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MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

LIBERTY HILL CHURCH, DEKALB COUNTY, ALA.,

COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 13TH, A. D., 1892.

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

ELD. J. B. APPLETON, - MODERATOR, - Collinsville, Ala.

C. C. DAVIS, - - CLERK, - - Collinsville, Ala.

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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Cherokee Baptist Association met with Liberty Hill church, DeKalb County Ala., September 13, 1892.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Wilbanks. Text, second Corinthians, 2nd chapter and latter clause of 16th verse, (and who is sufficient for these things.)

At 1:30 p. m. the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Read the 84th Psalm, and prayer by the Moderator. Appointed Brethren J. M. Waller and W. Y. Adams to read the letters from the churches.

ENROLLED NAMES OF DELEGATES AS FOLLOWS:

Antioch—J. N. Mitchell, E. Crawford; Bulah—Letters, no delegates; Black Creek—J. M. Blackwell, J. W. Evans; Bethesda—L. M. Hudson, W. N. Plaster; Friendship—B. D. Ward, V. L. Goodwin, R. J. Shelley; Flat Rock—J. G. Denton, P. C. Chitwood; Fort Payne—S. R. C. Adams, A. T. Killian; Gravel Hill—D. D. Hughes, E. B. Hannah, R. A. Burt; Idumea—G. W. Richards, A. A. M. Rink, M. T. Gray; Liberty Hill—A. B. Tidmore, Wm. Tidmore, A. A. Jolley, J. T. Cantrell; Kymka—S. H. Cothran, R. J. Right; Mount Pleasant—J. B. Wilbanks, J. J. Williams, W. R. Johnson; Mount Zion No. 1—C. Y. Culberson; Mount Zion No. 2—James Pitts; Mount Flat—Letter, no delegates; Macedonia—E. P. Boroughs, T. P. Galoway, J. F. Smith; Mount Vernon—L. Glazener, W. H. Lackey, J. W. Lackey, J. V. Glazener; New Hope—E. M. Waller, D. J. Dodd, A. A. Harp, B. C. Jones; New Canaan—J. R. P. Guest, T. J. White; New Home—J. J. Foster, L. Chambers, J. R. Stephens; New Harmony—J. N. Shirley, W. R. Chamley; Pleasant Valley—E. J. Bobo, J. E. Smith, J. A. Waldrop; Providence No. 1—D. C. Pace, J. L. Graves; Providence No. 2—J. T. Chadwick, Pleasant Grove—J. B. Appleton, A. J. Noblett, J. R. Ramsey, C. C. Davis; Shiloh—J. L. Pace; Shady Grove—J. M. Plunkett, G. N. Cleland, W. D. Bishop; Tenn. Valley—W. S. Slater; Unity—John Pitts, E. M. Stone, J. M. McDowell.

By motion suspended the reading of Articles of Faith and By-Laws. Called for petitionary letters.

Officers elected for the ensuing year: Elder J. B. Appleton, Moderator; C. C. Davis, Clerk.

Appointed Devotional Committee: A. B. Tidmore, J. T. Cantrell, R. A. Burt, L. Glazener, E. M. Stone.

Called for correspondents received: Elder W. H. Roberts, Cedar Bluff Association; Elder W. Y. Adams, Etowah Association; Wm. Chitwood, North Alabama Association. Received Elder J. M. Waller to represent the State Mission Board, also Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the Alabama Baptist and Periodicals in general. Adjourned until 8:30 a. m. tomorrow. Prayer by Elder S. R. C. Adams.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met at 8:30 a. m. Reading 24th Psalm and prayer by Elder H. W. Roberts. Read and approved minutes of yesterday. By motion referred time and place of next meeting of the Association to committee on nomination. Read and adopted report on Education. Speeches by J. M. Waller, W. Y. Adams, J. B. Wilbanks and S. R. C. Adams.

Read and adopted report on Temperance. Speeches by J. M. Waller, W. Y. Adams. At 11 o'clock Missionary Sermon preached by Elder J. M. Waller. Text, St. John, 14th chapter, 8th verse.

