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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

LIBERTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

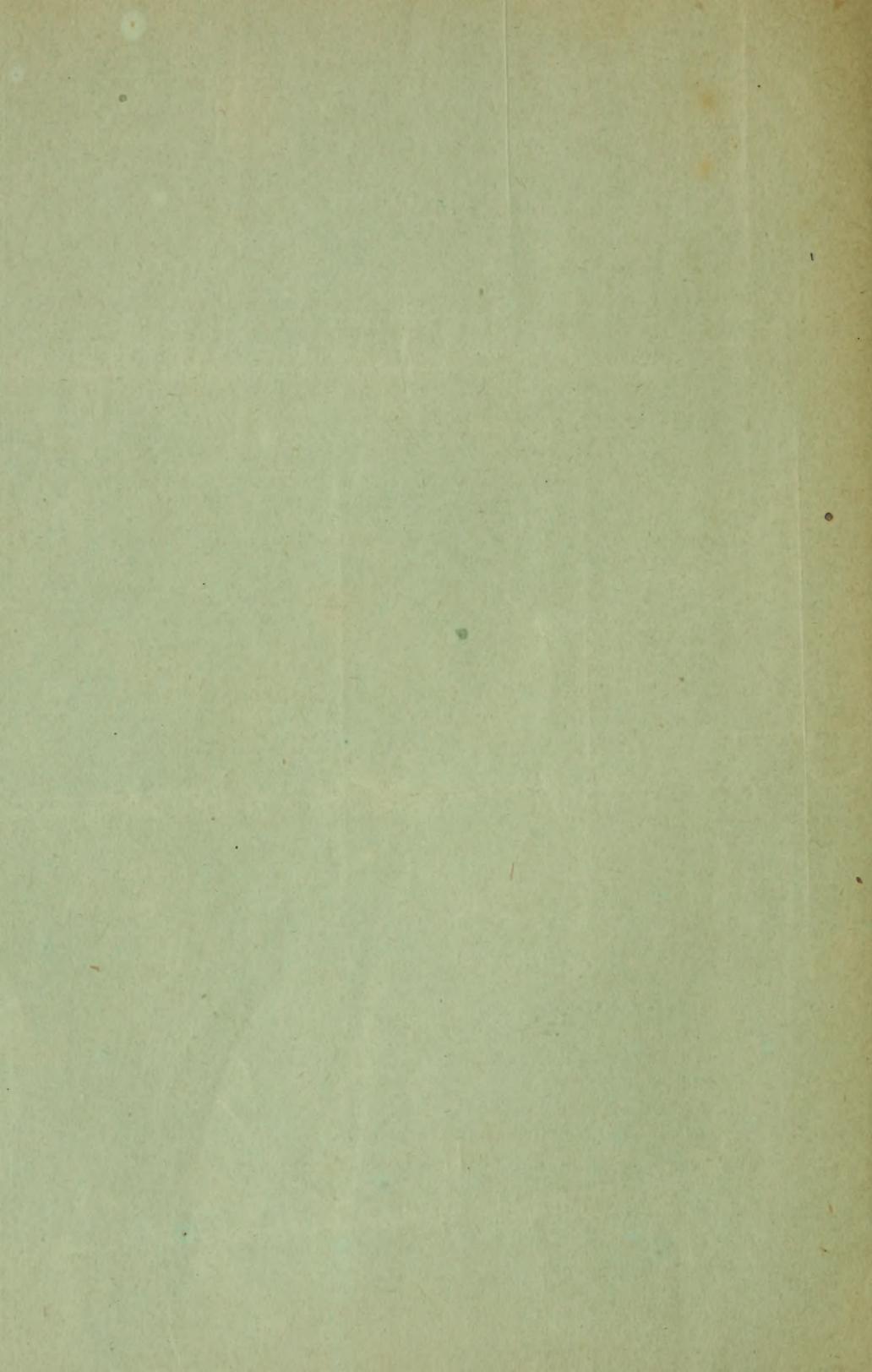
HELD WITH PINE FLAT CHURCH,

HALE COUNTY, ALABAMA.

From the 2nd to the 4th of October, 1891.

F. M. HOBSON, MODERATOR, - - Post Office, Hagler.

A. J. MAYFIELD, CLERK, - - - Post Office, Pondville.



MINUTES.

On Friday before the first Sabbath in October, 1891, the Ministers and Delegates composing the Liberty Association met with the Pine Flat Church, Hale County, Ala. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder Adam Fikes, from the 1st chapter 1st Cor., 18th verse: "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God." Then a recess of one hour was given to partake of dinner, which was prepared and at the church. Then the delegates and congregation assembled in the house. Our former Moderator, Rev. J. R. Wiggins, took his seat and called the body to order and offered prayer. Then called for the letters and appointed J. H. Deweese and J. T. Tubb reading committee. The letters were read and names of delegates enrolled as follows:

Haysop—W. G. Hubbard,* D. Kornegay, R. L. Colburn, G. W. Howard*
Barney Thompson, M. P. Champion.

Liberty—F. M. Hobson, J. R. Wiggins, J. H. Deweese, J. R. Hobson.

