

ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

GILLIAM SPRINGS MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH

NEW FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

OCTOBER 19, 20, 21, 1900.

---

OFFICERS.

M. K. TAYLOR, Moderator, ..... Arab, Ala.  
R. J. RIDDLE, Clerk and Treasurer ..... Arab, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

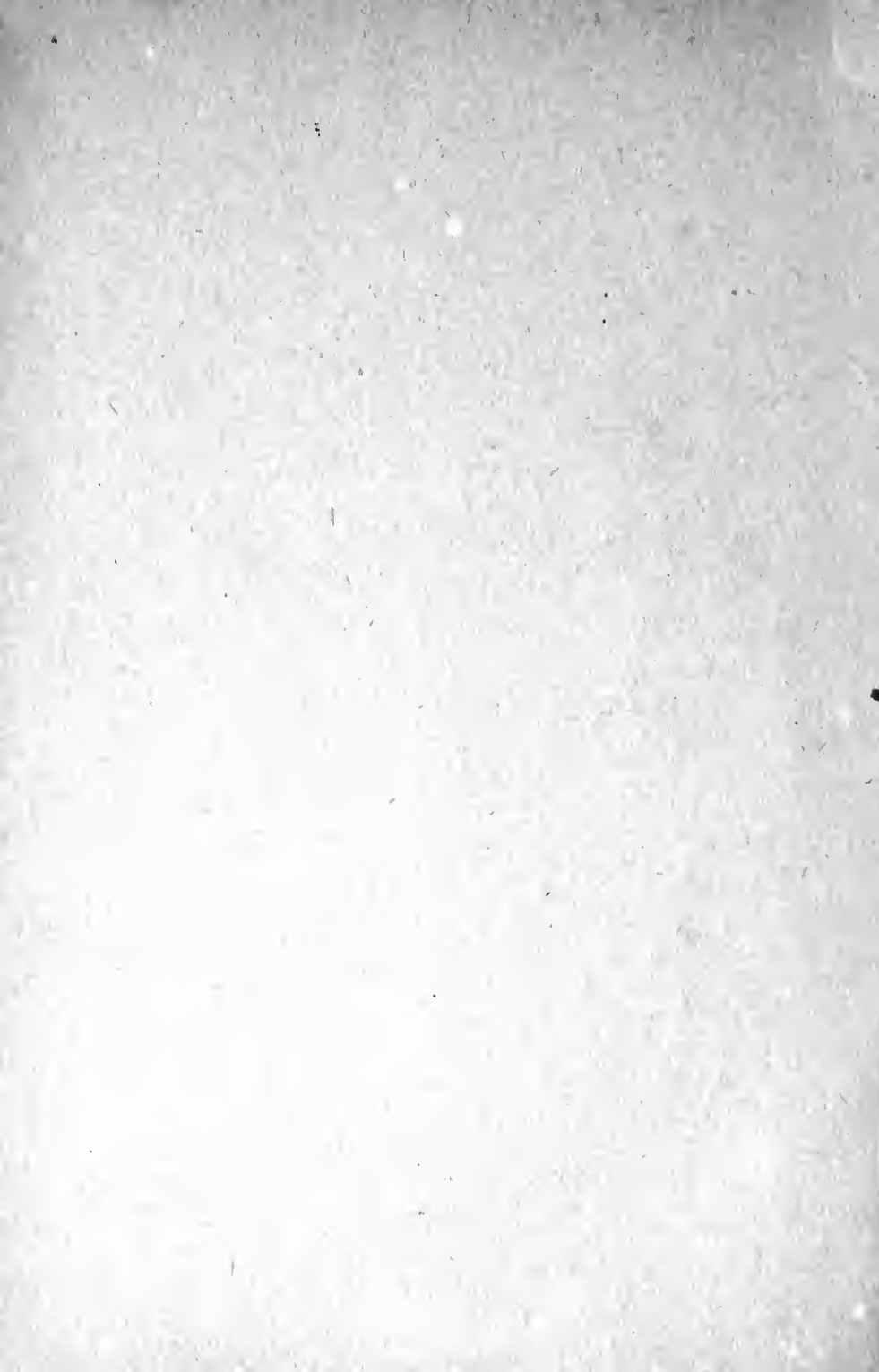
J. P. CLARK, Oleander ; J. J. HOOTEN, Joppa ;  
J. O. JOHNSON, Union Grove.

