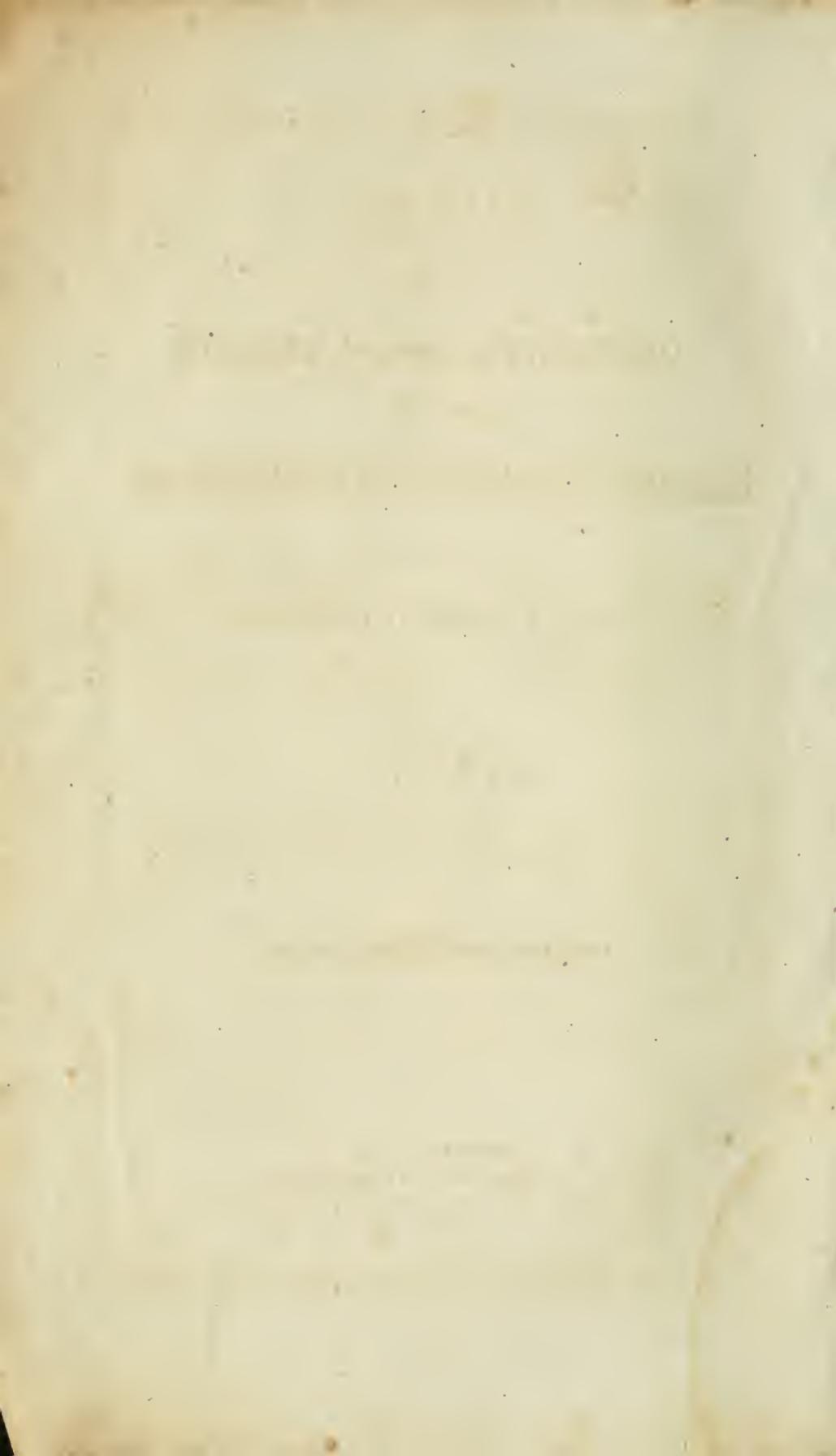


MINUTES
OF THE
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,
HELD WITH
MOUNT HARMONY CHURCH,
AT
LEBANON,
DEKALB CO. ALABAMA.

CONVENED SEPTEMBER 14th 1855.

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FRIDAY, *September 14*, 1855.

The Delegates composing the CHEROKEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, met with Mount Harmony Church, DeKalb County, Ala., on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1855.