Mulberry—Adam Fikes, A. J. Mayfield, J. W. Caddell, Robert Hobson.

Pleasant Hill—D. M. McCray,* Daniel Johnson, H. M. Johnson, R. F. Coley, Cyrus Tingle, J. M. Geddie.

Pine Flat—N. Morrison, R. C. Latner, T. T. Ephison,* S. F. Smelley.

South Sandy—J. T. Tubb, T. J. Geddie, J. R. Montgomery.

Spring Hill—B. F. Boogs, M. Morrison, Sr., M. Morrison, Jr.

Union—J. M. Greathouse, J. D. Halmon, I. J. Greathouse.

Union Hill—W. L. Dockrey,* Green. Yeager.*

Elliott's Creek—Not represented. (Absentees marked thus *).

Then went into the election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the choice of Elder F. M. Hobson, Moderator, and J. A. Mayfield, Clerk. Then opened the door for other churches to join the Association. Then read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum. Then appointed the following Committees:

Devotion—Daniel Kornegay, J. M. Greathouse, R. F. Coley, with the deacons of Pine Flat Church.

Finance—Barney Thompson, J. M. Greathouse, M. Morrison, Jr.

Arrangement of Business—J. T. Tubb, J. R. Wiggins, J. H. Deweese, Adam Fikes, with the Moderator and Clerk.

Documents—Malcom Morrison, Jr., Barney Thompson, B. F. Boggs.

Called for the report on Deceased Ministers:—Received a verbal report from J. T. Tubb.

Called for the report on Devotion:—Malcom Morrison, Jr., to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock, followed by B. F. Clements.

On motion adjourned until half past 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, 9:30 o'clock.

Joined in singing, and prayer led by J. R. Wiggins.

Called the roll and noted absentees. See table.

Called for the report on Arrangement of Business :

We, your Committee, submit the following:—We suggest that you change the time of meeting from Friday to Saturday. On motion, business was suspended until 1 o'clock for preaching and dinner. The Brethren that were appointed to preach occupied the time, and we believe good will result from their labors. Taken for their subject 17 verse of the 11 chapter of Hebrews, "By faith Abraham when he was tried, offered up Isaac, and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten Son."

Then partook of dinner which was prepared and at the church.

Then the delegates and spectators that could assembled in the house. The Moderator called the body to order, and declared it ready for business. Opened the door for correspondence. Received a package of minutes from Harmony.

Called for the report on Documents :

We, your Committee on Documents, submit the following: We see on examining the letters that some of the churches has had glorious revivals, for which we should be thankful M. MORRISON, JR., Chm'n.

Called for report on Missions :—No report on Missions, the committee not present.

Called for the report on Education :

We, your Committee on Education, beg leave to report: While education is somewhat on the progress in this part of the country, and schools are being established by law and themes of educating our children generally has improved to what it was 25 years ago. Still we are fearful that all the improvements does not extend in the right direction to suit christian people. To educate our children to take the advantage in doing a trade and to know how to dance and play base ball and to know how to attend fashionable parties, does not comprehend a finished education. There are some among us that seems to take that view of it, while opinion is enough to destroy all the seeds of knowledge, wisdom, and virtue among us. It is in the power of every man to give his children a right kind of education, and to form their minds in the practice of virtue and morality. Everyone can send his children these times to school enough to learn them to read, and then teach them to read and study the Bible. The reading and studying of the Bible is greatly neglected among us as a people, and it is to our shame and injury. Search the Scriptures, for in them ye think ye have eternal life, is the divine injunction. The Bible is the foundation of all good government, the foundation of all true liberty. The Bible will have to be introduced and taught in our schools and its principles observed, or else our once great and glorious government cannot stand. All the great men that have lived and died before us were re-

nowned for their veneration and appreciation of the Word of God, and all the men that are among us to-day that are considered great men are of the same stripe. The Bible is all the book that is worth studying. Show me a man, young or old, that reads the Bible and I will show you a man that will do to rely on in most any other matter. C. TINGLE.

Called for the report on Sabbath Schools:—No report on Sabbath Schools.

The Association request the pastors of our churches to organize Sabbath Schools in all of the churches in our union.

Called for the report on Temperance :

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: As many have wrote various articles on the subject of Temperance, but nearly all run into prohibition, the Bible teach us to be temperate in all things. We should not only be temperate in drink, but we should be temperate in all we do or say. There are many things we should be temperate in. We should be temperate in our walk, for in our walk we show to the world to be one thing and in our talk to be another thing, for I fear there is some of us that has only got Sunday religion. If you were with some of us at times in the week, you would say we served the devil more than we do the Lord. There is but one thing we are all temperate enough in, that is in serving the Lord. There is none of us that does too much for God. We should teach our children to be temperate in all that they do, for in so doing they not only prolong life in this world, but will enjoy themselves better and be prepared to meet the various difficulties they have to undergo in this world and in the world to come. G. T. WILSON.

Then appointed the following Committees :

Missions—J. T. Tubb, Adam Fikes, A. J. Mayfield.