---

Next Session will be held with Mt. Tabor church, four miles north-west of Oleander, on Friday before the 3d Sunday in October, 1901.

---

CULLMAN, ALA.  
THE TRIBUNE-GAZETTE  
1900.



## ORDER OF BUSINESS,

1. Collect and read letters from churches.
2. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
3. Invite visitors to seats.
4. Call for correspondents from other Associations.
5. Call for petitionary letters.
6. Appoint standing committees as follows: On Devotion, Missions, Sabbath Schools, Finance, Temperance, Education, Publications, Documents, Nominations, and Treasurer's Report.
7. Read Constitution and Rules of Decorum.
8. Hear report from Executive Committee and Treasurer.
9. Appoint correspondents to other Associations.
10. Elect Executive Committee.
11. Elect delegates to State Convention.
12. Hear reports from Standing Committees.
13. Appoint District or Union Meetings.
14. Provide for Printing and Distribution of Minutes.

---

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep on file a copy of the printed minutes of each and every session of this Association and deliver same to his successor in office.

2. No member shall absent himself from the Association without permission of the body.

3. Every person who desires to speak in debate on any subject, shall rise from his seat, and address the Moderator, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he shall depart from the subject.

4. When a motion has been made and regularly announced by the Moderator, no other motion shall be received except to amend, to substitute, to lay on the table, to postpone, either to a set time, or table indefinitely, except a motion to adjourn, shall always be in order except when a member is speaking or the body voting.

5. No member shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the body.

6. Each member shall be required to demean himself in such way as will comport with the dignity of the body, and the high object it labors to foster. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call to order any member who may indulge in offensive personalities or unbecoming language, or if he depart from the subject while speaking.

7. Each session of the Association shall fix the time and place for holding the next session.

8. The order of business shall be observed at each session as printed, which should be on the first page of the minutes.

# MINUTES.

The 6th. session of the Gilliam Springs Missionary Baptist Association met with New Friendship church on Oct. 19th, 1900, according to appointment.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. S. Phillips from text John 19th. and 4, concluded by Rev. W. J. Wright. Adjourned one hour. Afternoon, called to order by former Moderator, M. K. Taylor After reading Philippians 4th chap. and prayer, joined in the good old song, "Come Ye that Love the Lord." N. P. Clark and J. O. Johnson were appointed to collect and read the letters from the different churches and messengers responded and were enrolled as follows :

Shoal Creek :—M. K. Taylor, J. E. Bagwell, W. J. Wright, C. Whitworth, R. J. Riddle and N. P. Clark.

Beech Springs—J. H. Black, W. M. Couch.

New Canaan, Cullman Co.—Rev. J. W. H. Kennedy, L. H. Tompkins, C. T. Lambert.

New Salem.—S. M. Light.

Union Grove (Marshal Co.)—W. W. Roe, W. H. Johnson, Homer Thomason, Jas. Williams, J. O. Johnson.

Warrior Creek—J. A. Fortenbery,

Mt. Tabor—Jas. M. Black, F. O. Helms, Willie Black.

New Cannan (Morgan Co.)—W. F. Cryer, J. J. Thomas, H. C. Stedam.

Corinth—J. J. Hooton, Wm. Alexander.

Union Grove (Morgan Co.)—J. R. Black, J. C. Williams.

Mt. Carmel—P. H. Duett, J. S. Phillips.

Roswell Creek—W. A. Teague.

Gilliam Springs—J. C. Camp, J. G. Kelly, P. M. Williamson, J. O. Butler, T. J. Williamson.

New Friendship—J. E. Cannon, J. W. Jones, J. E. Owen, John Knight.

Rescue—Samuel Ditto.

Bethlehem, Woodland Mills and Duke's Chapel, not represented.

We then proceeded to organize by re-electing M. K. Taylor, Moderator, and R. J. Riddle, Clerk and Treasurer.

The moderator then appointed committees on programs as follows :

On Devotion, W. W. Roe, J. J. Thomas, with pastor and deacons of the church. Next called for correspondence and visiting messengers, and received, Rev. J. A. Blankinship, from the Muscle Shoals Association. Then heard report from Com. on Devotion, as follows, P. H. Duett, preach at night, J. A. Blankinship to conclude. Next appointed following committee on mission report : J. S. Phillips, J. W. H. Kennedy. On Sabbath Schools, J. O. Johnson, N. P. Clark. On Finance, J. J. Hooton, J. J. Thomas. On Temperance, P. H. Duett, J. E. Bagwell. On Education, W. J. Wright, Wm. Alexander. On Treasurers report, J. G. Kelly, W. W. Roe. On nominations, J. M. Black, J. W. Jones, and W. A. Teague. On documents, Samuel Ditto, L. H. Tompkins. Then the session adjourned until half past eight Saturday morning.

