

MINUTES

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

◆ — OF THE — ◆

Fourteenth Annual Session

◆ — OF THE — ◆

TROY ASSOCIATION,

◆ — HELD WITH — ◆

THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH,

*PIKE COUNTY, ALABAMA,*

Commencing ◉ Friday, ◉ August ◉ 6th, ◉ 1897.

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## MINUTES.

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The fourteenth annual session of the TROY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION convened with Shiloh Church, near Pronto, Ala., August 6, 1897, and was called to order at 12 M., by Moderator Barnett, after which the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. S. O. Y. Ray, of Midway, Ala., from text found in I Corinthians 15:29.

After a recess for dinner, the temporary organization was perfected by the election of E. M. Shackelford as clerk pro-tem. The letters from the churches were then read (all being represented except Hephzibah), and showed the organization to be in a fairly healthy and prosperous condition.

On motion, all present during the session whose names appear in the church letters were enrolled as delegates, after which the temporary organization was made permanent.

Mt. Pleasant church made application for membership in the Association, and was unanimously elected thereto, after which the right hand of fellowship was extended to her delegates.

An invitation to seats with the Association was given and there were found to be present Elds. S. O. Y. Ray, representing the Judson Institute; T. H. Stout, of Rehoboth Association, Ga.; J. A. Howard, representing the Alabama Baptist; A. J. Preston, representing the State Mission Board; J. W. Dickinson and W. H. Simmons, from Newton Association; and D. C. Allen and Brethren J. H. Hybert and J. J. Griggs, from Salem Association.

On motion, reading the Rules of Order was dispensed with. The following list of delegates was found to be duly certified:

1. HEPHZIBAH CHURCH—W. P. Cox and James Watkins.
2. ORION CHURCH—Cecil Yarbrough.
3. OLUSTEE CHURCH—W. H. Barnett, C. E. Barnett and T. L. McLeod
4. SALEM CHURCH—H. A. McLane, G. Hendrick, A. B. McDowell, T. J. Peirson, S. B. Copeland, M. C. Emfinger, J. H. Adams and Frank Peirson.
5. BETHLEHEM CHURCH—S. K. Taylor and W. R. Patterson.
6. TROY CHURCH—E. M. Shackelford, A. B. Campbell, Joel D. Murphree, Amer Campbell, L. H. Bowles and J. E. Moore.

7. MT. PLEASANT CHURCH—Rev. H. W. Griggs, J. O. Browder, T. J. Cobb.

8. SILOAM CHURCH—Rev. A. E. Pinckard and T. L. Head, Jr.

9. SHILOH CHURCH—J. M. Bean, M. A. Wood, R. B. Parks, S. A. Fleming, M. A. McDowell, W. G. Carlisle and Redding Turner.

The Committee on Foreign Missions being absent, Elder Ray was requested to prepare the report and submit it to-morrow. The report of the Committee on Temperance was made a special order for first item to-morrow afternoon.

The Moderator then announced the following special committees, to-wit:

RELIGIOUS EXERCISES—Dr. G. Hendrick and delegates from Shiloh Church.

FINANCE—J. D. Murphree, H. A. McLane and J. H. Wood.

DOCUMENTS—H. A. McLane, M. A. Wood and Cecil Yarbrough.

NOMINATIONS—Dr. A. B. Campbell, J. D. Murphree and T. L. Head, Jr.

The report on Education and letters from President Patrick, of the Judson Institute, and S. J. Ansley, Secretary Faculty of Howard College, were read and, after some discussion, the subject was made a special order immediately following the disposition of the report on Temperance.

The regular order was suspended and the resolution of the Troy church relative to the formation of a new association was taken up and referred to a special committee composed of Eld. A. B. Campbell and Brethren G. Hendrick and J. D. Murphree, with instructions to report to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock A. M.

The committee on Religious Services made a partial report as follows: Eld. T. H. Stout to preach at 8 o'clock P. M. Eld. J. A. Howard at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

The following amendment to the constitution was introduced by Dr. A. B. Campbell, and laid over for future action.

RESOLVED, That Article Ten in the present Constitution be changed to Article Eleven, and that the following be Article Ten:

ART. X.—An Executive Committee of five brethren residing and holding fellowship within our bounds shall be elected at each annual session, and it shall be the duty of said Committee to attend to such business as the Association may refer to it, and to use all means within its power by correspondence with pastors and churches and otherwise to promote constant and active co-operation and development of the churches throughout the year in support of the objects fostered by the Association, and in its own discretion to bring to the special notice of the churches, asking their aid therein, all measures undertaken by the Alabama and Southern Baptist Conventions. Said Committee shall have no right to commit the churches or Association to the support of any cause, or undertaking. It shall fill all vacancies that may occur in its own membership during the year. It shall also report all its transactions to the Association, with such suggestions and recommendations as it deems fit to present.

