

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Bethlehem Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Monroeville Church, Monroe County, Ala.,

Commencing September 21, 1889.

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# MINUTES.

The seventy-third annual session of the Bethlehem Association met with the Monroeville Church, Monroe county, Ala., on Saturday, the 21st of September, 1889. The Association convened at 10 o'clock a. m., and after devotional exercises by Rev. W. G. Curry, it was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. J. W. Leslie. The Clerk, Bro. W. T. Nettles, being present, the Moderator announced the Association ready for business.

The Moderator appointed Brethren B. J. Skinner, W. B. Kemp and Thos. Atkinson on credentials, to whom were referred the letters from the churches comprising this Association for the enrollment of delegates, viz:

## FIRST DISTRICT.

Philadelphia—W. T. Nettles, W. B. Kemp, W. H. Fountain, T. A. Nettles, J. T. Newberry.

Ramah—Letter; no messenger.

Bethany—B. Shirley, John Cunningham, B. J. Skinner, Abner Dees.

Pleasant Ridge—E. T. Andress, J. S. Buford, Jas. L. Smith.

Bellville—T. A. Robbins, J. Straughn, G. R. Stamps, W. K. Burt.

Repton—No representative.

New Hopewell—C. G. Hammond.

Point Pleasant—S. L. Lowery, S. J. Holland.

Enon—Not represented.

Catawba Springs—Mathew Crosley, Wiley Powell.

## SECOND DISTRICT.

Zion—W. A. Fountain, J. L. Hurry, James Falkenburry, R. N. Weston, E. D. Hixon.

Monroeville—J. W. Leslie, T. S. Wiggins, T. J. Emmons, W. L. Rikard.

Salem—J. H. Brown, L. A. Hendrix, Jesse Hendrix, G. K. Fountain.

Claiborne—R. I. Draughon, M. D. Lambert, B. F. Carter.

Perdue Hill—John Thames, L. N. Lambert.

Oak Grove—Joseph Hanks, Manning Stacey.

Poplar Spring—Martin Dees.

Mount Pleasant—A. J. Lambert, H. W. Taylor.

Montgomery Hill—T. P. Atkinson, J. R. Hodges.

Mar's Hill—Not represented.

Hamilton Hill—J. A. Wiggins, S. F. Busey.

The following named brethren were requested to act as tellers in the election of officers for the ensuing year, viz: Rev. D. W. Ramsey and Rev. B. F. Riley.

The election ordered resulted in the re-election of J. W. Leslie, Moderator; W. T. Nettles, Clerk, and John Thames, Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the Deacons of Monroeville Church, G. R. Stamps and John Thames a committee to arrange the preaching.

Brethren G. W. Ramsey, A. P. Majors, J. A. Liner and J. J. Hawthorne were recognized as messengers from Pine Barren Association, and invited to seats with us.

The State Mission Board was represented by Rev. W. G. Curry.

The Foreign Mission Board was represented by Rev. B. J. Skinner.

The Home Mission Board was represented by Rev. G. W. Ramsey.

Bro. J. B. Jackson was recognized as a messenger from the Bethel Association.

B. F. Riley, D. D., represented the interest of Howard College.

The Moderator appointed a committee in lieu of the standing Committee on Denominational Education, the chairman not being present, consisting of Rev. A. J. Lambert, S. D. Lee, T. D. Atkinson, to report in the afternoon session.

#### REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It has been questioned whether women as Christian workers could render more efficient aid to the cause of Christ through separate organizations or societies than by direct co-operation with the churches. Your committee have no recommendation in reference to plans, but heartily recommend the encouragement of Christian women's efforts through whatever prudential means they may see fit to adopt as to means, plans, etc. We concur in the former report on this subject, and believe that women and pastors should agree as to methods and plans in whatever branch of Christian labor their efforts may be directed.

THOS. WIGGINS, Ch'n.

Adopted.

Moved that the Association adjourn to 1:30 o'clock p. m.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION—FIRST DAY.

The Association met according to adjournment, with devotional exercises by Rev. S. L. Lowery.

#### REPORT ON PREACHING.

Sabbath School address by Prof. E. H. Liner at 9:30 o'clock Sabbath morning. Preaching at the Baptist Church by Rev. W. G. Curry at 11 o'clock; at the Methodist Church by Dr. B. F. Riley, at 11 a. m.; at 7:30 o'clock p. m., by Rev. D. W. Ramsey at the Baptist Church. At 3:30 o'clock p. m., a memorial service be held in honor of Rev. John McWilliams, presided over by A. J. Lambert.

#### REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

The importance of educating the people in Christian colleges is becoming more manifest, as our population increases, and the masses more and more read and think. By common consent the State cannot touch the work that is to be performed by Christian teachers. The conflict of belief and opinion prevents that work being done which is purely Christian in character. Hence the importance of denominational education. Again the several denominations, having their respective educational interests, they are expected to foster the claims of such, so that emphasis may be given to their respective educational interests.

The Baptists of Alabama have two valuable institutions of learning, which have, by reason of age and a reputation long maintained, become among the best in the South. Mention need scarcely be made of the Judson Female Institute and Howard College. The former of these, located at Marion, suffered the misfortune of being destroyed by fire last year, but it has been promptly rebuilt, and its doors are open for the reception of students for a new session. In point of equipments and comfort the new Judson is scarcely equaled by any Southern Female College. The outlook of the College is most encouraging.

The Howard, located at East Lake, has just entered upon its third session at its new location. The first two years were attended with prosperity, and the present bids fair to be one of the best in its history. Ample accommodations are in wait for young men, and the faculty are devoted to their interests. The new year has opened so auspiciously that it is found necessary to erect at once a new building for the accommodation of students who are yet to enter. What it needs is to have our people rally to their own educational interests.

A. J. LAMBERT, Ch'n.

Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee report that they feel it needless at this time to urge the importance of ministerial education. Its importance is conceded by our people generally. What are we doing and what shall we do? concerns us now. We report that the Board of Ministerial Education at Montgomery, with Bro. G. W. Ellis, Secretary, aided more than twenty young men last scholastic year. The funds were not so large as the year previous, and the work could not have been done but for the handsome balance with which the year began. The Board enters the present year needing help immediately. In view of the fact that from this Association will go to college perhaps not less than five ministerial students, it becomes us to contribute largely to support this Board. Has not the response to the call to this work of the Master on the part of these young brethren been in answer to the prayer of God's people to "the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth more laborers into His vineyard?" Shall we not, then, thank God for the gift of these young men? Then let us do our part to qualify them for this work. Much will be expected of us. Shall we meet the demands of this righteous expectation?

Resolved, That we commend to the State Board of Ministerial Education the following ministerial students: S. P. Lindsey, J. S. Lambert, E. M. Stamps, J. S. Thames and A. G. Lowery.

B. J. SKINNER, Ch'n.

Adopted.

In answer to the appeal made in the foregoing report the following name churches made pledges for the support of ministerial students:

Mount Pleasant.....	\$15 00
Montgomery Hill.....	20 00
Hamilton Hill.....	5 00
Oak Grove.....	5 00
Perdue Hill.....	15 00
Pleasant Hill.....	5 00
Claiborne.....	10 00
Salem.....	7 00
Monroeville.....	25 00
Zion.....	10 00
New Hopewell.....	5 00
Point Pleasant.....	3 00
Belleville.....	15 00
Bethany.....	20 00
Philadelphia.....	25 00

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee report twelve Sunday Schools.

Now it seems from this report that we as Christians have not done as we should have done to advance the cause of Christ, and train the youth of our land to love and serve the Lord. But we feel encouraged in the knowledge of some improvement of the previous year. The Sunday School Convention held at this place July 31st and August 1st, we point you to to call your attention to the manifestations of interest in this work, and the avowed determination of doing more in this line. Now let us, each and every one, do all in our power to have a Sabbath School in every church in the Association.

JOHN THAMES, Ch'n.

Adopted.

At the request of delegates from Catawba Springs Church, viz: Matthew Crosley and Wiley Powell, a letter of dismissal was granted to that church to withdraw from this body.

Appointed on Finance Committee: John Cunningham, C. W. McCure, T. P. Atkinson.

Committee on Queries and Requests—John Thames, W. B. Kemp, T. S. Wiggins.

Adjourned until Monday at 9 o'clock a. m.

On Sabbath the pulpits were occupied according to appointment, large congregations being in attendance. At 9:30 Prof. Limer made a very impressive and eloquent Sunday School address. At the close of the exercises at 11 o'clock at the Baptist Church a collection was taken, amounting to \$16.27.