1. The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Jno. J. D. Renfro, from the Book of the Prophecies of Daniel, 10th chapter, and first clause of the 21st verse—"I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth."

2. The Association then convened. Prayer by the Moderator.

3. The Letters from the Churches were called for, and the names of Delegates enrolled.

4. Called for Petitionary letters, when the following newly constituted churches, to wit: Fair View, Gadsden and Hopewell, presented letters, upon the reading of which they were severally received into the fellowship of this Body.

5. Proceeded to elect Moderator and Clerk, for the ensuing year.—Elected W. C. Mynatt, Moderator, and brother John Lawrence, Clerk.

6. The Moderator then appointed, as Committee on Preaching, bro's John B. Walden, and Charles C. Ridings, from the church, and bro's D. H. Amos, James S. McGhee, and S. J. Williams, from the Body.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, Sept. 15.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder William Kimzie.

1. Called the Roll and marked absentees.

2. The Minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

3. Corresponding Messengers and Delegates were then called for, when brothers J. M. Jett, and J. Capshaw, presented a package of Minutes from the Tennessee River Association of Baptists, asking the privilege of opening a correspondence with this Body. The subject was postponed until the Committee on Documents reports.

4. The following Committees were then appointed, to wit:

On the State of Religion—Elder John B. Appleton, and brothers H. O. Golightly, and M. H. Turner.

On Domestic Missions—Brothers John B. Walden, Thomas Hammock, and Elder M. Hendrix.

On Temperance—Brothers T. N. Appleton, A. B. Smith, and Elder William Kinzie.

On Documents—Brothers A. W. Cunningham, E. T. Willingham, and S. Miller.

On Finance—Brothers John B. Walden, C. W. Lay, and Vann Hall.

On Foreign Missions—Elders John J. D. Renfroe, John B. Appleton, and brother C. W. Lay.

On the Bible Cause—Brother John Lawrence, Elders G. W. Eaton, and J. A. Reeves.

On Education—Brothers S. E. Brooks, A. W. Cunningham, and M. H. Turner.

On Publications—Brothers M. H. Turner, John Lawrence, and Elder John J. D. Renfroe.

5. It was then made known that Elder Silas Witt was present, under appointment of the TALLASAHATCHEE ASSOCIATION, as Corresponding Messenger from that Body, without Letter or Minutes. Elder Witt was received.

6. Elder J. R. Haggard, from the CAHAWBA ASSOCIATION, was invited to participate in the deliberations of this Body. Invitation accepted.

7. The Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting, for the First District, will be held with the Church at Cedar Bluff, commencing on Friday before the 2d Sabbath in July, 1856. For the Second District, with Macedonia Church, commencing on Saturday before the 2d Sabbath in June, 1856.

8. It was ordered by this Body that the Clerk have 600 copies of these Minutes printed.

9. Appointed Elders John J. D. Renfroe, John B. Appleton, W. C. Mynatt, and brothers A. W. Cunningham and C. W. Lay, Delegates to the Baptist State Convention. Elder John J. D. Renfroe to write.

10. A Letter of Dismission was granted to Mount Pleasant Church, St. Clair County, Ala.

11. Appointed, as Distributing Agents, in the 1st District, brothers H. O. Golightly, and S. J. Williams. In the 2d District, brothers A. B. Smith, and John B. Walden.

Adjourned to 2 o'clock, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

The Committee appointed at our last session, to visit Antioch Church, reported that they had visited the church, called the members together, and procured a representation of said church, before this Body, at its present session. Report received.

2. It was ordered that the next annual meeting of this Body be held

with Unity Church, Cherokee County, Ala., commencing on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in August next.

3. Elder John B. Appleton was appointed to deliver the next Introductory Sermon before this Body. Elder Wm. Kimzie, his Alternate.

4. Elder John J. D. Renfroe was appointed to deliver the next Missionary Sermon before this Body. Elder Wm. Kimzie, his Alternate.

5. The Report of Committee on Documents was read, received, amended and adopted. See Exhibit A.

6. The brethren from the Tennessee River Association were then received, and correspondence opened with that Body.

7. Appointed Corresponding Messengers to the following Associations:

To the Tallasahatchee—Elder J. A. Reeves, and M. Hendrix, and brothers A. B. Smith, and C. W. Lay. Brother C. W. Lay to write.

