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MINUTES

OF THE

Sixth-~~Seventh~~ Annual Session

OF THE

Cherokee County Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Tate's Chapel Church

October 16 - 17 - 18, 1900.

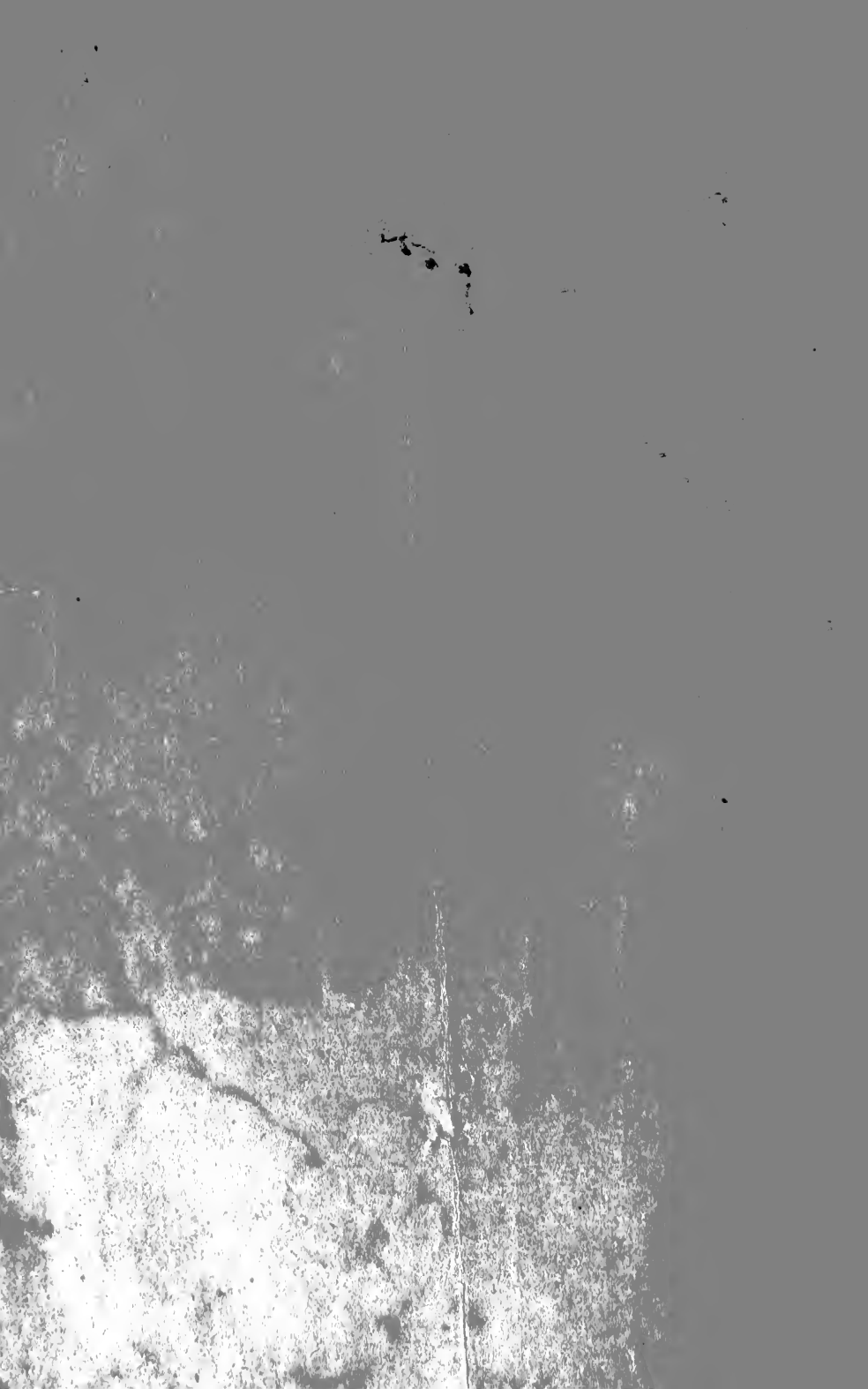
OFFICERS

Moderator, H. W. ROBERTS, Elrath, Ala.

Clerk, JACOB W. WHORTON, Centre, Ala.

Next session will be held with Providence Church, Cherokee County, beginning on Tuesday before the Third Lord's Day in October, 1901.

ATTALLA MIRROR  
BOOK AND JOB PRINT,  
ATTALLA, ALA.



Baptist schools and establish more and, above all, let us so train and educate our children at home and in our primary schools that they will grow up to be Christians and Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. EWING, Chairman.

