

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Shelby Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Dogwood Grove Church, Shelby County, Ala.

AUGUST 29, 30, AND 31, 1899.

OFFICERS:

R. H. PRATT, Moderator, Six Mile, Ala.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk, Columbiana, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with Bethel church, at Nelsons Switch, on the Southern Railway, four miles northeast of Columbiana, commencing on Tuesday before the First Sunday in September, 1900.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Read Letters from Churches.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
6. Invite Churches to join the Association.
7. Appoint committees on Preaching, Finance, Nominations.
8. Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Return Correspondence.
11. Miscellaneous Business.

SECOND DAY.

12. Devotional Exercises.
13. Read Minutes of First Day and call the Roll.
14. Report on Family Religion.
15. Report on Orphan's Home.
16. Report on Education.
17. Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions.
18. Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m.
19. Report on Ministerial Education.
20. Report on Periodicals.

THIRD DAY.

21. Devotional Exercise.
22. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
23. Report on Temperance.
24. Report on Sabbath Schools.
25. Report on Institute Work.
26. Report on Nominations.
27. Report on Finance.
28. Treasurer's Report.
29. Appoint Standing Committees.
30. Order Clerk's Salary paid, and 500 copies Minutes printed.
31. Miscellaneous Business.
32. Adjourn.

MINUTES.

The Shelby Association met with Dogwood Grove church on Tuesday, August 29, 1899.

Devotional exercises were conducted by G. M. Lowery; lesson read from 51st Psalms.

The introductory sermon was preached by T. M. Nelson from John xv:4; "Abide in me."

Letters from the churches were read by Henry Fancher and M. E. Langston and the names of the messengers enrolled, as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

BRIERFIELD—Isaac Windsor, J. M. Collier, S. Smitherman.
BETHLEHEM—Not represented.
CAHABA VALLEY—John Parks.
CALERA—J. W. Day.
DOGWOOD GROVE—R. E. Woolley, W. S. Lovelady, J. M. Beardon, W. A. Lucas.
ENON—N. T. Lucas, E. M. Daniel, W. J. Warren.
FREE SPRINGS—P. A. Wood, D. R. Hatcher.
HELENA—L. L. Padgett.
LONGVIEW—Not represented.
MONTEVALLO—J. B. Kilpatrick, Wm. Lyman, S. A. Latham.
MARS HILL—Not represented.
MACEDONIA—N. J. Jarvis, Jack Harper, Elias Walker.
NEW ANTIOCH—Not represented.
SIX MILE—W. F. Thompson, J. M. Hays, M. G. Langston and R. H. Arnold.

SECOND DISTRICT.

BETHESDA—C. A. Mason.
COLUMBIANA—C. W. O'Hara, T. W. Kimball and W. J. Nelson.
CENTER HILL—Letter and funds.
FLORENCE—T. J. Cabaniss.
KINGDOM—G. M. Lowery, and T. F. Atkinson.
LIBERTY—A. F. Carden, J. W. Dodson and J. E. Adams.
MT. CALVARY—G. W. Stone.
NEW PROSPECT—S. P. Fancher and C. W. Fancher.
NEW HOPEWELL—H. N. Beasley.

PILGRIM'S REST—H. K. Thomas and J. F. Atcherson.
 ROCKY RIDGE—C. B. Davis, Amos Davis and Harmon Davis.
 SUMMER HILL—T. M. Nelson, L. Q. Gould and J. T. Upshaw.
 SHELBY—J. F. Averyt.

Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met. Prayer was offered by R. H. Arnold.

Proceeded to the election of Moderator and Clerk. R. H. Pratt was elected Moderator, and C. W. O'Hara, Clerk, by acclamation. R. H. Pratt not being a member of the body, on motion, the rule requiring the officers to be elected from the members of the body, was waived.

Invited visiting ministers to seats.

Rev. J. A. Howard was recognized as the representative of the Alabama Baptist; Rev. A. J. Preston, as the representative of the State Board of Missions; Rev. A. J. Dickinson, D. D., as the representative of the Judson Institute, and James Hogan, as the representative of Howard College.

Invited churches to join the Association. A petitionary letter was presented by J. H. Acker and J. C. Whitfield, from Bethel church. The church being found orthodox was received. The Moderator extended the hand of fellowship to the messengers.