To the Coosa—Elders G. W. Eaton, John B. Appleton, and W. C. Mynatt. Brother M. H. Turner to write.

To the Muscle Shoals—Elder John J. D. Renfroe, and brothers C. W. Lay, M. H. Turner, and R. M. Williams. S. E. Brooks to write.

To the Tennessee River—Elders M. R. Lyon, William Kimzie, and brother Robert Conner. Elder M. R. Lyon to write.

To the Ten Islands—Elders W. C. Mynatt, John J. D. Renfroe, M. Hendrix, and brothers C. W. Lay, and E. T. Willingham. Brother T. N. Appleton to write. Correspondence opened with this Body at our present session.

Adjourned to 9 o'clock Monday morning.

The stand was occupied on Sabbath by Elders Mynatt and Renfroe, at the Church, and at the Court-house by Elder Kimzie. Elder Mynatt delivered the Missionary Sermon from the 20th verse of the 16th chap. of the Lord's Gospel by St. Mark.—“And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word, with signs following;” at the conclusion of which, a public collection was taken up for Home Missionary purposes, amounting to \$21,15. In the after-noon, Elder Renfroe preached from the following text of scripture: “And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship”—found recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, 2d chap. and 42d verse. The exercises of the day appeared to produce a salutary effect upon the minds of the audience. We confidently hope that the word spoken will be as good seed cast into good ground, and that it may produce from sixty to one hundred fold.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Met pursuant to adjournment.

- 1 Prayer by Elder Silas Witt. Called the roll and marked absentees.
- 2 The minutes of the precedeing day were read and approved.
- 3 Letters to corresponding Associations called for, read and approved.
- 4 The letter to the Baptist State Convention was then read and approved.

5 The Report of the committee under appointment of this body at its annual meeting in 1853, to visit and labor with certain churches, was called for, read, received and adopted.—See Exhibit B.

6 The following resolution was then unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Cherokee Baptist Association withdraw its connection with Providence, Bethany and Pleasant Hill churches, DeKalb county, Ala., as they have become disorderly.

7 Reports on the following subjects were then read and adopted, to wit:

On the Bible Cause—	See	Exhibit	C
On Temperance,	“		D
On Domestic Missions,	“		E
On Foreign Missions,	“		F
On the State of Religion,	“		G
On Education,	“		H
On Publication,	“		I
On Finance,	“		J

8 The reports of the Executive boards of the districts were read and adopted.—See exhibits K & L.

9 Appointed as Executive Board for the 1st District, brothers Jno. Lawrence, F. M. Hardwick, H. O. Golightly, R. M. & S. J. Williams; for the 2d district, brothers Jno. B. Walden, Thomas Hammock, T.N. Appleton, C. W. Lay and E. T. Goggin.

10 It was ordered by the Body, that the public collection taken up on Sabbath, be divided equally between the districts.

This Body then recommended, that the members composing the several churches in union with it, observe Thursday before the 3d Sabbath in November next, as a day of Fasting and Prayer to Almighty God, for a revival of religion, and a gracious outpouring of his spirit in our Association, and elsewhere.

11 Resolutions in relation to the opinion held by this Body, of the moral and christian character, of Elders John J. D. Renfroe and Jesse N. Sealy, offered by brother John B. Walden, were read and adopted.—See exhibits M & N.

12 The following resolution was offered by Elder John J. D. Renfroe, and unanimously adopted by the Body—viz:

Resolved, That this Body invite Elder J. R. Graves, editor of the Tennessee Baptist, to meet with it at the time and place of holding its next annual meeting.

The following queries, sent up by Pleasant Grove church—to wit: “Is it consistent for Baptists to commune with Pedo-Baptists; or would a church be considered in order that would suffer her members to do so, and not deal with them, as for other violations of law?” were then taken up, and after an able discussion of the subject, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That it is not consistent with the faith and usages of Baptists, and contrary to the teachings of the Bible, for members of Baptist churches to commune with Pedo-Baptists.

Resolved, That any church failing to deal with a member for so doing, (as for other violations of law,) shall be considered as out of the order of the Gospel. Adjourned to 8 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by Elder M. R. Lyon.

1 Called the roll and marked absentees.

2 The minutes of the preceding day read, amended and approved.

3 The clerk of this Body was paid \$9,00 balance due for last year's services—made up by voluntary contribution.

4 It is ordered by this Body, that the funds sent up by the churches for minutes and associational purposes, be placed in the hands of the clerk to defray the expense of printing these minutes, and the balance be retained by him as compensation for his services.

