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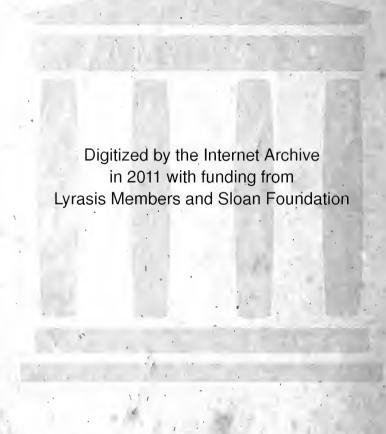
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PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to adjournment, the delegates to the Alabama Baptist Association met with the Adams Street church at Montgomery, on Thursday, October 6th, 1881, and were called to order by the Moderator at 11 o'clock. It having been ordered by the last session of the Association, that the Introductory Sermon should be preached to-night, the body proceeded to organize. A hymn was sung, and Elder Avant offered prayer; after which the letters from the churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Centre Ridge-

Town Creek-S. W. Quarles, J. F. Ellis,* T. K. Whitman.*

Bethany-H. W. Caffey, E. F. BABER, W. R. Hardy.*

Sister Springs-J. M. SMOKE,* Jack Day.*

Pleasant Hill—E. J. FORRESTER, U. J. Crumpton,* G. W. Underwood,* J. R. Crumpton.*

Shiloh—B. D. Crum, D. B. Edwards.*

Cedar Creek - Ithiel Ingram,* J. F. Lee.*

SECOND DISTRICT.

New Bethel-G. O. Bruner, P. Hamilton.*

Benton-

Steep Creek—G. W. McQueen, S. A. Satterwhite, W. P. Bullock.

Hayneville—H. W. Caffey, G. T. Gresham,* John A. Robertson. Bethel—M. Bishop, J. M. Fortune, W. L. Steele, R. M. Burt.

Mt. Gilead-J. W. Robinson, M. H. Traylor, R. C. Rives.*

Ash Creek-

Hopewell-D. LEE, O. A. Coleman, M. Pruitt.

Good Hope-

New Smyrna-M. BISHOP, J. T. Day, R. Y. Porterfield.

Mountain Hill-W. H. DEAN* J. J. Skipper,* Jo. Leverett.*

THIRD DISTRICT.

Salem-G. W. Bayzer, J. H. Aikin, * L. L. Aikin.

Autaugaville-O. W. Sherrer.

Montgomery First—A. B. Woodfin, J. W. Hale, C. Phillips,* J. T. Glaze, B. F. Noble,* C. B. Ferrell, T. J. Miles, R. H. Molton, W. P. VanDerveer,* W. T. Chandler,* J. Langridge.

Montgomery, Adams Street—J. A. Howard, A. F. Childers, A. E. Coupee.

Liberty—

Union—T. L Bowden, J. A. Stringer, J. E. Turner.* Mt. Lebanon—J. W. Orme, Ż. T. Carter, Warren Smith. Pine Level—J. H. Dickson, N. D. Wright, N. Pitts. Unity—M. D. Lamar,* J. W. Mathews.* Elim—W. G. Worrell. Ramah—B. A. Jackson, J. L Sampey, J. W. Wayne. Bethesda—J. C. McLendon, O. R. Bell, J. T. Boyd.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

Greenville—B. H. Crumpton, T. F. Thomasson, jr. Philadelphia—

Antioch-W. P. Bush, J. L. Williams.

Damascus—W. C. Avant, W. J. Andress, H. Roach.*
Hickory Grove—J. C. Fonville, J. P. Cross,* W. P. McQueen.*
Macedonia—F. E. May, W. R. Jones, J. W. Graydon.*

New Ebenezer—

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: D. Lee, Moderator; E. F. Baber, Clerk; H. W. Caffey, Treasurer.

The Moderator said he had attended forty-eight sessions of the Association, and for thirty-six years was elected to preside.

The following Committees, to report at this session, were announced:

On Religious Exercises—H. W. Caffey, S. A. Satterwhite, A. B. Woodfin, and the Pastor and Deacons of Adam Street church.

On Documents—M. Bishop, S. W. Quarles, John A. Robertson. On the State of Religion in the Churches—E. J. Forrester, B. D. Crum, J. T. Boyd, O. A. Coleman, J. A. Stringer.

On Finance-J. T. Glaze, J. C. Fonville, J. H. Dickson.

Auditing Committee-J. R. McLendon, R. H. Molton, M. Pruitt.

[Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPITALS; Licentiates in italics; Absentees *.]

And the following to report next year:

On Missions – J. A. Howard, J. W. Orme, J. W. Robinson, G. W. McQueen, J. W. Wayne.

On Sabbath Schools—H. W. Caffey, S. W. Quarles, J. T. Glaze, J. C. Fonville.

On Education - E. J. Forrester, W. R. Hardy, A. F. Childers, B. H. Crumpton, N. Pitts.

On the call for Correspondents, the following were reported and received:

State, Home and Foreign Mission Boards - Elder T. M. Bailey. And the following were subsequently received:

Cahaba Association—Elders W. C. Cleveland, W. H. McIntosh Home Mission Board—Elder W. H. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary.

Representative Alabama Baptist—Elder W. C. Cleveland Central Association—Elder H. C. Taul, J. I. Lamar

Unity Association-Elder Jeff Falkner

Tuskegee Association - Elder H. F. Oliver.

Correspondence was returned as follows:

To * Tuskegee Association—R. H. Molton, S. A. Satterwhite, Elders A. B. Woodfin and J. A. Howard.

Cahaba Association-Elders E. J. Forrester, E F. Baber.

Zion Association—Elders M. Bishop, G. W. McQueen, and Brethren S. A. Satterwhite, O. A. Coleman

Salem Association – J. R. McLendon, Elder J. W. Orme, Z. T. Carter, J. H. Dickson, Elder J. L. Sampey.

Centennial Association-John A. Robertson, N. D. Wright.

Bethlehem Association—H. W. Caffey, and Elders B. H. Crumpton, J. A. Howard, A. B. Woodfin, M. Bishop, G. W. McQueen, E. J. Forrester.

Central Association-W. G. Worrell, J. W. Orme.

Unity Association-O. W. Sherer.

The following were appointed as delegates to the State Convention:

J. W. Orme, F. E. May, J. R. McLendon, W. C. Avant, J. L. Sampey, J. M. Fortune, M. H. Traylor, W. P. Bullock, John A. Stringer, T. L. Jones

On motion of Elder Woodfin, it was ordered that, during the remainder of the session, the Association will meet at 9:30 o'clock, a. m., and adjourn at 2 p. m.; meet at 7:30 p. m., and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion of Brother Caffey, the subject of State Missions was made the special order for to-morrow (Friday) night.

Reports from Committees not being ready for consideration, the Association engaged in devotional exercises until 1:30 o'clock. Adjourned till 7:30 o'clock.

According to appointment, Elder Bishop preached the Introductory Sermon at night, from the latter clause of verse 36, of Mark vi.

FRIDAY MORNING, October 7.

After devotional exercises and the transaction of preliminary business, Elders Crumpton and Woodfin spoke in behalf of the Alabama Baptist.

Elder Fortune presented the majority report on Education; Elder McQueen presented the minority report.

After lengthy discussion by a number of brethren, the majority report was amended and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is said of Jeremy Taylor, that he once told a parent the importance of education in words like these: "Educate your son, or Satan will do it for you." There is much force in the remark. For ignorance is used by Satan, and is his right arm of strength and great lever power. Ignorance is the foundation upon which superstition, vice and immorality rest their hopes. If we would rid the world of these curses, we must remove the foundation by educating the rising generation. God has given us our children endowed with intellectual, moral and spiritual faculties, susceptible of the highest cultivation and grandest attainments. The responsibility for the development of these faculties is placed upon us. We must discharge these obligations or fail in our duty to God, to our children, and to society.

With reference to ministerial education, we feel that it would be out of place to ask the question, should the ministry be educated? The demands of the churches, the state of society, the achievements of science, and the nature of the ministerial office, have decided that question: Our preachers must be educated. The physician studies to be proficient in the science of his profession; the statesman studies to know the principles of political economy; the lawyer has his code; the preacher has the Bible—the words of eternal truth.

If it is necessary for men in other callings to spend time and money to prepare them for their life work, what must be required of him whose calling is the highest and most responsible ever filled by mortal men? Called of God and sent by the Holy Spirit, the preacher should have the highest training possible. Never was there a time when strong men were needed more than now. Infidelity is bold, and the Bible is being assailed upon all sides. We shall need men of God who are able to meet the enemy in the conflict between truth and error. We rejoice to note the increased desire and efforts of our young brethren who are entering the ministry to be educated, and bid them God speed. We would, however, keep prominently before our minds, that no amount of education will profit without the instruction of the Holy Ghost and a knowledge of the word of God. Our own schools—the Howard College, for boys, and the Judson, for girls—are too well known to need commendation at our hands. They deserve and should have our prayers, sympathies, contributions, and our boys and girls to educate.

