ALABAMA RAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

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OF THE

NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Marshall Missionary Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Shady Grove Church, October 9, 10 and 11, 1896:

OFFICERS:

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Read letters from churches.

Elect Moderator and Clerk.
 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, Publication, Deceased Ministers, Nominations, Documents and Treasurer's Report.

Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
 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 Baptis Convention.

13. Appoint District Meetings.

74. Can for reports of Sta. ding Committees.

15. Provide for Printing and Distribution of Minutes.

16. Miscellaneous Business.

MINUTES

According to appointment the Ninth Annual Session of the Marshall Association was held at Shady Grove Church, Etowah County, Ala., beginning on Friday, October 9, 1896.

In the absence of the principal appointee Rev. S. L. Rogers, Alternate, preached the introductory sermon. Text, Matt. 16: 18; latter clause. fol

lowed by Rev. J. H. Haley.

After the usual intermission the body reassembled. The former Moderator being absent, Rev. M. F. Owens was elected Moderator pro. tem. The session was opened with prayer, led by Rev. I. M. Thompson.

Appointed Brethren J. H. Haley and J. P. Emmet to collect and read

the letters from the churcles, and enrolled names of delegates as follows:

Albertville-J. P. Emmet, L. T. Walker-Bethany-J. S. Robertson, W. K. Bobo.

Bethel—J. F. Kennamer, J. C. Teal.

Bethsaida—J. H. Weir, A. L. Bruce, Lee Denson.

Benlah—G. M. Milner, E. P. Word, W. T. Wells.

Boaz—T. W. Garrett, A. E. Dorman.

Clear Spring-J. L. Morgan, J. F. Smith, D. C. Cowan.

Concord—By letter.

Guntersville-S. L. Conn. G. F. Arnett.

High Point-I. M. Thompson, A. C. Young.

Hopewell—N. M. Isom, J. E. McAnally. Hulaco—J P. Corley. No letter. Mt. Hebron—W. A. Phillips, L. M. Teal.

Mt. Vernon-Joseph Creel.

Mt. Zion—M. F. Owens, W. B. Orr. Phillippi-A. J. Cagle, S. L. Rogers.

Pleasant Grove-J. W. Lang, Z. M. Teal, Jas. Campbell. Pleasant Hill (Blount)—J. A. Oden, J. L. Copeland. Pleasant Hill (Etowah)—J. D. McHenry, G. H. Ross. Rehoboth—Z. T. Sparks, A. M. Smith.

Rock Spring-W. J. Collier, W. H. Lyon, W. C. Goodwin.

Shady Grove—J. E. James, Joseph Smith; J. J. Rogers.

Shiloh-J. H. Haley,

Union-J. R. Christian, S. N. Gaines.

Union Grove-R. M. Dick, S. J. Lowe, C. W. Davis. Lystra-S. F. Brint, R. B. Thompson, R. J. Smith.

Elected M. F. Owens Moderator and G. M. Milner Clerk.

Invited visiting ministers of our faith and order to seats with us, and received Rev. G. B. Wade from Etowah Association.

Called for Correspondents and received from Etowah Association Bro. J. S. Brazil.

Under call for petitionary letters received Oak Grove Church, newly constituted, and enrolled names of delegates-W. J. West and E. N. Hayne, to whom was extended the right hand of fellowship by the Moderator.

ttees as follows:

On Devotion—A. J. Cagle and J. H. Weir, and Deacons of this, Shady Grove Church.

On Missions-I. M. Thompson, Joseph Creel and L. T. Walker. On Sabbath Schools—W. C. Goodwin, W. T. Wells and W. B. Orr. On Finance—W. H. Lýon, J. W. Lang and E. P. Word. On Temperance—S. L. Conn, W. J. Collier and A. L. Bruce.

On Education—A. E. Dorman, J. P. Emmet and J. F. Kennamer On Publications—R. M. Dick, W. A. Phillips and J. H. Haley. On Deceased Ministers—L. M. Teal, S. J. Lowe and S. F. Smith. On Nominations-J. D. McHenry, G. F. Arnett and W. K. Bobo.

On Documents-J. J. Rogers, J. L. Copeland and J. A. Oden.

On Treasurer's Report—J. L. Robertson, T. W. Garrett and G. H. Ross. The committee on devotion reported preaching tonight by Elder W. J. Collier, followed by Elder P. J. Corley.

Adjourned till 8:30 oclock tomorrow.

OCTOBER 10TH-8:30 A. M.