5 It is ordered by this Body, that the sum of \$3,30, sent up by Pleasant Grove church for Foreign Missions, be placed in the hands of Elder John J. D. Renfro and sent by him to the Southern Board.

6 *Resolved*, That this Body earnestly request the churches composing it, to send more funds to the next annual meeting, to defray the expense of printing the minutes &c., if they desire any.—And that they admonish their delegates to remain at the Association until the Body closes up its business.

7 *Resolved*, That the churches composing this Body be recommended to hold a convention with Pleasant Grove church, commencing on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in December next, to organize a Bible Society within the bounds of this Association.

8 The Association then adjourned to meet at the time and place designated in the foregoing minutes.

JNO. LAWRENCE, *Clerk*.

W. C. MYNATT, *Mod'r*.

APPENDIX OF EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT A.

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

There was committed to us, the minute of the Tallasahatchee Association; a body with whom we correspond. We have examined it, and find in it nothing very special, but many things of general interest. We have examined the minute of the Tennessee River Association of Baptists, in which we note nothing of special interest. We have, also, examined the queries from Pleasant Grove church, and deem them worthy of notice by this Body. Respectfully submitted.

A. W. CUNNINGHAM, *Ch'n*.

EXHIBIT B.

The committee under appointment of this Body to labor with the

brethren composing Bethany, Providence and Pleasant Hill churches, DeKalb county, Ala., and if possible, reconcile them in relation to the action of this Body, alledged by said churches as grievances, met with Providence church on Tuesday the 3d of July last, at which meeting we were met by the following brethren, to represent Bethany church, to wit: Wm. Gray, A. W. Sheppard, A. J. Land, J. T. M'Brayer, and Jas. M. Ramsey—R. W. Ramsey to represent Pleasant Hill church—which brethren we received and recognized as authorized representatives of said churches.

The church Session was then opened by prayer, upon which the church, through her moderator, announced herself in condition to hear from your committee.

Your committee then entered upon their labors by taking up the 1st specification in the petitions of said churches, to wit: "The reception by this Body of Delegates, appointed at a call meeting of Pleasant Grove church, and the rejection of Delegates appointed at a regular meeting."

This action of the church was justified upon the ground that, at the time of the regular session of the church, there was not a sufficient number of the members of the church present to reflect the policy of the church; and at this meeting there was a delegate elect against whom there was a charge in the minds of the brethren, but which had not then been preferred; and there was a resolution passed which evidently did not reflect the mind of the church;—upon which, several brethren present, entered their protests against the acts of the conference, and the officers of the church refused to sign the minutes.—And the church being an independent body, it had a right to have a called session for the purpose of re-considering a former act, or removing a false impression, and without doubt the notice of the call session in question was generally known to the members of the church.

This Body was justified in receiving the delegation chosen by the church at her said call session, from the fact that they alone presented to this Body evidence of church appointment; and further, the action of the church and Association on this subject was fully satisfied by a committee subsequently called by said church prior to her separation.—The labors of said committee were received by the church in an official manner.

It is a matter of great surprise and regret with your committee, that the churches filing petitions containing this specification should complain of said action; as they, at most, can merely be regarded as third parties. In what manner have they been wronged? What sacred right or privilege of theirs has, in the slightest degree, been molested? In the opinion of your committee the facts controlling this case, are plain and simple. The church at Pleasant Grove in her sovereign capacity, justified this Body in the act about which these churches complain. Yet there appears to have been some malcontents in the church at Pleasant Grove, and these churches in the exercise of their *Charitable* feelings have espoused their cause, and appear determined to sustain them, even if such conduct should prove their final overthrow.

In the 2d specification these churches contend, that this Body, after the separation of Pleasant Grove church, recognized the acts of the minority, regarding them as the church proper &c., which act they consider contrary to the settled policy and usages of the Baptists.

The act of separation seems to have been the legitimate result of the refusal of the so called majority to regard the decision of the committee called by the church in November 1851.

That portion of the church at Pleasant Grove, which, after the separation, met at Newtonville, immediately called in aid from sister churches, to consider the propriety of their action in separating themselves from the malcontents, who had obstinately refused to regard the decision of a committee of their own creating.

