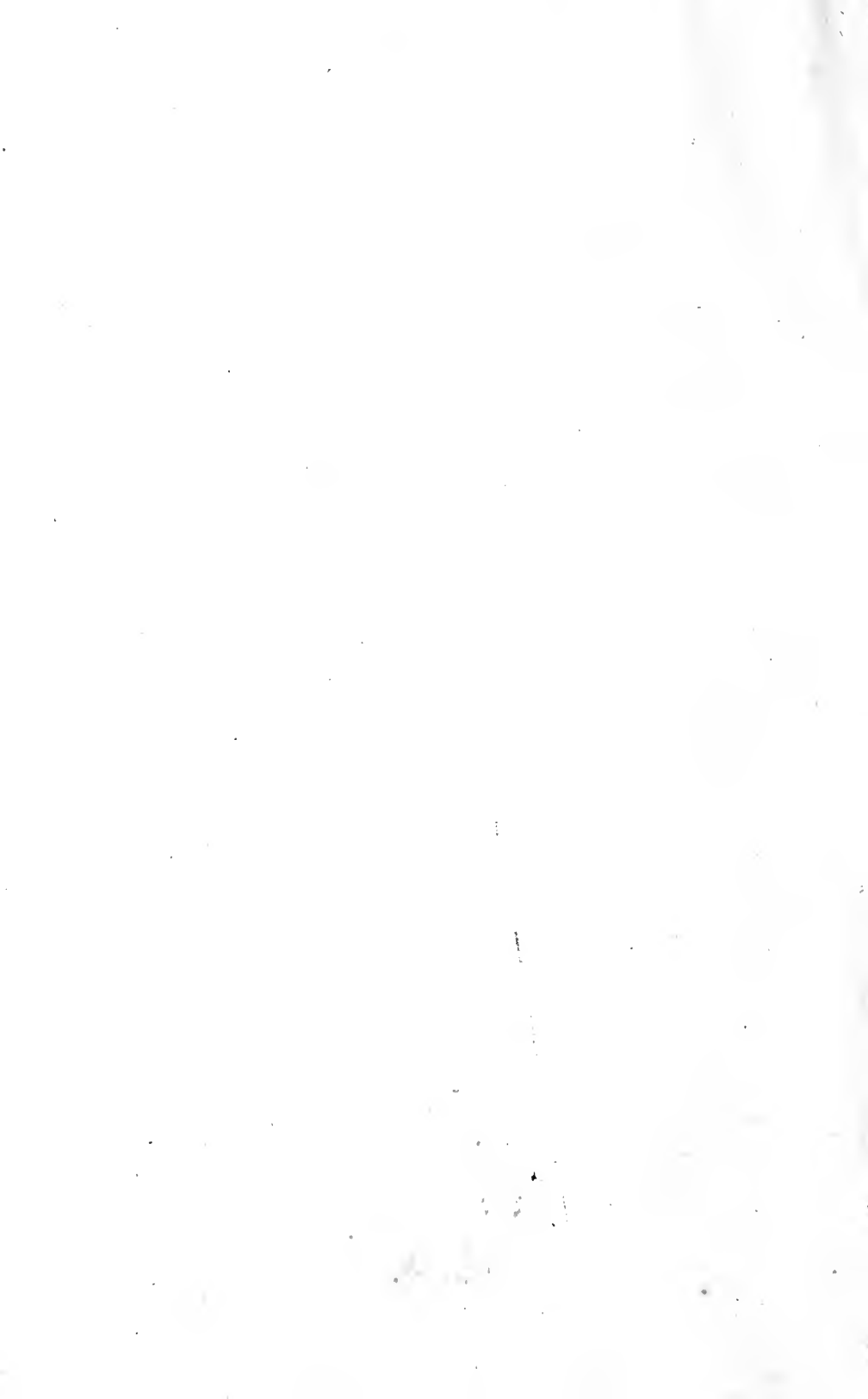
HELD WITH THE

BELLVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH,

CONECUH COUNTY, ALA.

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 21, 1872.

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BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

BELLVILLE CHURCH,
CONECUH COUNTY, ALA., September 21, 1872. }

The Bethlehem Baptist Association met, pursuant to adjournment, with the Bellville Church. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. D. Beck, from 21st chapter of Mathew, and a part of the 28th verse—"Son, go work to-day in my vineyard."