Saturday morning, 9 o'clock, called to order by moderator with devotional exercises by reading 132d, and 133d, division of the Psalms, prayer by Rev. J. E. Bagwell. Then read and approved minutes of yesterday, then called for reading of rules of decorum, which were omitted, as we had no minute with said rules, next called for and heard report from executive committee as follows : We, your committee, beg to report. We have endeavored to supply all the calls made on us as best we could with the limited means in our hands. We have had 42 days work done in our bounds as follows : At Sweet Home by M. K. Taylor 14 days, at other different places 12 days, by J. E.

Bagwell, at Sweet Home, Mt. Tabor and New Canaan, Morgan Co., and at Dean School House, 16 days. This work we think has resulted in great good, as there have been 40 conversions and baptisms this year at the above named places, there being 21 at Sweet Home alone and 9 at Mt. Tabor. There were collected by those brethren at those places, \$6.47 which were turned over to the Treas to be added to the general funds for domestic missions. We have paid these brethren for their services \$1.00 per day, making \$42.00. We recommend that there be a regular appointment kept up at Sweet Home, with a view to organizing a church there as soon as practicable, also that there be a regular monthly appointment kept up at Horton School House, during the next year, so we have done the best we could and submit the same to your prayerful consideration and ask your co-operation that we may be able to advance in this great work.

Respectfully,

N. P. CLARK,

J. O. JOHNSON,

J. J. HOOTEN, Ex Com.

This report brought out some good speeches after which it was adopted. Next heard report from the Treasurer as follows :

To amount on hand.....	\$ 9.53
Rec d for missions—foreign, Home and State.....	2 15
For Orphans Home.....	7.85
For Associational missions.....	33.85
For Minute fund.....	11.15
For Sunday School work.....	9.55

Total Received for year 1900.....\$74.08

DISBURSEMENTS.

Foreign, Home and State Boards.....	\$ 2 15
To Orphans Home.....	7.85
For Minutes.....	11.15
M. K. Taylor, for mission work.....	26.00
J. E. Bagwell, " " ".....	16.00
Railroad fare, M. K. Taylor,.....	1.75
For Sunday School Literature.....	2.76
Balance on hand.....	6.42

Total.....\$74 08

Report approved

Next heard report on Education as follows: We, your committee, beg to report we find the interest in education growing with our people, they are building better school houses, therefore we would recommend, that we put forth greater efforts than ever along this line, we would recommend further that we encourage our ministry to try as much as they can to obtain a higher education, and that we do all we can to help them along this line. We would urge upon you to employ Christian teachers, in all our common schools, as much so as possible. We would point with pride to our people all our denominational institutions for the higher education of our children.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. WRIGHT,  
WM. ALEXANDER.

This report was spoken on by J. S. Phillips, M. K. Taylor, W. J. Wright, and others, then adopted.

Renewed call for visiting brethren and read as correspondent from Callman association, Bro. J. M. Lee. Next heard report on documents as follows: We beg to report that we have examined all the letters from the several churches and we find some of them to be building up while others are on a stand still, we find a query sent in by Gilliam church, which we recommend be referred to committee on queries. We would urge upon all the churches to try to make greater progress along all lines of Christian work and benevolence another year than ever before.

Respectfully,

SAMUEL DITTO,  
L. H. TOMPKINS,

Report was adopted.

Then the following committee was appointed on the query. J. S. Phillips J. W. H. Kennedy, and W. H. Johnson. Next heard report from committee on devotion. Rev. W. J. Wright to preach at Mobbs School House to night, P. H. Duett to conclude, J. A. Blankenship to preach at the church, and J. E. Bagwell to conclude. Next heard report from Com. on

Temperance as follows : We beg to report that on this great question of temperance, we confine ourselves to the one greatest on this subject, and that of the liquor question. To put an end to the liquor traffic would lift from society the worst of its many burdens, and the fruitful source of crime, pauperism and misery. This ought to be exterminated from our land, it is the greatest enemy of the home, the church, the schools, and to all good institutions. We should look on this in the language of Paul, to Elymus, O full of all subtlety and all mischief thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness. Its victims are to be found in our jails, our lunatic asylums, our alms houses, and still worse they are found in our homes, where wives, mothers, and children are the innocent victims of its ravages. O what a happy revolution there would be if we could rid our selves of this evil. The little word "how," is the problem. Therefore we recommend that each church in this association pass resolutions forbidding any of its members selling fruit to a distillery or in any way aiding in the making of intoxicating drink, and we believe it the duty of all Christians to abstain from the use of intoxicants as a beverage, and to use their christian influence against it.