Met at 1:30 p. m. The Moderator having to be absent, appointed Elder J. R. Ramsey to fill the chair protem. Read and adopted report on Literature after debating by the brethren.

Read reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions and adopted. After speeches by S. R. C. Adams, J. M. Waller, adjourned to meet at 8:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder D. J. Dodd; preaching at 2 o'clock by W. Y. Adams; at night by H. W. Roberts.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Met at 8:30 a. m. Read 91st Psalm and prayer by Elder E. P. Boroughs. Read and adopted minutes of yesterday. Received letter from Mt. Flat church. Read and adopted report on Literature. Speeches by S. R. C. Adams, J. R. Ramsey and J. B. Wilbanks. By motion applied public collection to State Missions. Received report on Finance. At 11 o'clock preaching by S. R. C. Adams. Text, 1st Corinth-

ians, 6th chapter, latter clause of 19th verse. Adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

Met at 1:30 p. m. Read report on Sabbath Schools. Speeches by J. B. Wilbanks, J. R. Ramsey, E. J. Bobo, A. J. Noblett, J. T. Chadwick and E. M. Waller. Read and adopted report of the Executive Committee. Report on deceased ministers read and adopted. Appointed delegates to the State Convention: J. R. Ramsey, S. R. C. Adams, J. B. Appleton, A. J. Noblett, J. B. Wilbanks, C. C. Davis, J. W. Lackey, J. L. Pace, E. Crawford, E. M. Waller. Appointed one delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, S. R. C. Adams, and J. B. Wilbanks alternate.

By motion appointed E. M. Waller, B. C. Jones, D. J. Dodd to redistrict the Association. By motion retained the old Executive Committee, D. Allen, chairman, Collinsville, Ala.; S. D. Monroe, T. N. Appleton, D. D. Hughes, A. B. Tidmore. Allowed the Clerk ten dollars for his services. The Committee on Nomination appointed Elder J. R. Ramsey to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting at 11 a. m., and L. Chambers alternate; and Elder A. J. Noblett, Missionary sermon second day at 11 a. m., and E. Crawford alternate.

Resolved, That we return our thanks to Liberty Hill church and vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association.

Adjourned to meet with Mt. Vernon church on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September, 1893. Prayer by A. J. Noblett.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

J. N. Mitchell, Thirty Nine; N. F. Adams, Lay; J. G. Denton, Luna; S. R. C. Adams, Fort Payne; A. A. Jolley, J. B. Appleton, A. J. Noblett, Collinsville; J. B. Wilbanks, South Hill; J. C. Morris, W. H. Lackey, Lovelace; E. M. Waller, L. Chambers, J. J. Clayton, Sand Mountain; A. N. Mince, Keener; J. T. Chadwick, Martling; J. L. Pace, Lydia; John Pitts, Mahan; E. P. Boroughs, Geraldine; S. C. Richards, Jink; R. L. Perryman, Langston; R. J. Shelley, V. L. Goodwin, Wills; P. C. Chitwood, J. J. Williams, Thirty Nine; M. V. Bailey, Grove Oak; T. P. Galaway, Whiton; J. F. Smith, Wm. Hearn, Rodentown; I. J. Harcrow, Lovelace; E. C. Stone, R. A. Thackerson, Mahan; P. H. Carlisle, Callahan; T. P. Morris, Lovelace.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

Rec'd of Finance Committee for Home Missions...	\$ 2.00
Foreign Missions	53.76
State Missions, (public collection)	15.15
Sunday School Benevolence	1.43
For Minutes	29.05
Ministerial Education	5.00
Total	\$106.39
Paid to Secretary and Treasury of State Board for	
Home Missions	\$ 2.00
Foreign Mission.....	53.76
State Mission	15.15
Sunday School Benevolence	1.43
Ministerial Education	5 00
Printing and Distributing Minutes	19.05
To Clerk	10.00
Total	\$106.39

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report. All sin is foolish, some sins seem more so than others, of course we can see the external, physical, temporal results plainly here on earth. Again intemperance is a crime against the soul, it interferes with religious life, and has the plainest expressions of God's words as to its shutting men out of the Kingdom of Heaven. Surely, any sin that so interferes with everything that men count dear, in time and eternity, in way of wealth and health, happy homes and a happy future, health of body and soul, will not be indulged in save as men are foolish. Only fools make a mock at sin, and of God's laws and warnings.

