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—OF THE—

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

MT. CARMEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

—HELD WITH—

Cave Spring Baptist Church, Madison County, Ala.,
near Owens X Roads,

October 7th, 8th and 9th, 1892.

OFFICERS.

ELD. J. W. BOWLING.....MODERATOR.
ELD. F. J. RIGNEY.....SECRETARY.

Moderator's Post Office, Getup, Morgan County, Ala.
Secretary's Post Office, Gurley, Madison County, Ala.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading letters from the churches and recording the messengers.
2. Election of Moderator and Secretary.
3. Appointment of committees.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Report of standing committees.
7. Report of Executive Committee.
8. Report of Evangelist.
9. Report of committees appointed at this session.
10. Election of Evangelist and Executive Committee.
11. Appoint correspondence.
12. Appoint time and place of the next session.
13. Appoint a brother to preach the Introductory and Missionary Sermons and alternates.
14. Miscellaneous business.

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The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Mt. Carmel Baptist Association met with Cave Spring Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, October 7th, 1892.

The brethren who were appointed at the last session to preach the Introductory both being absent, Eld. C. W. McClellan was elected to preach it, and he selected the first verse of the 12th chapter of Romans. The sermon abounded with the truths of the Word of God, and was well received.

After preaching, refreshments were spread on the ground, and were enjoyed by all present.

After 1½ hours the Association was called to order and opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer by the Moderator—Scripture 1st Psalm. Bro. Thompson from Huntsville and Bro. Schramm from Decatur were recognized and received.

ENROLLMENT OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

Antioch—Eld. C. W. McClellan, J. F. Sivley.

Bethlehem—Eld. J. M. Simpson, Jasper Free.

Beech Spring—F. P. Barnard, William Couch, I. G. Putnam.

Bethel—J. F. Kennemore, M. Carbin.

Cedar Point—Eld. F. J. Rigney, J. H. Atchly, M. M. Downey.

Cedar Grove, Sr.—Eld. J. W. Brown, R. C. Clark.

Cedar Grove, Jr.—J. R. Campbell, J. M. Lee.

Cave Spring—Eld. E. N. Maples, J. W. Dunn, James Branum.

Center—J. R. Sutton, J. L. Morrison.

Flint—E. C. Force.

Mt. Tabor—J. M. Black.

New Prospect—H. H. Bridges, A. J. Loyd, J. C. Williams.

New Hope—J. G. Blackburn, J. K. P. Kennedy.

Pleasant Mount—A. B. Moveing, J. M. Harbin.

Union Grove—Eld. J. W. Bowling, B. Bowling.

After the enrollment of the churches and the messengers, the Association proceeded to elect officers. Pending the election of officers, Union Grove, Mt. Tabor and Beech Spring churches arrived and were received and enrolled. The election resulted in the choice of Eld. J. W. Bowling as Moderator, and Eld. F. J. Rigney as Secretary.

The Moderator then proceeded with the appointment of committees:

Devotional Committee—Pastor and Deacons of Cave Spring Church.

Committee on Finance—J. H. Atchley, M. M. Downey, Wm. Couch.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—H. H. Bridges, John Black, Frank Barnard.

Committee on Synopsis of Church Letters—Eld. J. W. Brown, E. M. Force, B. Bowling.

Committee on Missions—Eld. J. W. Dunn, Jasper Free, J. J. Putnam.

Committee on Periodicals—J. G. Blackburn, J. C. Williams, J. F. Sivley.

Committee on Correspondence—R. C. Clark, J. R. Campbell, J. M. Harbin.

Committee on Nominations—Eld. C. W. McClellan, J. R. Sutton, A. B. Moveing.

Committee on Temperance—E. N. Maples, H. H. Bridges, J. F. Kennemore.

No response was made to the call for Petitionary Letters.

The call for correspondence was responded to by Eld. L. Woodall and Bro. Carlile from the Tennessee River Association; also Bro. Schramm, who represented the Home and Foreign Mission work for the Alabama Baptist State Convention, and Bro. J. L. Thompson, who belonged to the Board of Ministerial Education of the Alabama Baptist State Convention. All of whom were received and invited to seats in the Association.