Appointed committees:

- ON DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES—Pastor and messengers of Dogwood Grove church.
- ON FINANCE—C. A. Mason, A. F. Carden and P. A. Wood.
- ON NOMINATIONS—J. F. Averyt, J. T. Upshaw, and H. B. Buford.

Filled vacancies on standing committees:

- ON EDUCATION—J. M. Collier, H. R. Arnold and William Lyman.
- ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. B. Kilpatrick, G. M. Lowery and W. S. Lovelady.
- ON INDIGENT MINISTERS—J. C. Whitfield, S. Smitherman and John Parks.

On motion A. J. Preston was requested to prepare a report on State Missions. Appointed a committee to report on the demise of J. H. R. Carden, consisting of G. M. Lowery, J. W. Dodson and J. E. Adams.

Called for correspondence:

From Mulberry Association, Rev. R. H. Long; from Birmingham, Rev. James Hogan and Henry Lyman; from Cahaba, Rev. G. E. Mize; from Mud Creek, Rev. J. D. Martin, and from Pine Barren, W. N. Huckabee.

Returned correspondence:

TO THE COOSA RIVER—C. W. O'Hara, J. B. Kilpatrick, J. M. Collier, T. M. Nelson and J. F. Averyt.

TO THE MULBERRY—R. H. Pratt, H. B. Buford, S. Smitherman, T. M. Nelson, W. F. Thompson and J. M. Collier.

TO THE TUSCALOOSA—S. Smitherman.

TO THE UNITY—J. M. Collier, P. A. Wood and D. R. Jackson.

The order of business of last session was adopted for the present:

On motion, the time for meeting and adjourning was fixed as follows: Convene at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12 m.; convene at 1:30, adjourn at 4 p. m.

A collection was taken for the benefit of D. R. Jackson, amounting to \$14.00, to pay the pledge of the Association for last year. On motion, D. R. Jackson was adopted as the ministerial beneficiary for the next year, and the following pledges were made for his benefit:

Brierfield.....	\$5 00
Liberty.....	2 00
Six Mile.....	2 00
Cahaba Valley.....	5 00
Kingdom.....	1 00
Bethel.....	2 00
Montevallo.....	2 00
Free Springs.....	1 00
Enon.....	1 00
Columbiana.....	2 00
Shelby.....	2 00

Total.....\$25 00

Resolved, that the pastors be requested to take collections for Brother Jackson's benefit.

The report on Orphan's Home was read and discussed by William Lyman, J. B. Kilpatrick, N. S. Jones, J. A. Howard, T. J. Cabaniss, and a collection taken amounting to \$7.01.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

The Baptist Orphanage at Evergreen, Ala., has been in operation six years. During this time 49 boys and 69 girls have been received into the home. Of this number 28 boys and 27 girls have been adopted into good families, leaving 63 children in the home at the present time.

Bro. Jno. W. Stewart has charge of the Orphanage as financial agent, and he is ably assisted in the work by Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy as matron. The home is situated on Main street in Evergreen, next to the Agricultural School, where the children as they become old enough are entered for education, tuition being free. The boys are taught farm work by actual experience on the home farm, and the girls learn the various kinds of housework in the same manner. The home property consists of 80 acres of land with a ten-room brick house and three tenant houses. The amount paid for this property was \$5,400, actual payment having been duly made. The home has no income except the free offerings of the people of our denomination. The daily expense of this family is about \$10, besides what is received in donations of supplies of various kinds.

Recently the children have been put in uniforms, which adds to their appearance, and is not more expensive than ordinary clothing. A chapel has been fitted up in the building, and every Sunday afternoon the children are gathered there for worship. Your committee feel sure there is no more worthy object fostered in our christian work than this home for poor orphan children. But for such homes many of them must needs suffer and perhaps be led into lives of sin and shame. "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord." "Blessed is he that considereth the poor."

Your committee recommends that each church, Sunday school or Ladies' Aid Society in this Association adopt one or more children in this home and make it their special work to clothe such child, to buy school books and pay the necessary entrance fee at school.

All information relative to this work may be had by

addressing Rev. Jno. W. Stewart or Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy at Evergreen, Ala.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM LYMAN, Chairman.

Adopted.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises reported that A. J. Preston would preach at night.

Prayer was offered by A. J. Preston. Adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, August 30.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer service was conducted by N. J. Jarvis. Scripture read, 1st Psalm.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

Appointed a Committee on Institute Work consisting of S. Smitherman, T. M. Nelson and G. M. Lowery.