The body met pursuant to adjournment. Opene I with devotional exercises led by Rev. P. J. Corley: Read and corrected minutes of yesterday.

Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

On motion of I, M. Thompson fixed the hour of final adjournment at 2 o'clock tomorrow, The Treasurer made the following report:

G. M. MILNER, Treasurer Marshall Association.

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		By cash-Clerk's fee	10.00

Total disbursements. .. \$91 48 Respectfully submitted,

G, M. MILNER, Treasurer.

Report referred to committee on Treasurer's Report.

Appointed correspondents to sister associations as follows:

Gilliam Springs--Elder P. J. Corley, J. F. Kennamer and S. L. Conn. Warrior River-J. A. Oden, W. P. Groover, J. H. Haley, W. H. Lyon, Joseph Creel.

Etowah-J. C. Taylor, I. M. Thompson, J. D. McHenry, G. M. Milner.

Cherokee M. F. Owens, L. T Walker,

Received Elder W. W. Harris, of Huntsville, Ala., as the representa-

tive of the State Mission Board, and also as correspondent from the Liberty Association.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We, your committee, make the following report: We are sorry to say that owing to the small sum of money at our command we were unable to do anything this year. We hope this Association will be aroused to a sense of their duty to raise funds for Association Missions to enable the Executive Committee to employ an Evangelist in its bounds. We see there is great need of work being done.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. HALEY, L. T. WALKER. Committee.

The report was adopted.

Re-elected same Executive Committee as follows -- Dr. J. T. Dodd, Rev. J. H. Haley and L. T. Walker. Re-elected G. M. Milner Treasurer.

Elected Rev. I. M. Thompson and S. L. Conn as delegates to the Bap-

tist State Convention of Alabama. .

Appointed District Meetings as follows :- First District, at Union, Friday before 3d Sunday in July. Second District, at Pleasant Grove, Friday before 3d Sunday in August. Third District, at Hopewell, Friday before the first 5th Sunday after May, 1897.

Heard the following

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your Committee on Temperance; beg leave to submit the follow-

ing report:

So far as our observation goes we find that intemperance is the greatest obstruction to the church and to christianity, and we recommend the churches of this Association to put forth their efforts to their utmost ability to suppress this evil in our land. When we look around and see the evil influences brought to bear on the young men and boys of our nation, on whose efforts the success of both church and nation must soon rest, we are made to feel the great importance of urging upon the brethren of this Association and the christian people throughout the land to abstain from this evil. We believe it to be wrong for church members to assist in any way in this great evil, either by signing petitions for the sale of, or by the use of intoxicating liquors in any way. Let us teach and practice the doctrine of temperance more than we have ever done.

Respectfully submitted. S. L. Conn, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report much was said by many enthusiastic speakers in favor of the report, and the following resolution amenda-

tory of the report was offered by Bro. J. R. Christian:

Resolved, That we the delegates from the several churches composing the Marshall Association, exert every effort possible to suppress the great evil of strong drink and that we do not encourage in any way the sale or use of it. And that we recommend the churches to deal with any member who is habituated to strong drink, or signs a petition for the sale of it, or in any way assists to promote the evil. And we further recommend that our churches and the friends of temperance everywhere take steps to have laws enacted for the suppression of the liquor traffic by incorporating churches and schools and the territory around for five miles in every direction wherever prohibitory laws are not already in force.

All of which was adopted. Adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Openal with prayer by Elder W. W. Harris.

Repeated the call for correspondents and received Elder A. Dorman from the Warrior River Association.

Heard, the following

REPORT ON DECEASED MINISTERS.

We, your committee on Deceased Ministers, submit the following report: We find that our Heavenly Father has gracionaly spared the lives of all our ministers for another year, for which we should be thankful. We recommend that this body hold a short service of thanksgiving to God for this blessing. Respectfully submitted,

L. M. TEAL, Chairman. In connection with above report, which was adopted, heard the reading of a letter from Rev. R. W. Roe, our former Moderator, who is absent in the West preaching, which contained afrequest for special prayer in behalf of himself and his mission West, and his family in his absence/ Accordingly the order of business was suspended and special prayer was offered, led by Elder A. Dorman.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee on Missions make the following report:

Dear Brethren:—We are glad to report an increase in the contributions of our churches that have been contributing regularly and also that a greater number of our churches have contributed for missions than ever before; there being only three churches that have failed to contribute for that purpose. Dear Brethren, we think the cause of the increased contributions is to be attributed to a better knowledge of our boards and their workings, and that this knowledge is largely attributable to the evangelistic work of Rev. A. E. Burns in our Association; and also to an increased interest manifested by our pastors and by some of our leading members, and more especially to better systems that have been adopted for raising funds.