After a recess of an hour, the delegates assembled in the Church, and the Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder A. Jay, and opened by singing and prayer, by Elder P. H. Lundy, and the Moderator announced the Association ready for the transaction of business.

The Moderator appointed Elder W. G. Curry, A. J. Robinson, B. F. Riley, to read the letters. The letters were read, contents noted, and the delegates enrolled. (See tabular statement.)

The names of delegates enrolled were—

FIRST DISTRICT.

Montgomery Hill.—Elder J. D. Beck.

Claiborne.—John Thames.

Salem.—D. M. McNeill, A. King.

Zion.—Elder J. McWilliams, W. D. McWilliams.

Monroeville.—Jno. W. Leslie, Jno. DeLoach.

Philadelphia.—W. G. Curry, W. T. Nettles, B. F. Riley.

Cedar Grove.—M. McLeod, E. J. Watts.

Mars Hill.—James Boon, John Boon.

Pine Barren.—J. L. Bryers, B. H. Bryers, H. G. B. Ray.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethany.—B. Shirley, J. M. Lee, S. Brantley.

Arkadelphia.—J. Norred, J. S. Beddingfield, W. Norred.

Bellville.—E. Cline, J. W. Cox, H. M. Andrews.

Pilgrim's Rest.—E. P. Lovless, J. T. Fountain.

Pensacola.—J. D. Beck.

Breckinridge.—J. M. Wood, F. M. Walker, J. M. Kelly.

Olive Branch.—J. Griffin, C. N. Diamond.

Cedar Creek.—M. C. Kirkland, M. C. Ham.

Elim.—G. M. Parker, S. M. Parker, W. H. Peebles.

Point Pleasant.—S. Lowry, H. J. Howell.

THIRD DISTRICT.

Evergreen.—J. W. Locke, J. B. Long, Y. M. Robbs.

New Hope.—Jno. Robertson, John Higdon, T. W. Deen.

New Prospect.—J. W. Eubanks, J. H. Stamps, A. Peaglear.

Union.—L. Garner, Jno. W. Page, W. H. Joiner.

Brushy Creek.—F. M. Mize, J. M. Fortune.

Brooklyn.—A. J. Robinson.

Georgiana.—B. B. Williams.

Sepulga.—J. P. Purnell.

Pleasant Hill.—A. B. Owens, G. J. Scott.

Old Town.—I. Spence, W. R. Watson, J. A. Murphy.

Coon Hill.—S. C. Johnson, W. M. Diamond.

Mt. Carmel.—J. Chancellor, J. T. Howell.

Antioch.—S. G. Carter.

Beulah.—Elder A. Jay, J. G. Baggett.

Mitchell's Creek.—Cornelius Coleman.

Pleasant Hill.—G. M. Gentry, M. V. Hare, W. J. McNeill.

Blue Spring.—P. M. Crutchfield, Elias Beasley.

Pleasant Grove.—D. Summerlin, A. Velac, J. F. Raunlofo.

Proceeded to the election of officers for perfecting organization, which resulted in the re-election of Elder A. Jay, Moderator; John DeLoach, Clerk, and A. J. Robinson, Treasurer.

On motion, Bro. A. J. Robinson, a delegate from Brooklyn Church, being present without letter from the Church, be received as such, and to furnish the Clerk with the statistics of the Church.

The Moderator appointed Committee on Preaching, to wit: Elder J. McWilliams, J. W. Leslie, H. B. Long, and Pastor and Deacons of the Bellville Church.

On motion of Elder J. D. Beck, that any Brother present not regularly delegated, be invited to a seat with us, and Elder A. VanHoose, the Financial Secretary of the Howard College, being present, was invited to a seat with us. Also, Bro. J. B. Colly, of the Pine Barren Association being present, was invited to a seat with us.

Letters and messengers from corresponding bodies were called for.

From the Alabama Association—received her messengers, Elders P. H. Lundy and K. Hawthorne.

From the Zion Association—Bro. F. M. Walker.

From the Pine Barren Association—Bro. Daniel Robbins.