New Antioch church having failed to be represented for two years, was retained on the roll of churches by request of the pastor.

The report on Family Religion was read and discussed by J. E. Adams, R. H. Long, S. Smitherman, C. W. O'Hara, A. J. Preston and J. B. Kilpatrick.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

We, your committee, find that there are heads of families who belong to the church that fail to hold family prayer and give thanks at the table. Some hold prayer once or twice a week, and appear to be in a hurry to get through with the service to engage in worldly matters or retire to rest. Others hold prayer service once or twice a week that appear to be consecrated to a certain extent. Others hold prayer service morning and night, and the balance of the time is spent in using by-words and other sayings, so that their families are not impressed as they should be. Others hold family service morning and night that seem to be full of the spirit and truly devotional, and their families are impressed for good thereby. We hold to be religious at all is to be religious in our families. In order to do this we must be regenerated and born of the

Spirit, follow the Savior in baptism and let our walk be so orderly and our conversation so Godly that our children will realize that there is a reality in the religion which we profess. If we have the spirit of our blessed Master in our hearts and will cultivate and practice the same in our home circles it will be a power for good in bringing our children to a knowledge of the truth. We should be faithful in instructing our children in reference to their souls' eternal interest, and not leave so much on this line for our preachers to do. We should be kind and affectionate to our families, governing with firmness in the spirit of love, in such a manner that there will be a happy feeling of freedom in the household. If we fail to do this there is reason to believe that we are mistaken in our profession, and we should repent and do our first work. Our prayer is that we may all get on a higher plane of duty on this line.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES E. ADAMS, Chairman.

Adopted.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read, and jointly discussed by Isaac Windsor, C. L. Meroney, James Hogan, W. N. Huckabee.

The missionary sermon was preached by, N. S. Jones from Mark, XVI:15-20.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met at 1.30 p. m.

Prayer was offered by A. J. Dickinson, D. D.

The discussion of the mission reports was continued by W. N. Huckabee, A. J. Preston, A. J. Dickinson.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

When we contrast the present condition of our State Board with that of one year ago we feel that there are great reasons for gratitude to the Great Giver of all good for His blessings upon this work. At that time we were more than \$2,000 in debt; our secretary, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, had resigned and left us without a leader, and there were many other discouragements. To-day our State Board is practically out of debt. Rev. W. B. Crumpton, who has served us so faithfully as secretary for ten years—from 1885 to 1895—has been reelected and is now in the

field pushing the work with renewed energy. He is laying plans for broader work, and all the present indications point to greater success in this glorious work. We have had in the employ of the board this year Revs. A. J. Preston and J. W. Sandlin, who have spent most of their time in the rural districts trying to arouse a deeper interest in the enterprises of the denomination. Besides these we have about fifteen missionary pastors who have been doing faithful work. That all the churches needing help could not receive it is to be regretted. This could be done if all the churches would do their duty.

Respectfully submitted.

I. WINDSOR, Chairman.

Adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that during the year 653 missionaries have been employed, against 467 last year. Baptisms this year, 6,552, against 4,739 last year. They have organized 512 Sunday schools, with 14,768 teachers and pupils. The amount raised and expended on the field for Home Missions this year is \$65,818.81; for building houses of worship, \$50,050.33, making a total of \$115,869.14. Of this amount the Woman's Missionary Union has contributed in money and clothing \$36,696.73.

Much good has been done; many souls have been born into the Kingdom of Christ. The increase in workers, conversions and money raised should encourage us that God is with His people. Yet, brethren, we have not done our full duty; the number of our converts have not kept pace with our increasing population. We must have more power, and that power cometh only from the Holy Spirit to those that fear and serve the Lord. Then let us give our whole hearts to God and the missionaries and money we send out, backed by our prayers, will conquer all for the Master.

Respectfully submitted.

C. L. MERONEY, Chairman.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Southern Baptists, through their Foreign Mission board at Richmond, Va., are supporting missionaries in China, Africa, Italy, Mexico, Brazil and Japan. We are glad to be able to report that the day star has made its appearance. The clouds are breaking, light is increasing, the day is dawning and our

noble band of videts are vigilant and ever ready to obey the Great Captain of our salvation in preaching the gospel to a lost world. We have been made to rejoice over the large numbers added to the churches and the new centers of interest opened to the heralds of salvation in numerous instances. There were 701 baptisms in connection with our work on the foreign fields last year.