The churches obeyed said call; and after a thorough investigation of the causes which had brought about this unhappy division, by the brethren sent up by the churches, they justified the Newtonville party, as they were then called, and recognized the brethren composing said party as the true church at Pleasant Grove. And further: after the above recited separation, each party sent up to this Body letters and delegates in September 1852. The statistics proved that that portion of Pleasant Grove church which worshiped at Newtonville had a greater number of the original church members than the portion which still worshiped at the old meeting-house. So you perceive this Body was justified in her act in this matter; first upon the ground that a committee composed of brethren from several churches, delegated by said churches to investigate and determine the claims of the brethren at Newtonville, justified said brethren in the act of withdrawing themselves from the fellowship of such as walked disorderly, &c.—and further: they, instead of standing in the minority at that time, had a majority of the original members of the church as shown by the statistics.

But, taking another view of the subject, suppose we admit what these churches claim, that the delegates received by this Body in 1852 represented a minority of the original members of the church at Pleasant Grove, and prove that said majority was in gross disorder, and that a respectable minority was in the right, what should have been the decision of this Body? Your committee referred them to the action of the Union Baptist Association of this State in 1850—a case precisely in point.—We also referred them to the writings of Jesse Mercer upon the same subject. The proofs of your committee seemed to be overwhelming; but we feel conscious that our labors have all been spent in vain; as we insisted upon an expression from the churches at the close of our labors, but we were refused, and they promised to furnish us with the decision of the said churches immediately after their regular conferences. We afterward procured decisions from said churches. They informed your committee that, as you had not empowered them to enter into a full and thorough investigation of the difficulties which separated the church at Pleasant Grove, the objects of their complaint had not been answered; and that the cause of dissatisfaction had neither been removed nor palliated.

In conclusion, your committee is under the painful necessity of recommending your withdrawal from any former connection with said churches, as they have become disorderly, and have rejected all consistent efforts to reclaim them from the errors into which they have fallen. May the Great Head of the church yet reclaim them.—“For whosoever

er transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive not into your house, neither bid him God speed: for he that bideth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LAWRENCE, *Chair'n.*

EXHIBIT C.

Your committee to whom was referred the Bible cause, report as follows: We have had the cause under consideration, and must acknowledge that we are at a loss to know what we should write or recommend on the subject. That the subject is one worthy of serious reflection, and one which should enlist the sympathies of every true disciple of Christ, who will presume to deny? Admitting then, that the free circulation of the Bible is a matter of general importance, we recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions—to wit:

Resolved, That the Cherokee Baptist Association, feeling and acknowledging the necessity of procuring a more general circulation of the Bible, will undertake to furnish the district within its limits with copies of the Sacred Scriptures.

Resolved, That, to carry out the spirit of the foregoing resolution the Association will form a Bible Society, constituted upon the principles recommended by the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville.

Resolved, That this Body recommend the several churches composing it to form congregational Bible Societies, constituted upon the principles recommended by the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN LAWRENCE, *Chair'n.*

EXHIBIT D.

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

While the subject has been but little agitated during our associational year, we are glad to know that the denomination is becoming awake to the withering and blighting effects of intoxicating drinks upon religion, even when used in moderation; and we hope the day is not far distant when the Baptists, with united voice, shall proclaim to the world their freedom from the galling yoke of alcoholic bondage. We would urge upon our ministers the propriety of preaching at least one sermon upon the subject to each of the churches they may supply.

Respectfully submitted.

T. N. APPLETON, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT E.

The undersigned committee to whom was referred the matter of Domestic Missions report: That from the information received, they find that the 1st District had, during the past year, the labors of Elder Jno. J. D. Renfroe in that Missionary field. In the 2d District it is ascertained that although great destitution existed there, no missionary has been employed for its supply.

Your committee recommend that Pleasant Grove, Mount Harmony and Antioch churches, and some point near Valley Head, in DeKalb county, be designated in the 2d District as a special field for operations for the ensuing year, and that the committee in said District spare no effort to supply it with the preached word, and that they endeavor to secure aid from the Southern Board.

JOHN B. WALDEN, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT F.