We recommend that an Associational Board of Education be continued and supported in its work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. FORTUNE, Chairman.

Elder Cleveland spoke of the AlaBama Baptist, and the Association adjourned till 7:30 o'clock.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P. M.

After devotional exercises, Elder Woodfin presented the Report on Missions, and the subject of State Missions was discussed at length by different brethren. A collection was made of money to aid in completing the Cedar Creek church building, at Farmersville, and the amount required -\$3000 -was obtained.

Further consideration of the report was postponed till to-morrow night, and the body adjourned till 9:30 o'clock, to-morrow.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Elder Sampey presented the Report on Sabbath Schools, which was discussed, amended and adopted.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

It is no new discovery that early impressions are the most lasting. Solomon, under inspiration, said, "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." The Church of Rome has long ago seized upon the idea of capturing the world by taking its inhabitants in the cradle. If all would give her their children to educate, multitudes would soon be added to her numbers. We, as Baptists, should take hold of the rising generation, and teach the true doctrines of the Bible, and impress the children with the fact that we are in earnest and love them, and desire their salvation.

The Sabbath school is one of the best places to reach the children. The teacher can talk to the little children personally, and teach the truth and present Jesus in such a way as to make them feel that they are individually addressed. Let Sabbath school workers be encouraged. Many will rise up in years to come and call you blessed, and be thankful that you taught them in childhood to lisp the name of Jesus and sing sweet songs, giving glory to His name. But we should not confine the Sabbath school to children alone; grown persons will be greatly benefitted by attending. We especially urge upon our young members the importance of attending and studying the Scriptures, which will make them wise, and better prepare them for the duties of life. The aged members can do good by attending and encouraging the children.

The following is the report of one of the Committeemen, viz—J. H. Dickson. "We have held one Sabbath school Convention during this Associational year in the third district; the churches turned out well, nine being present. Dr. Gwaltney, of Marion, was with us, and added much to the interest of the Sabbath school cause. I have written letters and delivered talks during the year whenever I could, in the interest of the Sabbath school cause. Have done what I could for the Alabama Baptist."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. L. SAMPEY, Chairman.

AMENDMENT TO THE ABOVE REPORT.

WHEREAS. It seems to us that there is a disposition on the part of members of our churches to neglect the religious instruction of their children;

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, which shall be composed of brethren from the various districts of the Association, to enquire into the extent of this neglect, and to report at the next session of this body.

The following Committee was appointed under the foregoing resolution: 1st District, E. F. Baber; 2d District, W. P. Bullock; 3d District, J. W. Orme; 4th District, B. H. Crumpton.

Elder Nall was recognized as Correspondent from Salem Association.

Elder Fortune read the Report of the Associational Board of Education, which was adopted:

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION.

One applicant, Brother T. F. Thamasson, whom the Board sustained most of the scholastic year 1879–1880, asked the Board for assistance again last year. Finding it entirely impracticable to send him to Howard College, for the reason we had no funds to pay his expenses, and as he was serving as pastoral supply two churches near Greenville that would pay him something, the Board let him remain at the Greenville Male High School, and made an effort to raise funds to sustain him there. Our Secretary wrote to all the Churches in the Association asking for funds for this purpose. The following are our receipts and disbursements, as shown by our Treasurer's report:

To Board	of Education— DEBIT.
1551.	To balance on hand last report\$ 25
	" amount of Elder G. W. McQueen 5 00
	" " Mt. Gilead church 4 50
May 31.	" " Mt. Lebanon church 2 50
Apr. 28.	" " 1st Baptist church, Montgomery 25 00
Apr. 28.	" " Greenville ch. per Rev. T. M. Bailey 10 00
June 15,	" " Adams street church 22 00
July 2.	" " Damascus church 3 00—\$72 25
	CREDIT.
Mar. 24.	By voncher "I" 5 00
	" Registered letter 13
Apr. 10.	" voucher '2" 7 00
Apr. 28.	" voucher "3"
June 15.	" voucher "4"
Oct. 1.	" cash on hand
	Respectfully submitted,

W. P. RICE, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

J. R. McLENDON, Ch'rm. Aud. Committee,

With the limited means at our disposal we could keep Brother Thomasson in school only a part of the session.

In accordance with instructions given when the Board was created, we have Brother Thomasson's promissory notes for the amounts furnished the two years past.