The total receipts of the F. M. B. for the convention year were \$124,249.69. Of this amount the Woman's Mission Union raised \$21,633.57. While the board was enabled to report all indebtedness removed we should not lose sight of the fact that the cancellation of all the indebtedness was in part due to retrenchment in the work and that the expenses of the board are continuous. Alabama, with an army of 130,000 "Here-we-Rest" Baptists, gave last year to Foreign Missions the small sum of \$5,950.74. Is this the best Alabama can do? With resources well nigh exhaustless, opportunities abundant, responsibilities fearful, ought we not to awake from our slumber and heed our Master's command, "Go work while it is day?" The great work committed to us by our ascended Lord will not be complete until His gospel shall be preached to all peoples. The gospel, the precious gospel, is the power of God unto salvation. The field of missionary operation is the world, the whole world. Some people are near-sighted, "can not see afar off." Beginning at Jerusalem and extending to the uttermost parts of the earth is the plan comprehended in our Lord's great commission. Do we not realize that men are lost without the gospel? Ought we not to read again and again these significant words of our divine Master: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Obedience to Christ is the rock on which we rest and is the true ground upon which all our mission work is based. God has made His people custodians of the gospel. Our gracious Lord said, "Occupy until I come." If the world is to be evangelized God's people must do it. "How shall they call on him in whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?"

God's host have nothing to fear but their own lack of faith. All the treasures of earth are made tributary to those who have faith in Him. The gold and silver are his, and with it tunnels can be dug, mountains sealed, the ocean bridged, the earth be girdled with the light of life. Brethren, by the glory and magnitude of our work; by the infinite authority of the great commission of our Lord; by the love which we bear for Him who died to save us; by all the sacred promises of our covenant-keeping God; by the glad hope of the glorious appearing of Jesus

Christ let us vow allegiance to our Lord and give our money, our time, our talents, our sympathy, our prayers, ourselves to the great work of preaching the gospel to the whole world.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. AVERY, Chairman.

Adopted.

The reports on Education and Ministerial Education were read and discussed jointly by James Hogan, A. J. Dickinson and J. M. Collier.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

The Baptists of Shelby Association want good government in church and state. They believe in civilization and christianity. They want their children to become intelligent christians. They would, perhaps, like to live correctly in every particular. To all these things education is requisite, absolutely necessary. Therefore education ought to be popularized; it should be diffused among the masses, and this can be done by materially improving the common schools. The first requisite to improving these schools is for the people to decide to improve them. This decision must be backed by a strong determination and a willingness to act. We can educate our children. Baptists of Shelby Association, why don't we do it? Are we not largely to blame for the present state of affairs? Why do we not decide, determine, do? We need better schoolhouses, teachers and patrons. These can be had for the trying. We rejoice that the Howard College debt has been paid, and pledge ourselves to the support of Howard College, Judson Institute, and the Seminary so far as is practicable.

Respectfully submitted.

ROSS ARNOLD, Chairman.

Adopted.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your committee on ministerial education, beg leave to submit the following:

In the olden times we read of schools of the prophets, and in the new dispensation Christ himself organized into a theological institute those that left all and followed Him. Hence, from time immemorial it has been a scriptural custom for God's ministry to be drilled by the fathers and the Master as they went

out to teach in divine things. Since our Divine Master spent nearly thirty years of His own life in holy meditation, prayer and preparation for His three years of active teaching, ministry and service ere He entered fully upon His mission, surely His mortal, earthly teachers need infinitely more to educate themselves amply, and to add to this the whole armour of God in His personal absence that they may go forth in humble imitation of Him who spoke as never man spake. Since the mechanic, the artisan, the pharmacist, the physician, the lawyer, and now especially the school teacher must pass up over the stairway of grades and finally through the inner chamber of the rigid examination room before they dare attempt to practice upon dead or living material, surely men of like passion with ourselves who are to instruct in all spiritual wisdom pertaining to the eternal life and destiny of the people should never rest until they have obtained all that the schools are able to give before they assume for life the positions of watchmen upon the walls of Zion and mouthpieces for God to stand between the living and the dead.