J. L. PACE,
Committee.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education recognizing the great importance of the education of the masses, are pleased to say the spirit is growing. The people are demanding better schools and better teachers, but more especially of the ministry, we are also recognizing the impracticability of the thorough education of either, but the demand for educa-

tion, especially of the ministrey is greater today than ever before, because the churches stand in need of being educated on the line of Baptist principals and the preacher is one of the prominent ways of obtaining this knowledge, and we are pleased again to note the fact that the facilities for obtaining an education are keeping pace with the increasing demands. We have colleges fully organized to meet the demands of those that can and want to go to college. Last year we proposed to raise one hundred dollars for ministerial education, the letters from the various churches show that a small amount of that has been raised. We recommend again Howard College at East Lake, Ala., for our boys, B. F. Riley President, and for the completion of those preparing for the ministry, the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, John A. Broadens President. For our daughters that can go, the Judson at Marion, Ala., S. M. Everat President. Brethren of the Cherokee Association—Let us address ourselves with the determination to succeed in the education of ourselves and our children and we will succeed. No language that can come to us by having an education, we have other schools that might be mentioned with propriety to-wit: Scottsboro High School, Walnut Grove and the school in our own midst, at Collinsville, Douglas Allen, Principal. Especially would we recommend again the schools of the prophets, the Theological Institute held at East Lake, Ala., in the Howard College building one month every year for preachers and Sunday School teachers, etc.

J. B. WILBANKS,
Chairman,

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS,

We, your committee make the following report: That, as the church is the light of the world and members are not all preachers, but can be teachers and teach the world that they must be born again and be made new creatures. There is no better time to teach them than when they are young, and teach young members the necessity of sending the gospel into all the world, that they may know that Jesus is their Savior. Whom to know is life everlasting, therefore we would insist that churches cease not the assembling of themselves together as the manner of some is far, the harvest is great and the labors are few. We would recommend that they use kind words as help, we would insist that the churches go to work at once, that when this Association

shall convene again all may report a good Sabbath School.
E. J. BOBO,
Chairman.

REPORT ON LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature offer as their report the following: First we would recommend the reading of the Bible daily, because it will make one wise unto salvation if we will heed its teaching. We would recommend the Alabama Baptist as our State paper, and the Baptist and Reflector published at Nashville, Tenn. Also, Ford's Christian Repository published at St. Louis, Mo.; the Foreign Mission Journal, the State Mission Quarterly, and Our Home Field that tell us about the work in the Southern States.

For Sabbath Schools, we would recommend, first, Kind Words, published by the Sabbath School Board at Nashville, Tenn., and the American Baptist Publishing Society at Philadelphia, and many other good books that can be bought through our Book and Catalogue Board at Opelika, Ala.

C. C. DAVIS,
Chairman.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSION.

We, your Committee on Foreign Mission submit the following: The Savior said to his disciples, "Go ye into the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." And we believe that it is our duty as successors to the Apostles, to do all within our power to give the bread of life to the perishing nations of earth. The Macedonian cry comes from Japan and China, from Italy and from Brazil and the "Dark Continent" and from Mexico, come over and help us. It seems to us that the time has come when the "Son of Man" should be glorified by his people, in sending the light of his Glorious Gospel into all the dark places of the earth. When, oh when, will Christians pray and work and give, as they ought, to spread abroad the knowledge of the Glorious Gospel of the Blessed God? That all may hear of the power and willingness of Christ to save? We your committee suggest that we make an earnest effort during this centennial year of modern missions to stir up our people to the importance of this great work.

Respectfully Submitted,
S. R. C. ADAMS.

STATE MISSION REPORT.