Brethren, we believe the Bible abundantly sustains the idea of a well regulated system for raising funds and carrying on the mission work both

Respectfully submitted, at home and abroad.

I. M. Thompson, Chairman.

Report adopted after being freely discussed by many brethren.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

We, your committee, submit the following:

We find in the fetter from Lystra the following query:-"Is it right for a sister church to receive a member and table the letter, and both belong to the same association?" We recommend the query be referred to a special committee.

We also find that the church at Clear Spring petitioned for the next session of this Association. We therefore recommend that the next session be held at Clear Spring, five miles south of Guntersville, on Friday before the 2d Sunday in October, 1897. J. J. Rogers, Chairman. Report adopted.

Accordingly the following special committee was appointed to answer query, viz:-J. H. Haley, S. L. Conn, W B. Orr, Joseph Creel, W. C. Goodwin.

Heard and adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, respectfully submit the following:-To preach the introductory sormon, Elder M. F. Owens, alternate, Elder N. C. Denham. Sermon on Missions, Elder P. J. Corley, alternate,

Elder G. M. Milner. Sunday School Address, Elder W. J. Collier, alternate, Elder W. M. Scarborough. J. D. McHenry, Chairman.

Received and adopted.

REPORT ON TREASURER'S REPORT.

We, your committee on Treasurer's Report, make the following: After examining said report we find the same to be correct.

J. S. Roberson, Chairman.

On motion of brother I. M. Thompson agreed to raise an Indigent

Minister's Fund, and adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we are gratified that a goodly number of our churches have this year contributed to the support of our aged brethren, J. D. Jordan, J. J. Bain and H. C. Reed, and we earnestly request all of our churches to liberally contribute to our indigent minister's fund, and that such contributions be made oftener than once per year and made through, or reported to the treasurer of this Association.

The special committee reported as follows:

We, your committee on query from Lystra make the following report: After considering the facts in the case we answer, No.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. H. HALEY. Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Heard report of committee on Education.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee on Education, report as follows: When our attention is called to the educational interests of our land, we are proud that we live in a progressive age. Our country is being filled with colleges and school buildings, and we are turning out some elegant teachers and true christians. But it becomes us as Baptist people to look well to the proper training of our youths, that they may more clearly understand the true teachings of the Bible. We arge that parents use great caution in selecting good christian teachers, and that the churches take steps to prevent our youth from being led astray by the many false doctrines parading our country.

We further recommend to all those who are preparing themselves for the ministry the Howard College at East Lake, Ala., and would further recommend the Judsou at Marion, Ala., for the higher education of our daughters. Knowledge is power. Man educated in the right way is a power for good, but if in the wrong way he is a power for eyil. Realizing these facts we recommend a higher standard of education among our people.

A. E. Dorman, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The committee on devotion reported: Preaching tonight at Shady Grove by Brethren Thompson and A. Dorman; at Powel's School House by Brethren Corley and Haley; at Aurora by Brethren Milner and Teal. Appointees being absent, Brethren A. E. Dorman and W. P. Goodwin were appointed to deliver addresses on Snuday Schools.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock tomorrow.

THIRD DAY, OCTOBER 11TH-8 O'CLOCK A. M.

The body met and opened with a scriptural lesson and prayer led by L. T. Walker.

Suspended the regular order and took up item of "Misceilaneous Business."

On motion of J. R. Christian added the following Rule to the Decorum

of this Association:

Any delegate absenting himself from any session of this Association without leave of the body, his name shall be stricken from the roll of delegates. The roll shall be called before adjournment.

Resumed order of business. The chairman being absent, and for want of time, Brother J. H. Haley, one of the committee on a ublications, recommended the adoption of the report made last year, which after amendment, was adopted as follows:—

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

"Dear Brethren:—We know of a truth that there is a great responsibility resting upon us as a denomination in regard to propagating the grand truths of the Holy Bible, upon which the salvation of our race depends. We as christians ought to see to it that the Bible is placed in the hands of our children as soon as their minds are capable of understanding the same."

"We recommend that each Sunday School supply itself with the good literature of the Sunday School Board of the Sonthern Baptist Convention which can be obtained at the lowest price from J. B. Collier, Secretary

Book and Bible department at Montgomery, Ala.