Elder W. G. Curry gave notice that he would offer a resolution on Monday to amend the XIth Article of the Constitution of this Association.

Bro. A. J. Robinson gave notice that he would offer a resolution to amend the VIIth Article of the Constitution.

The Moderator announced the appointment of standing committees.

On State of Religion and Digest of Letters.—Elder J. D. Beck, J. McWilliams, H. M. Andrews, J. W. Locke, D. McNeill.

On Domestic Missions.—J. W. Leslie, F. M. Walker, J. L. Bryers, E. P. Lovless, J. M. Wood.

On Sabbath Schools.—W. T. Nettles, B. F. Riley, John Thames, S. C. Johnson, E. Cline.

On Temperance.—Elder W. G. Curry, J. D. Beck, A. J. Robinson, J. M. Fortune, F. M. Walker.

On Queries and Requests.—J. W. Locke, J. M. Lee, Jackson Chancellor, W. D. McWilliams, Elder Ingram Spence, J. H. Stamps.

On Correspondence.—B. F. Riley, John Thames, W. G. Curry.

On Finance.—W. T. Nettles, J. B. Long, J. W. Cox.

Elder A. Jay, Chairman of the Executive Committee, made their report, which was received and referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Leslie, the Moderator was added to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

The Committee on Preaching reported as follows: On Sabbath at eleven o'clock, Elder A. VanHoose; in the afternoon, Elder P. H. Lundy; and at night, Elder K. Hawthorne.

The Association adjourned to Monday morning eight o'clock. Prayer by Elder K. Hawthorne.

On the Sabbath the ministers preached in the order of their appointment to a large and attentive audience. After the morning services a collection was taken up for Associational purposes, amounting to \$30.35:

MONDAY MORNING, September 23, 1872.

The Association convened pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. B. F. Riley.

Elder J. D. Beck, Chairman of the Committee on State of Religion and Digest of Letters, made their report, which was received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Bro. J. W. Locke, Chairman of the Committee on Queries and Requests, made their report, which was received and adopted. (Appendix B.)

W. T. Nettles, Chairman of the Committee on Sabbath Schools, made their report, which was received and adopted. (Appendix C.)

Bro. J. W. Leslie, Chairman of the Committee on Domestic Missions, made their report, which was received, and after an interesting debate the report was amended and adopted. (Appendix D.)

Elder W. G. Curry, Chairman of the Committee on Temperance, made their report, which was received and adopted. (Appendix E.)

On motion of Bro. J. W. Leslie, that an Executive Committee be appointed, of which the Moderator is to be Chairman, to carry out the objects indicated in the report of the Committee on Domestic Missions, to wit: the Moderator, J. W. Leslie, W. G. Curry, A. J. Robinson, F. M. Walker.

On motion of Elder A. Jay, that we secure the services of Elder P. H. Lundy, and that the Executive Committee co-operate with the Domestic board at Marion.

On motion, that one-half of the pledges made be paid to one of the Executive Committee on or by the first of January next, and the balance quarterly.

Bro. W. T. Nettles, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made their report, which was received and adopted. (Appendix F.)

Bro. B. F. Riley, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, made their report, which was received and adopted. (Appendix G.)

On motion of Bro. J. W. Locke, that the Clerk be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services, and the balance of the Minute fund be expended for printing and distributing the Minutes, and the balance of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer be paid to the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Elder W. G. Curry offered a resolution to amend Article 11 of the Constitution, which was carried, and to read as follows:

Art. 11. Any Church in our Union, having a member who is judged to have promising talents for the Ministry, may license him to preach the Gospel among the Churches at discretion—which shall be reported to the Association, and entered upon the minutes.

The Treasurer made his report, which was received and adopted. (Appendix H.)

Brother A. J. Robinson offered a resolution to amend the Seventh Article of the Constitution so as to read as follows:

Art. 7. At every session of the Association, a moderator shall be elected by ballot, and of the members present, whose duty it shall be to see the rules of decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A clerk shall also be elected by ballot, whose duty it shall be to take proper and correct minutes of the proceedings.

On motion it was resolved that the next session of the Association be held with the Georgiana Church, at Georgiana, Butler County, and Elder W. G. Curry selected to preach the introductory sermon, and Brother B. F. Riley as alternate.