At 3:30 p. m., memorial services were held in honor of the Rev. John McWilliams, deceased, Rev. A. J. Lambert presiding. Appropriate and feeling addresses to his memory were made by Revs. B. J. Skinner, W. G. Curry, D. W. Ramsey and A. P. Majors.

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## MONDAY.

### MORNING SESSION, 9 O'CLOCK.

Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

Moved that Bro. Martin Dees be recognized as a delegate of the Poplar Springs Church.

A. J. Lambert, T. S. Wiggins, T. P. Atkinson, J. Straughn and S. L. Lowery were appointed a committee to apportion to the different churches amounts to be paid in the cause of Missions.

Resolution offered by Bro. T. J. Emmons:

WHEREAS, No report on Missions has been reported to the Association: be it

Resolved, That we hereby commend to our people this great interest of the church, and urge better contributions to the Boards charged with the distribution of these funds.

On motion of Rev. B. J. Skinner, the Association resolved itself into a committee of the whole for the discussion of missions. Addresses by W. G. Curry, Prof. Simmons, D. W. Ramsey and B. J. Skinner.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENTS.

We submit the following apportionments among the churches of the amount proposed to be raised for all purposes, except for ministerial education:

Philadelphia, \$20.00; Ramah, \$13.50; Bethany, \$10.00; Bellville, \$10.00; Point Pleasant, \$8.55; Enon, \$3.60; New Hopewell, \$4.35; Zion, \$19.05; Monroeville, \$16.00; Salem, \$14.85; Claiborne, \$8.10; Pleasant Hill, \$8.70; Perdue Hill, \$2.50; Oak Grove, \$10.50, Mt. Pleasant, \$4.00; Montgomery Hill, \$8.00; Hamilton Hill, \$4.00.

A. J. LAMBERT, Ch'n.

Adopted.

## REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The bane of the American is intemperance. All classes fall hopelessly before it. It invades the church, the bar and the workshop. Many a happy fireside is turned into a sea abode of sorrow by this monstrous vice. It is stated the drinking habit of Christian nations is a stumbling block in the path of mission work. If this be true, how desirable it is that our brethren act on the total abstinence principle. It will cost them sacrifice: "To him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is a sin." It is the ruin which is caused by rum. We wish we had the power to stop. If the Christians would step forward with one accord and say this thing must stop, it would stop. And in its place we would have a nation of sober men, happy homes, filled with love, happy fathers, mothers and children. A great step will be gained when virtue shall take the place of vice in every human heart; when every aspiration shall be for something higher and nobler.

G. R. STAMPS, Ch'n.

Adopted.

Standing committees to report at next session:

Sunday Schools—T. P. Atkinson, J. Straughn, C. G. Hammond.  
 Woman's Work—S. L. Lowery, J. L. Smith, J. T. Newberry.  
 Denominational Education—T. J. Emmons, John Thames, J. R. Hodges.  
 Missions—A. J. Lambert, G. R. Stamps, J. H. Brown.  
 Temperance—W. T. Nettles, B. F. Carter, R. N. Weston.  
 Ministerial Education—T. S. Wiggins, Jno. Cunningham, S. J. Holland.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee on Queries and Requests find no queries or requests in any of the letters. We recommend the next annual session of this Association be held with the Belleville church.

JOHN THAMES, Ch'n.

Moved that this Association meet on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1890. Adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered the citizens of Monroeville and community for their generous hospitality during the session of the Association. Our sincere thanks also for the use of the Methodist church on the Sabbath.

Moved, that the Constitution, Rules of Order and Order of Business be printed with these Minutes. Adopted.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

To amount cash received from Finance Committee.....	\$141 73
Cr.	
By amount paid Clerk to have Minutes printed .....	34 75
Balance on hand.....	\$106 98
And directed to be paid to W. B. Crumpton, Secretary of State Board.	

JOHN THAMES, Treas.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Appoint Committees to Read Letters.
2. Names of Delegates enrolled.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Appoint Committee on Preaching.
5. Admission of New Churches.
6. Recognize Messengers from Corresponding bodies.
7. Invitation to Ministers of the Gospel present not accredited to the body to seats with us.
8. Appointment of Committees to report during the session.
9. Reports of Committees appointed at the last session.
10. Appointment of Committees to report at the next session.
11. Report of Committees of present session.
12. Motions and resolutions.
13. Miscellaneous business.
14. Appoint time and place of next meeting.
15. Treasurer's Report.
16. Disbursement of Funds on hand.