"We further recommend that we all read the Bible more in the future." We recommend The Alabama Baptist, of Montgomery, Ala.; also The State Mission Quarterly, apply to W. C. Bledsoe, at Montgomery, Ala.; and The Foreign Mission Journal, Richmond, Va. That we Turnish our children with papers, tracts, and helps sent in their own names. We believe it is our indispensable duty as parents to see that our children do not read the trashy literature that is flooding our country.

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. Bradley, Chairman.

Brother A. E. Dorman offered the following resolution, which he

neartily advocated, as did many others, and which was adopted:

Realizing the great necessity of more pastoral work being done in the vicinities of our churches, and that our pastors are not sufficiently compensated to leave their homes except on Saturday and Sunday; be it resolved, That our churches do more for the support of the ministry.

Received and adopted the report of the Finance Committee. (See Fi-

nancial Exhibit).

Heard report of committee on Sunday Schools.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, submit the following report: We are glad to report that the interest in Sabbath Schools is on the increase. We think there is very little, if any, direct opposition to Sabbath Schools in our churches; but there is a good deal of indifference and carelessness among our members. We believe that every parent is responsible for the training of his or her ehildren.

We do recommend and urge all churches that have no Sabpath School to organize one as soon as possible, and thus give their children the advan-

tage of Sabbath School training.

The Marshall Baptist Sabbath School Convention will convene with High Point Church the 5th Sabbath and Saturday before in August, 1897. We hope the brethren will prepare for and attend that meeting and make it as interesting as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Goodwin, Chairman.

Pending the adoption of the report the Sunday School at Shady Grove engaged in some very entertaining exercises, which showed careful training and that much good was being done in that school.

Then came the address on Sabbath Schools by A. E. Dorman, followed

by W. P. Goodwin, after which the report was adopted.

The appointee, by consent of the body, substituted brother W. W. Harris, who preached the sermon on missions to a very large concourse of people. Text: "Come over into Macedonia, and help us."—Acts 16: 9.

Took up collection for missions, \$7 72.

Adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we extend our most heartfelt thanks to the members of Shady Grove Church and community at large for the very cordial manner in which we have been entertained.

Directed Sabbath collection to State Missions.

Ordered that the Clerk receive Ten Dollars, and that the balance of minute fund be speak in printing and distributing minutes.

Ordered that a blank form of letter for use of churches be printed with

minutes.

On motion requested churches to increase their contributions for minutes next year for the purpose of printing in the next minute the Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum of this Association.

Read and adopted minutes and adjourned with prayer by Elder W. J. Collier, after taking the parting hand. Entire harmony prevailed through-

M. F. OWEN, Moderator.

out the session.

G. M. MILNER, Clerk.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

J. E. Bagwell Arab. Ala J. Y. Bain Sydney, J. W. Brown Strawberry, J. Haley Grassy, W. L. Casey Sidney, W. M. Claiburn Friendship, S. T. Collier Albertville, W. J. Collier Hyatt, P. J. Corley Joppa, N. C. Denham Hyatt, W. P. Groover Whitesville,	G. M. Milner Boaz, Ala C. Å. Morton Alice, J. A. Oden McLarty, M. F. Owens Fenton, H. C. Reed Summit, R. W. Roe McVille, S. L. Rogers Mountainboro, H. M. Nipper Whitesville, L. M. Teel Friendship, I. M. Thompson Hyatt, W. M. Scarborough, Albertville,
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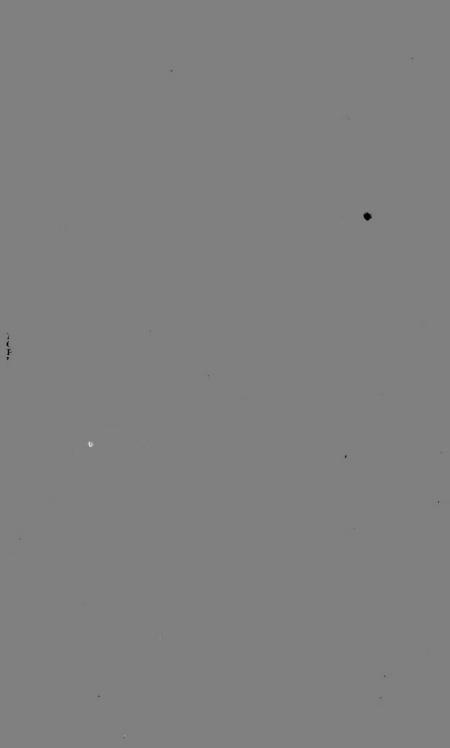


MARSHALL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—FINANCIAL EXHIBIT, 1896.

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