The Treasurer of the Association shall be ex-officio a member of the Committee.

The Association then adjourned until 9 o'clock A. M. to-mor-

row, and in the meantime the pulpit was occupied at 8 P. M. by Eld. T. H. Stout.

SATURDAY'S SESSION.

The Association was called to order at 9 A. M., by Moderator Barnett, and opened with appropriate exercises, after which the minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Committee on Sunday Schools being absent, Bros. Pinckard, Simmons and Preston were appointed a special committee on that subject, with instructions to report as soon as practicable. The Committee on Indigent and Deceased Ministers was granted further time to make its report.

The Committee on Colportage, through Dr. A. B. Campbell, made the following report, which, after discussion, was unanimously adopted:

Your Committee requests to report, that it does not know of any colportage work being done within the limits of this Association. The need for it is very great. The homes of our people ought to be liberally supplied with useful literature, for the good of the parents and yet more for the good of their children. Every family should be encouraged to count it an imperative duty to invest a portion of every year's income in the best books and papers. We recommend that the pastors of our churches consider whether it would not pay them in money and books, and increased usefulness, to keep on hand a small stock of colporteur's supplies and offer them for sale as they go about among the people.

A. B. CAMPBELL, }  
E. A. PINCKARD, } Committee.  
S. O. Y. RAY, }

The hour of 10 A. M. having arrived, the special order—the consideration of the formation of a new association—was taken up and the special committee, to whom the subject was referred, made a report which was unanimously adopted, as follows:

Your Committee to whom was referred the communication from the First Church, Troy, on organizing a new association with a new name and to be composed of the churches of this county, beg leave to report:

First, That the suggestion spoken of in said communication is in the direction of a movement calculated to greatly promote the prosperity of the cause in this section.

Second, That we favor the formation of a new association to be called Pike County Baptist Association.

Third, That we refer further action on this subject to the churches of the county, with the hope that if the suggestion be favorably received, they will agree upon a time and place for conference on this subject, through duly appointed messengers.

A. B. CAMPBELL, }  
J. D. MURPHREE, } Committee.  
G. HENDRICK, }

Bro. G. Hendrick, from the Committee on Indigent and Deceased Ministers, made the following report, which, after feeling eulogies on Dr. A. N. Worthy, by Dr. A. P. Camp-

bell and Eld. T. H. Stout, was adopted with an amendment to the effect that Dr. Campbell and Bro. J. D. Murphree prepare a memorial of Dr. Worthy to be spread upon the minutes. The report is as follows:

The Committee, with its present information, is pleased to report that but one of the heralds of Christ's cause has died within the last associational year. But it makes us sad to have to announce to you the death of our venerable father in the camps of Israel, Dr. A. N. Worthy, than whom we have known no man more ready to hold up the standard of Christ in the presence of his enemies, or with stronger attachments to the doctrines. He seemed to be particularly gifted in extending a hand of sympathy to the despondent and, with his counsels, inspire new zeal to him with heavy heart. Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the sinner has lost a friend, the community a good citizen, and his church a vigorous worker, and this association a strong support.

RESOLVED, That an expression of sympathy be given his family.  
G. HENDRICK, Ch'n.

NOTE—Memorial on Dr. A. N. Worthy may be found in appendix, together with portrait.

The Committee on State and Home Missions was granted further time in which to make its report. Brother Ray, from Committee on Foreign Missions, reported, but consideration was postponed until the Committee on State and Home Missions makes its report.

The Association adjourned till 1 p. m., and in the meantime Eld. J. A. Howard preached from Matthew 10: 39.

At 1:30 p. m. the Association re-convened, and after being duly opened, all speeches, except upon the subject of Missions, were limited to five minutes.

The hour for the consideration of the subject of Temperance having arrived, the report of the Committee on Temperance was read by Chairman Murphree, was thoroughly discussed, and after being amended so as to embrace all intoxicants, was adopted by a rising vote. The report is as follows:

Your several committees are required to make their annual reports to the association, and the Fifth Article of our Constitution requires the appointment of brethren to address the session on missions, Sunday schools, education and temperance.

These addresses have usually been delivered by the chairmen of the committees named, and others who feel inclined to talk on these subjects.