D. LEE, President.

J. M. FORTUNE, Secretary.

On motion the Board of Education was continued.

Elder Fortune asked to be relieved from serving as a member of the Board of Education; which was done, and Elder Forrester was appointed in his stead.

The Report of the Committee on Funds for Aged and Infirm Indigent Ministers was called for, and Brother Dickson presented his report for the 3d District, which was adopted:

REPORT FROM THIRD DISTRICT.

About ten months ago I addressed myself to the astors of the respective churches in the 3d District, and requested that they bring the matter of Indigent Ministers' Fund before their churches. Brother Jackson raised \$11 25.

Respectfully,

JESSE H. DICKSON.

Elders Bailey and Falkner presented the case of Elder J. P. W. Brown, now in the bounds of Unity Association, and it was ordered that all money on hand belonging to the Indigent Ministers' Fund be turned over to Elder Bailey for Elder Brown.

Elder Bishop, from the Committee on Documents, presented his report, which was adopted.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that Elim Church has been deprived by death of her Deacon, Brother John A. Caffey; Bethesda has lost from the same cause a valuable Deacon—Calvin Stephens; and Bethel mourns the death of her aged Deacon, Samuel Jordan.

Bethesda has licensed Brother J. C. McLendon to preach the gospel, and requests the Association to adopt him as its beneficiary at Howard College.

Damascus has ordained to the ministry, Brother W. C. T. Moseley, who is now engaged in selling books. She has also licensed to preach, Deacon T. Williams and Brother P. H. Joiner, and asks the Association to assist Brother Joiner in obtaining an education.

Brother J. L. Hinson has been ordained Deacon of Hopewell Church.

Hayneville reports her pulpit vacant; and Autaugaville asks help from the Association in maintaining preaching.

Cedar Creek Church say they have exhausted their ability, and their house of worship is not yet built.

Greenville reports the ordination to the ministry of T. F. Thomasson, jr., and also invites the Association to hold its next session with her.

M. BISHOP, Chairman.

On motion of Elder Crumpton, the application for aid in obtaining an education, on behalf of Brethren McLendon and Joiner, was referred to the Board of Education.

On motion, a collection was taken for Ministerial Education, and the following pledges were made: For the General Fund—Bethany, \$5; Shiloh, \$5; Greenville, \$10; Damascus, \$5; Macedonia, \$5; G. O. Bruner, (New Bethel,) \$2. Total, \$32 For Brother McLendon—H. W. Caffey, (Hayneville ch.,) \$10; J W. Robinson, \$5; L. L. Aikin, G. W. Bayzer, (Salem,) \$2.50 each—\$5; Montgomery First, \$25; Adams Street, \$20; J. W. Orme, (Mt. Lebanon,) \$10; J. H. Dickson, (Pine Level,) \$10; N. D. Wright, \$5; Ramah, \$10; Bethesda, \$20; Hickory Grove, \$50. Total \$170; aggregate, \$202.

Elder Forrester reported on the State of Religion in the Churches, and the report was adopted.

REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION IN THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee cannot make an encouraging report upon the State of Religion in the Churches. In the Association there are thirty-seven churches, but there have been additions by baptism to only fourteen of these. The prayer-meeting has well been called the pulse of a church; but in these thirty-

seven churches only nine weekly prayer-meetings are reported. "By their fruits ye shall know them." But while some of the churches have contributed more money this year than last, some of them have contributed less, and a few, much less.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. FORRESTER, Chairman

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported as follows for to-morrow, (Sunday):

First Baptist Church, II a. m.—Rev. T. M. Bailey.

First Baptist Church, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. E. J. Forrester.

Adams Street Baptist Church, 11 a. m.—Rev. B. H. Crumpton.

Adams Street Baptist Church, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. J. P. Nall.

Methodist Protestant Church, 11 a. m.-W. H. McIntosh, D. D.

Congregational Church, II a. m.—Rev. E. F. Baber.

Congregational Church, 7:30 p. m.—Rev. W. C. Avant.

To preach Introductory Sermon next year-Rev. J. W. Orme.

To preach Missionary Sermon next year-A. B. Woodfin, D. D.

On motion, it was ordered that the next session of the Association begin on Friday before the second Sabbath in October next, and that it be held with Hickory Grove Church.

It was ordered that the funds (\$11.05) sent up for the benefit of Brother Fortune, be turned over to him now.

