

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

Abbeville Church, Henry County, Ala.,

October 2, 3 and 4, 1891.

OFFICERS.

J. B. WARD, Moderator.....	Abbeville, Ala.
W. A. McCLENDON, Clerk.....	“ “
W. J. MARTIN, Treasurer.....	“ “

EXECUTIVE BOARD.


J. W. FOSTER.....	Abbeville,	Ala.
M. V. CAPPS.....	“	“
A. ARMSTRONG.....	“	“
W. L. MCGEE.....	Lawrenceville,	“
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The next session will be held with Headland Church, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1892.

Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev.

J. W. Malone; alternate, J. W. Herndon.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1 Call for Petitionary letters.
 - 2 Invite visiting ministers to seats with us.
 - 3 Call for Correspondents.
 - 4 Appoint Committee on Preaching.
 - 5 Appoint Committee on Nominations.
 - 6 Appoint Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - 7 Appoint Committee on Publications.
 - 8 Appoint Committee on Documents.
 - 9 Appoint a Committee on Finance.
 - 10 Arrange the Hours of Meeting and Adjourning.
 - 11 Appoint Correspondents.
 - 12 Elect Delegates to State Convention.
 - 13 Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
 - 14 Call for Report of Executive Committee.
 - 15 Call for Report on Missions (A) State, (B) Home, (C) Foreign.
 - 16 Call for Report on Temperance.
 - 17 Call for Report on Aged and Indigent Ministers, and Deceased Ministers' Families.
 - 18 Reading of the Circular Letter.
 - 19 Call for Report on Sabbath Schools.
 - 20 Call for Colporteur's Report.
 - 21 Call for Treasurer's Report.
 - 22 Call for Report on Education.
 - 23 Call for Report on Publications.
 - 24 Call for Report on Deceased Ministers and Deacons.
 - 25 Call for Report on Nominations.
 - 26 Call for Report on Documents.
 - 27 Arrange Time and Place for Next Session.
 - 28 Call for Report on Finance.
 - 29 Appoint Standing Committees:
 - On State Missions,
 - On Home Missions,
 - On Foreign Missions,
 - On Sabbath Schools,
 - On Education,
 - On Temperance,
 - On Aged and Indigent Ministers,
 - On Church Building Fund.
 - 30 Read Minutes.
 - 31 Adjourn.
-  Fifteen minutes allotted for miscellaneous business at the opening of each session.

MINUTES.

The Judson Baptist Association convened in her forty-first annual session with Abbeville Church, Henry county, Alabama, October 2nd, 1891.

The introductory was preached by Elder A. L. Martin, upon the 17th verse of the 16th chapter of Matthew. At the close of the sermon prayer was offered by Brother J. P. Dawson, of Georgia. Sang the first doxology and benediction was then pronounced by Brother W. M. Burr, of Columbia.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock Brother J. B. Ward, Moderator, called the association to order. After singing "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Brother Burr lead in prayer. The moderator, on behalf of the good citizens of Abbeville, welcomed the messengers and visitors to their hospitality.

The letters from the churches were called for and read by Brothers J. W. Foster and R. C. Granberry, and the churches and messengers were enrolled as follows:

1. Abbeville—I. J. Gissendanner, W. W. Nobles and Z. T. Kirkland.
2. Bethel—J. W. Malone, A. L. Ray and S. J. Belcher.
3. Beulah—J. W. Peacock and J. W. Pitman.
4. Christian Grove—R. B. Lee and G. B. James.
5. Center—J. T. Barnes and J. W. Rice.
6. Concord—Samuel Bracken and F. M. Kirkland.
7. Enon—W. A. Peacock and N. H. Burdeshaw.
8. Fellowship—E. Oates and G. M. Murphy.
9. Headland—R. C. Granberry and B. W. Herring.
10. Hebron—A. J. Armstrong and W. J. Etheridge.
11. Judson—Marshall Stone and J. E. Holmes.
12. Lawrenceville—W. L. McGee and R. M. Espy.
13. Mount Pleasant—Not represented.
14. Mount Ariel—R. A. Davis and F. B. Jernigan.
15. Oaky Grove—F. M. Holland and E. W. Dixon.
16. Pleasant Grove—S. M. Singletary, C. C. Murphy and A. Armstrong.
17. Sardis—C. Johnson and Dempsey Griffin.
18. Shorterville—J. W. Herndon and G. T. Roberts.
19. Smyrna—T. J. Dawsey and A. Daughety.
20. Tolbert—W. J. Barnes, W. H. Elmore and W. L. Shelley.
21. Union—M. Bracken and S. A. Simmons.
22. Old Zion—W. J. Doswell and A. Starling.
23. Adoniram—W. A. Herndon and W. H. Parker.

ORGANIZATION.

Brother J. B. Ward, the moderator, announced that it was now in order to elect a moderator and clerk for the ensuing year. Brother Ward tendered his resignation and called Brother Malone

to the chair. On motion, the regular order of business was suspended and Brother Ward was re-elected moderator by acclamation. Under the same rule and order Brother W. A. McClendon was re-elected clerk. The moderator and clerk thanked the body for a renewal of their confidence, after which the regular order was resumed and the body adopted its regular order of business.