Were it not a custom, and were it not expected, your Committee on Temperance would feel like omitting both the report and address on this occasion, as they have nothing new to report. Since our last association the whisky traffic has been getting in its usual work of destruction. It is the same cause producing the same results. Men don't get drunk and at the same time spread joy and contentment where they stay. We are glad to know, however, that public sentiment has driven grog-shops out of the bounds of our Association except at the county site. Troy would not to-day be disgraced by the two whisky saloons, if the traffic could have been controlled by the white voters of the beats. The negroes have fastened this curse on

our people at Troy for many years, by a very small majority each year. On the petitions for the sale of liquors in Troy beat filed last January, there are the names of 65 white church members. Had they not signed, no license would have been granted to sell whisky in Troy. We are glad to be able to report fewer Baptists, however, on these petitions than of other denominations, according to the numerical strength of the churches in said beat.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That it is the sense of the Troy Association, that it is not right, neither is it good policy, for the State to afford legal protection to any traffic or vocation which tends to waste the resources, to corrupt the morals and social habits and endanger the lives of the people.

RESOLVED 2nd, That this Association recommend to the churches composing the same the adoption of a rule that the selling of whisky or other intoxicants, or signing petitions for sale of same, comes under the head of un-Christian conduct, and the violators of said rule will be held to strict account, and the church justified in withdrawing fellowship from them.

J. D. MURPHREE,  
W. R. PATTERSON, } Committee.  
J. H. WOOD,

The report on Education was then discussed and unanimously adopted, as follows:

Your Committee on Education, having had the subject under consideration, beg to submit the following as the result of their deliberations:

First, That a broad scholarship, widely diffused in the body of our citizenship, is the only guarantee of the perpetuity of a government "deriving its just powers from the consent of the governed" and of the preservation of freedom of speech and liberty of conscience.

Second, That the progressiveness of the age, the increasing complexity of civilization, and the sharp competition in every department of life, render greater intellectual equipment an absolute necessity to those who would be "heroes in the strife."

Third, That as you increase man's intellectuality you increase his power either for good or evil, according as his mind is guided by an enlightened or unenlightened conscience.

Fourth, That this Association appreciates the value of these truths, and, therefore, recommends that all possible diligence and self denial be used in providing for their children and their spiritual teachers such educational facilities as will be most likely to meet the demands of the age. And to this end we desire, without disparagement to others, to especially commend the work of our denominational institutions—the Judson Institute, at Marion, Ala., and Howard College, at East Lake, Ala. We are pleased to report that the past year was a very successful one for both of these worthy institutions, and their management deserves the commendation of the denomination. The Judson, under the wise and energetic leadership of Bro. R. G. Patrick, reports one of the most prosperous years in its history, enrolling 135 pupils. From a personal letter, written by President Patrick, I take the following extract: "It is a pleasure to say that a deep religious interest pervaded the school during the session and the daily lives of the young ladies were beautiful." Again, "In a financial way the Judson is in better condition than for many years. In addition to the settlement of the interest,

bearing bonded debt, the floating debt was practically paid and we have enough money to make needed repairs and improvements on the buildings as well as to advertise and make the summer canvass without borrowing money." The amount of the debt to which President Patrick refers as being settled was \$24,500, settled by the payment of \$16,500.00 and the Judson is thus practically free from debt, for the first time in several years. Your Committee regrets that its two requests for information failed to elicit any response from the management of Howard College, but is glad to learn from Bro. S. O. Y. Ray that the year was also a prosperous one for the College, as it enrolled about 160 pupils and paid expenses for the first time in several years. We are informed also that its bonded debt of about \$40,000.00 has been reduced during the year to about \$20,000.00 and a ten year extension secured upon the remainder, the rate of interest paid being only five per cent. The faculty has been partially re-formed, and a vigorous canvass promises well for the future.

In the single matter of finances, these institutions are about \$44,000.00 better off than they were a year ago and they have done a fine year's work besides.

We recommend that this Association undertake the work of maintaining at least one ministerial student regularly at school and the management of the whole matter be entrusted to the Executive Committee of this Association.

E. M. SHACKELFORD,	} Committee.
E. A. McPHERSON,	
J. P. WOOD,	

Note—Replies from Howard College came too late to be incorporated in the foregoing report; but they substantiate the data furnished by Brother Ray.

E. M. S.

Eld. L. H. Bowles next presented the report on State and Home Missions, after which the entire subject of Missions was ably discussed by Elders Preston and Campbell, and both reports were adopted, as follows:

#### HOME AND STATE MISSIONS.

Home missions has for its field Southern States, Indian Territory and Cuba. We have under the Home Board 381 Missionaries working in the above field, and their work during the last Conventional year was the most successful of its history. We call attention to the fact that our Home Board has rendered valuable assistance in establishing quite a number of our most flourishing churches which churches have become large and generous supporters of our different causes.

