



MINUTES



OF THE

FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

MARSHALL

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

-HELD WITH-

HOPEWELL CHURCH,

OCTOBER 6, 7 and 8, 1891.

OFFICERS:

REV. E. J. BARKSDALE, Moderator, - ALBERTVILLE, ALA. REV. G. M. MILNER, Clerk and Treas., BOAZ, ALA.

The Next Session will be held with Albertville Church, beginning Friday before the Fourth Sabbath in October, 1892.



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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1. Read Letters from the Churches.
- 2. Elect Moderator and Clerk.
- 3. Invite visiting Ministers of our faith to seats with us.
- 4. Call for Correspondence.
- 5. Call for Petitionary Letters.
- 6. Appoint standing Committees, viz: On Devotion, Missions, Sabbath Schools, Finance, Temperance, Education, Publications, Deceased Ministers, Nominations, Documents and Treasurer's Report.
- 7. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
- 8. Call for Report of Executive Committee.
- 9. Call for Report of Treasurer.
- 10. Appoint Correspondents.
- 11. Elect Executive Committee and Treasurer.
- 12. Elect Delegates to Alabama Baptist Convention.
- 13. Appoint District Meetings.
- 14. Call for Reports of Standing Committees.
- 15. Provide for Printing and Distribution of Minutes.
- 16. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES.

The fourth annual session of the Marshall Association was held with Hopewell Church, and met Oct. 6, 1891. Introductory sermon at 11 o'clock by Elder E. J. Barksdale. Text, Ps. 133, 1. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

At 2 o'clock the session was opened with singing and prayer by Elder H. C. Reed and E. J. Barksdale, former moderator, in the chair.

Letters were read by brethren Dr. P. G. Aldredge and Elder C. C. Collins from the following churches and names of delegates enrolled:

Albertville—Elders W. M. Scarborough, E. J. Barksdale, L. S. Emmett and J. C. Garrison.

Bethany-N. M. Isham and J. S. Robertson.

Bethsaida—Henry Bruce and J. M. Bruce.

Beulah-J. J. Bishop and Elder G. M. Milner.

Blue Spring-W. H. Jarrel and Thomas Larou.

Concord—Elder W. S. Hopkins, Sanford Hayes and Rev. G. W. T. Phillips.

Clear Spring-Z. B. Bain, D. W. Brown, S. F. Smith and M. L. Casev.

Gilliam Spring-Elder P. J. Corley, J. W. Rigsby and Elias Nix.

Hopewell—Elder J. E. Bagwell, H. J. Phillips and J. E. McAnally.

Mt. Olive-W. C. Ward.

Mt. Vernon-J. L. Baird, John Randal and S. S. Love.

Mt. Zion-J. L. Bowen and Elder M. F. Owens.

Mt. Hebron-Elder W. M. Claiburn and W. A. Phillips.

New Canaan (Cullman)-J. N. Brown and B. Mays.

New Canaan (Morgan)—G. W. Thomas, D. S. Briscoe and A. S. Miller.

New Friendship-J. W. Young and W. W. Rowe.

New Macedonia—Rev. R. W. Roe and J. T. Apple-white.

Pleasant Grove—W. A. Lee.

Pleasant Hill (Blount county)—Rev. J. A. Oden, Rev. W. J. Horton, J. M. Brown and Rev. H. C. Reed,

Pleasant Hill (Etowah county)—G. H. Ross and S. T. Gregg.

Rehoboth-Rev. I M. Thompson and Hicks Vaughn.

Rock Spring—W. H. Lyons, Rev. N. C. Dunham and J. Y. Moultrie.

Shiloh—Rev. W. P. Grover.

Shoal Creek—Rev. M. K. Taylor, Rev. W. J. Wright and N. P. Clark.

Re-elected E. J. Barksdale, moderator, and G. M. Milner, clerk,

Invited visiting ministers of our faith to seats with us.

Received correspondents as follows:

From Etowah Association, Eld. J. D. Petit.

From Warrior River Association, Dr. P. G. Aldredge, J. W. Brown.

Received with petitionary letters: Union Church, newly constituted, four miles north-west of Albertville, and delegates from same—J. C. Jones and J. P. Simmons: Lystra Church, Cullman county, and delegates, E. J. Mitchell, R. B. Thompson and J. J. Creel, and New Salem Church, and delegates, D. P. Briscoe, W. M. Briscoe and D. J. Hyatt.

The last named church (New Salem) came from Muscle Shoals Association and a committee—Rev. I. M. Thompson and Rev. P. J. Corley—was appointed to confer with that Association and explain the circumstances attending the reception of New Salem Church by this body, and obtain the approbation of that body and report at the next session of this Association.

Appointed committees as follows:

On Devotion—L. S. Emmett, D. W. Brown and deacons of Hopewell Church.