1st. Called for petitionary letters. A letter from Adoniram church was presented and read, asking membership with us. At our last session Adoniram church was declared out of order and was excluded from our membership upon the ground that she had for her pastor one who was disqualified. She having recanted, asked forgiveness and desired to be reinstated; and, on motion of Brother A. J. Armstrong, Adoniram church was again received into the association, upon the following condition, to-wit: That the members be erased from membership that joined Adoniram church under S. A. Savell's administration while he was in disorder. The moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers of that church and welcomed them to seats with us.

2d. Call for visiting ministers. Brothers W. M. Burr, of Columbia; H. L. Crumbly, Oscar Crumbly and J. P. Dawson from Bethel, Georgia, took seats with us.

3rd. Call for correspondence. Received Brother W. M. Burr from the Columbia Association. Received from the Bethel, Georgia, Association H. L. Crumbly, W. O. Crumbly and J. P. Dawson. Received from Eufaula, ————. Received from Newton, ————. Received from Evergreen, ————.

4th. Appointment of Committee on Preaching. The following were appointed: E. Oates, Armstead Armstrong, with messengers from Abbeville church.

On motion, the moderator was allowed further time to appoint the other committees.

Brother J. W. Herndon moved that we meet at 8:30 a. m., adjourn at 12 m. and meet at 2 p. m. The motion was concurred in.

The moderator appointed Brother Dawson to preach to-night.

On motion, the body adjourned till 8:30 a. m. to-morrow. Benediction by Brother Malone.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, OCT. 3, 1891.

At 8:30 a. m. the body was called to order by the moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by Brother Malone. Roll call was dispensed with. The minutes of yesterday were read and, on motion, adopted.

5. Appointment of committees:

- On Nominations—T. J. Dawsey, W. J. Barnes and F. B. Jernigan.
 On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—W. J. Doswell, J. W. Pitman and C. Johnson.
 On Publications—W. A. Peacock, W. L. McGee and J. B. Mills.
 On Documents—A. J. Armstrong, W. A. Herndon and Marshall Stone.
 On Finance—R. C. Granberry, S. M. Singletary and G. M. Murphy.

6. Appoint correspondence.

- To the Eufaula Association—R. B. Lee, J. B. Jernigan and A. L. Ray.
 To the Bethel (Georgia) Association—J. W. Malone.
 To the Columbia Association—D. E. Burdeshaw, M. V. Capps, A. J. Armstrong and Moses Bracken.
 To the Newton Association—A. L. Martin.

7. Elect delegates to the State Convention. On motion, volunteers were called for, and the following brethren responded: A. J. Armstrong, R. A. Davis, R. B. Lee, F. B. Jernigan, J. B. Ward, J. W. Foster, M. V. Capps, A. L. Martin and W. J. Doswell.

8. Election of an Executive committee and treasurer. Bro. Malone moved that the same Executive committee and treasurer be elected by acclamation. Carried.

9. On motion, Brother J. B. Ward was elected by acclamation to represent this association in the Southern Baptist Convention at its next session to be held in Atlanta, Georgia.

10. Report of the Executive committee.
 Read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive committee of the Judson Association beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee had a meeting at Abbeville on the 3rd day of November, 1890, and upon a full investigation of the financial condition of the Association, ascertained that the available fund then on hand for general purposes, amounted to \$108 55, from which was deducted the balance of \$62.50 due Bro. A. L. Martin for his services as evangelist during the associational year ending September 30, 1890, leaving unexpended, and available for the present year, the sum of \$46.05. We further found that the available fund for the present year, (1891) for general purposes, including church and individual pledges, as well as the balance of \$46.05, hereinbefore mentioned, amounted to \$161 05.

A portion of this fund was voted to Brother Barnes at the last session of the association, but upon investigation, it was evident that the fund so voted to him was intended, at the time of donation thereof, for other purposes; and there being some doubt on the mind of Brother Barnes as to whether the action of the association in voting the money to himself was not had without full investigation of their right to dispose of the fund in that way, he made known to the committee that he would decline to accept the same, insisting that all of the money should be applied to the purposes for which it was originally intended.

Appreciating the motives of Brother Barnes in declining this fund, and commending him for his high sense of propriety, the committee felt under obligation to take some step for his relief, and instructed the Clerk to address a letter to each church in the association, stating the facts, and asking each to take up a contribution for the benefit of Brother Barnes, and remit the same to the Treasurer of the association. The letters were promptly written and we hope that in response thereto liberal contributions have been sent up,

Appreciating the importance of continuing the policy of evangelical work within the bounds of the association, which has heretofore been pursued by the association, and feeling that in that way, more perhaps than in any other with the limited means at our command, we could accomplish the most good, and in pursuance of the authority conferred upon us, your committee entered into a contract with Brother A. L. Martin, employing him as the evangelist of the association for a term of four months, at \$50 00 per month, he to travel from place to place, within the bounds of the association, at such times and places as in his judgment might be best, and in his work to impress upon the churches and brethren generally the importance of the Mission cause, and to awaken a deeper interest on that subject. Also to preach and give religious instruction and advice. Brother Martin has pursued this work with zeal and assiduity, and we feel that his labors have been blessed. His report will show fully the character and scope of his work. We recommend that the association should continue this character of work. The land is ours if we will go forth in the name of the Lord and take it.