We are glad to report this Board entirely free from debt, with a small cash balance to begin a new year, and also with a very handsome increase in their assets.

The Home Board finds plenty of room for expansion, and if our churches and individuals will only come to the necessities, they will be able to accomplish far more in the next year than they have ever yet been able to do.

We have in our State work six evangelists employed for all their time, and also a number of missionary pastors. The evangelists are trying to reach all the churches in the state and are making special efforts to get the churches to sustain their pastors to establish Sunday Schools and increase their contribution for missions in general. They are also preaching in destitute regions and establishing new churches, where, in their judgment, it is best.

Our State Board is at present about \$1,000.00 in debt, owing to the enlargement of the work.

We most heartily endorse the efforts of our Home Board to estab-

lish institutes for our colored preachers throughout the state, and recommend that their attention be called to the special needs of Southeast Alabama, in this regard.

We also approve of the efforts of our State Board in their attempts to reach the churches, and recommend that our churches give their hearty co-operation by their prayers and support.

We call attention to our State Mission Journal, which is published monthly, giving the work which is being done in the state, and trust that it will receive the patronage of our Baptist people.

L. H. BOWLES, Ch'n.

#### FOREIGN MISSIONS.

For the first time in thirty years the board reports themselves free from debt. This is encouraging when we consider the stringency of the times. The churches in our state, however, have done less this year than for many years in the past. This is to be regretted and means should be employed by which to correct this state of things. More converts have been baptized the past year than in any former year in the history of the Board; no new missionaries have been sent out the past year, and our force on the field is less than in some former years. We have ninety-one missionaries and one hundred and ten native helpers, this showing is not to our credit, when we consider the fact that Southern Baptists are more numerous than in all the rest of the world. The debts which have accumulated on our Board from year to year accounts in great measure for this state of affairs. Your Committee is convinced that this state of things can never be changed until our churches are aroused, and this can be done only by giving them information—missionary sermons, lectures, books and papers. The Foreign Mission Journal will be a valuable help, and we would not forget to mention the education derived from weekly or monthly collections. No sort of information will succeed in developing our churches without this practical way of giving opportunity. Information and opportunity will bring great changes along this line, and we will never succeed otherwise.

S. O. Y. RAY, Ch'n.

Bro. M. A. Wood's report on the Orphanage was adopted as follows:

Your Committee is glad to report this institution in first class condition. Bro. J. W. Stewart has just completed additional buildings, furnishing more bed rooms, a dining room, sick room, kitchen, etc., and this work is almost, if not entirely, paid for. They have at present about thirty inmates in the home, and the cost of maintenance is about \$2,500.00. The management would be glad to have the names of any children who need aid. Write to Rev. J. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Alabama. This Institution is deeply bedded in the hearts of the people, so that heretofore no appeal has been made in vain for help and we do not believe they will appeal in vain in the future. Let us stand by this home for our orphans; for when they are fed and clothed the Master is truly served.

M. A. Wood, Ch'n.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made its report through Elder Pinckard, and, after discussion by Brother Shackelford, was re-committed and laid over as a special order for 9 A. M. to-morrow.

We, your Committee, find that most of our churches have Sunday Schools, but only a few give any statistics about them. The First Church, of Troy, has surpassed her former record in her Sunday-School, the average attendance being 129 and average collections \$4.-42. We heartily recommend the Home Department work of which

the First Church speaks in her letter, the house to house work in Sunday School effort.

"The entrance of Thy words giveth light:" so we think that all our people and the children of the community should be in the Sunday School. This feature of church work has grown to good proportions and is a great factor in evangelizing the masses. God's kingdom of grace has been very much advanced by means of the Sunday Schools. We insist that each church furnish statistics to this Association about her Sunday School each year.

Complying with a resolution passed by the last session of this Association, "The Baptist Sunday School Union of the Troy Association" has been organized, and three successful sessions have been held. We heartily commend this movement to all our churches. We also recommend that the Executive Committee be requested to put a Sunday School evangelist in the field, should it be thought advisable.

A. E. Pinckard, Ch'n.

The Committee on Religious Services selected Eld. A. E. Pinckard to preach to-night, 8 P. M., and Eld. A. B. Campbell to-morrow 11 A. M.

The report of the Finance Committee was submitted by Brother Murphree, and adopted as follows:

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

SHILOH CHURCH,

Paid for Minutes.....	\$	2.50	
" Missions.....		19.25	
" Orphan's Home..		7.00	
" Pastor's salary....			
" Sunday School ex.	3.90—\$		32.65

OLUSTEE CHURCH.

