

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Eleventh Annual Session

OF THE

# CULLMAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

Sardis Church,

October 5, 6, 7 and 8, 1893.

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### OFFICERS :

*Moderator*, C. A. OWEN, Cullman, Ala.

*Clerk*, J. D. SMALL, Hanceville, Ala.

*Treasurer*, W. H. GUTHRIE, Logan, Ala.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIODICALS.



These Helps, with their

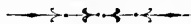
Literary and Scholarly Ability

And Denominational Soundness,

Should find a Place in every School.



# MINUTES.



Association met with Sardis Church on Thursday Oct. 6, 1893, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Devotional exercises conducted by the moderator for 30 minutes, after which the Association took a short recess.

11 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association reassembled at 11 o'clock, and the introductory Sermon was preached by T. S. Martin, followed by Rev. A. Mewbourn. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

1:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Association called to order by the Moderator—after prayer by H. J. Halbrook, proceeded to transact the following business: Appointed J. D. Wilhite, W. H. Guthrie and C. J. Brown as reading clerks. Read letters from the following churches: Bethsaida, Wm. Bradford, I. S. Albritton, J. C. Roberts. Beach Grove, J. A. McMurry, J. N. Hardman. Bethlehem, (East,) P. M. Bland, Wm. Whaley, S. Henderson Bethlehem, (West,) R. A. Rooker, W. B. Adams. Bell Spring, J. D. Wilhite. Bangor, A. H. Holcomb, Luther Whaley. Cullman, H. J. Halbrook, J. H. Dunlap, C. J. Brown, J. M. Childs. Concord, Z. D. Yager. Corinth, J. F. Hooten, J. J. Hooten, Center Hill, no delegates, Duck River, C. C. Bice, J. W. Barnett, G. W. Walker. Enon, John M. Holms. Emmaus, W. T. King, W. J. Gay, A. B. Speakman, El Bethel, L. F. Owen, J. H. Speegle, Tandy McSwain, N. C. Osburn. Flint Creek, J. J. Drake. Fairview, S. M. Patter-

son, Henry Adams. Goolhope, C. I. Holloway, J. W. Perkins, S. Hinkle, C. A. Owen, G. W. Chandler, T. S. Martin, Hopewell, J. D. Small, B. E. Jackson, E. B. Peterson, Logan, W. H. Guthrie, G. A. Chunn, A. F. Carnicle, M. T. McCoy, T. B. Swafford. Mt Hope, J. C. Miller, L. J. Roden, H. J. Chaney. New Home, W. W. Kelso, W. C. Eidson, John Mangum. Pine Grove, B. Earl, W. W. Wisner, J. L. Patterson, W. H. Bica. Pleasant Grove, J. C. C. Burch, W. E. Miller. Pilgrims' Rest, T. J. Mayo, R. C. Ledbetter, W. T. Murphree. Ryan's Creek, C. F. Fisher, W. F. Davis, J. H. Harbison. Simcoe, John Hillman, C. W. Whaley, R. A. Mann. Sardis, J. M. Leverett, E. M. Woodley, J. E. Hancock. Zion, H. M. Pollard, W. M. Flowers.

Called for petitionary letters, when the following were received: Mt. Zion, S. T. Givens, M. Mobley. West Cullman, B. F. Jenkins, J. M. Brown. Bethany, Henry Quattibaum, J. A. Garner, R. C. Craft, Rev. A. Mewbourn, J. H. Freeman. Missionary Grove, S. J. Butler.

Elected the following officers, to-wit: C. A. Owen, Moderator, J. D. Small, Clerk, W. H. Guthrie, Treasurer.

Appointed as Devotional Committee, T. S. Martin, R. A. Rooker, B. Earl, and Deacons of Sardis Church.

Appointed the following Committees on State of Religion: J. H. Dunlap, W. W. Kelso, C. I. Holloway.

On Missions: H. J. Halbrook, J. H. Harbison, W. J. Gay.

On Temperance: C. J. Brown, T. S. Martin, G. W. Chandler.

On Education: A. B. Speakman, A. H. Holcomb, J. D. Wilhite.

On Sunday School: C. W. Whaley, B. E. Jackson, Wm. Bradford.

On Finance: J. M. Leverett, W. M. Flowers, I. S. Albritton.

Queries: Wm. Whaley, A. Mewbourn, J. H. Freeman.