Since the pulpit instructor of to-day is to instruct all intelligences in righteousness and refute all of the false doctrines and dogmas of this awful age of issues and higher criticisms, of this wonderful age of light and knowledge, of scientific wonders and inventions; therefore it is passing imperative that he equip himself as thoroughly for war. First, in the common school and academy, next in Howard College, our adopted school of the prophets, and, lastly, in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for exclusive higher preparation for ably filling the mission of the greatest Teacher of all teachers, rightly dividing the word of truth, giving to each his meat in due season, that mountains of error and sin may become one common level and that the waters of life may cover the whole earth as the waters do the great deep, and thus haste the coming of that glad day when Shiloh comes.

Respectfully submitted.

J. BUNYAN KILPATRICK, Chairman.

The report on Periodicals was read and discussed by J. A. Howard.

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

We, your Committee on Periodicals, beg leave to make the following report:

First, we find that our people do not patronize our denominational literature as they should. We think that the pastors in the bounds of this Association should urge upon their mem-

bers the great need and importance of patronizing the Alabama Baptist and all other religious papers of our denomination: (1) Because it will enable them to keep better posted along our denominational line of work; and (2) because it will lead them to be more in sympathy with the great work of our denomination; and (3) it will make all better christians to read and study the organ of our denomination.

Respectfully submitted.

T. M. NELSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

Prayer was offered by J. A. Howard.

Adjourned.

THURSDAY, August 31.

Pursuant to adjournment the Association met.

Prayer service was conducted by D. R. Jackson.

Lesson read, 15th Psalm.

The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read and discussed by J. C. Whitfield and S. Smitherman.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your committee, report that since our last session one of our beneficiaries, J. H. R. Carden, has fallen asleep and one, J. D. Mills, has moved out of our bounds. This leaves only W. W. Armstrong to be provided for. We find by reference to the minutes of 1898 that only \$15.30 was contributed by the Association for this cause. Can't we as an association comprising 28 churches do better? In the language of Paul, "These things ought not so to be." Let us rally to the support of these old fathers who have worn themselves out in the cause of the Master. May God help us to do it.

Respectfully submitted.

J. C. WHITFIELD, Chairman.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and discussed by D. R. Jackson, G. M. Lowery, T. M. Nelson, H. R. Arnold, J. D. Martin, T. J. Cabaniss, R. H. Long, J. A. Howard, R. E. Woolley and S. Smitherman.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report:

One of the best organizations maintained by the church is

the Sunday school. Necessity gave it birth and nursed it until it became an adult—very powerful and useful, but by no means independent of its parent. It helps to develop the individual intellectually, socially, morally and spiritually. While these things are true yet only 65 per cent of our churches report Sunday schools. We hope that a better report will be made next year.

Respectfully submitted,

D. R. JACKSON, Chairman.

Adopted.

On motion L. L. Padgett was seated as a messenger from Helena church.

The report on Temperance was read and discussed by T. J. Cabaniss, J. A. Howard, J. G. Thornton and R. H. Long.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, beg leave to submit for your consideration the following report on Temperance:

We believe intemperance to be the giant evil of the day—

1. Because of the demoralizing effect upon our nation. All the sins and crimes of our people is because the principles of morality have been destroyed by some form of intemperance. Intemperance furnishes our penitentiaries and chaingangs with 89 per cent of their inmates. In the penitentiary at Sing Sing, New York, 92 per cent of the criminals are there on account of strong drink; at Boston, Mass., 85 per cent.

2. Because alcohol is a destroyer that is deaf to hungry children's cries and famished wives' pleadings. Alcohol robs wives of their husbands, parents of their children, and thousands of innocent mothers and children of their food and raiment. This nation's drink bill is 25 per cent more than all of the necessities of life.

3. Because it robs the church of Christ of its soul-winning influence by some of its weak members tampering with the intoxicating glass.

4. Because it robs the country of its wealth. The direct cost of the liquor traffic in the United States is almost \$1,000,000,000 annually. The indirect cost, according to the most careful estimate, is as follows: \$8,374,889 for maintaining paupers made so by intemperance; \$8,250,000 for insanity caused by intemperance, \$109,600,000 for attendance and medicine in sickness caused by intemperance. To offset all of this the government

receives a yearly income of only \$135,000,000 revenue, which means that the government is paying \$8,124,889 for all this sin and misery. There are in the United States 150,000 licensed saloons which are graduating and turning out on the streets 600,000 drunkards every year, and 60,000 go every year to fill a drunkard's grave and, alas! to a drunkard's hell.