The contract with Brother Martin was made with a view to the fund then in sight, to-wit: \$161 05, and with the intention of asking the association to order the payment of the deficit, whatever it may be. Bro. Martin will be due, when his work is completed, which has been done, with the exception of ten days, which will soon be rendered, the sum of \$200.00, and has been paid to date the sum of \$107.64, leaving the balance of \$92 36, which we ask to be paid, a portion of which is covered by pledges which will be paid in at this session. All of which is

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. MARTIN, Ch'n.

Call for the report on State Missions.

Report deferred.

Bro. D. I. Purser, from Birmingham, who is the Financial Secretary of Howard College and a representative of the Southern Baptist Sunday-school Convention, was recognized in his official capacity.

The committee on preaching reports that Bro. Purser will preach at the court house at 11 a. m., Bro. Burr at 3 p. m., Bro. H. L. Crumbly to-night, Bro. Purser to-morrow at 11 a. m. Bro. Purser said that circumstances were such that he could not preach for us to-morrow, but would preach to-day, and asked to be excused. Bro. Burr stated also that his engagements were such that he could not stay with us, and asked to be excused. On motion they were excused.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

We, your committee on Home Missions, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that the number of missionaries employed over the previous year to be forty-three; number baptized, 4,477; received by letter, 3,621; total admissions, 8,098; Sunday-schools organized, 336; churches constituted, 267; houses of worship built, 84; amount received by Treasurer, \$63,279.76. This represents the actual work done by the Baptists of the South.

The reports from all parts of the field occupied by the Home Mission Board are most encouraging, and especially that of Cuba. Five years ago that island was turned over to the Home Mission Board, and since then Bro. Diaz, with his native assistants, has had marvelous success. We now have 21 missionaries; 1,700 members; 2,000 in Sunday-schools; 700 in day schools, and 20 young ministers are being instructed,

The field to which the Home Mission Board devotes itself grows wider every year, and \$6,500 is given by the Baptists of the State of Alabama, for the purpose of carrying on this great and good work.

Brethren, we have reports of this kind from year to year, and they go practically unheeded. Is there nothing that can be done to stimulate the people of the Judson Baptist Association to a sense of duty on this important subject? Let us try and see if we can't do something for our Mission Boards in the next twelve months, and thereby have part in the great and glorious work that is being done in the Master's cause.

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. SINGLETARY,
W. A. PEACOCK,
Committee.

Bros. Purser, Martin and Herndon addressed the body, favoring Home Missions, after which the report was adopted.

Bro. J. W. Herndon moved that the regular order be suspended and that pledges be taken for Home Missions. Motion carried and the following pledges were made:

PLEDOES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

J. W. Herndon.....	\$10 00
A. L. Martin.....	10 00
W. L. McGee.....	1 00
S. M. Singletary.....	1 00
W. A. McClendary.....	1 00
A. J. Armstrong.....	5 00
D. W. Capps.....	1 00
Joel Williams.....	1 00
J. W. Pitman.....	1 00
Total.....	\$31 00

CASH PAID IN FOR HOME MISSIONS.

C. Johnson.....	\$ 1 00
E. D. Holly.....	1 00
Dempsey Griffin.....	1 00
A. Armstrong.....	1 00
Total.....	\$ 4 00

It was announced that Bro. Purser would preach at the Court House.

On motion, adjourned.

Benediction by Bro. Malone.

Bro. Purser preached an able sermon at the Court House to a large and well ordered congregation. Theme, "Strength." Text, 14th verse, 2nd chapter, 1st Epistle of John. At the close of the sermon, he being a representative of Howard College, solicited contributions to that college. The following was contributed:

J. B. Ward.....	\$ 50 00
M. V. Capps.....	50 00
W. J. Martin.....	25 00
E. Oates.....	50 00
D. W. Capps.....	5 00
Wm. Barnes.....	2 50
Unknown.....	1 00
Total.....	\$183 50

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2 o'clock the Moderator called the body to order.

Prayer by Bro. Lee.

The unfinished business of the morning session being that of Home Missions, was taken up. Bro. Crumpton made a few timely remarks on that subject. Continuing the call for pledges, the following were taken:

PLEDGES FOR HOME MISSIONS.

M. V. Capps.....	\$ 5 00
J. T. Dawsey.....	paid 1 00
B. W. Herring.....	" 1 00
C. C. Murphy.....	" 1 00
W. W. Nobles.....	" 1 00
G. M. Dunn.....	" 1 00
Total.....	\$10 00

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The committee offered as their report, the report on Foreign Missions made at the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The report was adopted.

Bro. Purser made some remarks on Foreign Missions and J. W. Herndon paid for Foreign Missions \$1 00, and B. W. Herring, for Headland church, \$2.50. Total, \$3.50.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The committee on Temperance would respectfully submit the following report:

We have to say that temperance is a very comprehensive item, and the subject requires more thought than most people are apt to give. We recommend that the churches be temperate in all things; in mind, language and habits. We further state, that to our mind intoxicating drink has hurt and killed more of the human family than all other poisons. It has caused more wretchedness, poverty, domestic unhappiness and crime than all other poisons put together. We further recommend that the pastor of each church in this Association preach a sermon on temperance the next year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. LEE,
for the Committee.