Elder Sampey offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby extended to the members of the Adams Street Church, and the citizens of this eity and community, for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

Brother Caffey offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That we, the Alabama Baptist Association, adopt the suggestion of the State Mission Board, and endeavor during the present Conventional year to raise the sum of \$1,954, for the following objects:

State Missions\$900	Home Missions\$275
Foreign Missions 275	Ministerial Education
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Resolved, 2. That in order to carry this suggestion into practical effect, a committee of four, consisting of one from each District of the Association, be raised, to determine what proportion of this \$1,954 would, in their judgment,

be the equitable amount to be contributed by each church in the Association. *Resolved*, 3. That the churches of this Association be asked to adopt, and endeavor to raise the amounts thus suggested; and, in order that the request may be put directly before the churches, this committee be directed to address a letter to the Pastor or the Clerk of each church in the Association.

And under the foregoing second resolution, the following Committee was appointed: 1st District, E J. Forrester; 2d District, H. W. Caffey; 3d District, N. D. Wright; 4th District, B. H. Crumpton.

Adjourned till 7:30 o'clock.

7:30 O'CLOCK, P M.

After devotional exercises, the Finance Committee submitted their report, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Consideration of the Report on Missions, which was the special order for this hour, was resumed. It was discussed by Dr McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board, and Elder Bailey, Corresponding Secretary State Mission Board, and adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission Board has missions in Mexico, Brazil, Africa, China and Italy.

In Mexico there are eight churches of our faith, with a membership of 190; in Brazil, two churches of 44 members; in Africa, four churches, aggregating 92 members. During the past year 22 were baptized in connection with African missionaries. In China there are three churches, numbering 543; 72 were baptized last year. Through the labors of our missionaries in Italy eight churches have been established, having a membership of 175.

During the last Conventional year \$44,087.82 were contributed to the Foreign Board, of which amount Alabama gave \$2,250, and the Alabama Association, \$421.62.

The Home Mission Board has in its employ about 35 missionaries. Through their labors during the past year some 437 persons professed conversion. Fiftynine churches and forty-eight stations were supplied by them with preaching.

The Mission School among the Creeks went into active operation September I, of this year. It opened with 100 pupils, and many others who could not be provided for applied for admission.

Dr. J. B. Hartwell's work among the Chinese in San Francisco has been much blessed.

Mrs. Langford, of Mississippi, has been appointed by the Board to this field, and will enter upon her labors as soon as sufficient funds to send her have been secured.

The Board is arranging to carry out the recommendation of the last Convention, with reference to mission work in New Orleans.

We think the suggestion of the Convention, that the older States should not seek aid in their mission enterprises from the Home Board, is eminently wise. Our own Convention formally agreed to accept this suggestion after commissions now in force shall expire. It is earnestly hoped that this, instead of diminishing will increase our contribution to the Board.

We have deferred to the last some statements concerning the work of the State Mission Board. Thirty-five brethren have been employed by the Board the past year, a part or all of their time—27 as missionaries; 2 as missionaries and colporteurs; 5 as colporteurs, and 1 as evangelist among the colored people.

Aggregate of work done as follows: Weeks of service, 923; sermons and addresses, 3,294; churches constituted, 8; Sabbath schools organized, 71; prayer-meetings, 70: additions to churches by baptism, 526; received by letter into pastorless churches, 110; restored, 15; visits to churches, 819; preaching stations, 125; religious visits, 3 018; subscriptions to the Alabama Baptist, 370; miles traveled, 41,363; books sold, \$1,288,26.

Of the fifty-one Associations in the State, thirty-seven are contributing to the general work of the denomination; fourteen of the Associations contribute nothing.

We earnestly urge on the churches of this Association an enlarged liberality towards all these Boards, and we specially recommend that all contributions for State work be sent to the Board *untrammeled by conditions*, so that they may expend them where work is most needed, and where it will yield the best results

We moreover recommend that this Association do its full part in raising the \$1,200 asked for as a permanent fund for colportage work, and that our churches increase their contributions for the support of the work among the colored people.

A. B. WOODFIN, Chairman.

Brother Caffey, Treasurer, presented his report, which was adopted and referred to the Auditing Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. W. Caffey, Treasurer, in account current with Alabama Baptist Association—

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Respectfully submitted,

H. W. CAFFEY, Treasurer.

Examined and found correct.