The committee on Foreign Missions report:

DEAR BRETHREN:—Limits will not permit us to go into a discussion of the merits of this subject, yet, it is one of great magnitude, and as such demands our sympathy, an interest in our prayers, and a cheerful contribution of a portion of our means, to place the word of life, and to aid in preaching the gospel to every nation. It is now an admitted fact, that it is the duty of this people to send the gospel to the heathen; and as christians it certainly devolves on the members of this Body to do something in this glorious work of God's people. We now, and have long, enjoyed the blessings of the gospel; and many of the American people have rejected its divine precepts. Should we therefore sit down, believing that we have done our whole duty, while the poor heathens are going down to death and hell for want of the Gospel of Christ? Oh then, let us do something to place the cross, the great cross of Christ, within the reach of other nations, which are now without it!

We insert the following contributions for Foreign Missions, to wit:

From Mill Creek church, \$3,50; from H. O. Golightly, \$1,00 for Indian missions; from Elizabeth Morgan for Chinese Bible cause \$1,00; from Pleasant Grove church, \$3,30; from M. H. Turner \$1,00; which appears to be all that has been done for the cause among us.

JNO. J. D. RENFROE, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT G.

We, your committee, to whom was referred the State of Religion, beg leave to report as follows:

From all the information in our possession, the churches are generally in peace; but coldness and barrenness seem to have been the prevailing characteristic during the past year. Brethren, there must be a cause for these things, and it becomes us to inquire where it lies, and endeavor to

devise a remedy. We would earnestly recommend to our churches the consideration of prayer meetings, Sabbath Schools, family worship, and an increased interest in our missionary operations, as promotive of good among us; and lastly, we would ask the Body to appoint a day of Fasting and Prayer, and request the observance of the same by all the churches. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN B. APPLETON, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT II.

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to report as follows:

It is a matter of regret, that there is not such interest taken in the great work of improving the mind, as we would desire. That there is no subject more intimately connected with the interest of every one, and especially with the cause of Baptists in North Alabama, no one of rationality will deny. And the fact of the importance of this subject suggests to the minds of your committee the propriety of recommending it to the serious and prayerful consideration of this Body. And, although the subject has not received due consideration, as we believe, by the brethren in our bounds; yet, we confidently hope for, and anxiously look forward to, the time when we may enjoy equal educational facilities to any region in our Southern country. And furthermore: we hope that the time will soon come, when an educated ministry will be fully appreciated, and our brethren fully aroused to action upon this subject.

Respectfully submitted.

S. E. BROOKS, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT I.

Your committee on Publications, report as follows:

We have had the subject under consideration, and conceive it to be one of great importance. No denomination can excel us in denominational works. God has blessed us with great and good men, who, filled with gospel truth, have supplied almost every book necessary for the diffusion of light and knowledge; and it now devolves on us to disseminate that knowledge, by placing those books in the hands of the people.

Our brethren and sisters, our sons and daughters, must and will read; and if we fail to supply them with good and religious literature, they will fill their minds with the trash of the novel and fanciful.

The doctrine of the Baptist church is the doctrine of the Holy Bible, and has only to be understood to be believed, even by those who are as distant from us in sentiment as the poles, and our own brethren will be more firmly united in that *one* Holy God, that *one* Gospel Faith, and that *one* only scriptural baptism; and in every day life they will more earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints.

As regards Publication societies, we simply say, that for variety and cheapness, none can excel the A. B. P. S., but as a southern people we should patronize Southern Institutions, therefore would remark, that

the S. B. P. S. at Charleston, S. C., is doubtless worthy the support and demands the aid and sympathy of every Baptist in the south. The Tennessee B. P. S. at Nashville, has met with success, so far unprecedented in the history of any other denomination; caused, doubtless by the zeal of those good brethren in their fearless and unhesitating maintenance of the truth. We therefore recommend to every member of every church in this Association to give his aid and patronage to this Society, and at once procure the books they so much need.

Our limits will not permit us to name the many books which we believe every Baptist, and indeed every person capable of reading, should have. We will however name the following, to wit: The Baptist Library, a book which will supercede the necessity of the purchasing of many others—it is indeed of itself a library. "The Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge," we should all have, but more particularly ministers. "The Evils of Infant Baptism," by Howell, is a work of much originality and should be in every baptist family. "The Great Iron wheel," by Elder J. Graves, Editor of the Tennessee Baptist, is a work of much merit, and will well repay every one who will purchase and read it. "Orchard's History of the Baptists" from A. D. 33 to A. D. 1800, should be placed by the Bible of every baptist; not that it is an inspired work, but because it takes up the sufferings and persecutions of the family of God, where inspiration leaves them, and shows that there has been a people truly Baptist in faith and practice from the Apostolic age to the present time. These works can all be had at the Tennessee B. P. S. as cheap as any man desirous of information could wish them.