Oh, my christian friends, think of all of this—all of this is the effect of the demon Alcohol. Is there nothing that can be done? We think that much can be done through the Lord Jesus who strengtheneth us. Let this hydra-headed monster be denounced from every pulpit in the land, and let all christians join in the fight with clean lives and praying hearts and ere long, through the Lord Jesus, the victory will be won.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. CABANISS, Chairman.

Adopted.

The report on Institute Work was read and discussed by S. Smitherman, C. W. O'Hara and T. M. Nelson.

REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

We, your committee, recognize in ministerial institute work a mode of rendering assistance to preachers on the field. We believe that it is a God-given work and that great good is being accomplished in the work conducted by Revs. G. S. Anderson and David. Therefore, we recommend that each church in the Association send contributions for this work and that they send their pastors to all the institutes that comes within their reach. We believe the institute is a blessing to any community in which it may be held. May the Lord bless this work.

Respectfully submitted.

S. SMITHERMAN, Chairman.

Adopted.

The report on Nominations was read. There being a majority and minority report the report was amended by striking out the words, "Summer Hill Church," and inserting the words, "Bethel Church." After considerable discussion the motion to amend prevailed.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee, report as follows:

Executive Committee—C. W. O'Hara, J. L. Peters, G. M. Lowery and H. T. Caffey.

To preach the Introductory Sermon at the next session—
N. S. Jones.

To preach the Missionary Sermon—Isaac Windsor.

Delegates to the S. B. Convention—N. S. Jones; alternate,
H. C. Reynolds.

Delegates to the State Convention—C. W. O'Hara. T. M. Nelson, R. H. Pratt, S. A. Latham, C. L. Meroney, J. M. Collier, John Parks, N. S. Jones, G. M. Lowery and S. Smitherman.

The next session of the Association to be held with Bethel Church, commencing on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in September, 1900.

Respectfully submitted.

J. F. AVERYT.

J. T. UPSHAW.

H. B. BUFORD.

Adopted.

The committee on the demise of Elder J. H. R. Carden, deceased, reported, and after many pleasant remarks in reference to decedant the report was adopted and given a page in these minutes.

The report on Finance was read and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report as follows:

For State Missions.....	\$10 50
For Home Missions.....	2 00
For Ministerial Education...	10 00
For Orphan's Home.....	9 51
For Minutes	47 60

For Associational purposes. \$79 61

Respectfully submitted.

C. A. MASON, Chairman.

The report of the Treasurer was read and adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. O'Hara, treasurer, in account with Shelby Association:

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 1, 1898	To balance last report.....	\$100 17
Dec. 1	am't S. Hill Ch. for indg. ministers.....	80
July 1	Columbiana Ch. " "	4 59
	Total.....	105 56

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept. 5, 1898	By am't. paid State Board of Missions.....	1 00
	Home Mission Board.....	2 75
	Foreign Mission Board ...	5 86
	Ministerial Education....	18 50
7	J. H. R. Carden, indigent minister.....	1 05
	J. D. Mills, " "	1 05
	W. W. Armstrong " "	1 05
19	Orphanage.....	18 55
29	Minutes	22 50
July 8, 1899	W. W. Armstrong, indigent minister...	2 50
	Blank Association Letters.....	50
	Postage, Ex. and revenue.....	1 84
	Clerk's salary ...	17 72
	Surplus, to clerk.....	7 80
Aug. 29	On hand for indigent ministers.....	2 89
	Total.....	<u>105 56</u>

FOR THE YEAR 1899-1900.

Aug. 31, 1899	To am't received from Finance Committee.	79 61
	Balance on hand for indg. ministers....	2 89
	Total.....	<u>82 50</u>

Respectfully submitted.

C. W. O'HARA, Treasurer.

Appointed standing committees to report at the next session:

ON FAMILY RELIGION—Isaac Windsor, D. R. Jackson and A. J. Day.

ON EDUCATION—J. M. Collier, P. A. Wood and John Parks.

ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—J. B. Kilpatrick, C. L. Meroney and W. S. Thompson.

ON PERIODICALS—F. Mynatt, T. J. McMillan and J. W. Day.

ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS—J. L. Peters, S. W. Nelson and W. T. O'Hara.

ON STATE MISSIONS—J. F. Averyt, W. R. Craig, C. P. Keith.

ON HOME MISSIONS—A. P. Longshore, W. G. Parker and R. D. O'Hara.

ON FOREIGN MISSIONS—N. S. Jones, R. E. Wooley and W. S. Lovelady.