No response was made to the call for visiting brethren, but later Bro. W. Branum of the Tennessee River Association was recognized and invited to a seat with us.

A motion was made by Eld. C. W. McClellan to grant Bros. Thompson and Schramm from 10 to 12 o'clock to-morrow morning to present the claims of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, which they represented. The motion was carried.

After the reading and approval of the Minutes the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. The Devotional Committee reported previous to adjournment as follows: Bro. Thompson at Cave Spring Church and Eld. C. W. McClellan at the School House near Bro. Rigney's. Both at early candle light.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 8, 1892.

The Association met at 9:15 o'clock pursuant to adjournment. The Moderator opened by reading the Scriptures and singing and prayer; after which the Association was declared ready for business.

At the request for messengers who had arrived since yesterday evening to let their presence be known, Bro. Morrison, bearing a letter from Center, responded, and J. M. Simpson, who was from Bethlehem, reported, and were enrolled.

There was no report made from the Executive Committee.

The next report was called from the Evangelist, who read his report after he found it, and it was adopted and marked "A."

No committee being ready to report, the business of the Association was suspended to grant Mt. Tabor a letter. But when the motion to grant the letter was under consideration, a motion was made to postpone the granting of it until later; carried. The Association then suspended business to give Bros. Thompson and Schramm the time appointed them—from 10 to 12 o'clock—to put the interests before the Association which they represented in the Alabama Baptist Convention. At the close of Bro. Schramm's remarks a public collection was taken up and \$10.35 was collected, as follows: C. W. McClellan \$1.00, J. M. Simpson \$1.00, Allen Baker \$1.00, J. W. Brown 15c., T. L. Baker 25c., G. R. Blackburn 25c., Jas. Branum 50c., J. F. Kennemore 25c., J. C. Williams 10c., J. W. Bowling 10c., J. F. Sivley \$1.00, Frank Maples \$1.00, W. Couch 50c., E. F. Patterson \$1.00, E. A. Moveing 50c., J. H. Atchley \$1.00, Bro. Schramm 25c., Bro. Lee 25c., Thos. Friar 15c., Bro. Carvin 10c. The following amounts were pledged to be paid by the time the Convention meets in May: H. H. Bridges \$1.00, M. M. Downey \$1.00, L. E. Rigney \$1.00, J. K. P. Kennedy 50c., F. J. Rigney \$5.00, E. M. Force for Flint Church \$1.00, James Friar 50c., Bro. Sutton 50c., J. L. Morrison 50c., J. H. Hughes 50c., J. S. Webster 50c. Total \$12.00.

The body then adjourned one hour and thirty minutes.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At the close of the time appointed the Association reassembled. After opening, the Committee on Sabbath Schools read their report, and after some discussion it was adopted after amending it by requesting the churches to send up reports of their Sabbath Schools next year. The report is marked "B."

The report of the Committee on Temperance was received and adopted, after some remarks, and marked "C."

The Committee on Finance made their report, and pending the adoption of the report a collection was taken up and the amount collected, \$1.95, added to the amount sent up by the churches. The report is marked "D."

The report on Missions was made and received, and marked "E."

The Secretary was instructed to receive \$5.00 for his services,

and have the Minutes printed with the remainder and distribute to the churches according to the amounts received from them.

The report on Correspondence received, and after striking out the name of Muscle Shoals Association it was adopted and marked "F."

The Committee on Periodicals made their report. It was adopted and marked "G."

The regular order of business was then suspended to grant Mt. Tabor a letter of dismission.

The Devotional Committee then reported that Bro. Lee Woodall preach at the church at Cave Spring at early candle light, and Bro. Bowling at the school house near Bro. Rigney's at the same hour.

The Committee on Synopsis of Church Letters made their report, and it was received and marked "H."

Report on Nominations was read and adopted, and marked "I."