Paid for Minutes.....	\$	1.00	
" Missions.....		4.65	
" Orphan's Home..		5.00	
" Pastor's salary....		70.00	
" on Church building..	212.00—\$		292.65

SALEM CHURCH.

Paid for Minutes.....	\$	2.45	
" Missions.....		24.85	
" Orphan's Home..		7.54	
" Judson Institute.	7.25—\$		42.09

LADIES' AID SOCIETY, (Salem Church),

Paid for Orphan's Home..	\$	41.00	
" Marble slab for Rev. J. L. Jones, deceased.		37.00	
" Communion Set..		16.50	
" Pastor's expenses So. Baptist Conv.		6.00	
Cash on hand.....	26.87—\$		127.37

BETHLEHEM CHURCH.

Paid for Minutes.....	\$	.75	
" Home Missions...		1.00	
" State	4.00—\$		5.75

Carried Forward..... \$ 500.51

Brought Forward.....	\$	500.51	
SILOAM CHURCH,			
Paid for Minutes.....	\$	.75	
" Home Missions....		4.75	
" Foreign    "		5.25	
" Orphan's Home....		3.31	
" S. S. Expense, 2 qr.		2.50	
" Church repairs....		50.00	
" Pastor's salary....		80.00	
Value of church property..	500.00	—	\$ 646.56
ORION CHURCH,			
Paid for Minutes.....	\$	1.50	
" Missions (\$5.00 of this sent Bledsoe)		10.00	
" Ansley church....	10.00	\$	21.50
MT. PLEASANT CHURCH,			
Paid for Minutes.....		1.50	
" State Missions....		.60	
" Home       "		.50	
" Foreign    "		1.00	
" Greensboro church		1.55	
" Pastor's salary....		75.00	
" Improvements....		75.00	
Value church property.....	300.00	—	\$ 455.15
HEPHZIBAH CHURCH,			
Paid for Minutes.....		1.50	
" Missions.....		9.00	
" Ansley church....		10.00	
" Orphan's Home....		10.00	
" Visiting Ministers.		10.65	
" Pastor's salary....		125.00	
" Church Improve- ments	26.00	—	192.15
Total .....	\$	1,815.87	

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Troy).

Contributions, Church....	\$2,199.69
"       S. school....	221.65
"       L. A. society	265.59 — \$2,686.93

## Paid out as follows:

For Missions by Church....	\$	100.38	
"       "       S. school....		32.89	
"       "       L. A. society	72.60	\$	205.87
"       "       O. Home by church		15.00	
"       "       O. Home by S. school		30.34	
"       "       O. Home by L. A. society	17.75	—	63.03
"       Ede'n, Jud'n & Howard colleges, church		158.56	
"       "       Jud'n & Howard col. L. A. society	10.00	—	168.56

Carried Forward.....	\$	437.52	
			\$2,686.93

Brought Forward.....	\$ 437.52	\$2,686.93
Paid on Pastor's salary....	\$1,477.50— 1,477.50	
" for Miscellaneous pur- poses by church	434.25	
" " Miscellaneous pur- poses by S. school	116.34	
" " Miscellaneous pur- poses by L. A. society	20.50— 571.09	
Cash on hand. Church.....	10.45	
" " Sunday school	39.63	
" " L. A. society.	150.74—\$ 200.82	
Totals.....	\$2,686.93	\$2,686.93

RECAPITULATION.

Paid for Missions .....	\$289.72
" " Orphan's Home.....	136.94
" " Education.....	175.21
" " Minutes .....	20.45

J. D. MURPHREE,  
H. A. McLANE. } Committee.  
J. H. Wood.

The following report of the Executive Committee was submitted by Eld. A. B. Campbell, and adopted:

Your Committee begs leave to report that immediately after the adjournment of your body a year ago, steps were taken toward the organization of a Sunday School Union, and said Union has held three profitable sessions during the year. Your Committee also made diligent efforts to inaugurate colportage within our territory, but did not succeed. These are the only matters that properly claimed our attention.

A. B. CAMPBELL,  
J. D. MURPHREE, } Committee.  
H. A. McLANE.

The following report of Committee on Nominations was adopted:

Your Committee on Nominations asks leave to report as follows:  
 INTRODUCTORY SERMON—Rev. J. S. Yarbrough.  
 MISSIONARY SERMON—Rev. N. C. Underwood.  
 DELEGATE TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Rev. L. H. Bowles; Rev. A. E. Pinckard, alternate.  
 DELEGATES TO ALABAMA BAPTIST CONVENTION—Revs. N. C. Underwood and J. S. Yarbrough; Brethren E. M. Shackelford, W. H. Barnett, M. A. Wood, J. B. Cox, Shelby Sanders, R. J. Sims and W. R. Patterson.