Respectfully,

J. E. BAGWELL,

P. H. DUETT.

Committee.

This report was well discussed by Brethren J. E. Bagwell, J. S. Phillips, M. K. Taylor and others. After a large rising vote on the recommendations in the report, it was unanimously adopted. Then adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON.

Called together with song service, moderator read 103 Psalm, prayer by J. O. Johnson. Next appointed correspondence to other associations as follows :

To the Marshall J. A. Fortenbery, W. J. Wright, J. E. Bagwell, To the Cullman, J. J. Hooton. To Muscle Shoals, J. S. Phillips.



Next heard report from committee on missions, as follows :

Dear Brethren, we are glad to report that while we are so indifferent and doing nothing, others are up and doing and the gospel is being preached now to almost all nations, and scores are receiving Christ as their Saviour, though we are sorry to find our people so indifferent to the commands to help in this great work. Christ said we are the light of the world, and the salt of the earth. Brethren have we lost our light, are we missionary indeed and in truth, or only in name? In the name of him who died to redeem us, we ask you to consider these truths, and let us help in this great work of giving the word of God to those who are dying without it. We recommend that this body formulate some plan, whereby we may co-operate with those who are in the work of sending the gospel to them that have it not. Let us prove our faith by our works, let us be doers of the word, and not hearers only. O may the one who said "go into all the world and preach my gospel to every creature," inspire our hearts with greater zeal for his cause.

We further recommend that each church appoint a committee of two sisters and one brother, to look after the mission interest, and they take quarterly collections for same.

Respectfully,

J. S. PHILLIPS,

J. W. H. KENNEDY,

Committee.

This report was well discussed by J. S. Phillips, M. K. Taylor, and others after which the following resolutions were offered: Resolved that each church in this association, raise next year, 10cts. per member, for the mission cause, and that one half of the amount be applied to domestic missions and the other half be equally divided between other missions.

Respectfully,

R. J. RIDDLE.

The resolution and report were then unanimously adopted. A collection was taken and received \$4.30.

Next heard report from committee on query as follows :

We, your committee on query, report that no church has any scriptural right to receive a member who has two living wives, who are both, virtuous women, and if there be any such church in this association we recommend that this association have no fellowship with them. There was some discussion on this report and as it was deemed out of order it was then moved and seconded to table the report indefinitely. Carried. Then it was moved and carried to reconsider the matter. After some further discussion of the report it was adopted. It was then moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate whether there be any such church in this association ; motion lost.

Next heard report from finance committee, as follows : We beg to report that we have tabulated the amounts contributed by all the churches and find amounts as follows : For domestic missions \$14.19, for home missions 25c. State missions, \$3.83, foreign missions, \$5.65, Orphans' home, \$3.90, minutes, \$10.73. Total \$38.55.

J. J. HOOTON,  
J. J. THOMAS,  
Committee.

Next heard report from committee on Treasurer's report : We beg to report that we have examined the Treasurers report and find same to be correct, and find there is a balance in hands of the Treas. of \$6.42.

Respectfully,  
W. W. ROWE,  
T. J. WILLIAMSON,  
Committee.

Next heard report from committee on nominations, as follows : That the next session of this body will meet with Mt. Tabor Church, 4 miles northwest of Oleander, on Friday before the 3rd. Sunday in Oct. 1901. We appoint to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. M. K. Taylor, alternate, J. E. Cannon, to preach

the mission sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock, J. S. Phillips, alternate W. J. Wright, N. P. Clark, to deliver a lecture on Sabbath schools, on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, alternate, J. W. H. Kennedy,

Respectfully Submitted,

WM. A. TEAGUE,

J. W. JONES,

J. M. BLACK,

Adopted.

Committee.

Next proceeded to elect an executive committee as follows: N. P. Clark, J. J. Hooten, J. O. Johnson, Moved and seconded, that the Clerk and Treas. be an ex-officio members of this committee. Adopted.