Of Baptist Periodicals and Papers, we will remark that the "South-Western Baptist," our own State Paper, edited by Elder Samuel Henderson, at Tuskegee, Ala., is a good paper, and well deserves the patronage of the brethren of this Body. "The Southern Baptist Review and Eclectic," published at Nashville, and edited by J. R. Graves and J. M. Pendleton, a monthly in pamphlet form, well deserves our patronage. "The child's Paper" also published at Nashville, is just what all our children should have. "The Parlor visitor," for females, every mother and daughter should read; it is edited by Dr. Wm. P. Jones, Nashville. "The Home and Foreign Journal," published at Richmond, Va., at 25 cents per annum;—shame on those of us who do not take this paper. "The Tennessee Baptist," edited by J. R. Graves—weekly—is set up for the defense and dissemination of Bible truth; and in our judgment it is the best Baptist paper in the world; we need not speak in its praises, its able editor has already established its character, and your committee hope that ere long it will visit every baptist family, and especially those of our own body.

Respectfully submitted.

M. H. TURNER, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT J.

The committee on Finance make the following report:

Amount of contribution for Minutes,	- - - -	\$28,60
Amount " Associational purposes,	- - - -	8,65
Amount " Correspondence,	- - - -	1,15
Amount " Domestic Missions,	- - - -	90
Amount " Baptist State Convention,	- - - -	2,65
Amount " Foreign Missions;	- - - -	3,30
Amount of public collection for Home Missions,	- - - -	21,15
All of which is submitted.		

JNO. B. WALDEN, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT K.

The Executive Board of the 1st District, to the Cherokee Baptist Association—*Dear Brethren:*

We propose to report to your Body the action we have had under your appointment. We have procured the appointment, by the Southern Board, of Elder John J. D. Renfroe as missionary for the current year, at a salary of \$400. We pay \$200, the Southern Board the remaining \$200.

Under the circumstances surrounding the churches in this District, we will have to secure the co-operation of the Southern Board for the ensuing year, if they, and the surrounding country, have the gospel preached to them. We, therefore, recommend the appointment of an efficient Board for our District for the ensuing year.

JOHN LAWRENCE, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT L.

The Executive Board of the 2d District, to the Cherokee Baptist Association—*Dear Brethren:*

We have to report, that about \$110 was pledged to the support of a missionary within our bounds, for the past year—that this Board failed however, to procure the services of any one to engage in the work, and the subscription, consequently, can be of no avail. The appointment of an active, efficient Executive Board, for the ensuing year, is earnestly recommended.

J. B. WALDEN, *Chairman.*

EXHIBIT M.

Whereas, it is rumored in certain quarters that Elder Jno. J. D. Renfroe is not of character and rank adequate or worthy to discuss the truths of the Gospel of Christ and of his church, Therefore

Resolved That this Body indorse his moral and christian character, and commend him in the work of the ministry, feeling confident that he is

able, under God, to uphold the truths of the Bible, in opposition to the doctrines of men, whoever or wherever they may be found in the bounds of this Association, or elsewhere.

EXHIBIT N.

Whereas, it is understood that reports derogatory to the character and standing of Elder J. N. Sealy, of North Port Ala., as a Baptist minister, are circulated and received in certain sections in the bounds of this Association. Therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body, from evidence afforded by his known labors, as well as his credentials, that he is an accredited Baptist minister, and that this Body cordially approve of his ministerial exercises during his stay within our bounds in 1854; and therefore would commend him in the gospel to brethren everywhere in the like spirit the Apostle Paul commended Timothy.



Ordained Ministers.

Post-Office.

WM. KIMZIE,	- - - - -	<i>Valley Head, Ala.</i>
G. W. EATON,	- - - - -	" " "
W. C. MYNATT,	- - - - -	<i>Cedar Bluff,</i> "
JOHN J. D. RENFROE,	- - - - -	" " "
MADISON HENDRIX,	- - - - -	<i>Turkey Town,</i> "
JACOB COFFMAN,	- - - - -	<i>Gaylesville,</i> "
J. A. REEVES,	- - - - -	<i>Duck Springs,</i> "
JOHN B. APPLETON,	- - - - -	<i>Van Buren,</i> "
WADE SLATON,	- - - - -	<i>Guntersville,</i> "
M. R. LYON,	- - - - -	<i>Lyonville,</i> "

Licentiates.