A. B. CAMPBELL, Ch'n.

The report of Committee on Documents was made by Brother McLane, and adopted as follows:

Your Committee on Documents begs leave to make the following report:

First. That the request of Siloam Church, at China Grove, asking for the session of 1898, be granted.

Second. That we commend the request of Mt. Pleasant Church to

the consideration of the Executive Committee with power to act.  
H. A. McLANE, Ch'n.

The Treasurer was granted till tomorrow to make his report.

The amendment to the Constitution, embodied in document 13, was then taken from the table, amended so as to make the Treasurer of the Association ex-officio a member of the Executive Committee, and adopted. The Moderator, being authorized pro tem. to select the committee, appointed the present incumbents, as follows: A. B. Campbell, F. H. Allred, J. S. Yarbrough, H. A. McLane, J. D. Murphree, and M. A. Wood.

The Association ordered the Clerk to reserve \$5.00 of the minute fund for his services, and expend remainder in publishing and distributing minutes among the churches, apportioning them according to their contributions to said fund. The body then adjourned till 9 A. M. to-morrow, and in the interim Eld. A. E. Pinckard occupied the pulpit at 8 P. M. His text was I. Peter, 2:7.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

The Association was called to order at 9:30 A. M. by Moderator and opened with appropriate services after which the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The Moderator then announced the following standing Committees:

HOME AND STATE MISSIONS—Rev. J. S. Yarbrough, C. E. Barnett, G. Hendrick.

FOREIGN MISSIONS—Dr. A. B. Campbell, E. A. McPherson, H. A. McLane,

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Rev. L. H. Bowles, Rev. H. W. Griggs, Shelby Sanders.

TEMPERANCE—Hon. J. D. Murphree, T. L. Head, Jr., M. A. Wood.

EDUCATION—Prof. E. M. Shackelford, W. J. Dennis, Cecil Yarbrough.

COLPORTAGE—Rev. A. E. Pinckard, S. B. Copeland, Joseph E. Ray.

ORPHANAGE—Rev. N. C. Underwood, Rev. J. L. Youngblood, R. B. Parks.

DECEASED MINISTERS—Rev. J. L. Youngblood, S. K. Taylor, J. O. Browder.

INDIGENT MINISTERS—Prof. Bailey Townsend, Josiah Jernigan, O. Worthy.

NOTE:—The work of the Colportage Committee was transferred to the Executive Committee by the last Association, and the former committee abolished. See page 12 of the Minutes of 1896.

CLERK.

The following report was made by Treasurer Wood and adopted by the body:

The Treasurer begs leave to make the following report:

M. A. WOOD, TREASURER.

In Account with TROY ASSOCIATION.

— DR. —

To Am't for Minutes:

From Troy church.....	\$10.00	
" Bethlehem church.....	75	
" Orion ".....	1.50	
" Salem ".....	2.45	
" Olustee ".....	1.00	
" Mt. Pleasant ".....	1.50	
" Siloam.....	1.25	
" Shiloh.....	2.50	—\$20.95

To Am't for Missions:

From Orion church.....	\$5.00	
" Olustee ".....	4.65	
" Siloam.....	4.12	
" Mt. Pleasant ".....	1.67	
" Bethlehem ".....	5.00	
" Salem.....	5.50	
" Mt. Pleasant for Greensborough church	1.55	\$27.49
" Collection on Sunday for State Missions		8.95 — 57.39

— CR. —

By Am't to Bro. Preston for Missions	\$27.49
" Clerk for Minutes.....	20.95
" Bro. W. H. Simmons for State Board	8.95 — \$57.39

Brother Shackelford offered the following resolution, which, after discussion, was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, That the legitimate duties of the Treasurer of this Association require him to receive and account for only such moneys as are contributed for the current expenses of the Association, and the special collections taken during its sessions; that all other funds should be forwarded to the agents of those causes for which they were collected, and simply reported in the church letters.

The hour having arrived for the special order, the amended report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was taken up, discussed by Elders Bowles, Howard, and Pinckard, and adopted as follows:

The Association unanimously adopted the following resolution of thanks, offered by Elder Bowles:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Association be returned to the members of Shiloh church, and the citizens of this community for the bounteous hospitality extended to visiting members by whom their kindness will long be remembered.

It was ordered that any member of this Association who

may attend meetings of other similar bodies be authorized to act as correspondents.