Called for correspondence, when the following were received: Rev. W. T. Cobbs, from the Mussel Shoals association; Rev. W. H. Absher, from Warrior River association.

On motion, adjourned until 8:30 o'clock, Friday.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Whaley.

8:30 O'CLOCK, FRIDAY MORNING.

Association called to order by the Moderator, who read the 33 d Psalm, prayer by Rev. W. H. Absher.

Took up the regular order of business and returned correspondence, as follows: To Massel Shoals, C. J. Brown, A. Mebourn, S Henderson. To Warrior River, G A Chunn, J L. Patterson, B. Earl. To Sulphur Springs, C. A. Owen, C. J. Brown, B E. Jackson. To Birmingham, G. A. Chunn. To Clear Creek, J. H. Freeman, J. C. Miller, L. J. Roden, J. H. Harbison. To Marshal, J. W. Barnet, W. C. Eidson, C. W. Whaley, W. W. Kelso. To the State Convention, G. A. Chuna, H. J. Halbrook, C. A. Owen, W. H. Guthrie, L. Mullin, R. C. Ledbetter, J. H. Harbison, W. C. Eidson, T. S. Martin.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock, p. m.

Preaching by A. Mewbourn.

After preaching we had a sumptuous dinner.

1:30 p. m. Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by W. T. Cobbs. Called for, read and adopted report on state of religion. Report on Missions read and after a lengthy discussion adopted.

Adjourned until 8:30 o'clock, Saturday morning. Prayer by Rsv. R. C. Ledbetter.

8:30 O'CLOCK SATURDAY MORNING.

Association called to order by Moderator. Prayer by L. Mullin. Called for report on Education, read and adopted. Report on Temperance read and adopted.

On motion adjourned until 1 o'clock, p. m. The missionary sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by C. A. Owen, after which a collection was taken up for Missions; amount received, \$8.30. Congregation was dismissed for dinner.

Two o'clock p. m.—Association called order by Moderator. On motion the following committee was appointed on nominations, to-wit: C. J. Brown, W. J. Gay, C. W. Whaley. Called for the report on Sunday Schools, report read and tabled until Sunday morning, 9 o'clock. Elected Rev. H. J. Halbrook as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention—C. A. Owen, Alternate. Called for report on Queries, adopt d,—see report. Received and adopted report of Evangelist. Read and adopted report of Executive Board. On motion the same Exec.

utive Board was continued for another year. On motion granted power to said Board to direct the Mission work in the Association for the ensuing year. Report on Missions read and adopted. Appointed first district meeting to meet at Flint Creek on Friday before the first fifth Sunday in 1894. R. C. Ledbetter to preach the introductory sermon. Second district meeting to meet with Mt. Hope church on Friday before the first Sunday in August, 1894. A. Mewbourn to preach the introductory sermon. Appointed C. A. Owen to preach the introductory sermon at the next Session of the this Body—H. J. Halbrook to preach the Missionary sermon. Received and adopted the Finance report. On motion directed the Treasurer to divide the amount of money on hand equally between the two evangelists. On motion that this Body respectfully ask those churches which have not paid the amount asked by the Board for this year, to pay the Mission work in our Association that they raise the same as soon as they can and turn it over to the Board to finish paying the Evangelists. On motion ordered 600 copies of the Minutes printed.

On motion changed the time of meeting of this Body to 10 o'clock, Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, instead of the second Sunday. Adjourned until 9:30 o'clock. Prayer by W. H. Guthrie

Sunday morning—Association called to order by the Moderator at 9:30 o'clock; prayer by the Moderator.

The Sunday School report was then taken up, discussed and adopted. Adjourned for 11 o'clock service.

Preaching by Elder R. C. Ledbetter, followed by A. Mewbourn, after which the Association adjourned to meet with Cullman church, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1894, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

Signed,

J. D. SMALL,

Clerk.

C. A. OWEN,

Moderator.

P. S. Appointed the following committees to report at next Session on Foreign Missions, Will G. Brown, R. C. Ledbetter, J. M. Childs,

On Temperance, L. Mullin, G. L. Brindley, G. W. Chandler.

Sunday School, A. B. Jackson, A. E. Jackson, N. D. Mayo.

On Bible and Colportage work, Maceo Brindley, C. W.

Whaley, B. F. Jinkins.

On Ministerial Education, C. J. Brown, Samuel Nunn, R. D. Dunlap.