APPOINTED CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Alabama Association, J. H. Burt, Theodore Ballard, Elder A. Jay, J. H. Stamps, J. M. Lee, J. A. Boon.

To the Zion Association, A. J. Robinson, Elder I. Spence, Elder J. E. McIver, J. M. Robinson.

To the Pine Barren Association, Elder W. G. Curry, J. M. Fortune, J. W. Locke, W. T. Nettles, J. Chancellor, D. M. McNeill.

To the Providence Association, Elder J. D. Beck.

To the State Convention, F. M. Walker, J. W. Locke, J. D. Beck, Elder A. Jay, B. F. Riley, J. B. Long, S. C. Johnson.

On motion of Brother J. W. Leslie, that the order of business of the Association, and "the article faith" be printed in the minutes, the following resolution was offered:

Resolved, That the Churches composing this body be requested to take up a collection in December next to aid in sustaining Elder P. H. Lundy at Pensacola, Florida.

The Association suspended business a short time to give Elder A. VanHoose, the Financial Secretary of the Howard College, an opportunity of presenting the claims of the College before the Association, and of taking up a collection and pledges in aid of the College, which resulted in the collection of \$52.90 and pledges of \$10.

On motion of Brother W. T. Nettles, Brother B. F. Riley was adopted as the Beneficiary of this Association.

On motion of Brother J. W. Locke, that the Association tender to the people of Bellville and vicinity their thanks for the kindness and hospitality extended to them during the session of this body.

On motion, the Association, after a harmonious session, adjourned to meet with the Georgiana Church, Butler County, on Saturday, before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1873.

A. JAY, *Moderator.*

JNO. DELOACH, *Clerk,*

APPENDIX.

[A.]

ON STATE OF RELIGION AND DIGEST OF LETTERS.

To the Bethlehem Baptist Association:

Brethren, your Committee beg leave to report that, after careful examination of letters from the Churches composing your Association, we find one hundred and five accessories to the Churches by baptism.

Brethren, J. M. Travis, J. M. Fortune and J. L. Taylor, were licensed by their Churches, and Brother Ingram Spence ordained. The state of religion generally cold, however, two Churches, Antioch and Montgomery Hill, have special cause for rejoicing, as both have been blessed by a revival and seventeen additions to one, and thirty-seven to the other by baptism. Our harvest is great and laborers are few. Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his vineyard.

J. D. BECK, Chairman.

[B.]

ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee beg leave to state that there has been no queries sent up from any of the Churches. The Church at Montgomery Hill, of the First District, invite you to hold the next session of your body with them. The Churches of Evergreen and Georgiana, of the Third District make the same request: we would, therefore, state that the Third District, is entitled to it, and recommend that the next session be held with the Church at Georgiana. Respectfully submitted.

J. W. LOCKE, Chairman.

[C.]

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is with decided pleasure that your Committee report the favorable items received from almost all quarters within the boundary of this Association. Actuated by the spirit infused into their minds, the young are rapidly rising up—filling the Sabbath Schools, and thereby rendering them a nursery for the Church. The spirit evinced by the young and uprising generation, indeed, marks an era in our history. Sufficiently patent is the wide spread importance of the Sabbath School to every Church within our bounds, and their efforts, therefore, should be redoubled to strengthen those already existing, and to establish them where they, at present, fail to exist. It is obvious that the Sabbath School is fast giving a proper countenance to society, and the sins of the youth are decreasing each year under its influence. One branch, however, remains to be healed to make the Sabbath School a still more powerful auxiliary. The accompanying of the children to the Sabbath School room by parents, thereby imparting encouragement, which cannot be otherwise supplied. We furthermore admonish our ministers to make more frequent and more favorable mention of the Sabbath School in the future than hitherto. Your Committee beg leave to present these suggestions.

W. T. NETTLES, Chairman.

[D.]

ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

If there be any one of the commands of our Saviour to which more importance might be attached than the others, may it not be that one which he reserved until just before he took his departure, and under circumstances the most impressive, when he said "Go unto all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature?"—according to its importance should it be obeyed? A proper enquiry arises: to whom is it addressed?—whose duty is it to go preach the Gospel? The very nature of the case forbids the conclusion that this command was limited to the few disciples who surrounded our Saviour on that memorable occasion. Was it intended to apply to all preachers succeeding the chosen disciples of our Saviour, and the preachers alone? as in the other case alone, although with greatly increased numbers, yea a little army, yet it were impossible that our Saviour should have made preachers alone responsible, or his duty in particular, to preach the Gospel to every creature. Then what is the nature of the command, and to whom does it apply? As this work was at first committed to a few, and as it was to commence at Jerusalem, it must have left out such as did not come within the lines of operation. The term could not then mean, literally, every creature, but must have a general signification to be preached to all that could be—the greatest number; and as preachers have to live as all other men, it cannot be supposed that this work was levied on that class, exclusively, without other disciples bearing a proportionate part. It is believed, that ministers, called of God, to preach the Gospel, are the proper custodians of the work to preach, but, at the same time, we believe each disciple of Christ is responsible to have the Gospel preached to every creature, in proportion as he has talents given to him by our Lord. How can this be done, or what method could be adopted by which those, who are not preachers, could contribute a proportionate share in preaching? We would answer, like communities: all need the practice of medicine—do all qualify themselves to do their own practice, or does one qualify himself and do the practice of the community, while in return the unpractitioners divide their living with the doctor, until all are about equally prosperous? would it be expected of a doctor to go to the expense of qualifying for the practice, of which expense the other members of the community contribute nothing, and are relieved, and then practice for nothing and find himself and family? Thus, the preaching of the Gospel, no doubt, was intended should work. In our Association, for instance, we have twenty ministers and about two thousand members, which is a proportion of one to one hundred. Now, like the community, all are not preachers, but some have qualified or are called to the work—shall Christ's people be controlled by more contracted motives than promiscuous communities? or will they all do their own share of the preaching, or will they, as in the case of communities and the doctor, have one to do the preaching and the rest share in the sacrifice made by the preacher in the work? Certainly all will say it would be best for one to do the preaching for the rest, and let the rest pay the preacher for doing their share. How far from this plan are our actions as an Association?—judge ye! Most of the preachers are doing the preaching for the ninety-nine and paying

their own expense. What else could be expected than the barren reports which come up to our Association? Can we, brethren, content ourselves that we have done our whole duty in this business of preaching the Gospel to every creature?—let us remember that we are not our own: we are bought with a price, and that an account is kept by the Searcher of all hearts. Have we done with the lendings of our God as he has prospered them in our hands? Have we been true and loyal subjects in the support and building up of our Master's kingdom? Your Committee have elaborated upon the relative obligations of preachers and members in this great work of preaching the Gospel to every creature, in the hope that the old stereotyped policy of doing nothing for missions, may be changed, and that each and every disciple of Christ may better see and feel the great responsibility resting upon them and will come up to their full duty and enable us, as an Association, to do our share of the preaching of the Gospel to every creature.

The most important work, at this time, to which our attention has been directed, seems to us to be in the city of Pensacola. There, the Baptists have but a feeble Church. Baptists and their children are being absorbed by other denominations, and to recover a foothold to get the house of worship relieved from its present embarrassed condition, a debt of probably one hundred and fifty dollars, to best preach the Gospel, or have it preached, to the surrounding destitution, we would recommend, as was done by the Special Committee of last year, that we secure as much help as we can from the Board at Marion, and the Association now proceed to take individual pledges, and thus determine how much can be raised for this mission. Secure to the work the services of Brother P. H. Lundy, or some other brother who can represent our cause, defend our doctrines and command such respect as will plant us in that growing city. To accomplish this, and much would soon flow back from them to the Association, and we would be much better able to educate ministers and perform other duties, which devolve upon us, than now, we believe that the Board will pay half of a salary of twelve hundred dollars, and we further believe, that if any brother will take it upon himself to canvass and solicit aid, that a pledge of six hundred dollars can be readily redeemed with the cash now on hand. Pensacola would give at least two hundred dollars of it, doubtless, if solicited properly. But this duty should not be imposed on the minister who goes there. Time only increased our conviction of the great importance of supplying, or getting supplied, that important point, and urge it upon the favorable consideration of the Association. Respectfully submitted.

JNO. W. LESLIE, Chairman.