Next moved and seconded that the clerk be allowed \$5.00 for his services. Carried. Then the following committee was appointed to arrange time place and program for 5th Sunday union meetings for next year. W. W. Rowe, J. S. Phillips, J. J. Hooten. Then adjourned to meet in the morning at 9 o'clock.

Sunday morning 9 o'clock, Oct. 21, opened with song, service by Bro. A. E. York, prayer by W. J. Wright, and C. Whitworth, Moderator read 15th Psalm, then read and adopted minutes of yesterday. It was moved and seconded that the work to be done in our own bounds, for another year be left to the discretion of the executive committee, and that they try to get some help from State board. Adopted.

Then the following resolution was offered and adopted. After making some inquiry, we find that all the preachers' lives have been spared another year. Therefore be it resolved that we suspend the regular order of business and spend a few moments in prayer to the great giver of all good, for his mercies toward us. The prayer was led by Bro. R. J. Riddle, Samuel Ditto, then the following resolution of thanks was offered; Resolved that this body return their heartfelt thanks to this church and good people of this community and especially the good sisters for their very kind hospitality to us while with them.

Adopted.

R. J. RIDDLE.

The committee on Sablath schools made the following report; Brethren, after looking round we find nothing new to report on the Sabbath school cause. As usual, we find our people in this association doing but very little in Sabbath school work, and are sorry to say several of our churches are doing nothing, do not even have a Sabbath school. Brethren if this be a work for the church, let us have it, if not, let us do away with it. We leave you to decide. We are happy to report, that there were two Sunday schools organized this year, in destitute places in our bounds. And we think there was great good accomplished thereby.

N. P. CLARK, }  
 J. O. JOHNSON, } Committee.

We then had some good speeches on the report, by N. P. Clark, and J. O. Johnson, and others. The report was then adopted.

Next heard report from committee on arrangements for union meetings as follows: The first 5th. Sunday union meeting to convene with Corinth Church, at Joppa, Ala., on Friday before 5th. Sunday in Dec., 1900. J. E. Bagwell to preach an introductory sermon on Friday at 11 o'clock, P. H. Duett, alternate. M. K. Taylor to preach a mission sermon on Sunday at 11 o'clock, J. S. Phillips alternate. J. O. Johnson to deliver an address, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, on Sunday schools, followed by R. J. Riddle. Next union to meet with New Canaan Church (Morgan County,) on Friday before 5th. Sunday in June, 1901. J. S. Phillips to preach the introductory, W. J. Wright, alternate. J. E. Bagwell to preach the mission sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock, M. K. Taylor alternate. P. H. Duett to make the Sunday school address, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. We also recommend that each church send up to each of these meetings a contribution for missions at least one fourth of the amount agreed by them for the year.

Adopted. J. S. PHILLIPS, }  
 J. J. HOOTEN, } Committee.  
 W. W. ROWE, }

Then adjourned 15 minutes, called together by song service by choir and heard an able sermon on subject of mission, from M. K. Taylor, Text, Matt. 7th. Chapter, 25, 26, and 27 verses, after which another collection was taken, and received \$3.93, it was then ordered that the Clerk have the rules of decorum printed in the minutes.

The parting hand was then taken and the association adjourned, to meet with Mt. Tabor Church, on Friday before the 3rd. Sunday in Oct. 1901.

M. K. TAYLOR, Moderator.

R. J. RIDDLE, Clerk.

#### RECAPITULATION

Domestic Missions.....	\$14 19
Home Missions.....	25
State Missions.....	3 84
Foreign Missions.....	5 65
Orphans' Home.....	3 90
Minutes.....	10 73
Saturday and Sunday Collection.....	8 23
Total.....	\$46 79

#### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

John M. Simpson, Somerville.	M. K. Taylor, Arab.
J. W. Bowling, Getup.	J. S. Phillips, Warrenton.
P. H. Duett, Warrenton.	J. E. Cannon, Grassy.
J. W. H. Kennedy, Arab,	Samuel Ditto, Getup.
W. J. Wright, Arab.	J. E. Bagwell, Arab.
W. T. Oaks, Lacy Springs.	J. W. Brown, Huntsville.

#### LICENTIATES.

W. H. Kay, Lacy Springs.	C. W. Whitworth, Arab.
J. A. Fortenberry, Summit.	C. T. Lambert, Roswell.
	B. Maze, Stringer.