J. R. McLENDON, Ch'rm Aud. Committee.

The Committee on Apportionment presented the following, which was adopted

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

The Committee appointed to apportion among the several churches the amount asked of the Association by the State Mission Board for Missions and Ministerial Education, under the resolutions adopted this day, beg leave to report the amount asked of each church as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Centre Ridge
Town Creek
Bethany
Sister Springs 5 00
Bethany
SECOND DISTRICT.
Hopewell 60 00 Mt. Gilead 60 00
Ash Creek 30 00 New Bethel 30 00
Hayneville 25 00 Benton
Steep Creek
Bethel 80 oo Mountain Hill 5 oo
Good Hope 10 00
TOTAL\$455 00

THI	RD DISTRICT.
Salem	5 oo Pine Level
Autaugaville	5 00 Unity 50 00
1st Montgomery60	o oo Elim (Montgomery) 20 00
Adam Street	o oo Ramah 50 oo
Liberty	o oo Bethesda 30 00
Union	0 00
Mt. Lebanon	5 00 TOTAL
	RTH DISTRICT.
Greenville12	5 001Damascus
	o co Macedonia 20 00
Antioch	5 00 New Ebenezer 10 00
Hickory Grove 6	
	TOTAL,\$255 00

The pledges for Ministerial Education made by the churches at this session are included in the above apportionment; that is to say, when the pledge is paid by a church, it will be credited as so much paid by that church on the amount herein asked of it.

Making an aggregate of\$1955 00

Respectfully submitted,

H. W. CAFFEY, Chairman.

Autaugaville church asked for a letter of dismission from this Association for the purpose of uniting with another more convenient, which was granted.

The Auditing Committee reported the Treasurer's report and the report of the Finance Committee as correct.

On motion of Elder Sampey, the Clerk was instructed to have the requisite number of minutes printed and distributed, and after paying therefor, to retain the remainder of the money for his services and expenses in preparing and superintending the printing, mailing, etc.

There being no other business, the hymn, "Blest be the tie that binds," was sung and the parting hand extended; and after prayer by Elder Woodfin, the Association adjourned to meet with Hickory Grove church, seven miles east of Letohatchie, on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1882.

D. LEE, Moderator.

Mt. Willing, Ala.

E. F. Baber, Clerk, Collirene, Ala.

LIST OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS IN ALABAMA ASSOCIATION.

LICENTIATES IN ITALICS.

NAMES.	Post-office.	County.	STATE.
David Lee	Mt. Willing	Lowndes	Alabama.
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E. J. Forrester		Lowndes'	44
A. F. Goldsmith	Fort Deposit	Lowndes	44
E. F. Baber	Collirene		4.
G. W. McOueen	Hayneville		
A. B. Woodfin, D. D.	Montgomery		44
I. A. Howard	Montgomery		"
T. J. Miles	Montgomery		
T. F. Thomasson, jr			4.6
I. T. Brooks	Montgomery		4.6
B. A. Jackson	Ramer		4.4
J. L. Sampey	Ramer		
J. W. Orme	Ramer	Montgomery	
P. W. Speer	Ramer	Montgomery	
B. H. Crumpton	Greenville	Butter	
W. C. T. Moseley	Greenville	Butler	
T. Williams	Greenville	Butter	
P. H. Joiner		Gutter	
W. C. Avant		Crenshaw	
T. E. Morgan	Honoraville		
J. T. Davidson	Honoraville		
$T. E. Williams \dots$	Pleasant Hill		
	Soapstone		
J. C. McLendon			
J. R. Sampey			
J. M. Fortune	Marion	Perry	••

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

RECOMMENDED FOR USE BY THE CHURCHES.

The Baptist Church of Christto the
Alabama Baptist Association:
DEAR BRETHREN:—We have appointed as Delegates to your Body
and as Alternates
STATISTICS.
Baptized; Rec'd by Letter; by Voucher: Restored;
Dismissed by Letter; Died; Excluded; Number of Members
; Increase; Decrease
[Here state whether you have a Sabbath School; if so, how often it meets
and the number each of Teachers and Pupils. Whether you have a Prayer
Meeting, and how often it meets. And whether you have a Missionary So-
ciety, &c.]
We send contributions as follows:
For Minutes\$
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Foreign Missions, " \$ " \$
State Missions, " "
Ministerial Education, " "
Indigent Ministers' Fund,. " "
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Aggregate, " \$ " \$ " \$
Of which \$is to redeem previous pledges for
Pastor, ClerkClerk's Post OfficeCounty
Sabbath Meeting
[Here make brief mention of Revival, Ordination, Licensure, death of Min-
ister or Deacon, or other matter of importance.]
By order of Conference,
Moderator,
Clerk.
Date,

CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE 1. This Union of Churches shall be known and designated by the

style and title of the ALABAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ART. 2. This Association shall be composed of Representatives from the Churches in union. Each Church shall be entitled to three Delegates, and for every additional twenty-five members, above the first hundred, shall be entitled to an additional Delegate; but in the business of the Association, whenever the Delegates from any Church of the body shall request it, the vote shall be taken by Churches, and in that event, each Church shall be entitled to three votes.