[E,]

ON TEMPERANCE.

Were we called upon to designate the most inexcusable and potent evil within your limits, we would unhesitatingly point to intemperance as the monster sin, the bane of our land. When we reflect upon the magnitude of this sin, the misery and desolation it is entailing upon our land, and how it is widening its range and increasing its hold upon mankind, we conclude, that without a reformation, the reasons are not more sure to all, or the sun to them, than the present enormous consumption of ardent spirits is sure to produce the most deadly conse-

quences to our country. We are led to the inquiry: What is the remedy for this evil? What shall be done to stay its progress—to arrest the course of this mighty river of fire, that rolls in maddened fury throughout our land, hurrying thousands of the noblest and the best of our race down to graves of dishonor and shame. Shall we connive at this wide spread evil, this stigma upon human nature, and tamely say that nothing can be done? If so, let us boast no more of our greatness. Nothing can be done! Tell it not in Gath. Publish it not in the streets of Askelon. If we should entertain such a sentiment, let us never speak it above a whisper. Let the wise and the good rise up *en masse* and throttle the giant evil *now*. Shall we, who are the conservators of the truth, the light of the world, allow temperance organizations to surpass us in their efforts to suppress it? Should we not be their exemplars? Should we not lead the van in our efforts to crush this destroyer? Many hard things are justly said about professing christians, who engage in the traffic of ardent spirits, and we would not, in the least, extenuate their guilt; but, all the blame does not rest upon them, for sometimes, when the vendor has misgivings about the propriety of his course, and when, perhaps, yielding to the claims of humanity and appeals of conscience, would abandon his sinful trade, he is encouraged by the patronage and kind words of his brethren—yea he is sustained by apologies for his sin from those who should know better. What then is the duty of this Association? Your Committee unreservedly recommend to the Churches comprising this body the duty of drawing tighter the reins of brotherly discipline, and, with uncompromising fidelity, cut off those whom admonitions will not reclaim. Then will the cause of our Master prosper in our midst, and generations following will rise up and call us blessed.

W. G. CURRY, Chairman.

[F.]

FINANCE REPORT.

Your Committee beg leave to report the following amounts for the objects designated:

CHURCHES.	For Minutes.	CHURCHES.	For Minutes.
Montgomery Hill.....	\$1 75	Amount forwarded	\$39 70
Claiborne.....	2 50	Bethany	2 50
Salem	3 70	Bellville	5 35
Zion.....	3 50	Arkadelphia	1 75
Monroeville	5 00	Pilgrim's Rest.....	3 00
Blue Springs.....	1 50	Pleasant Hill.....	3 50
Point Pleasant	2 00	Breckinridge.....	1 50
Georgiana	1 25	Olive Branch.....	1 25
Philadelphia	3 50	Cedar Creek.....	1 00
Cedar Grove	75	Elim	3 25
Mar's Hill.....	1 50	New Hope.....	2 00
Pine Barren.....	1 50	Evergreen.....	3 00
Union	2 00	New Prospect.....	2 00
Mitchell's Creek.....	1 00	Brushy Creek.....	2 00
Mt. Carmel.....	3 00	Coon Hill.....	2 00
Sepulga	1 25	Brooklyn	2 00
Old Town.....	2 00	Pleasant Hill.....	1 50
Pleasant Grove.....	2 00	Beulah	3 50
Minute Fund.....			\$ 80 80
For Domestic Missions.....			26 45
Sabbath Collection.....			30 35
Associational Fund last year.....			123 45
		Total.....	\$261 05

Respectfully submitted.

W. T. NETTLES, Chairman.

[G.]

ON CORRESPONDENCE.

BRETHREN OF CORRESPONDING ASSOCIATIONS—The Bethlehem Baptist Association hails with delight its fifty-sixth anniversary. We are gratified to know that the number of messengers from corresponding bodies is greater than at our last session. We always welcome any communication from any associational or conventional body, as we believe it to be a potent instrument in linking us together, thereby propagating and promulgating the tidings of salvation. We therefore cherish the pleasing hope that this inter-communication will continue to exist. While the revivals in our midst have not been so conspicuous as on former occasions, yet we think it manifest that spirituality is becoming more universally diffused, promising rich and abundant harvests in the future; still, we bless God, Zion is in the ascendant, still on the walls of Jerusalem uprearing. May Heaven's richest blessings attend your every effort to swell the ranks of the "Soldiers of the Cross,"

B. F. RILEY, Chairman.

[H.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. J. ROBINSON, Treasurer, in account with the Bethlehem Association:

DR.