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, who on producing their credentials shall be entitled to seats.

ART. 2. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, who shall usurp no authority over the churches in our union, or infringe on any of their internal rights, but shall be merely an advisory council in all matters relative to their internal concerns. It nevertheless claims authority over its own members, the delegates of the churches, and in justice and propriety must have power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. Its principal business shall be to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, especially with those united in this Association.

ART. 3. Every church in our union shall be entitled to delegates, and for every twenty-five (or fractional part) over fifty members an additional delegate. Through them shall be transmitted to every annual session of this Association a letter specifying the names of their messengers, number in fellowship, excommunicated, restored, deceased, licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel since the last session; also postoffice; Sabbath meetings, by whom supplied, amount paid pastor, and the amounts contributed for the different benevolent objects fostered by this body, and the number, average and attendance at Sabbath-schools.

ART. 4. New churches may be admitted into our union by messengers bringing petitionary letters. If upon due examination they be found orderly and orthodox, the Moderator shall manifest their admission by giving the messengers the right hand of fellowship.

ART. 5. At every session of the Association a Moderator shall be elected by and of the members present, whose duty it shall be to see that the Rules of Decorum are strictly observed, and to take the voice of the Association on all subjects legally introduced. A Clerk shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to keep correct record of all the proceedings and discharge such other duties as may pertain to his office. Also a Treasurer shall be elected whose duty it shall be to secure all money belonging to the Association and disburse it as directed by the body, and present annually for insertion in the minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 6. The Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session in proportion to the minute fund sent up by each individual church.

ART. 7. Every query sent by a church must be enclosed in her letter certifying that they have endeavored to solve the same but failed. Nor will it take action on any difficulties between churches unless they have pur-



sued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew for settlement of personal difficulties, and have not been able to settle them. In such cases the Association shall take it under consideration, but the voice of the body shall be considered an advisory answer.

ART. 8. The Association shall have a fund supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches by their delegates and paid over to the Committee on Finance. This committee shall be appointed annually, whose duty it shall be to receive in charge the Association fund and pay it over to the Treasurer.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the same to his successor in office.

ART. 10. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her own views.

ART. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of the Association by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. At every annual meeting of the Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from among their number a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices until new ones are chosen.

3. The Moderator shall take the chair every day at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the preceding day; shall call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum shall cause the minutes of the preceding day to be read.

4. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

5. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

6. Questions shall be distinctly put. Those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of contrary opinion no. If the Moderator doubts or division be called for, the delegates shall divide, those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats and afterwards those in the negative.

7. The Moderator shall appoint all committees unless otherwise specially directed by the Association.

8. In all cases of an election the Moderator may vote; on other cases he shall not vote unless the body be equally divided; in that event he shall give the casting vote. He may speak to any question provided he calls some other member to occupy the chair while he is speaking.

9. When any member is about to speak he shall rise from his seat and shall respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate.

10. If any member in speaking or otherwise transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may call him to order, in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down unless permitted to explain, and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case but without debate. If there be no appeal the decision of the chair shall be submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise he shall not proceed without leave of the Association.

11. When two or more members rise at once, the Moderator shall name the member who is first to speak.

12. No member shall speak more than once to the same question without leave of the Association unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of

the matter pending in the case, he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak has spoken.

13. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put shall give his vote, unless the Association for special reason excuse him.

14. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair, or being in writing it shall be handed to the Moderator and read aloud before debate.

15. Every motion must be reduced to writing if the chair or any member desire it.

16. After a motion is stated by the Chair it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the body, but may be withdrawn by leave of the Association at any time before a decision or amendment.

17. When a question is under debate no motion shall be entertained, but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or amend, to postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit or to postpone indefinitely being decided shall again be allowed.

18. Motion to adjourn shall always be in order except the Association be engaged in voting.

19. Motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate and shall always be in order except a member be speaking or the body engaged in voting.

20. On previous question there shall be no debate, all incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question and pending such motion, shall be decided whether on appeal or otherwise without debate.

21. The previous question shall be put in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments reported by committee if any upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

22. A motion for reconsideration may be made by any member voting with the majority on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions except a motion to adjourn.

23. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the Moderator, nor leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

24. Should any member of the Association absent himself before the close of the session without permission from the body, he shall be marked in the minutes as absent without leave.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Ministerial Education.	Minutes.
FIRST DISTRICT.					
Philadelphia .....	6 16	6 16	4 16	†10 00	2 00
Ramah .....				†2 50	
Bethany .....	5 00	5 00	5 00	†2 00	1 60
		V.H.S.	V.H.S.		
		*72	*2 16		
Bellville .....	4 00	4 00	5 55	*6 00	2 00
Pleasant Ridge .....					1 21
New Hopewell .....	2 00		3 50		1 50
Point Pleasant .....	50		3 60		1 85
Repton .....					
Enon .....					
Catawba—Dismissed from Association					
SECOND DISTRICT.					
Zion .....			10 30		2 50
Monroeville .....	2 5	2 50	3 00	*15 00	2 00
Salem .....				†2 50	2 00
Claiborne .....	3 75	2 00			1 25
Perdue Hill .....	*25	*50	*2 55	*1 65	
Pleasant Hill .....					
Oak Grove .....					
Mt. Pleasant .....					50
Montgomery Hill .....	2 00	2 00	2 00	†3 00	1 00
Hamilton Hill .....	2 0		2 50	†2 50	60
Totals .....	\$27 71	\$21 66	\$36 61	\$ 12 50	\$18 50
Total cash for all purposes, except minute fund .....				\$ 106 98	
Sabbath collection passed to minute fund .....					16 25
Total minute fund .....					\$34 75

\*In Vouchers. †In Cash.

JNO. CUNNINGHAM, Ch'n.

STATISTICS OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1889.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST-OFFICE.	Membership last reported	Received by Baptism.	Received by Letter.	By Experience.	Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Exclusion.	Deaths.	Present Membership.	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	No. S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbaths.
1st Dist—																
Philadelphia.....	Monroe.	B. J. Skinner.....	J. D. Nettles.....	Kempville.....	108	9				5	1	1	11	4	30	3
Ramah.....	Monroe.	John Bond.....	T. H. Rains.....	Burnt Corn.....	89				1	6	5	1	78			4
Bethany.....	Monroe.	George W. Parker.....	John P. Watkins.....	Burnt Corn.....	62	4	2			5	1		60	1	12	4
Bellville.....	Conecuh.	B. J. Skinner.....	J. Straughn.....	Bellville.....	67	3				2	1	3	67			4
Pleasant Ridge.....	Monroe.	R. I. Draughn.....	J. L. Smith.....	Monroeville.....	69					2	1		66			4
New Hopewell.....	Monroe.	S. L. Lowery.....	C. G. Hammond.....	Range.....	30	3	2				5	1	29			1
Point Pleasant.....	Escambia.	S. L. Lowery.....	J. A. Smith.....	Brewton.....	55	4	1				3		57			3
Repton—not represented	Conecuh.															1
Enon—not represented.																3
*Catawba Springs.....																
2d Dist—																
Zion.....	Monroe.	A. P. Majors.....	C. M. Williams.....	Axle.....	73		6						120			1
Monroeville.....	Monroe.	B. J. Skinner.....	John Deloach.....	Monroeville.....	87	17				5	1	1	73			2
Salem.....	Monroe.	S. P. Lindsey.....	G. W. Thompson.....	Ferdue Hill.....	54	5	4		2	5	1	1	109			2
Claiborne.....	Monroe.	W. A. Locke.....	B. F. Carter.....	Ferdue Hill.....	54	5	4		4	4	2		57			3
Pleasant Hill.....	Monroe.	W. A. Locke.....	L. N. Lambert.....	Ferdue Hill.....	15	6	10						3			2
Pleasant Hill.....	Monroe.	W. A. Locke.....	J. H. Moore.....	Ferdue Hill.....	53	11	2	3	9			5	63			3
Oak Grove.....	Monroe.	S. P. Lindsey.....	M. Stacey.....	Monroeville.....	64	4	1		3		4	2	69			3
Mt. Pleasant.....	Monroe.	A. J. Lambert.....	G. W. Faulk.....	Mt. Pleasant.....	21	2	1		1			1	23			4
Montgomery Hill.....	Baldwin.	A. J. Lambert.....	L. F. Warren.....	Tensaw.....	42	2	2						56			1
Hamilton Hill.....	Monroe.	A. J. Lambert.....	A. J. Wiggins.....	Claiborne.....	15	1	3					2	12			1
Totals.....					918								1093			

\*Catawba Springs Church was dismissed to Conecuh County Association.

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REV. JOHN McWILLIAMS.

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