The Association then adjourned to meet with Siloam Church, China Grove, Ala., Thursday efore 2nd Sunday in August, 1898, after which Eld. A. B. Campbell closed the work of the session with an able sermon on Missions, preached from text found in Luke 19: 10. The missionary collection, amounting to \$8:95, was turned over to Treasurer Wood.

W. H. BARNETT, MODERATOR,  
Ausley, Ala.

E. M. SHACKELFORD, Clerk, Troy, Ala.

NOTE:—The Clerk is not responsible for any errors or omissions in these minutes, as he was forced to follow the letters from the churches, and he respectfully suggests that more care and attention be bestowed upon their preparation in the future.—Clerk.

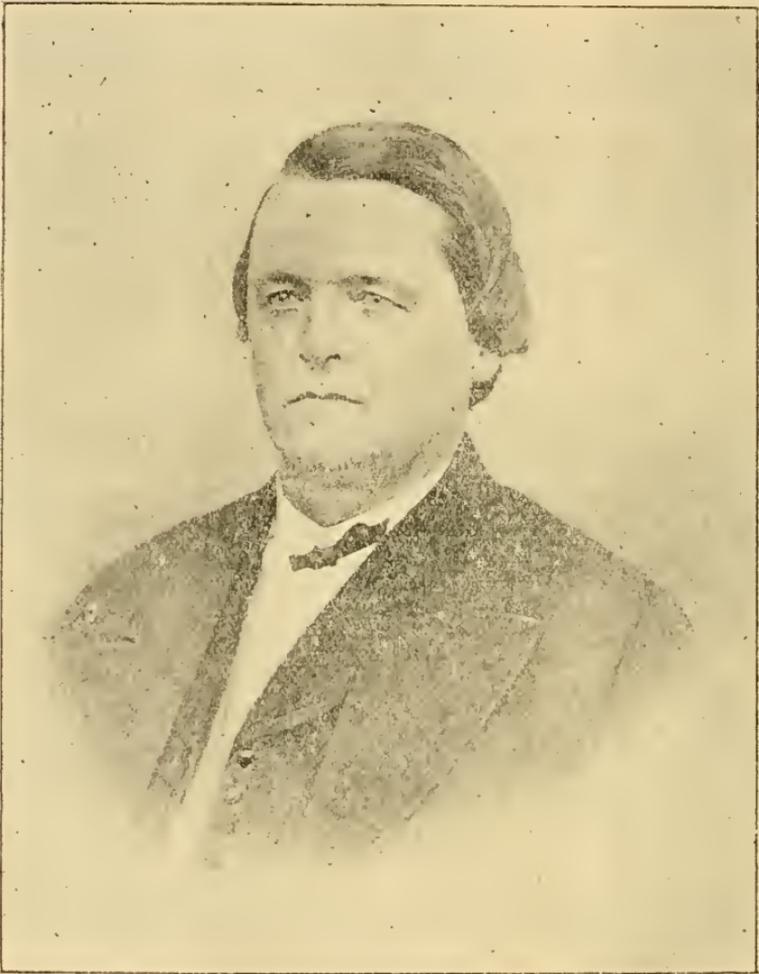
#### RESOLUTION ON NEW ASSOCIATION.

The suggestion of forming a new Association under a new name, to be composed of all the Missionary Baptist Churches in the county, has been kindly received by the First Baptist Church of Troy, and it commends the same to the favorable consideration of our denomination within the limits named, and suggests to the respective churches as early action looking to that end as may be by them deemed advisable.

The above resolution should have appeared on page 2, in the body of the minutes, but was accidentally omitted.

To the courtesy of Roberts & Son, of Birmingham, Ala., publishers of Riley's History of the Baptists of Alabama, is the Association indebted for the use of the electrotype cut of our late brother, Eld. Alfred N. Worthy, which adorns the fourteenth page.





ELDER ALFRED N. WORTHY.

[From Photograph taken while he was State Senator.]

## TO THE MEMORY

— OF —

ELDER ALFRED N. WORTHY,

— BORN —

APRIL 26TH, 1818,

— IN —

Gwinnett County, Georgia.

— DIED —

JULY 8TH, 1897,

— IN —

Troy, Alabama.

On August 22nd, 1839, he was married in Upson county, Georgia, to Miss Ann Pace, who walked with him in the way of godliness till called from earth by the voice of her Lord, on December 18th, 1896.

Brother Worthy became a christian in boyhood, and united with the Presbyterian church. In early manhood, after a careful investigation of inter-denominational issues, he became a Baptist. A few years later he was ordained to the ministry.

In the darkest and most trying hour of Alabama's history, her oppressed citizens elected him state senator, in which capacity, his ability, energy and heroism won for him great distinction.