Pending the adoption of this report, earnest appeals to the Association was made by Bros. Malone and Lee to aid in the cause of temperance.

The report was adopted.

Report of committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons, as follows:

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

We find, after due inquiry, that the good Lord has spared the lives of our ministers and deacons to yet continue the duties of their respective offices, for which we thank his great name.

W. J. DOSWELL, Ch'n.

Report adopted.

REPORT ON AGED AND INDIGENT MINISTERS.

We find that the good Lord has spared our ministerial brethren in the bounds of this Association, and we also find the widows and orphans of deceased ministers and deacons comfortably provided for.

W. L. MCGEE, Ch'n.

Adopted.

FINANCE REPORT.

We, your committee on Finance, have received the following amounts:

For Minutes.....	\$ 24 95
Individual pledges redeemed	34 00
Church pledges redeemed.....	82 00
Associational purposes.....	16 30
Home Missions.....	8 00
Foreign Missions.....	3 35
Total.....	\$168 60

S. M. SINGLETARY, Ch'n.

REPORT OF A. L. MARTIN, EVANGELIST OF JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

DEAR BRETHREN:

I do not deem it necessary to set out in this report the contract under which I have been acting as evangelist of the Association during the year just closed, for the reason that the Executive Committee, by whom I was employed, will, I am satisfied, make report with respect thereto.

I beg leave to state, however, that I have, to the best of my ability and understanding, carried out the contract which I entered into with your committee, with the exception of ten days, which I will complete in a very short time. It affords me pleasure to say that my work has been pleasant and I am confident not devoid of profit. In all of my travels I have been well received and the brethren and people generally have manifested an interest in my work and aided me in its performance.

The Lord has put it into the hearts of very many to give aid and comfort as I went from place to place in his name proclaiming the truths of the gospel. In the fear of God and under his blessing I am bold to say that he has seen fit to prosper his work in my hands, for which I return thanks unto him and pray that in his good providence he will continue to use me as a humble instrument to carry the word of truth to as many as he has ordained shall in that manner receive the same.

I am indeed grateful for the undying evidences I have that God has seen fit to use me in the advancement of his kingdom upon earth. We have every evidence of the favor and blessing of God in the prosecution of our evangelical and mission work. All the indications of providence are to the effect that now is the "fullness of the time" for that character of work, and I have been careful to urge it upon the brethren generally. The spread of the gospel is patent on every hand and the churches should fully realize the responsibility now resting upon them to an increased effort in that behalf. May the Lord show us our full duty as missionaries and move us to perform it. I have indulged in these reflections for the reason that my work has, of necessity, been in that line.

During the year and under the terms of my contract I have performed the following services:

Number of days actually engaged in travel and preaching, 90; number of miles traveled, 705; number of sermons preached, 79; number of religious services and conversations with families and advice on religious topics, including prayer services, (but not including prayers with and advice and instructions to persons on religious topics with whom I spent the night or happened to meet casually, of which I kept no account), 26.

I made it a point in my work to take an interest in every matter pertaining to the churches and to do whatever I could for the advancement of the cause. I was also specially careful to urge a deeper interest in the mission work and to impress upon the brethren the importance of keeping up good

Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings. I fear that our churches are not up to the full measure of their duty with respect to Sunday-schools and prayer-meetings. A good Sunday-school is the hope of the church and a regular and earnest prayer-meeting is a sure and unfailing safeguard. The house of prayer is never the house of dissension. The foregoing is only a brief summary of my work.

Fraternally,

A. L. MARTIN,
Evangelist.

The report was adopted.

On motion of Bro. J. W. Malone, pledges were taken to employ Bro. Martin as evangelist next year, as follows:

CHURCH PLEDGES.

Abbeville.....	\$10 00	Christian Grove.....	\$ 2 00
Center.....	3 00	Concord.....	2 00
Fellowship.....	5 00	Headland.....	5 00
Hebron.....	5 00	Lawrenceville.....	2 50
Mt. Ariel.....	2 00	Pleasant Grove..	10 00
Sardis.....	2 00	Shorterville.....	5 00
Smyrna.....	2 00	Union.....	2 00
Old Zion.....	5 00		
Total.....			\$62 50

INDIVIDUAL PLEDGES.

D. E. Burdeshaw.....	\$ 2 00	S. J. Belcher, paid.....	\$ 1 00
C. Johnson, paid.....	1 00	I. J. Gissendanner.....	1 00
A. L. Ray, paid.....	1 00	J. W. Foster.....	5 00
A. J. Armstrong.....	1 00	J. W. Malone.....	1 00
W. H. Capps.....	1 00	N. H. Burdeshaw, paid.....	1 00
T. J. Dawsey, paid.....	1 00	W. A. Peacock.....	1 00
W. L. McGee.....	1 00	W. J. Ethridge.....	1 00
W. A. McClendon.....	1 00	J. S. Espy, paid.....	2 00
Armstead Armstrong.....	1 00	F. M. Kirkland, paid.....	1 00
F. M. Holland.....	1 00	W. J. Barnes, paid.....	1 00
Total.....			\$26 00

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

From the reading of the letters from the churches composing this association, we notice that quite a number of them have no Sabbath schools, and we would suggest that the brethren representing such churches be requested to organize Sabbath schools at once. We recommend that Brothers Foster and H. L. Crumbly address the association on the great importance of Sabbath schools.