It was then agreed to publish the time and place of the next Union Meeting, which will be held with Beech Spring Church in Marshall County, commencing on Friday before the fourth Lord's day in July, 1893. E. N. Maples was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; F. J. Rigney alternate.

Correspondence was then appointed as follows: J. M. Simpson and E. N. Maples to the Liberty Association; and H. H. Bridges and A. J. Loyd to go to the Tennessee River Association.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to the brethren and friends who entertained the Association during their stay among them.

After the reading and approval of the Minutes, the Association adjourned to meet with Union Grove Church on Friday before the second Lord's day in October, 1893.

EXHIBIT A.

REPORT OF EVANGELIST OF MT. CARMEL ASSOCIATION.

Began November 10th at Winter's School-house, Woodland Mill, Draper's School-house and Bethlehem Church; engaged four days. Received of W. M. Foster \$1.00, J. W. Philips \$1.00, J. T. Norris \$1.00; total \$3.00. Received no report from the churches stopped. Yours in hope,

October 6, 1892.

J. M. SIMPSON.

EXHIBIT B.

We your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report as follows: We endorse Sabbath Schools; Solomon says bring a child up in the way he should go and when he gets old he will not depart from it. We are taught the Bible is a lamp to our feet and a guide from earth to heaven, therefore we would urge every

church in the Association to consider prayerfully the great importance of Sabbath School work, that our children may be taught the gospel of Christ. Respectfully submitted,

H. H. BRIDGES, Chm.

EXHIBIT C.

We your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report: In reporting on the subject of Temperance, we would earnestly recommend the abstaining from the use of vinous and spirituous liquors as a beverage. We would suggest that in order to make temperance more effectual, we must remove ourselves as far as possible from the influence of the fell destroyer. If we permit ourselves to be overcome by the influence of intemperance, sooner or later some brother in an unguarded hour will fall into its clutches and thus bring not only disgrace upon himself and family but more upon the cause of Christ. Brethren, we recommend temperance in all things. Respectfully submitted,

E. N. MAPLES, Chm.

EXHIBIT D.

Your committee respectfully submits the following: Antioch \$1.50, Bethlehem \$1.15, Beech Spring \$1.00, Bethel 75c., Cedar Point 85c., Cedar Grove. Sr., 50c., Cedar Grove, Jr, 50c., Cave Spring \$1.25, Flint 50., Mt. Tabor 45c., New Prospect 65c., New Hope 55c., Pleasant Mount 85c., Union Grove 85c. Total \$11.15. Amount raised by public collection \$1.95. Respectfully submitted,

J. H. ATCHLEY, Chm.

EXHIBIT E.

We your Committee on Missions beg leave to report: That our blessed Master hath said go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature; therefore we feel it our duty to labor in every way to advance the cause of our Heavenly Master, and to practically maintain the doctrine of Missionary Baptists. We rejoice in the fulfillment of the word of our Lord which was spoken by our Heavenly Master, the great head of the Church, which shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all nations, and then cometh the end. Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DUNN, Chm.

EXHIBIT F.

Your Committee on Correspondence recommend that we continue correspondence with the Liberty, Tennessee River and Warrior River Associations. Respectfully submitted,

R. C. CLARK, Chm.

EXHIBIT G.

We your Committee on Periodicals report: That within our knowledge there is nothing so true as the Bible; we therefore recommend the careful study of the same that we may be able to defend the truths that are therein written. We further recommend the reading of such Baptist newspapers as are found to be sound in the faith. But we find a great many periodicals published as religious papers contain more or less errors and are really dangerous to the common reader; we therefore recommend that great care should be taken in all reading and teaching concerning the word of God, that we may come to a proper understanding of the words of eternal truths. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. BLACKBURN.

EXHIBIT H.