Temperance—J. H. Deweese, W. G. Hubbard, F. M. Hobson.

Education—J. M. Greathouse, M. Morrison, Jr., J. J. Hosmer.

Called for the report on Finace:—Received from the churches \$15 for minutes and associational purposes.

J. M. GREATHOUSE, Chm'n.

Returned correspondence as follows: To the Cahaba, L. C. Averett; to the Tuscaloosa, J. T. Tubb; to the Mulberry, W. G. Hubbard; to the Harmony, B. Thompson, S. T. Hubbard.

The next District Meeting will convene with the Union Church, Bibb County, on Friday before the second Sabbath in September, 1892.

The next session of this Association will meet with the Liberty Church on Saturday before the first Sabbath in October, 1892. Elder W. G. Hubbard to preach the Introductory Sermon, B. F. Clements alternate.

On motion the Clerk is to superintend the printing of 300 copies of these minutes, and to have the rest of the money for his service, and he is to be the distributing agent.

The Association having gone through with the business before it, sung a hymn and took the parting hand to meet at the time and place before written. Joined in prayer led by J. J. Hosmer.

A. J. MAYFIELD, Clerk.

F. M. HOBSON, Moderator.

The Association tenders its thanks to the brethren and sisters of Pine Flat church and the citizens of the vicinity for their kindness to us during our stay with them.—CLERK.

SABBATH MORNING, 10 o'clock.

Prayer-meeting led by J. M. Greathouse. Elder F. M. Hobson preached at 11 o'clock to a large and attentive congregation from the word Bible, and believe good will result from the labors of the day.—CLERK.

ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

ARTICLE 1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost.

2. We believe that the Scriptures, comprising the Old and New Testament, are the Word of God, the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's incapacity, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

8. We believe that the Saints shall be preserved in Grace, and never fall finally away.

9. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Ordinances of Jesus Christ, and the true believers are the only subjects of Baptism, and that by Immersion is the only Apostolic mode.

10. We believe that our Lord and Master washed his disciples' feet; we ought to wash one another's feet.

11. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and in the General Judgment, and that the felicity of the righteous and punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

12. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the Church, but one who is regularly baptized, called, and comes under the imposition of the hands of Presbytery.

13. We believe that none but legally baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

RULES OF DECORUM.

ARTICE 1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the members present.

3. The Moderator shall be considered a judge of order, and shall have a discretionary right to call a member to order at any time.

4. A member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.

5. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise to his feet, address the Moderator, and, on obtaining permission, proceed.

6. The Moderator, when addressed by a member for permission to speak, shall signify the same in naming the person, or otherwise.

7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or use words of personal reflection. Every motion made and seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless withdrawn by him who made it.

8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be decided on or withdrawn before another shall be offered.

9. When a motion is taken up, after allowing time for the debates, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association on the subject by yeas and Nays, or otherwise.

10. Any member wishing to retire shall obtain permission of the Mod.

11. No member shall speak more than twice on the same proposition, without leave of the Association, nor shall any proposition be made to close the subject until the debates have been carried through.

12. The appellation of "Brother" shall be used in the Association by members in their address to one another.

13. The names of members shall be called as often as the Association may direct.

14. No member shall be tolerated in any practice which tends to interrupt public speaking.

15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speaking as any other member, provided he appoint another to his seat during the time, but he shall not vote on any question unless the Association be equally divided.

16. Any member violating these rules, shall be reproved by the Moderator as directed by the Association, but only on the day the breach shall have been made.

17. These rules shall be read at the opening of every session of the Association, and shall be altered and amended when a majority of the members shall deem it necessary.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	PASTORS P. O.	CLERKS.	CLERKS P. O.	Mem. last rep'd.	Baptized.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored	Dismissed	Excluded	Died	Precent Membership.	Money sent
Elkhott's Creek	Hale	W. G. Hubbard	Hagler	B. J. Murphy	Scottsville	132	12			5		1	138 3/4	00
Haysop	Bibb	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	R. E. Howard	Hagler	87	8			3		4	87 1/2	50
Liberty	Tuscaloosa	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	J. W. Caddell	Pondville	78	8			1		1	76 2/3	50
Mudberry	Bibb	J. B. Wiggins	Hagler	J. D. Geddie	Carthage	67	9			1		1	109 1/2	50
Pleasant Hill	Hale	J. B. Wiggins	Hagler	B. C. Latner	Five Mile	47	1			2		1	47 1/2	50
Pine Flat	Hale	F. M. Hobson	Hagler	Q. Arnold	Five Mile	42	6			2		1	47 1/2	50
Spring Hill	Tuscaloosa	J. W. Lovelass	Griffin	S. P. Sumner	Griffin	46	17			5		1	65 1/2	50
South Sandy	Bibb	J. R. Wiggins	Hagler	J. M. Greathouse	Data	38	2			2		1	38 1/2	50
Union	Tuscaloosa	J. W. Lovelass	Griffin	W. L. Dockery	Griffin					4			38 1/2	50
Union Hill	Tuscaloosa	J. W. Lovelass	Griffin										14	50