J. J. BOYETT,
A. H. TAYLOR,
R. C. GRANBERRY,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of this report, Brothers Crumbly, Lee and Foster addressed the body advocating Sabbath schools.

The report was adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the committee on Nominations, make the following report: That Brother J. M. Malone preach the introductory sermon at our next session; Brother J. W. Herndon, alternate: Brother A. L. Ray to write the circular letter; and we recommend that Brother W. J. Martin be treasurer. We also recommend that the association employ Brother A. L. Martin as evangelist another year, all the time that he can spare in that direction.

Respectfully submitted,

T. J. DAWSEY,
F. B. JERNIGAN,
W. J. BARNES.

On motion, the adoption of the report was taken up by items, and that item which refers to the circular letter was abolished at our last session, but, after some discussion on the subject, a motion was made to restore it in our order of business. Motion carried. The report was adopted.

Regular order suspended. Brother A. J. Armstrong moved that the Executive committee employ Brother Martin as evangelist next year. Motion concurred in.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee on Documents, recommend that the next session of this association be held with Headland church, commencing on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1892.

A. J. ARMSTRONG,
M. STONE,
W. A. HERNDON,
Committee.

Pending the adoption of this report, some discussion ensued, as there were other churches asking for the next session to be held with them. Brother Armstrong moved that the report of the committee be adopted, with its recommendation that the next session of this association be held with Headland church, commencing on Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1892. A vote was taken and the report was adopted.

At our last session there was a committee appointed to solicit the churches to contribute something to aid the maimed Ex-Confederate soldiers in our bounds. The committee reported that they had notified each church, as directed, and but one church had responded. Bethel church contributed \$2.00, which is in the treasurer's hands.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

ABBEVILLE, ALA., October 2, 1891.

Judson Association in account with W. J. Martin:

1890.	CR.		
Oct. 4	To cash paid W. A. McLendon, clerk.....	\$25	00
Nov. 3	To cash paid J. T. Barnes.....	7	50
" "	To cash paid A. L. Martin.....	62	50
" 8	To postage on J. T. Barnes' letter.....		50
Dec. 29	To cash paid for minutes.....	30	00
" "	Expense of money order.....		23
1891.			
Jan. 13	To cash expenses on minutes.....	55	
" "	Postage on minutes.....	1	60
" 18	Paid A. L. Martin.....	22	62
Sep. 30	Paid A. L. Martin.....	22	50—\$173 00
1890.	DR.		
Oct. 3	By cash by J. B. Ward.....	\$	58
" "	By cash by general funds.....	134	40
" 4	By pledges.....	10	00
" "	By cash for J. T. Barnes.....	7	50
" "	By cash for Home Missions.....	20	50
1891.			
Oct. 2	By cash on hand to balance.....	02—	\$173 00

W. J. Martin, treasurer, begs leave to submit the foregoing report, all of which is respectfully submitted.

W. J. MARTIN, Treasurer.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is useless to say that we advocate the cause of education. We insist that we do all in our power for its advancement. We think that we ought to do all that we can to educate those who are trying to prepare for the ministry. Brethren, what are we doing? Do we appreciate the opportunity that God has given us for doing good? Are we thankful for our religious institutions—the Judson and the Howard, and other religious institutions? Are we doing anything towards educating any one in this Association?

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. ESPY,
Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report on Education, Brother Espy, who is well known in Southeast Alabama to be one of the best educators of this section, addressed the body on the importance of education. The hour for adjournment having arrived, Brother Espy asked leave to conclude his address to-morrow morning, which was granted.

On motion, adjourned till 8:30 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

SUNDAY MORNING, OCT, 4TH, 1891.

At 8:30 o'clock the Moderator called the body to order.

The brethren engaged in singing hymns of praise to God, and Brother Ray offered prayer. The regular order of business was suspended, in order that Brother Espy and others might address the body on education. Brothers Espy, Ward and Martin addressed the body favoring the ministerial education of Brother J. T. Barnes, after which the report was adopted. On motion, a cash collection was taken for that purpose, as follows:

A. Armstrong	paid.....\$ 1.00	A. Kirkland	paid.....\$ 25
T. A. Trawick	" 1 00	Yancey Kirkland	" 50
Mrs. T. A. Trawick	" 1 00	M. V. Capps	" 1 00
C. C. Murphy	" 1 00	W. J. Doswell	" 1 00
R. B. Lee	" 50	A. Starling	" 50
A. L. Ray	" 1 00	N. L. Hawley	" 50
F. M. Kirkland	" 50	W. L. McGee	" 50
Wesley Nobles	" 50	J. S. Espy	" 5 00
Z. T. Kirkland	" 50	E. A. Sanders	" 5 00
J. W. Malone	" 1 00	C. C. Murphy	" 5 00
W. H. Capps	" 50	William J. Martin	" 5 00
G. M. Murphy	" 1 00	M. V. Capps	" 5 00
W. J. Barnes	" 1 00	D. Gillis, Jr.	" 5 00
H. L. Crumbly	" 50	CHURCH PLEDGES.	
D. W. Capps	" 50	Lawrenceville.....	2 00
Lawson Gregory	" 50	Bethel.....	2 00
I. J. Gissendanner	" 1 00	Fellowship.....	5 00
S. A. Simmons	" 25	Pleasant Grove.....	10 00
M. Bracken	" 50	Tolbert.....	5 00
G. B. James	" 50		
Total.....			\$72 50

RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this association are due, and are hereby tendered to, Abbeville church and the citizens of Abbeville and community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

W. L. MCGEE.

On motion, adopted.

On motion, the committee on Publications were allowed further time.

Brother J. S. Espy collected the sum of \$24.15 for the education of Brother Barnes, and on motion the amount was to be turned over to the Executive committee to be expended as needed.

Brother S. J. Belcher offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the association request each church composing this association, in sending up their letters to the next association, to insert in their letters the names of all crippled soldiers and widows of soldiers that are in needy circumstances.

The resolution was adopted.

On motion, a collection was taken up for Sister Whiddon, and the sum of \$7.25 was collected and turned over to Brother J. W. Herndon to be conveyed to her.

The report on State Missions was read and adopted as follows:

DEAR BRETHREN: Your committee beg leave to report that we read the reports on State Missions that are made to this body from session to session, and but little is being done in that direction. Now, brethren, let us wake up to the importance of this work, and begin right now and show to the world what we profess to be, Missionary Baptists. Therefore we ask this association to contribute something to the cause of State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. TEAGUE,
W. F. MILLS,
Z. P. MILLER,
Committee.

On motion, the reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and that the clerk be paid \$25.00 for his services.

The committee on Preaching reported that Brother Martin would preach at the court house at 11 o'clock to-day.

The business being finished, the Moderator made some impressive remarks upon the harmony that had existed during this session, and thanked the brethren for the kind assistance and attention given him during this session.

On motion, adjourned to meet with Headland church, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1892.

Sang "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Benediction by Brother Crumbly.

Brother Martin preached at the court house to a large congregation. His sermon was elaborate and doctrinal and doubtless will lead to investigation. At the same time Brother Barnes preached to a large audience at the church.

J. B. WARD,
Moderator.

W. A. MCCLENDON,
Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

A. L. Martin.....	Abbeville, Ala.
J. W. Herndon.....	Shorterville, "
J. W. Malone.....	Wesley, "
J. W. Knowles.....	Bracken, "
D. E. Burdeshaw.....	Kincey, "
R. B. Lee.....	Eufaula, "
M. Bracken.....	Bracken, "
A. Daughety.....	Cowarts, "
J. T. Barnes.....	Bracken, "
S. J. Knowles.....	Headland, "

LICENTIATES, WITH POSTOFFICES.

J. A. Campbell.....	Headland, Ala.
W. H. F. Smith.....	Headland, "
A. H. Taylor.....	Kincey, "
W. B. Andrews.....	Kincey, "
A. L. Ray.....	Bush, "

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—F. B. Jernigan, R. M. Espy and J. T. Barnes.

Home Missions—M. V. Capps, T. A. Trawick and Albert Herndon.

Foreign Missions—W. A. Peacock, J. W. Pitman, A. Armstrong.

To open discussion on Missions—A. L. Martin.

Education—J. S. Espy, J. H. Spivey and G. T. Roberts. To open discussion—R. W. Miller.

Temperance—E. Oates, R. B. Lee and S. J. Belcher. To open discussion—J. W. Malone.

Aged and Indigent Ministers, Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers

—W. J. Doswell, W. L. McGee and S. M. Singletary.

Sabbath Schools—A. Daughety, R. C. Granberry and J. J. Boyett. To open discussion—Z. W. Laney, Jr.

Publications—George Flemming, A. L. Ray and E. D. Holly.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This union shall be known and distinguished by the style and title of the JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of representatives from the churches in the union, in the following ratio: All churches composed of one hundred members and under, shall be allowed two messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty members, three messengers; those having over one hundred and fifty, and not two hundred members, four messengers; and so in graduation—one messenger for every fifty members; who shall be required to furnish satisfactory evidence of their appointment by their churches, before they take their seats.

ART 3. The messengers, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by election of a Moderator and Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are elected.

ART. 4. The Association shall not interfere with rights of the churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies in all matters of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council, assuming no authority except what is expressly delegated to her by the churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact; she, nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the messengers 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 unorthodox in faith, or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard all the churches united under this Constitution with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the glory of God by extending his kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the gospel and other means, in accordance with the gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

ART. 5. Newly constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union by their sending up their messengers to an annual meeting, with a petition, and by those messengers agreeing to the Abstract of Principles herewith published.

ART. 6. The churches of this union shall transmit to every annual session of this Association written communications, specifying the names of the messengers, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored and dead, since last session, and all other information which the churches may deem important, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the churches, and all money thus contributed shall be transmitted from the churches and paid over, through the Committee on Finance, to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot, and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the minutes, a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish the churches with the minutes of every session.