We, your Committee on State Mission submit the following report: Seventeen years ago our brethren thought it expedient to organize themselves into a working board, in order that they might occupy the territory in the bounds of the State and help to publish the Gospel where it is not known. There has been much good accomplished, but there remains much now to be done. There is greater need now for the work than when the State Mission Board was organized. Owing to influx of foreign population, who are constantly coming to our State, and whom we must evangelize or we shall have anarchism and insurrection. It is very gratifying to recount the work, and see the result. God has blessed us and many places have been supplied and yet there is room, new fields are continually opening and ought to be cultivated, and to do this, we need more money and better co-operation. Great opportunities are before us, and great things are expected of us. God seeing our unwillingness to go to the heathern, has brought them to our doors, and now what shall we do with them. Whether we believe this to be right or not they are here by God's permission, and we must do them good or they will do us harm. Let us therefore give the more diligent heed to the things which were spoken lest at any time we should let them slip. Our Savior said: Go teach all nations, etc., and remember that God has said, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. Jesus commands us to give and it shall be given back to us, then brethren let us go forward with the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know, your labor is not vain in the Lord. From the best information we can get through the Alabama Baptist, State Quarterly and other Baptist publications of the State, the board are pushing to the very best advantages. They are doing a great work with the comparatively small amount of money they have to operate with. Brethren let us endeavor to cultivate a spirit of liberality and look well to our Master's cause.

Respectfully Submitted,
E. M. WALLER, Chairman,

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee submit the following report: We are gratified to learn that our efforts to advance the redeemers cause in the home field has been reasonably suc-

cessful during the last year, and this field including our own dear land and people, together with the Island of Cuba and a part of Mexico. Now Brethren we should feel profoundly grateful to an alwise God whose blessings have attended our labors in said field. The Home Mission Board have employed 365 missionaries whose arduous labors so faithfully dispensed are encouraging evidence, that God has awarded and blessed our work and labor of love. We notice the brethren and sisters of our denomination have contributed reasonably liberal to aid our home mission cause, and we hope in the future we can do much more. And as the Home Mission Board and State Boards are acting in conjunction in supplying the destitution in our own State and sister States. Let the churches do all in their power in helping our ministers supply the destitute in the bounds of our own churches and homes, and then evangelize and preach the Gospel, especially to all the poor in our own midst.

J. G. DENTON.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, beg leave to say that we held one meeting in the early part of the year, but having no funds we were unable to undertake any definite work. A circular letter was addressed to the churches asking for money to pay off the indebtedness of the State Mission Board to Brother J. B. Wilbanks for his services during the year 1891, and for each additional funds as could be raised for missionary work during the year now closed. But all the churches failed to respond to this call. We find there is now due Brother Wilbanks \$15.30, for services in 1891, and we recommend that the Association take steps to pay off this amount at once.

We recommend the appointment of a Colporteur and Missionary for the Association for the coming year.

Respectfully,

DOUGLAS ALLEN,
SAM D. MONROE,
T. N. APPLETON,
S. S. HUGHES,
A. TIDMORE,

Committee.

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

Your committee would report that it is with profound gratitude to God that we record the fact that, while some of our ministers are advanced in life, all their lives, so precious to us, have been graciously spared through another year. Except Brother W. A. Driskill, a licensed minister of promise, who was born in the State of Mississippi in the year 1844, and while young his father moved to DeKalb County, Alabama, and has lived here the most of his life. He professed religion about the year 1871, and joined the M. E. Church, in the fall of 1872 he began preaching, and in the month of August 1888, he was baptised into the fellowship of Antioch church, and was at once licensed to preach, and has lived a consistent Christian life, and shortly before his death he expressed a readiness to die, and has gone we trust to that rest that remains for the people of God. Departed this life August 29th, 1892. The bereaved wife and relatives have our prayers and sympathies. We recommend that the regular order of business be suspended and that there be a special prayer of thanksgiving by the Moderator.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. CRAWFORD,
Chairman.

COMMITTEES AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.

On Education—J. G. Denton, Luna, Ala., C. C. Davis.