Your Committee on Synopsis of Church Letters beg leave to submit the following report: Beech Spring reports a great revival in the church and many accessions, Bethel reports no revival, New Prospect reports no revival, Bethlehem reports a revival and accessions, Flint no meeting of days, New Hope no revival, Pleasant Mount reported no revival, Cave Spring no revival, Cedar Grove, Jr., no revival, Cedar Grove, Sr., reported no revival, Antioch no revival, Mt. Tabor a glorious revival and accessions to the church, Centre no revival, Union Grove reports a great revival and accessions to the church. All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. W. BROWN, Chm.

EXHIBIT I.

Your committee on Nominations beg leave to report: That finding no application for the next session of the Association in the letters of the churches, and being informed by Elder J. W. Bowling that the church at Union Grove desired this body to meet with her, but failed to apply to prevent interference with another church, we therefore recommend that the Association hold its next session at Union Grove Church, and that Eld. H. H. Bridges preach the Introductory Sermon; H. Williams alternate. J. W. Brown to preach the Annual Missionary Sermon; F. J. Rigney alternate. Respectfully submitted,

C. W. McCLELLAN, Chm.

ELD. J. W. BOWLING, MODERATOR.

ELD. F. J. RIGNEY, SECRETARY.

STATISTICS OF THE MT. CARMEL ASSOCIATION, 1892.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	CLERK'S Post Office.	Rec'd by			Dis'm'd by			Minutes Money.	Preaching Sabaths	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports Revival.
					Baptism.	Letter.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Death.				
Antioch.....	Morgan.	F. J. Rigney.....	J. E. Crow.....	Crowton.....	45	1	1	1	46	1 50	3	..	..
Bethlehem.....	Morgan.	J. W. Dunn.....	Thos. Ransom.....	Lacy Springs.....	84	1	2	6	96	1 15	1	..	..
Beech Spring.....	Marshall.	J. W. Bowling.....	G. W. Williams.....	Union Grove.....	46	35	5	3	84	1 00	..	..	1
Bethel.....	Marshall.	L. E. Canon.....	H. W. Bowling.....	Warrenton.....	20	..	..	..	19	75	..	..	..
Cedar Point.....	Madison	..	M. M. Downey.....	Woodville.....	20	..	..	..	18	85	..	..	..
Cedar Grove, Sr.....	Madison	J. W. Dunn.....	J. B. Brown.....	New Hope.....	2	1	2	2	125	50	3	..	..
Cedar Grove, Jr.....	Madison	E. N. Maples.....	J. W. Campbell.....	Maysville.....	42	..	..	..	40	55	4	..	..
Cave Spring.....	Madison	E. N. Maples.....	J. E. Maples.....	Owens X Roads.....	105	2	1	1	100	25	2	..	..
Center.....	Marshall.	H. R. Williams.....	J. L. Moryang.....	Moongold.....	44	..	1	2	31	50	1	..	..
*Chestnut Oak Grove..	..	..	..	..	44	..	..	..	3	..	..	..	..
*Deposit.....	Madison	F. J. Rigney.....	E. M. Forcé.....	Brownshoro.....	41	1	1	3	4	50	4	..	..
Flint.....	Marshall	M. R. Taylor.....	J. J. Foster.....	Warrenton.....	73	10	3	3	78	1 50	3	..	..
Mt. Carmel.....	Marshall	J. S. Phillips.....	J. M. Black.....	Briscoe.....	87	5	1	3	97	45	1	..	..
Mt. Tabor.....	Marshall.	J. C. Williams.....	N. S. Evans.....	Stevenson.....	17	..	6	..	43	65	2	..	..
New Prospect.....	Madison	F. J. Rigney.....	C. R. Blackburn.....	New Hope.....	44	..	..	..	18	65	1	..	..
New Hope.....	Madison	A. J. Parker.....	H. W. Mullens.....	Gurleys.....	68	2	2	1	54	85	3	..	..
Pleasant Mount.....	Madison	J. W. Bowling.....	J. F. Luker.....	Get Up.....	50	12	1	1	66	55	3	..	..
Union Grove.....	Morgan.	52	76	20	10	926	\$13 30	1	

Mt. Carmel Reported \$2.65 for Foreign Missions.
*Not Represented.

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