On Finance—W. H. Lyons, N. P. Clark and J. M. Brown. On Temperance—M. L. Casey, M. F. Owens, W. S. Hopkins.

On Deceased Ministers—W. J. Horton, J. W. Rigsby, W. J. Weight.

On Nominations—J. M. Bruce, J. T. Applewhite and J. J. Bishop.

On Education—I. M. Thompson, Jno. Randal and J. W. T. Phillips.

On Missions-R. W. Roe, J. E. Bagswell and Jno. C. Jones.

On Sabbath Schools-P. J. Corley, S. Hays and J. A. Oden.

On Publications—W. M. Scarborough, S. S. Love and W. M. Claiburn.

On Treasurer's Report—J. S. Robertson, R. B. Chandler and W. A. Phillips.

On motion adjourned till to-morrow at 8 A. M.

Elder J. S. Petit was appointed to preach at night.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 1891.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Elder I. M. Thompson. Read and adopted minutes of vesterday.

Read constitution and rules of decorum.

Called for report of Executive Committee, only one of whom was present, who reported that nothing had been done by that committee.

Called for Treasurer's report which was read and referred to committee on Treasurer's report.

REPORT OF TREASURER.

G. M. Milner, Treasurer, in account with Marshall Association, Oct. 11th, 1890:

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To cash from finance com-	By cash sent State mission
mittee:	board:
	For State missions\$28.10
	For foreign missions 12.00
For association missions 15.20	By paid J. Y. Bain 5.15
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For John Y. Bain 5.15	By paid for mailing 1.00
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	By cash to E. J. Barksdale 10.65
	By cash to R. W. Roe 10.65
	By cash to Clerk 10.00
	By cash to foreign mission
Total receipts\$1.40.30	
	By cash on hand mission
	fund 31.20
	\$140.60

G. M. MILNER, Treasurer.

Suspended order of business to consider query in letter from Mt. Hebron Church. Query: Has a church the right to disband within herself, without having a presbytery or an ordained minister present, or has she the right to disband with an ordained minister present? The query was referred to the following committee: W. H. Lyons, Rev. H. C. Reed and Rev. W. H. Scarborough, M. D.

Appointed correspondents as follows:

To Cherokee Association, Dr. W. M. Scarborough, J. J. Bishop and M. F. Owens.

To Etowah Association, Sanford Hayes and R. M. Garrett,

To Warrior River, L. S. Emmett, J. A. Oden, B. Mays and Dr. Scarborough,

To Cullman Association, H. C. Reed and P. M. Thompson.

Suspended order of business and received Rev. J. M. Waller as assistant Secretary of State Mission Board, who addressed the Association on the work of the State, Foreign and Home Mission Boards.

At 11 o'clock the mission sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Waller, the appointee, Rev. R. W. Roe courteously declining in his favor. The text was "Lord, shew us the Father and it sufficeth us." John 14, S.

Took a collection of \$10.70.

Adjourned for dinner.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock and opened with prayer by Elder J. D. Petit. The hour for Sabbath school address having been occupied by address of Bro. Waller, agreed to hear same in connection with Sabbath school report.

Elected Executive Committee, J. C. Jones, L S. Emmett and S. S. Love.

Elected L. S. Emmett delegate to Baptist State Convention to meet in Eufanla, Ala., Thursday, Nov. 5, 1891.

Elected G. M. Miller delegate to Southern Baptist Convention to meet in May, 1892, at Atlanta, Ga.

Appointed district meetings: First District to meet at Beulah on Friday before third Sunday in July. Second District to meet at Gilliam Spring Friday before first Sunday in July.

Granted leave of absence to W. A. Lee.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS:

Received and adopted Report on Sabbath Schools:

Upon examination of the letters from the churches we find the Sabbath School cause more prosperous than last year. A majority of the churches have Sabbath Schools. Dear Brethren, let us be awake to this important work, and train our children in the way they should go. Seeing that our land is flooded with so many kinds of doctrines, it behooves us to teach them the important truths of the Scriptures, and if we

fail to do so they will be exposed to the false doctrines of others, as the youthful mind is continually searching after something.

Respectfully submitted.

P. J. Corley, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON QUERY.

Committee on Query report as follows:

We, to whom query was referred, report that any church has the right to disband without the aid or presence of any presbytery or preacher.

W. H. Lyons,

H. C. REED,

W. M. Scarborough.

Report adopted.

Heard and adopted the following

REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

We, your Committee on Publication, report that we recommend a continuous reading of the Bible, and good, religious books, and our denominational literature, which may be obtained from the book depository at Opelika, Ala., J. E. Collier, Agent.

We also recommend to your patronage, our denominational paper, the Alabama *Baptist*, published at Montgomery, Ala., and the Sabbath School literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, known as "The Kind Words Literature," published at Atlanta, Ga. Address, Kind Words. Atlanta, Ga.