On Literature—E. M. Waller, Sand Mountain, Ala.,
S. R. Richards.

On Temperance—J. R. Ramsey, E. J. Bobo, Collinsville,
Ala.

On Foreign Mission—W. H. Lackey, Lovelace, Ala.; A.
J. Noblett, Collinsville, Ala.

On Home Mission—S. R. C. Adams, Fort Payne, Ala., D.
D. Hughes.

On State Mission—E. P. Borough, J. B. Wilbanks, South
Hill, Ala.

On Sabbath Schools—John Pitts, E. M. Stone, Mahan,
Ala.

On Nomination—B. D. Ward, B. C. Jones, G. N. Clelland.

On Deceased Ministers—E. Crawford, P. C. Chitwood,
J. J. Williams.

On Finance—C. Y. Culberson, E. B. Hannah, R. J.
Shelley.

On Home Mission (at this session)—J. G. Denton, James
Pitts.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from the churches.
2. Reading By-Laws, Constitution and Articles of Faith.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting ministers and brethren to seats.
5. Election of officers.
6. Call for correspondents.
7. Appoint committees.
8. Fix time and place for next meeting.
9. Report of committees.
10. Report of special committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Read and correct the minutes.
13. Read and correct roll of members.
14. Fix the order of printing and distributing the minutes.

STANDING RESOLUTION.

That, any member of this body presenting a copy of these minutes to any Association with whom we are in correspondence, will be considered a messenger by us.

Next meeting of this Association to be held with Mt. Vernon church, on Tuesday before the third Sunday in September 1893, three miles Southeast of Porterville, DeKalb County, Ala.

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PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced by a series of experiences of the necessity of a combination of churches, and maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of Christian union among all the churches of the same faith and order, and as we are convinced that there are numbers of Baptist churches that differ from us in faith and practice, and that it is impossible to have communion where there is no union, we think it our duty to set fourth a concise declaration of faith and order upon which we intend to associate, which is as follows, viz:

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be known as the Cherokee Baptist Association.

2. The objects of this Association are to promote union among the children of God, their growth in grace, the salvation of sinners and the glory of God; for effecting all which they are authorized to adopt the arrangements they judge proper. Provided, such arrangements are in accordance with the intention of union as expressed in the preamble, and directed by the word of God.

3. This Association shall be composed of brethren chosen by the churches in union which they represent, who shall produce certificates of their appointment together with a statement of the members in their respective churches—of those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead during the year, with the whole number in fellowship.

4. Each church shall have the liberty of sending two delegates for the first fifty and one for every fifty or fraction over.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk (last shall be Treasurer) who shall be chosen by ballot of the members present, and who shall continue in office until a new election shall be made.

6. After reading the letters from the churches, enrolling the names of the delegates and minuting the state of each church, the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws shall be read. The door shall then be opened for the admission of other churches in the union. If any shall present themselves by letter or delegate, they shall, on satisfactory evidence of their regular formation, faith and practice, be received into fellowship upon the principles of the Constitution, by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator.

7. After reading the Constitution, Declaration of Faith and By-Laws, and the reception of other churches, if any apply, then the Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen.

8. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and call for its observance at any time. He shall have the privilege of leaving his seat, upon putting one in his place, and of engaging in debate.

9. The Clerk shall minute the proceedings of the Association, prepare them for the press, keep a file of the printed minutes, present them at each session for the use of the Association, and deliver them to his successor. He shall also take charge of the money and property of the Association and dispose of them as the body shall direct.

10. In the decision of any point the majority of votes shall determine the point.

11. The Association shall recognize the entire independence of the churches as to any other head than Christ. The Association shall not assume any power over them in relation to their internal concerns, but shall aid them in any

consistent manner. The Association will receive and act upon any question that may be sent up by the churches, and attend to any case of difficulty among them which cannot be satisfactorily settled among themselves.

12. Each member of the Association will be expected to be in his place at the hour of meeting on the first and each succeeding day of the session, and remain until the dismissal of the body.