To amounts received from Finance Committee.

To Minute Fund.....	\$ 80 80
For Domestic Missions, and Associational, &c.....	180 25
	<u>\$261 05</u>

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By amount paid Clerk.....	\$ 80 80
By amount paid Executive Committee.....	180 25
	<u>\$261 05</u>

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. ROBINSON, Treasurer.

PLEDGES TO AID THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SUPPLYING THE
PENSACOLA CHURCH.

A. J. Robinson.....	\$10 00	P. Straughn.....	\$10 00
J. W. Locke.....	10 00	James Straughn.....	10 00
A. Jay.....	10 00	J. M. Lee.....	10 00
E. P. Loveless.....	10 00	John McWilliams.....	10 00
F. M. Walker.....	10 00	Monroeville Church.....	25 00
Beulah Church.....	20 00	Philadelphia Church.....	10 00
Evergreen Church.....	10 00	Pilgrim's Rest Church.....	10 00
Pleasant Hill.....	40 00	Claiborne Church.....	10 00
Salem Church.....	10 00	Bethany Church.....	10 00
J. C. Coleman.....	5 00	Henry Gulby.....	5 00
J. W. Cox.....	5 00	J. M. Fortune.....	5 00
Mars Hill Church.....	5 00	Montgomery Hill Church..	5 00
Z. W. Roberts.....	5 00	John Sampy.....	5 00
Old Town Church.....	5 00		
Amount pledged.....			<u>\$280 00</u>

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

First—The Moderator and Clerk hold their offices from the election (of those officers) at one session, until the election at the next session, whose duty it is to occupy their offices at the coming together of the next association, and proceed regularly to the organization.

Second—The Moderator to call the association to order; or if absent, by motion, the vacancy of the Moderator or Clerk may be filled temporarily by any brother present.

Third—Singing and prayer, at the opening of each day's session.

Fourth. Delegates to come forward with letters or evidences of election, enroll their names, letters read, and statistical matter noted by the Clerk.

Fifth—The Association proceed to organization by electing Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, and the newly elected to take their seats.

Sixth—Preaching Committee appointed.

Seventh—Visiting brethren from other associations, not delegated, invited to seats only upon the voice of a majority of the body.

Eighth—Delegates from newly constituted churches present evidences or petitionary letters to be acted on, statistical matter noted, the name of the church entered upon the calendar, the hand of fellowship extended by the Moderator on behalf of the Association, the delegates to enroll their names, being entitled then to all the privileges of any member of the body.

Ninth—Call for correspondence, Clerk to note whatever response either Messenger, minutes, letters, or all.

Tenth—Visiting brethren only share in suggesting and discussing questions; not privileged to vote, second motions, or introduce matter.

Eleventh—Any amendment to the Constitution, Rules of Order or Decorum, to be offered during the session, must be stated or read on the first day of the session.

Twelfth—The appointment of Standing Committees announced at the convenience of the Moderator.

Thirteenth—Committee on Preaching to report at pleasure to meet the exigency.

Fourteenth—Before adjourning announce services for the day following, thus closing business for Saturday.

Fifteenth—The minutes to be read and approved on the next morning of business, if not at the close of the day's session, unless ordered differently.

Sixteenth—Report in order from Standing or Select Committees, and the committee can report at any time, when no motion is pending.

Seventeenth—The Committee on Finance to receive funds forwarded to this association from any source, by calling the names of the churches in their order, note objects of contribution, and give due credit.

Eighteenth—Resolutions in order now, at any time, at the pleasure of the mover, no other business being under consideration.

Nineteenth—Correspondence arranged and messengers appointed or elected.

Twentieth—Report from Finance Committee in order.

Twenty-first—The Association to order the disbursement of the funds entrusted for missions, &c.

Twenty-second—Treasurer's report in order.

Twenty-third—Elect the church with which to hold the next association.