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A. B. SMITH,	- - - - -	<i>Duck Springs, Ala.</i>
C. WARREN LAY,	- - - - -	<i>Hendrixville,</i> "
N. D. C. RENFROE,	- - - - -	<i>Cedar Bluff,</i> "
ROBERT COMER,	- - - - -	<i>Lyonville,</i> "
S. E. BROOKS,	- - - - -	<i>Lebanon,</i> "

STATEMENT OF THE CHURCHES FOR THE YEAR 1855.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	P. O.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	BY WHOM SUPPLIED.	Associationl purposes,	For Minutes,	Totals.	Blacks.	Whites.	Dead.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Restored.	Received.	Baptized.	Sabbaths of meetings,	
SECOND DISTRICT.																	
Cedar Bluff, -	Cherokee, -	Cedar Bluff, -	W. C. Mynatt, J. J. D. Renfro, } John Lawrence, - - - - -	W. C. Mynatt, -	284	5	5	130	25	1	1	10	1	4	3	4	3
Unity, - - -	" - - -	" - - -	H. Turner, E. T. Willingham, - - -	John J. D. Renfro,	4	3	4	63	3	1	5	3	1	5	1	5	1
Mill Creek, -	" - - -	Gaylesville, -	H. O. Gougherty, Samuel Miller, -	" " " "	3	1	2	62	2	6	6	6	2	1	2	1	2
Yellow Creek, -	" - - -	Leesburg, -	S. J. Williams, A. Mackey, } W. D. Bearden, - - - - -	" " " "	2	2	2	69	2	1	6	6	2	2	2	2	2
Lebanon, - -	" - - -	Turkey Town,	M. Hendrix, J. J. Clanton, - - -	M. Hendrix, -	1	14	5	79	1	1	6	11	6	1	14	5	79
Mt. Bethel, -	" - - -	Cobb's Mills, -	James S. McGhee, N. Ricker, } Jabez Ferguson, - - - - -	G. W. Eaton, -	2	2	3	11	2	3	3	3	3	2	2	3	11
Providence, -	" - - -	Gaylesville, -	John Witt, - - - - -	John J. D. Renfro,	1	1	2	14	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	14
Gadsden, - -	" - - -	Gadsden, - - -	M. H. Turner, - - - - -	No Supply,	1	1	1	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Holly Springs																	
Hopewell, -	" - - -	Alpine, - - -	Wm. Kinzie, G. W. Eaton, } A. W. Cunningham, - - -	G. W. Eaton, -	1	5	5	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21	21
Union, - - -	DeKalb, - -	Duck Springs, -	W. J. Miller, - - - - -	Wade Staton,	1	1	1	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
Macedonia, -	" - - -	" - - -	J. A. Reeves, G. W. Lay, O. Hester, } A. B. Smith, - - - - -	J. A. Reeves, -	4	9	23	94	8	4	4	23	4	4	4	23	94
Pleasant Grove,	" - - -	Hendrixville, -	D. H. Amos, - - - - -	" " " "	2	4	2	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43	43
Antioch, - -	" - - -	Van Buren, -	J. B. & T. N. Appleton, Yann Hall, -	John B. Appleton,	3	1	3	67	9	3	2	3	3	3	3	9	67
Katylew, - -	" - - -	Rawlingsville,	Thomas Hammock, - - - - -	No Supply,	1	8	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	14
Mt. Harmony,	" - - -	Duck Springs,	David W. Sauls, - - - - -	J. A. Reeves, -	4	2	7	42	2	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
Mt. Pleasant,	Marshall, -	Lebanon, - - -	J. B. Walden, S. Brooks, C. C. Ridings,	John B. Appleton,	4	4	1	34	2	36	2	25	1	4	2	25	34
Mt. Olive,	Jackson, - -	Guntersville, -	Wade Staton, F. Cox, - - - - -	Wade Staton,	3	4	4	21	2	21	4	65	4	4	4	65	21
		Lyonville, - -	M. R. Lyon, R. Comer, - - - - -	M. R. Lyon, - - -	3	3	3	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
FIRST DISTRICT.																	

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