13. As the object of this union is to promote brotherly love, the edification of Christians, the conversion of sinners and the glory of God, it shall be its privilege and duty to hold affectionate correspondence with other Associations, and to embrace every opportunity of doing good unto all men, and especially to them who are of the household of faith, as in their judgment may seem proper.

14. This Association shall adjourn to any time and place they may determine upon.

15. The churches of this Association shall send up yearly by their messengers a reasonable contribution for the printing of the minutes, which business shall be confided to some discreet person, who shall have it in charge to superintend the printing and distribution to the Associations with whom correspondence is maintained, and to the churches in fellowship.

16. As this Association is a voluntary connection each church in it shall have the liberty of withdrawing, upon a request setting forth its reasons for such a step—at the same time itself be bound to hear and weigh any reason that may be urged against its withdrawal before its final separation.

17. The Association shall have the privilege of withdrawing its connection with any church in the union which shall become disorderly after persistent effort shall have been made in vain to reclaim her from errors.

18. No alteration shall be made in the Constitution or in the Declaration of Faith and Practice herein after set forth, except such alteration shall be passed a year previous upon the minutes and the views of the churches obtained; when, if a majority of the churches and two-thirds of the Association shall approve of it, the alteration shall be made.

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BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the Association, an introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. This service being performed, the Moderator, or if he is absent, the oldest minister present, shall open the Association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when delegates shall present them, and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence with other

Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. The messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association, and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats, with the same privilege and prohibition.

5. The minutes of the last Association shall then be read, and shall form the order of business for the session. A change may, however, be made in this order upon a special motion.

6. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may, at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

7. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion, which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

8. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, except permitted by the Association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

9. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in the time of debate. All personal reflection and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

10. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session, without leave from the Moderator.

11. In order to expedite business, committees shall be raised at the discretion of the Association who shall be named by the Moderator.

12. The meeting of the Association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

13. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and at the opening of business after prayer each succeeding day, when the names of delegates shall be called, and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

14. Any alteration in these By-Laws may be made at any meeting of the Association by two-thirds of the members present.

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DECLARATION OF FAITH AND PRACTICE,

ARTICLE I. We believe that there are three that bear record in Heaven: The Father, Word and Holy Ghost; and that these three are one, the only living and true God, the Creator and Preserver of all men of the universe.—1 John 5:7 1 Tim. 2:5 Proverbs 26:4.

ART. II. We believe the Word made flesh in the per-

son of the man named Christ Jesus, who is God over all and blessed for evermore.—John 1:14; 1 Tim 2:5; Rom 9:9.

ART. III. That all Scripture as contained in the Holy Bible, is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for correction, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.—2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

ART. IV. That the law and the testimony as set forth in the Scriptures is the only rule of faith and practice to Christians in their spiritual concerns, and in their conduct as individuals and as members of the churches.—Isaiah 8:20.

ART. V. That Adam, the natural head and representative of all mankind, fell from his state of original purity, and that by his disobedience all his posterity are made sinners.—Gen. 3; Rom. 5:12-19.

ART. VI. That by the obedience of Christ alone, sinners are restored to the favor of God, and through his unmerited mercy receive regeneration, pardon, justification, sanctification and glorification.—Rom. 5:19-21; John 3:16.

ART. VII. That these blessings are communicated by the Holy Ghost sent down from Heaven, so that those who are saved by grace, through faith, and that not of themselves nor of work lest any man should boast; not by works of righteousness which they have done, but by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost.—1 Peter 1:12 Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5.

ART. VIII. That God works all things after the counsel of His own will; foreknown unto Him are all His works from the beginning; and that, of course, all that the Father hath given to Christ shall come to Him and He will raise them up at the last day, so that His sheep will hear His voice, and shall never perish; become dead to the world and sin, be made alive to God, and shall, when He who is their life shall appear with Him in glory.—Eph. 1:2; Acts 15:18; John 6:39; 10:28-29; Col. 3:3-4.