Respectfully submitted, W. M. Scarborough, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TREASURER'S REPORT:

Heard and adopted the following report of Committee on Treasurer's Report:

We, the Committee on Treasurer's Report, beg leave to say that on examining the minutes and receipts of the Treasurer, we find them correct.

J. S. ROBERTSON, Chairman.

On motion adjourned till 8 o'clock Thursday.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Opened with singing and prayer by Bro. M. F. Owens. Read and adopted minutes of yesterday.

DECEASED MINISTERS.

Received report of Committee on Deceased Ministers as follows:

We find that God has graciously spared the lives of all our ministers another year, and we recommend that the regular order of business be suspended and all engage in prayer and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the goodness thus bestewed on us.

W. J. HORTON, Chairman.

The report was adopted and the Association was led in prayer by Rev. I. M. Thompson.

Adopted the following

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, the committee on nominations, ask leave to make the following report:

To preach the introductory sermon, Rev. I. M. Thompson; alternate, Rev. M. K. Taylor; to deliver Sabbath school address, Rev. R. W. Roe; alternate, Rev. J. E. Bagwell; to preach mission sermon, Rev. G. M. Milner; alternate, Rev. W. M. Scarborough.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. APPLEWHITE, Chair.

Read and adopted

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

[See Financial Exhibit.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

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

Dear brethren, in this age of progress we should certainly keep the cause of education abreast of the times. Education is essential to the welfare of our government, and if so how much more is it essential to the welfare of the cause of christianity. Dear brethren, we see that other denominations take great pride in their institutions of learning and it seems to be their strongest fort. There can be no doubt but that education is power. It gives good men and women power for good, it also gives wicked people power to carry their evil designs into effect. Hence the necessity for religious institutions of learning when both moral and religions training are given in connection with literary training.

We therefore recommend that great care be exercised in selecting teachers for our common schools. We also recommend to our brethren, and especially those who are preparing for the ministry, Howard College, at East Lake, Birmingham, Ala., and the Walnut Grove College; and more especially do recommend to our pastors, as well as all our brethren from

the oldest to the youngest, the "Pastor's Institute" at East Lake, which commences the 10th day of June and continues one month. We know of no place where one can learn so much in so short a time.

Respectfully submitted,

I. M. Thompson, Chairman.

After interesting discussion by brethren Petit and Thompson, report was adopted.

Appointed Albertville as the place for holding the next session, and the time, Friday before the fourth Sunday in October, 1892.

Read and adopted the following

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions ask to report as follows:

That we are glad to ascertain, from the reading of the letters from our churches, that a number of our churches have responded very liberally to the call for mission funds. seemed to have neglected this duty, which is obligatory upon every church in our Association. We earnestly recommend that our churches take up quarterly collections for missions, as some of the strongest churches in our Association have adopted Brethren, let us "come up to the help of the this system. Lord against the mighty," and help to carry out the last great commission of our Divine Master. We also urge that we look more diligently to the support of the ministry at home, as we have preachers that are being driven home from their pulpits year by year, on account of our churches failing to obey the injunction of God's word; "The Lord hath ordained that they which preach the g spel shall live of the gospel." "Blessed are they that do his commandments."

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. Roe, Chairman.

The following resolution was then introduced which was adopted by a rising vote, not one voting against it:

Resolved, That this Association request and urge the various churches in this union to prorate and raise the amount of \$250.00 for the cause of missions the ensuing year, according to their numerical strength, and that it is expressly understood that the above request is not to be construed as a tax, but to urge the membership to contribute in a systemetic way to the cause of missions.

[To raise the above amount will require only about $16\frac{2}{3}$ cents per member, or about 4 1-6 per quarter, or about $1\frac{1}{2}$ cents per month. G. M. M., Clerk,]

THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE,

The Temperance Committee reported as follows:

We, the committee on Temperance, seeing the great danger our church members, especially our young members, are exposed to by the use of intoxicants, and seeing that strong drink is yearly increasing the number of criminals in jails and penitentiaries, and multiplying suicides, and digging drunkards' graves, destroying the peace, prosperity and happiness of families, increasing the number of widows and orphans, destroying the peace of communities and churches, and is a mighty means of the wicked one for destroying the souls of men, and would recommend the following resolutions for adoption by this Association.

Resolved, First that we ask our brethren to abstain from all intoxicants and advise all others to do so.

Resolved, Second that we advise all, and especially our young people who have not as yet fallen into the habit of using narcotics to forever abstain from their use.

Adjourned for dinner.

Reassembled at 2 o'clock and opened with prayer by Bro. C. C. Collins.

On motion allowed ten dollars of minute fund to clerk for services.