ART. 9. This Association shall not take cognizance of any query sent up by the churches unless they have endeavored to solve the same and failed, nor of any difficulty between churches, unless they have pursued the directions contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the 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. 11. 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. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this body, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present; Provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the churches.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in the existence of one only true and living God, and that he has made himself known to his people under the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, and equal in divine perfection.

ART. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.

ART. 3. We believe in the doctrine of election, that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world; that they should be holy and without blame before him in love, having predestined them to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will.

ART. 4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

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

ART. 6. We believe sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.

ART. 7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Ghost.

ART. 8. We believe that nothing can separate the true believers from the love of God, but that they will be kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

ART. 9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that the true believers are the only subjects of these ordinances, and that immersion only is baptism.

ART. 10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment.

ART. 11. We believe that the punishment of the wicked to be everlasting, and the joys of the righteous will be eternal.

ART. 12. We believe that no minister has a right to administer the ordinances, unless he is called of God, and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery, and is in fellowship in the church of which he is a member.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Every query sent up to the Association by any church in the Union, shall be read and put to a vote by the Moderator whether it shall be debated or not; and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; but if not, it shall be withdrawn, provided always, that those be first considered which affect the union of the churches.

2. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the observation of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

3. Every person who speaks in debate shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; and he shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in debate.

4. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject without leave of the body.

5. No member shall abruptly break off or absent himself without leave of the body, and if he so does, he shall be marked as an absentee.

6. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the body may require.

7. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided the chair be filled, but he shall not vote except the body be equally divided.

8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular record of the proceedings of the body.

9. The minutes of the Association shall be read and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the body rises.

10. Amendments may be made to this form of government by two-thirds of the members in session.

STATISTICS OF JUDSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCHES.	County	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE.	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	Membership last	Incr'se by			Decrease by			Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.		Preaching Sabbaths.
								Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Restoration.		Death.	Present		Officers & Teachers.	Pupils.
Abbeville	Henry	H. L. Crumbly	J. W. Foster	Abbeville	1	1	115	4	4	2	2	1	118	16	112	4	
Bethel	Barbour	J. W. Malone	G. W. Walker	Belcher	1	1	120	1	1	5	5	1	105	..	..	4
Benlah	Henry	D. E. Burdeshaw	J. G. Patterson	Kincey	1	..	87	..	..	12	6	1	70	..	..	3
Center	Henry	A. Armstrong	J. M. Wells	Bracken	1	..	73	15	9	10	..	1	82	..	..	3
Christian Grove	Barbour	R. B. Lee	G. B. James	Eutaula	1	1	70	1	1	..	..	1	67	..	..	1
Concord	Henry	D. E. Burdeshaw	F. M. Kirkland	Bracken	1	1	65	9	5	1	..	1	68	..	..	3
Enon	"	R. C. Deal	N. H. Burdeshaw	Kincey	1	2	35	3	10	3	1	..	45	4	40	3	
Fellowship	"	R. C. Deal	H. Wiggins	Choctawhatchee	1	1	67	2	2	5	7	1	59	5	49	2	
Hebron	"	A. Armstrong	J. M. Armstrong	Balkum	1	..	41	1	1	1	..	1	40	5	24	2	
Headland	"	J. C. Skipper	R. W. Herring	Headland	1	2	110	33	12	..	..	1	149	5	50	3
Judson	"	Oscar Crumbly	J. W. Thomas	Ocho	..	..	87	2	1	..	..	1	88	..	..	1
Lawrenceville	"	A. L. Martin	N. L. Hawley	Lawrenceville	..	..	16	3	..	..	..	..	19	..	..	1
Mt. Pleasant	Barbour	R. B. Lee	W. C. Jernigan	Belcher	..	..	54	2	..	..	..	..	54	..	..	2
Oakly Grove	Henry	J. T. Barnes	F. M. Holland	Abbeville	1	..	41	..	..	4	..	..	33	..	..	1
Pleasant Grove	"	A. L. Martin	W. A. McClendon	Abbeville	..	..	123	5	..	..	..	2	126	17	168	3
Sardis	"	A. H. Martin	E. D. Holley	Lawrenceville	1	..	32	1	..	..	..	1	32	..	..	2
Shorterville	"	J. H. Corley	W. F. Mills	Shorterville	1	1	88	3	10	7	1	1	89	..	..	3
†Smryna	"	D. E. Burdeshaw	W. F. Jordan	Dothan	..	..	53	2	1	1	1	1	47	..	..	4
Tolbert	"	A. Armstrong	M. P. Shelley	Weston	1	..	128	2	..	..	..	1	118	..	..	4
Union	"	S. T. Spivey	W. L. Bracken	Bracken	1	..	39	3	4	5	..	1	41	..	..	4
Old Zion	"	J. W. Malone	A. Starling	Shorterville	1	..	23	..	..	..	1	..	24	..	..	3
*Adoniram	"	Oscar Crumbly	W. H. Parker	Hardwicksburg	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	61	..	..	2
Total	10	7	1469	88	52	3	17	76	39	7	14	1530	443

†S. V. Volumes in Library, 120; Reports revival.