ART. IX. We believe that believers should obey the commandments of Christ, and maintain good works for necessary uses.—John 14:15; Titus 3:14.

ART. X. That sinners of the vilest character may obtain salvation through Christ, without money and without price.—Isa. 1:18-55; John 3:16.

ART. XI. That there will be a resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, according to the decision of which the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, and the righteous to life eternal.—Dan. 12:2; John 5:28-29; Rev. 20:12-13; Mat. 25:30 and to the end.

ART. XII. That God has instituted a church on earth, existing in distinct bodies, the only scriptural members of which are the faithful in Jesus Christ, called to be saints, who are immersed in water in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, and who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in the church relation by the will of God and their voluntary compact.—Mat. 18:18; Cor. 1:2; Eph. 1:2; Rom. 6:3-4; Colos. 2:12; 2 Cor. 8:5; Acts. 1:14, 21:41-47.

ART. XIII. That each church of Jesus Christ is independent of all authority but that of her Head; and that she has under Him the exclusive power of managing all her concerns, of judging of the qualifications of her own members for the offices they are to fill, and of choosing her own officers in conformity with the directions of the word of God.—Mat. 14:28; 2 Thes. 2:11; 1 Cor. 14:29-31; Acts 14:23 (see original); Phil. 1:5.

ART. XIV. That the officers of the churches are pastors and deacons only.—Tim. 1:3.

ART. XV. That scriptural baptism is an ordinance of the gospel and consists in immersing the body of a disciple of the Lord Jesus in water, upon a profession of faith in Christ.—Mat. 18:19; Mark 16:16; John 4:1-2; Acts 2:41, 8:12, 37; 8, 10:47-8; Rom. 6, 3-4; Colo. 2-12.

ART. XVI. That the Lord's Supper is a standing ordinance in the church of Christ, consisting in a believing participation of bread and wine, to be observed in commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, and to show forth His death until He come the second time.—Mat. 16:28, 27-26; Acts. 2:42; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23.



FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.

	Home Missions.	For'gn Missions	State Missions.	Centennial Fund.	Howard College	Howard College	Minutes.	Benevolence.	School expenses	Total.	Pastor's Salary.
Antioch							70			70	
Butah	50						80			1 30	
Black Creek		5 00					1 00			6 00	
Bethesda		2 00					75			2 75	
Friendship	6 00	6 50				4 00	2 00			18 50	50 00
Flat Rock							1 35			1 35	
Fort Payne			10 00				1 00		65 00	76 00	50 00
Gravel Hill	9 50	2 00	15 50			6 45	1 05		16 35	103 55	60 00
Idamea				2 70			65			65	
Liberty Hill		25	2 00		5 00	5 00	85			13 10	
Kyuka		50					1 45			1 95	
Mount Pleasant		8 40			30 00	7 35	1 60		2 85	50 20	
Mount Zion, No. 1			10 00				1 20			11 20	
Mount Zion, No. 2							1 50			1 50	
Mount Flat							50			50	
Macedonia							1 20			5 45	
Mount Vernon	1 25	4 25					70			18 55	
New Hope	25	16 60					1 70	1 43	60	10 33	
New Canaan		2 85					1 30			3 15	
New Home		5 25					1 00			6 25	
New Harmony	1 25	5 20					1 00		1 10	10 55	
Pleasant Valley		10 00					55			6 05	
Providence, No. 1		5 00					1 05			6 05	
Providence, No. 2							30			30	
Pleasant Grove	2 40	2 31	12 49			4 75	1 15			23 10	
Shiloh		12 55	2 50			1 43	75			3 25	
Shady Grove							1 05			13 60	
Tennessee Valley							50			50	
Unity		2 15					1 35			3 50	
Totals	\$21 15	\$95 16	\$52 49	\$ 2 70	\$35 00	\$28 98	\$39 10	\$ 1 43	\$85 90	\$399 28	\$ 600 00

STATISTICS OF CHIROKISE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1892.