ART. 3. The Delegates, when convened, shall organize themselves into a deliberative body, by the appointment of a Moderator and a Clerk. These officers shall be chosen by ballot at each annual meeting, and continue in office until new ones are chosen. Should any event transpire so as to prevent an annual meeting of this Association, the Moderator shall have power to call a meeting at any time or place, which meeting, when convened, shall have all

the rights of a regular annual meeting.

ART. 4. The Association shall not interfere with the rights of the Churches of which she is composed. She shall regard them as independent bodies, in all measures of internal government, and shall only act as an advisory council; assuming no authority, except what is expressly delegated to her by the Churches, or evidently implied by the very nature of this compact. She, nevertheless, claims authority over her own members, the Delegates of the Churches; and, in justice and propriety, must have power to withdraw and disown all Churches that depart from the principles of this compact, by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice. She should, therefore, regard the Churches, united under the Constitution, with a vigilant eye for good. Her principal business shall be to promote the declarative glory of God, by extending his kingdom of grace on earth, through the medium of preaching the Gospel, and other means in accordance with that Gospel; to cultivate union and fellowship with all the Churches of Christ, and especially with those united in this Association.

ART. 5 Newly constituted Churches, or Churches dismissed from other Associations of the same faith and order, may be admitted into this union, on their sending up their Delegates to an annual meeting, with a petition; and by those delegates agreeing to the Abstract of Principles adopted by this Association.

ART. 6. The Churches in this union shall transmit to every annual session of the Association, written communications, specifying the names of the Delegates, number in fellowship, baptized, received by letter, dismissed, excluded, restored, deceased since the last session, and all other information which the Churches may deem of importance, which shall be read and minuted accordingly.

ART. 7. This Association shall have a fund, supplied by the voluntary contributions of the Churches; and all moneys thus contributed shall be transmitted from the Churches, and paid over through the Committee on Finance to the Treasurer, who shall be elected by ballot and hold his office during the pleasure of the Association. He shall receive and manage the funds according to the order of the Association, and present annually for insertion in the Minutes a clear and full statement of all receipts and expenditures.

ART. 8. This Association shall furnish the Churches with the Minutes of

every session.

ART. 9. This Association shall take cognizance of no query sent up from the Churches, unless they have endeavored to solve the same and have failed; nor of any difficulties between Churches, unless they have pursued the directions

contained in the 18th chapter of Matthew, and have not been able to settle them; then the Association shall take such matters into consideration and act upon them at her discretion.

ART. 10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association to keep a regular file of printed Minutes of every session of this body, and deliver over the

same to his successor in office.

ART. 11. This Association, when convened, shall be governed by proper Rules of Decorum, which she is authorized to form and amend according to her

own views.

ART. 12. This Constitution may be altered or amended at a regular meeting of this Association, by a concurring voice of two-thirds of the members present; provided, such alteration or amendment be approved by a majority of the Churches.

RULES OF ORDER FOR CONDUCTING BUSINESS IN THE ALA-BAMA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

1. At every annual meeting of this Association, immediately after the delegates' names are enrolled, tellers shall be appointed by the Chair, and the Association shall proceed to choose from their number a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall hold their office until new ones are chosen.

2. The Moderator shall take the Chair every day, at the hour to which the Association shall have adjourned on the proceeding day; shall immediately call the members to order, and on the appearance of a quorum shall cause the

Minutes of the proceeding day to be read.

3. He shall preserve order and decorum; may speak to the points of order in preference to other members, rising from his seat for that purpose; and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Association by any two members, on which appeal no member shall speak more than once unless by leave of the Association.

4. He shall rise to put a question, but may state it sitting.

5. Questions shall be distinctly out; those voting in the affirmative shall say aye, and those of a contrary opinion shall say no. If the Moderator doubts, or a division be called for, the delegates shall divide; those in the affirmative of the question shall first rise from their seats, and afterwards those in the negative.

6. The Moderator shall appoint all committees, unless otherwise specially

directed by the Associaton.

7. In all cases of election the Moderator may vote; in other cases he shall not vote unless the body be equally divided; in that event he shall give the casting vote. He may speak to any question, provided he call some other member to occupy the Chair while he is speaking.

8. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates; minute the proceedings of the body, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

9. The Treasurer shall receive, account for and pay out all moneys belonging to this body, according to the instructions of the Association, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct.

DECORUM IN DEBATE.

- 10. When any member is about to speak, or deliver any matter to the Association, he shall rise from his seat, and shall respectfully address the Moderator, and shall confine himself to the question under debate, and avoid personalities.
- II. If any member in speaking, or otherwise, transgress the rules of the Association, the Moderator shall, or any member may call him to order; in which case the member so called to order shall immediately sit down, unless permitted to explain; and the Association shall, if appealed to, decide on the case, but without any debate. If there be no appeal, the decision of the Chair shall be

submitted to; if the decision be in favor of the member called to order, he shall be at liberty to proceed; if otherwise, he shall not be permitted to proceed in case any member object, without leave of the Association.

12. When two or more members happen to rise at once, the Moderator

shall name the member who is first to speak.

13. No member shall speak more that once to the same question without leave of the Association, unless he be the mover, proposer or introducer of the matter pending; in which case he shall be permitted to speak in reply, but not until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.

14. Every member who shall be in the house when a question is put, shall

give his vote unless the Association for special reasons excuse him.

15. When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be stated by the Chair, or being in writing, it shall be handed to the Moderator and read aloud before debated.

16. Every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the Chair or any member

desire it.

17. After a motion is stated by the Chair, or read aloud by the Clerk, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the body, but may be withdrawn by

leave of the Association at any time before a decision or amendment,

18. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be entertained but to adjourn, to lie on the table, for the previous question, to postpone to a day certain, to commit or amend, to postpone indefinitely—which several motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are arranged; and no motion to postpone to a day certain, to commit, or to postpone indefinitely being decided, shall again be allowed during the session.

19. A motion to adjourn shall be always in order, except the Association

be engaged in voting.

20. A motion to lay on the table shall be taken without debate, and shall always be in order, except a member be speaking or the body engaged in voting.

21. On a previous question there shall be no debate. All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending such motion, shall be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise without debate.

22. The previous question shall be in this form: "Shall the main question be now put?" It shall only be admitted when demanded by a majority of the members present; its effect shall be to put an end to all debate, and bring the Association to a direct vote upon amendments, reported by Committee, if any; upon pending amendments, and then upon the main question.

23. No motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consid-

eration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

24. When a motion has been once made and carried in the affirmative or negative, it shall be in order for any member of the majority to move a reconsideration thereof, on the same or succeeding business day, and such motion shall take precedence of all other questions, except a motion to adjourn.

25. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave of the

Moderator, nor leave the meeting without leave of the Association.

26. Should any member of this Association absent himself before the close of the session without permission from the body, he shall be marked in the Minutes as absent without leave.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- I. Introductory Sermon.
- 2. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
- 3. Recess.
- 4. Organization.
- 5. Admission of New Churches.
- 6. Correspondence.
- 7. Appoint Committees.
- 8. Report of Executive Board.
- 9. Report of Committees.
- 10. Treasurer's Report.
- 11. Appoint time and place of meeting.
- 12. Miscellaneous.

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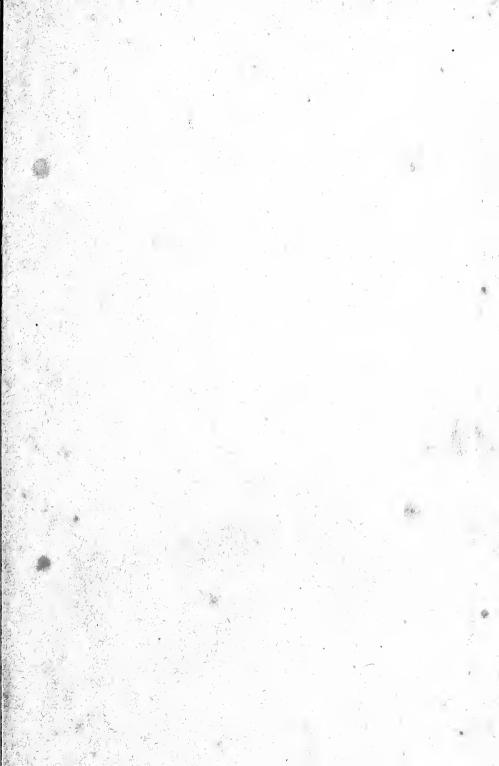
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