Twenty-fourth—Elect for the preaching of the next Introductory Sermon with alternate.

Twenty-fifth—Fix the salary of the Clerk, arrange for printing and distributing minutes.

Twenty-sixth—Make pledges, adjourn to meet with the church elect, singing and prayer, Moderator and Clerk sign the minutes.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptised.	Received by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Died.	Whites.	Colored.	Total.	Sabbath Meetings.
<i>First District.</i>													
Montgomery Hill.	Montgomery Hill.	Elder J. D. Beck.	J. D. Beck.	1	1				1	12		12	
Little River.	Mt. Pleasant.	"											
Claiborne.	Claiborne.	" A. J. Lambert.	R. A. Lambert.	1		2		2	1	30	16	46	Third.
Salem.	Monroeville.	" J. McWilliams.	John Avery.	13		1		8	1	124	17	141	
Zion.	Monroeville.	" J. McWilliams.	W. D. McWilliams.	2	2	8		4		121	20	141	First.
Monroeville.	Monroeville.	" W. G. Curry.	J. DeLoach.	3	3	13		13		102	11	113	Second.
Philadelphia.	Monroeville.	" W. G. Curry.	W. R. Maxwell.	3	5	1		8		114		114	Third.
Pleasant Ridge.	Monroeville.	"											
Cedar Grove.	Monroeville.	"											
Sardis.	Claiborne.	" E. Cline.	M. McLeod.	2		1				19		19	Second.
Mars Hill.	Canoe Station.	" A. J. Lambert.		1	1				1	50		50	Second.
Pine Barren.	Williams' Station.	" J. L. Bryers.	H. G. B. Ray.						1	21		21	Third.
<i>Second District.</i>													
Bethany.	Burnt Corn.	" W. G. Curry.	J. M. Lee.					8		31		31	Fourth.
Bellville.	Bellville.	" W. G. Curry.	James Straughn.					1	2	79		79	Third.
Arkadelphia.	Bellville.	R. McMillan.	James Norred.					5		60	5	65	
Catawba Springs.	Pollard.												
Pilgrim's Rest.	Brewton.	Elder J. D. Beck.	E. P. Loveless.	3						32		32	
Pensacola.	Pensacola, Fla.	"	J. D. Beck.					1		10		10	
Breckinridge.	Evergreen.	" J. M. Woods.	J. B. F. Watts.	2						39		39	Fourth.
Olive Branch.	Evergreen.	" Ingram Spence.	John Yates.							57		57	Second.
Cedar Creek.	Jayville.	" J. M. Travis.	M. C. Ham.							14		14	Third.
Elim.	Lewis Station.	" Z. Williams.	L. B. Parker.	1	1	1				51		51	Second.
Point Pleasant.	Brewton.	" J. Smith.	R. Steal.	3	4				1	21		21	

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God; the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Article 2. We believe the Old and New Testaments to be the revealed mind and will of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, that God chose His people in Christ before the world began.

Article 4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.

Article 5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will, and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

Article 6. We believe that sinners are justified, in the sight of God, by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ.

Article 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, justified and glorified.

Article 8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's supper are Gospel ordinances; that Immersion is the only mode of baptism; that believers are the only subjects.

Article 9. We believe that only regularly baptized members in good standing have a right to the Lord's table.

Article 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous, and punishment of the wicked, shall be everlasting.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

Names of Ministers.	Post Office.	Names of Ministers.	Post Office.
J. L. Bryers...	Bluff Springs, Fla.	A. J. Lambert..	Mt. Pleasant, Ala.
E. Cline,.....	Monroeville, Ala.	J. M. Williams...	Monroeville, "
J. Smith,.....	Bellville, "	I. Spence.....	Evergreen, "
M. Wood.....	Claiborne, "	Andrew Jay....	Jayville, "
W. G. Curry...	Monroeville, "	Z. Williams,...	Brooklyn, "
G. W. Kierce..	Milton, Fla.	P. S. Milner....	Georgiana, "
J. D. Beck....	Pensacola, "	T. Bennett.....	Garland, "
G. W. Miller..	Milton, "	Joseph Nelson.	Baldwin Co., "
S. C. Johnson.	Milton, "	J. C. Coleman..	Warrenton, Fla.



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