ON TEMPERANCE—H. C. Reynolds, N. T. Lucas, E. M. Daniel.

ON SABBATH SCHOOLS—Wm. Lyman, E. G. Walker, N. J. Jarvis.

ON ORPHAN'S HOME—J. E. Adams, J. T. J. Wilder, J. W. Dodson.

ON INSTITUTE WORK—S. Smitherman, W. M. Kirbo and David Kendrick.

Ordered 500 copies of the Minutes printed and that the Clerk receive \$20 for his services.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association are extended to this church and community for their bountiful hospitality during our session.

After singing, while the messengers gave the parting hand, and prayer by Rev. N. S. Jones, the Association adjourned sine die.

R. H. PRATT, MODERATOR.

C. W. O'HARA, CLERK.

IN MEMORIAM.

James Harvey Reuben Carden was born May 4, 1821, and died June 9, 1899. He was converted before he was grown, and soon began to exercise his gifts: and was called to ordination early in life, preaching in the same region down to old age with much usefulness. He belonged to that class who founded most of our churches in Alabama. He was as well acquainted with the English scriptures as any man in the State, quoting ad libitum from any part, rarely ever needing a concordance to find any passage referred to. He formed his own system of theology directly out of the Bible, yielding nothing to any man's mere opinions. His opinions were convictions, and no doubt he would have gone to the stake rather than renounce the smallest part of Divine teaching. No one ever had a profounder sense of the evil of sin and the greatness of redemption than he. His earthly record is on the tattered leaves of old and forgotten church books, but registered on high to be brought forth again when the Chief Shepherd shall appear.

G. M. LOWERY, Chairman.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. Smitherman	Brierfield
Isaac Windsor	Brierfield
N. S. Jones	Montevallo
J. B. Kilpatrick	Montevallo
J. G. Thornton	Montevallo
N. T. Lucas	Montevallo
N. J. Jarvis	Dogwood
G. M. Lowery	Wilsonville
W. W. Armstrong	Wilsonville
E. B. Teague	Redlawn
J. C. Lyon	Redlawn
C. W. O'Hara	Columbiana
G. W. Crumpton	Columbiana
B. C. Hughes	Weldon
T. M. Nelson	Shelby Springs
J. W. Day	Calera

LICENTIATES.

W. M. Kirbo	Furnace
James Davis	Columbiana
I. J. Davis	Columbiana
J. M. Whitfield	Columbiana
T. J. Cabaniss	Lewis
Henry Fancher	Montevallo

Financial Exhibit of Shelby Association for Year 1899.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.					EDUCATION.			Orphans' Home.	Minutes.	HOME EXPENSES.			Total.	Value of Property.	
	State	Home	Foreign	Church bldg. (not at home)	Institute Work	Indigent Ministers	Ministerial.	College Buildings.			Incidental.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs and Building.			Miscellaneous.
*Bethlehem										2 00				2 00		
Brierfield										2 25				2 25		
Bethesda			\$5 00			\$1 58				3 75				3 75	\$1000	
§Bethel										1 50				1 50	400	
Cahaba Valley										2 50				2 50	800	
Columblana	\$12 78	\$6 41	9 42	\$7 00	\$4 59	4 59				7 00				8 06	400	
Center Hill										2 50				2 50	400	
Calera	6 39	1 00		5 70						9 00				9 00	1200	
Dogwood Grove	1 00	1 00								2 50				2 50	100	
Enon		11 60								12 00				12 00	200	
Florence										1 50				1 50	250	
Free Springs			3 30							55				55		
*Helena										2 90				2 90	800	
+Kingdom										1 50				1 50	800	
*Longview										1 50				1 50	600	
Liberty								6 36		4 00				75 00	575	
Mt. Calvary										1 50				1 50	300	
Montevillo	39 25	40 15	10 25	2 95			14 00			3 00	570 00	1535 44	32 39	1 50	250	
*Mars Hill										3 00				3 00	4965	
Macedonia										1 50				1 50	150	
New Prospect		3 50								1 50				5 00	200	
New Hopewell										1 50				1 50	100	
New Antioch										55				55		
Pilgrim's Rest										1 00				1 00		
Rocky Ridge		1 15								2 50				4 20	200	
Six Mile								3 00		2 50	100 00			105 50	800	
Summer Hill	5 53					80				1 80	41 98	12 30	1 60	64 01	200	
Shelby	16 60	3 00	3 00							2 50	85 00	20 68	26 92	282 30		
Collections at Association	9 50													26 51		
Total	91 05	66 81	30 97	15 65	4 59	8 07	27 61	125 90	77 36	66 51	47 60	1511 53	1783 22	153 22	3910 09	15765

* Not represented. § Pledged for Home Missions \$10.00. + Pledged for Home Missions \$5.00. † Of this amount the Sunday school contributed \$52.00; Woman's Society \$140.26; Sunbeams \$22.50.