### REPORT ON MISSIONS.

We, your Committee to report on Missions, submit the following: Our Foreign work is financially embarrassed, and our Board is having to borrow large sums of money in order to meet the payment of our Missionaries, upon which they have to pay a large interest. We as a sympathetic, God-loving Baptist people can and ought to stop our Board from borrowing this money upon which we pay enough money each year to sustain a missionary on the field, by a larger contribution. We regret to note the fact that our Association as a body does not contribute as such to this great and growing work, and that so few of our churches are giving it their attention. Some Associations, Ladies Aid Societies, individual churches, and even individual men and women are sustaining missionaries in some foreign field. Why not the Cullman Association contribute at least a small amount while so many others are doing so nobly.

### HOME MISSIONS.

A Recent report from the Home Board is very flattering. While there has been but little increase in our Missionary forces and the hard times threaten us, yet the Lord is graciously blessing what has been done. There has been some vacancies created in the Board, but they have been wisely filled by able and efficient men, whom we have reason to believe will do the best thing in the best way. The Board has of late purchased a very commodious house of worship for the first Baptist church of New Orleans, which gives great impetus to our work in that growing and wicked city. We have a strong guard there and must keep it. We hope therefore that our Association will take a more decided stand in support of those consecrated and self-sacrificing brethren who are so closely guarding our home interests.

### STATE MISSION REPORT.

Our State Board is incumbered with a large amount of work which they are striving in a noble and manly way to do. They are many urgent and worthy calls that are willing and anxious to answer, but cannot for want of means. Our noble, worthy and



efficient Corresponding Secretary, Rev. W. B. Crumpton, is working almost day and night to meet the urgent calls he is constantly receiving. We have Missionaries in all parts of the State. The Board is willing and anxious to help them. Heretofore we have been inactive and seemingly unconcerned about the work done by our State Board, can we not and will we not arise, shake off this lethargy and come to the relief of those who are trying to do us good.

### ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS.

We are happy to report that there seems to be an awakening along the line of work in our own association. As to the results of work done this year, we refer you to the reports of our Missionaries, which we hope will give you perfect satisfaction. Brethren let us urge you to more considerate views, and more liberal contribution to the cause of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,

H. J. HALBROOK,  
Chairman.  
W. J. GAY.  
J. H. HARBISON,

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report as follows: We can only reiterate what has often appeared in former reports; that the cause of temperance is not receiving the consideration from our church which its great importance demands. Temperance and abstinence from all use of intoxicating liquors is essential to our progress as a Christian body, and so important a factor in the life and influence of a christian and the salvation of all our people, especially our boys, that this Association cannot consistently retain within its membership any church which fails to promptly exclude, after due admonition, any member who is guilty of dram drinking. Brethren, the drinking of spirituous liquors by those who are "made like Christ," who are expected to have at all times the Spirit of Christ, is so obnoxious and inconsistent that ministers should refuse the care of churches that persistently fail to withdraw from such a brother.

We recommend that churches refuse to call to their charge any

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minister who drinks a dram, and that this Body decline to receive as a delegate any pastor of a church guilty of such offences.

We further recommend that the pastors of churches preach at least two sermons in the year on this subject in addition to all convenient exhortations in their services.

Brethren, "Vice is a monster of so frightful a mien,  
That to be hated needs but to be seen,  
Yet seen too oft, too familiar with his face,  
He is first endured, then pitied, then embraced."

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. BROWN, Chr'm.

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, believe that without the education of mind and heart of a nation it cannot stand, and that to the extent that we fail in this important matter, to that extent we are crippled in everything pertaining to our civil and religious prosperity. Education on all legitimate and moral lines is but the handmaid of religion. We cannot too strenuously urge upon our brethren the great and growing demand for the improvement of our morals and religion, all of which are dependent upon education. We more especially urge the necessity of Sunday schools as a powerful factor in the dissemination of religious influences. We also urge the necessity of prayer meetings as we believe that they are a source of practical education of love and communion with God and each other, whereby we are more firmly impressed with the fatherhood of God and with the brotherhood of man, and especially enforce, whilst upon this theme the necessity of learning the value of the great and inestimable privilege of bringing everything to God in prayer.

We recommend that our ministers be educated to the highest possible standard, that they may be enabled to edify the people in sound doctrine. We have no special suggestions to make as to where and how this shall be effected, but believe that the humble enquirer and thirster after knowledge shall be filled.