The following resolution was offered by W. A. Phillips:

Resolved, that it is the sense of this body that, if a church can dissolve within herself without a presbytery present, she can organize without a presbytery by a band of believers coming together.

On motion the resolution was laid on the table.

On motion Elder J. M. Thompson was recommended as a suitable man for colporteur work in our Association.

Adopted the following resolution:

Resolved. That the thanks of this body are due and hereby tendered to Hopewell church and vicinity for their generous hospitality towards us while we have been among them.

Notice was given that at the next session of this Association a motion would be made to change the fourth article of the constitution.

Passed the following resolution:

Resolved, That we request each church of this Association to appoint one or more of its members to look after the interest of Sabbath schools.

On motion requested the executive committee to expend. associational fund in mission work in our bounds.

Read and adopted minutes and adjourned, the parting hand being given and prayers being offered, Bro. R. W. Roe leading.

E. J. BARKSDALE, Mod.

G. M. MILNER, Clerk,

Standing resolution. That any member of this body who shall be present at any sister Association with which we correspond may, by presenting a copy of these minutes, be recognized as our correspondent.

N. B.—Brethren, when you take your quarterly collections send the money, not to me, but to the Secretary of the State Mission Board, W. B. Crumpton, Marion, Ala., and send the receipt to the next Association and it will be reported in the minutes.

G. M. MILNER, Treasurer.

STATE MISSION BOARD.

Secretary, W. B. CRUMPTON, Marion, Ala.

HOME MISSION BOARD.

Secretary, I. T. TICHENOR, Atlanta, Ga.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

Secretary, H. A. TUPPER, Richmond, Va.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

E. J. Barksdale, Albertville, Ala.J. D. Jordan, Marshall.

J. E. Bagwell, Sidney.

W. L. Casey, Sidney.

S. T. Collier, Union Grove.

W. J. Collier, Hyatt.

W. M. Claiburn, Friendship.

P. J. Corley, Grassy. N. C. Denham, Hyatt.

W. S. Hopkins, Reedbrake.

C. C. Hughes, Strawberry.

J. Y. Bain, Sidney.

Isaac Windsor, Boaz.

G. M. Milner, Boaz.

O. P. McDonald, Arab.

M. F. Owens, Mt Zion.

J. A. Oden, McLarty.

R. W. Roe, Lot.

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H. C. Reed, Summit.

M. K. Taylor, Grassy.

L. M. Teel, Friendship.

I. M. Thompson, Union Grove.

W. C. Eidson, Baileyton.

LICENSED MINISTERS.

J. W. Amos, Hyatt,

J. L. Baird, Albertville.

J. M. Brown, Boaz.

A. K. Casey, Sidney.

J. J. Dodd, Boaz.

Jas. Floyd, Albertville.

W. J. Horton, McLarty,

J. E. McAnally, Strawberry.

J. B. Nix, Strawberry.

Benj. Mays, Arab.

J. W. T. Phillips, Snead.

C. C. Shelton, Brookville.

W. D. Thomas, Marshall.

C. D. Wright, Boaz.

W. J. Wright, Arab.

Eli Maddux, Fowler.

M. W. Barber.

FINANGIAL EXHIBIT OF MARSHALL ASSOCIATION.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Association Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Minutes.	Sent During Year for Missions.	Total for Missions.
1 Albertville 2 Ecthany 3 Bethsarida 4 Beulah 5 Blue Spring 6 Clear Spring 7 Concord 7 Concord 9 Hopewell 10 Lystra 11 Mt. Hebron 12 Mt. Olive 13 Mt. Vernon 14 Mt. Zion 15 New Canaan, Cullman county 16 New Canaan, Morgan county 17 New Macedonia 18 New Salem 19 New Friendship 19 Pleasant Hill, Bloant county 21 Pleasant Hill, Bloant county 22 Pleasant Hill, Bloant county 23 Rehoboth 24 Rock Spring 25 Shioh 26 Singal Creek 27 Union 28 W. S. Hopkins Collection on Wednesday at Association.	25 2 85 1 00 1 00	25	2 00 1 00 1 00 50 5 25 1 40 50		1 00 1 25 2 8n 1 50 1 50 1 50 1 35 1 45 1 00 1 35 1 45 1 00 1 00 80 1 1 00 80 1 1 00 80 1 1 00 80 1 1 00 80 1 1 00 80 1 1 1 00 80 1 1 1 00 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 80 8	1 200	4 45 1 00 2 00 8 90

RECAPITULATION.

Cash for Foreign Missions.	\$27	10	
Cash for Home Missions	12	15	
Cash for State Missions	17	15	
Cash for Association.	2	40	
Cash for Minutes	32	95	
Cash collected Wednesday at Association	10	76	

STATISTICS OF MARSHALL ASSOCIATION.

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