Statistics of Shelby Association, 1899

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S POST OFFICE.	Membership Last Reported	INCREASE BY				DECREASE BY				Present Membership.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths.	No. prayermeet- ings per month.	
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.		Officers and Teachers	Pupils.	Superintendent's name and post office.			
*Bethlehem	Shelby				16									16						
Brierfield	Bibb	S. Smitherman	J. M. Collier	Brierfield	33	3	18	1		5				50	7	35	Joseph Goer, Ashby	Third	2	
Bethesda	Shelby	T. V. Nell	C. C. Seale	Wilsonville	123		3			21	2	1	4	98						
*Bethel	do	G. M. Lowery	J. C. Whitfield	Columbiana		2	30							32	3	87	S. H. Whitfield, Columbiana	Third	4	
Calaba Valley	Bibb	James Hogan	E. B. McGuire	Six Mile	131	1	1	1	3					131	7	56	H. L. Wallace, Six Mile	Fourth		
Columbiana	Shelby	A. E. Burns	F. Mynatt	Columbiana	73	2	4			6				73	9	50	F. Mynatt, Columbiana	Third	4	
Center Hill	do	I. J. Davis	J. C. Coker	Wilsonville	40		1			33				38						
Calera	do	J. W. Day	J. T. McMillan	Calera	37		3						1	37	6	35	C. C. Slaton, Calera	First	4	
Dogwood Grove	do	J. D. Martin	R. E. Woolley	Dogwood	142	3	10	2	1	11	2	5		140	6	50	M. V. Lawley, Dogwood	Second	4	
Enon	do	R. H. Long	Burton Lucas	Montevallo	45	3	3	1	3	2				45	5	46	T. L. Lucas, Montevallo	First		
Florence	do	B. C. Hughes	J. M. Orenshaw	Lewis	48					9		12		37						
Free Springs	Chilton	R. H. Long	W. L. Brown	Brierfield	33	5	11			1	2	1		48	6	25	W. E. Brown, Brierfield	Second		
*Helena	Shelby				48									48						
Kingdom	do	G. M. Lowery	J. F. Hill	Wilsonville	85	7	2			14		1		79						
*Longview	do				43									43						
Liberty	do	R. A. Kidd	A. F. Carden	Weldon	141	5	4			1				149	7	100	M. J. Cooper, Coalville	First		
Mt. Calvary	do	G. M. Lowery	J. L. Mooney	Pelham	54		1			11	1			43						
Montevallo	do	N. S. Jones	C. L. Meroney	Montevallo	102		14			5	2	1	1	107	15	175	Wm. Lyman, Montevallo	Each Sab.	4	
*Murfess Hill	Jefferson				51									51						
Macedonia	Shelby	N. J. Jarvis	J. E. Harper	Montevallo	42	7	2			1		1		49						
New Prospect	do	G. M. Lowery	W. C. Carden	Weldon	49		3			2	1	2		47						
New Hopewell	do	James Davis	H. L. D. Phillips	Shelby Springs	63		1			6	3	1		54						
New Antioch	do				100									100						
Pilgrim's Rest	do	N. T. Lucas	H. K. Thomas	Lynch	21	1	2							24	5	30	S. B. Strickland, Columbiana	Third		
Rocky Ridge	do	G. W. Crumpton	W. M. Davis	Columbiana	67					6		1		60						
Six Mile	Bibb	James Hogan	P. M. Faneher	Six Mile	80		4			13		1		70	6	30	M. G. Langston, Six Mile	First		
Summer Hill	Shelby	T. M. Nelson	L. Q. Gould	Columbiana	43	10	5			4	1			53	7	47	J. T. Upshaw, Columbiana	Fourth		
Shelby	do	James Hogan	W. R. Craig	Shelby	53	1	1			2				53	6	75	J. F. Avery, Shelby	Second		
					1763	53	123	4	5	114	32	5	22	1775	99	831				

* Not represented—previous total given. † Constituted in 1898.