But, his chief delight was in the ministry. The theme he most loved was salvation by the sovereign grace of God, through the merits of Jesus Christ, and the operations of the Holy Spirit. This and other doctrines of the Word he preached with signal ability. His labors were abundant and fruitful. By order of his brethren of the Troy Baptist Association this page is affectionately set apart to his memory as

A devoted husband and father;

An obliging, attentive, generous neighbor;

An uncompromising patriot;

A gifted and fearless public servant;

A sincere, zealous christian;

A faithful, self-sacrificing, effective preacher of the Gospel of Christ.

# TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES .....	PASTORS.	Sunday School Superintendents.	CHURCH CLERKS.	Memberships.										Financial Statement.											
				Pr't Membership	Died	Excluded	Dismissed	Restored	Rec'd. by V'cher.	Rec'd. by Letter.	Baptisms	Orphanage	Education	Missions	Pastor's Salary	C'h. Expenses	Cash on Hand	Minutes	Total Collection.						
Troy .....	A. B. Campbell, Troy .....	E. M. Shackelford Troy .....	J. D. Murphree Troy .....	935	2	37	5	8	04	295	87	\$18	56	\$63	69	\$147	50	\$51	69	\$200	82	\$10	00	\$269	93
Shiloh .....	W. H. Simmons Ozark .....	M. A. Wood Monticello .....	J. H. Wood Buckhorn .....	1	1	1	1	1	18	19	25	7	00	7	00	100	00	10	00	1	50	1	50	121	50
Orion .....	J. S. Yarbrough Orion .....	W. G. Chancey Orion .....	W. J. Dennis Ansley .....	1	1	1	1	1	55	10	00	4	65	5	00	70	00	212	00	1	00	1	00	262	65
Olustee .....	J. M. Loflin Henderson .....	W. H. Barnett Ansley .....	W. J. Dennis Ansley .....	1	1	1	1	1	40	4	65	4	65	5	00	70	00	212	00	1	00	1	00	262	65
Salem .....	N. C. Underwood Brundidge .....	H. A. McLane Brundidge .....	H. C. Pierson Brundidge .....	6	13	13	13	3	215	24	85	7	25	48	54	59	50	59	50	26	87	2	45	169	46
Siloam .....	A. E. Pinecard China Grove .....	T. L. Head Sp'China Grove .....	Lloyd Head China Grove .....	11	2	1	1	1	50	16	81	6	82	80	00	80	00	52	50	35	156	88	35	156	88
Hephzibah .....	L. H. Bowles Troy .....	Dock Griffin Troy .....	E. A. McPherson Troy .....	6	5	2	2	1	96	9	00	10	00	125	00	125	00	46	65	1	50	192	15	192	15
Bedlehem .....	R. Deal Ozark .....	J. H. Pinecard Brundidge .....	J. H. Pinecard Brundidge .....	3	3	3	3	3	39	5	00	4	00	100	00	100	00	75	00	75	00	105	75	105	75
Mt. Pleasant .....	A. E. Pinecard China Grove .....	J. B. Cox Linwood .....	J. B. Cox Linwood .....	5	7	2	2	2	59	3	65	75	00	75	00	75	00	75	00	1	50	1	50	155	15
Totals .....				33	68	2	4	14	444	\$299	08	\$175	81	\$140	45	\$29	50	\$102	74	\$227	69	\$21	95	\$299	22

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\*Died since adjournment of Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

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1. Opening Services.
2. Read Church Letters.
3. Introductory Sermon.
4. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
5. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Receive applications from churches for membership.
8. Appoint committees to report during session :
  1. On Religious Exercises.
  2. On Finance.
  3. On Documents and Requests.
  4. On Nominations.
9. Call for correspondence.
10. Read Rules of Order.
11. Report of Standing Committees in their regular order.
12. Report of Special Committees.
13. Return Correspondence.
14. Election of Executive Committee.
15. Appoint Committees to report next meeting :
  1. On State and Home Missions.
  2. On Foreign Missions.
  3. On Sunday Schools.
  4. On Temperance.
  5. On Education.
  6. On Colportage.
  7. On Baptist Orphanage.
  8. On Deceased Ministers.
  9. On Indigent Ministers.
  10. Treasurer's Report.
16. Miscellaneous Business.
17. Verify List of Messengers.
18. Arrange for Printing Minutes.
19. Correct Minutes and Adjourn.

**CARROLL  
AND  
MURPHREE,**

—DEALERS IN—

**General Merchandise,**

Buggies, Wagons, Horses and  
Mules, also High Grade  
Fertilizers.

**TROY, - ALA.**