CHIROKISES.	GOVERNORS.	PASTORS.	CLERK.	CHURCH'S P. O.	Membership Last Reported.	Baptism.	Letter.	Experience Restored.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.	Present Membership.	Preaching Sabbath
Antioch.	DeKalb	J. N. Mitchell	R. L. Perryman.	Langston.	34		4	2	2	2	1	37	2
Bulah.	DeKalb	L. L. Page	J. H. Peetree.	Elroy	52		2	1	1	5	1	52	2
Black Creek.	Etowah	W. H. Lackey	N. F. Adams.	Lay	83		8	1	3	7	4	83	1
Belsheda.	Jackson	E. Crawford	W. N. Plaster	Callahan	31		11	1	2	2	1	31	2
Friendship.	DeKalb	A. J. Noblett	A. W. Goodwin.	Willis.	70		11	2	5	1	1	71	2
Flat Rock.	DeKalb	J. G. Denton	S. D. Denton	Luna	46		9	6	5	2	1	49	2
Fort Payne.	DeKalb	S. R. C. Adams	S. D. Monroe.	Fort Payne.	77		6	6	11	7	3	82	1
Gravel Hill.	DeKalb	J. B. Appleton	D. D. Hughes.	Lebanon	55		9	3	2	1	1	62	1
Idinnea.	Etowah	A. N. Mince	M. T. Gray.	Kroener	30		1	1	2	1	1	34	2
Liberty Hill.	DeKalb	J. B. Appleton	A. B. Tidmore.	Collierville	103		3	5	2	4	2	115	2
Kyuka.	Etowah	D. P. Carr	C. B. Hill.	Duck Springs	81		6	3	5	2	1	87	3
Mr. Pleasant	DeKalb	A. J. Schlect	C. A. Tipton	South Hill.	52		1	3	1	1	2	57	3
Mr. Zion, No. 1	Cherokee.	S. R. C. Adams	G. Y. Guberson	Valley Head	52		3	2	4	1	1	47	1
Mr. Zion, No. 2.	DeKalb	J. G. Denton	H. A. Moore.	Lovelace.	52		3	2	1	2	1	40	1
Mr. Flat	DeKalb	J. W. Horton	J. V. Cash	Roden Town.	56		1	10	3	2	1	63	1
Marodonia	DeKalb	E. Chambers	W. A. Johnson	Geraldine	90		6	2	2	1	1	93	1
Mr. Vernon	DeKalb	A. J. Noblett	J. V. Glazener	Porterville	113		2	1	1	4	2	113	2
New Hope.	DeKalb	S. C. Richards	M. L. Clayton	Sand Mountain.	131		2	11	1	7	1	137	3
New Canaan.	DeKalb	E. Chambers	M. D. Hill	Rogers.	55		7	3	1	2	1	55	2
New Home	DeKalb	E. W. Roe	M. A. Williams.	Sand Mountain.	59		9	3	9	1	1	60	2
New Harmony.	DeKalb	E. M. Waller	W. R. Chanley.	Whiton	51		6	9	1	1	1	61	2
Pleasant Valley	Cherokee	H. W. Roberts	Z. T. Brock.	Sand Koek	65		6	3	8	2	4	83	1
Providence No. 1	DeKalb	E. M. Waller	J. B. Parrymple	Chimney	15		2	2	2	2	1	18	1
Providence No. 2	Marshall	J. T. Chadwick	G. W. Gardner	Marling	100		6	12	9	1	2	107	3
Pleasant Grove.	DeKalb	J. B. Appleton	W. B. Parry	Collinsville	22		1	1	2	1	1	27	1
Shiloh.	DeKalb	E. Crawford	M. R. Teal	Lynna	78		7	2	2	1	1	87	1
Sturdy Grove.	DeKalb	A. J. Noblett	J. W. Barkley.	Collinsville.	22		4	2	2	1	1	25	1
Tom. Valley.	Marshall	J. B. Wilbanks	J. T. Key.	Hillman Store.	105		1	9	9	1	1	118	1
Tully	DeKalb	Jas. McLeod.	W. H. Sinnerour	Mahan									

Totals

848 131 106 13 15 145 20 25 1328 68