We do most heartily recommend the education of the female sex, as we know that mothers are the most efficient means of educating the rising generation.

Brethren, let us not forget God in all our efforts on this line.

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We recommend to the favorable consideration of our brethren, the North Alabama Institute, at Danville, Morgan County Alabama, which is a Baptist institution, under the special direction of Liberty, Mussel Shoals and Big Bear Creek Associations. Also Howard College at East Lake, and the Judson Institute at Marion, Alabama, each conducted by and under the supervision of our denomination.

Finally, brethren, let us do our whole duty in the education of ourselves and our children remembering that God helps those who help themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

Committee, { J. D. HOLCOMB,  
                  { A. H. WILHITE.

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sunday schools, have ascertained from the letters of the churches that there has been a decrease in Sunday school interest within our bounds. We find only nine schools reported, with 482 enrolled. We believe that a good Sunday school is the life of a church. We therefore recommend that the delegates of the different churches proceed at once to organize a Sunday school in their respective churches.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. W. WHALEY, Chr'm.

#### REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following. While we find that some of our churches seem to be in a cold state and indifferent in regard to the state of mission work, yet feel with that exception that we are in a prosperous condition.

We recommend to our churches to be careful in calling their pastors, to call men who are in sympathy with the mission work instead of those who oppose it.

J. H. DUNLAP, Chr'm.

#### REPORT ON QUERIES.

We, your committee, beg leave to report on the following Query: What shall be done with a deacon who gives the

Bread and wine to a person not a member of our church, knowingly? Answer, admonish him twice if need be and if he persist, withdraw fellowship from him at once.

WM, WHALEY, Ch'rm.

### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS,

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report as follows:  
We recommend that the next Association be held with the church at Cullman, believing that its influence there will do much to enhance the interest of the cause at that church and community.

C. J. BROWN, Ch'rm.

### REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD,

Dear brethren your Executive Board would report as follows:  
We met soon after the adjournment of the Association last year. There were only three members present and nothing was done except to appoint another meeting. At the second meeting our worthy Chairman, Will G. Brown, resigned as chairman and as a member of the Board, whereupon H. J. Halbrook was added to the Board and made Chairman. We met again the 23rd day of May, with all the members present. There being no money in the Treasury to operate with and no pledge made by the churches, we set to work at once to raise the necessary amount of money to meet the payment of the Missionaries already appointed by the Body. To reach this end, we wrote a letter to each of the churches in the Association. Only about ten of the churches responded. In view of this fact, without consulting the Board the Chairman proceeded to write a second letter to those churches that did not respond, with the hope of inducing them to raise something for the support of our Missionaries.

Now brethren, let us rise to the height of our financial power and stretch forth our hands to the support of our Master's cause in the Cullman Association.

We refer you to the report on Finance for the results of our efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,

H. J. HALBROOK, Chairman.

### REPORT OF EVANGELIST.

Brethren, I beg leave to report the following Ministerial work as Missionary in this Association, for the months of July, August and September: Number of miles traveled, 564. Sermons preached 87. Family visits 103. Sunday School lectures, 8. Received members, by experience, 32, by letter 1. Baptized 10. Churches constituted, 1.

R. C. LEDCTER, Evangelist.

### REPORT OF EVANGELIST.

Brethren, I beg leave to report the following: I commenced work July 15<sup>th</sup> and continued until October 2<sup>d</sup>. Traveled 678 miles. Preached 72 sermons. Received by letter 24, by experience, 43. Baptized 8. Visited 23 churches. Family visits 155. Delivered 8 Sunday school lectures. Preached 4 Sermons to the Children. Helped to organize one church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. EIESON, Evangelist.

### FINANCE REPORT,

Your committee beg leave to report the following: We have received for Associational Missions by cash, \$74.72, receipts, \$23.15, cash receipts, \$7.56. Total, \$105.43. For minutes, \$2.60. Vouchers for Foreign Missions, \$1.90. Vouchers for Home Missions, \$1.85. Vouchers for Ministerial Education, \$3.40, Vouchers for Bible and Colportage work, \$2.05.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. ALLBRITTON,

W. M. FLOWERS,

J. M. LEVERETT,

} Committee.