†Reports good Sunday-school, but no statistics.

*Received into Association at this session.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF THE JUDSON BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION, 1891.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions, to pay the Evangelist in our bounds	Ministerial Education, White Students.	Minutes.	Associational Purposes and Undesignated.	S. S. Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.
*Abbeville	\$ 2 50	\$ 4 50	\$10 00	\$12 00	\$ 1 50	\$.....	\$ 7 00	\$500 00	\$50 00	\$ 850 00
Bethel			15 00		1 50					
Beulah	1 00	1 35			1 00	1 00				
Center			3 00		1 00					
Christian Grove					1 50	12 55				
Concord					1 50	5 00	5 45	26 00		
Enon					1 00	12 25				
Fellowship			5 00		1 00		1 35	55 00		
Hebron		2 00	5 00		1 50		2 80	30 00		100 00
Headland			5 00		2 00					100 00
Judson			5 00		1 00					
Lawrenceville			5 00		1 00					
Mt. Pleasant										
Mt. Ariel			2 00		1 20	50				
Oaky Grove					75					
Pleasant Grove			20 00	6 35	1 50		13 30			800 00
Sardis			2 00		1 00					
Shorterville					1 50					
Smyrna					1 00	5 00				
Tolbert					1 00	5 00				
Union					1 00			30 00		
Old Zion			5 00		50					
Adoniram										
Total	\$ 3 50	\$ 7 85	\$82 00	\$18 35	\$24 05	\$21 30	\$29 90	\$646 50	\$50 00	\$1850 00

*Women's Society aid to the church, \$25 00; has a voucher for Home Missions \$2 50, Foreign Missions \$4 50, State Missions \$6 00.

Name and Post-office of Moderator—J. B. Ward, Abbeville. Name and Post-office of Clerk—W. A. McClendon, Abbeville. Session of 1892 to be held with Headland church, Henry county, on Friday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1892.

RECORD OF TWENTY-EIGHT SESSIONS OF THE JUDSON ASSOCIATION.

Session.	Date.	Moderators.	Clerks.	Introductory Sermon.	Missionary Sermon.	Place of Meeting.	Finance Report.	Baptism.
8	1838	E. Cody	W. B. Lacy	Daniel Cumble	J. B. Taylor	Daleville	\$ 474 25	379
10	1860	E. Cody	E. Brooks	Daniel Cumble	J. B. Taylor	Newton	417 25	291
11	1861	E. Cody	H. W. B. Price	W. P. Bryun	C. Smith	Judson	351 06	81
14	1864	P. M. Calloway	H. W. B. Price	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	Shorterville	.....	.....
15	1865	P. M. Calloway	E. Brooks	.....	.....	Sardis	.....	.....
18	1868	L. R. Sims	J. R. Morris	.....	.....	Beulah	186 00	235
19	1869	L. R. Sims	Nat Price	A. L. Martin	P. M. Calloway	Gordon	247 85	174
20	1870	L. R. Sims	Jas. R. Morris	L. R. Sims	R. W. Probst	New Hope	185 20	.....
22	1872	L. R. Sims	J. L. Williams	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	277 50	149
23	1873	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumble	T. E. Langley	Pilgrim's Rest	144 95	170
24	1874	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	L. R. Sims	Bethel	111 05	169
25	1875	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowles	T. E. Langley	Walnut Grove	246 00	103
26	1876	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	W. A. Cumble	P. M. Calloway	Pleasant Grove	132 20	100
27	1877	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	E. M. Knowles	W. N. Chandoth	Shorterville	239 30	254
28	1878	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	A. L. Martin	Pleasant Plains	165 00	90
29	1879	L. R. Sims	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	T. E. Langley	Columbia	110 25	152
30	1880	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	T. E. Langley	Abbeville	436 00	168
31	1881	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	L. R. Sims	A. P. Ashurst	Adrian	259 25	98
32	1882	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. P. Ashurst	P. M. Calloway	Bethel	255 80	115
33	1883	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	A. L. Martin	A. P. Ashurst	Smyrna	212 00	134
34	1884	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	J. W. Malone	A. L. Bizard	Shorterville	261 50	162
35	1885	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	W. M. Bruner	M. B. Bean	Beulah	337 50	152
36	1886	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	G. A. Numally, D. D.	W. N. Reeves, D. D.	Abbeville	167 50	115
37	1887	J. W. Foster	D. Rogers	J. W. Malone	A. L. Martin	Bethel	739 00	107
38	1888	J. W. Foster	W. A. McLendon	A. L. Martin	N. C. Underwood	Mc. Pleasant, Dale	155 50	104
39	1889	J. W. Foster	W. A. McLendon	A. L. Martin	N. C. Underwood	Colbert	188 50	124
40	1890	J. B. Ward	W. A. McLendon	D. E. Burtleshaw	H. L. Crumley	Pleasant Grove	115 15	85
41	1891	J. B. Ward	W. A. McLendon	A. L. Martin	A. L. Martin	Abbeville	168 60	88

The Clerk made every effort to get a full file of minutes, but the above is all that could be obtained.





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