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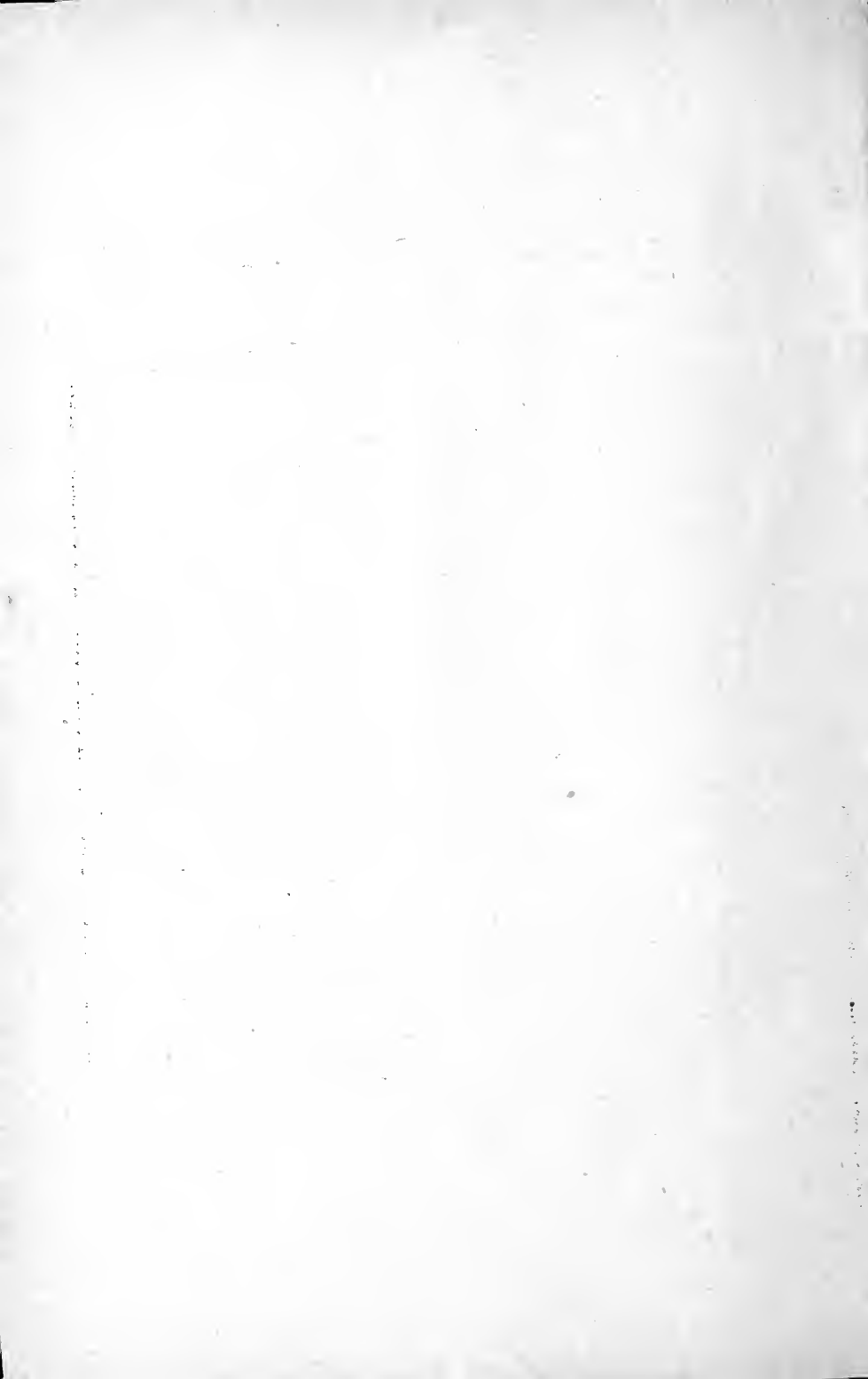
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	C. J. Holloway, Cullman, "

## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Devotional Exercises, Thirty minutes.
2. Preach Introductory Sermon. Adjourn one hour.
- Association called to order by Moderator, or Clerk, in the absence of the Moderator. Appoint two Brethren as reading clerks.
- 4 Call for and read letters and enroll delegates
- 5 Called for Petitionary Letters.
- 6 Election of Officers.
- 7 Appointment of necessary committees.
- 8 Call for correspondence.
- 9 Return correspondence.
- 10 Call for report of committees.
- 11 Appointment of time and place of District Meetings.
- 12 Select place for next Annual Meeting of the Association.
- 13 Miscellaneous Business.
- 14 Appointment of standing committees.
- 15 Adjourn.







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