The report was discussed by Burns and McCord and then adopted.

Bro. J. M. DeBerry was granted leave of absence.

W W Singleton read his

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We believe the dram shop is the greatest curse to humanity and civilization that exists. Murder, wretchedness and poverty are but the fruits of this traffic, all of which God's word condemns, and the protection of our churches and families depend on the downfall of this mighty curse.

We believe that a great reformation can be brought about if our people would give earnest heed and attention to this matter while acting as Grand Jurors. God's word promises a woe on him that putteth the bottle to his neighbor's mouth.

We believe that nine-tenths of the disturbances in public is caused by drink. It is claimed that  $9\frac{1}{2}$  billions of money is spent annually for drink alone. An amount sufficient to send the Gospel to earth's remotest bounds.

Oh! that man would look and see the woe and misery brought on humanity by this curse of strong drink and unite their efforts to prevent and stop it. We would urge you brethren to take on new courage. We should feel that God is with us and will lead us on to victory over this great enemy of religion and right.

May God speed the time when all will be united opposing this great evil

Cheerfully submitted,

W W SINGLETON, Chairman.

Pending the discussion of this report the Association adjourned to 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning.

### THIRD MORNING SESSION.

The Association reconvened and, after reading the 39th Psalm by the Moderator, prayer was led by Bro. Prescott.

The Association resumed the consideration of the report on Temperance which was further discussed by Prescott and Brannon and adopted.

Bro. R. S. Thornton submitted the following report on Religious Literature;

Your committee on Religious Literature would first recommend the reading of God's Holy Word, The Alabama Baptist, The Baptist Standard, Foreign Mission Journal, and Baptist Sunday School Litera-

ture. Also The American Baptist Publication Society has many periodicals which we heartily recommend to the reading of our denomination.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. THORNTON, Chairman.

The report was discussed by the moderators, Singleton and Grogan, and adopted. The following was read by J W Whorton and after a brief discussion adopted:

#### REPORT ON ORPHANS HOME.

Your committee believes that the Orphans Home, established by our denomination in this State, is worthy of the active support of our people. But as this is the first report that has ever been made to this body we are at a loss to know exactly what to say that will most impress you with its claims.

We believe however, that as our people are not very well acquainted with its workings that a little history of the organization of the Home would be profitable.

About nine years ago, Mrs. Woodson, who lives in Selma, made known to the Alabama State Baptist Convention, that she would give all of her real estate (to be available after her death,) for the maintenance of a Baptist Widows and Orphans Home in Alabama.

It was more than two years after this, when the trustees located the Home temporarily at Evergreen, and elected Rev. John W Stewart the present manager, as their agent, and told him to organize the Home, employ a suitable matron and look after the details of the work. This he was to do without salary, he being the pastor of the Baptist church here.

Mrs. C W Ansley was the first matron, who remained with the work till the beginning of the present year, when Mrs. Jennie M Hardy took the place made vacant by Mrs. Ansley's resignation. At the end of the first year twenty-two children had been picked up, and the little rented house was full. The trustees thought best to locate the Home permanently, and buy a home for it. After diligent inquiry for the best place for permanent location Evergreen was selected and a desirable place purchased for the purpose, for which \$5,000 was promised, with interest on deferred payment. The purchase price amounted to \$5,400.33. This debt was promptly paid, and improvement made till the capacity of the Home deeds about doubled, and all much improved. These improvements amounting to about \$4,000 have all been paid for. It is now well arranged with buildings sufficient to accommodate about seventy-five children, and 80 acres of land, about 30 of which is in farm, 30 in pasture and 20 in woods.

Besides sending the children to the Agricultural School, the boys are taught to do farm work, and the girls do various kinds of house work.

There have come into the Orphanage 49 boys and 69 girls, and

out of it have gone 29 boys and 32 girls, leaving the institution 20 boys and 37 girls—57 in all.

These children came from twenty-four counties, as follows: Autauga 2, Barbour 8, Bibb 2, Butler 3, Conecuh 2, Covington 8, Elmore 2, Escambia 11, Hale 3, Henry 4, Jefferson 15, Lamar 1, Lee 10, Limestone 1, Marengo 4, Monroe 4, Morgan 3, Montgomery 7, Pike 2, Russell 1, Talladega 8, Tallapoosa 2, Tuscaloosa 9, Walker 6.

These children had come from the street where they had no home, money or friends, and from the quiet country home, where only a little while before, a happy christian family gathered to enjoy the privacy of their good home, or to dispense a genial hospitality to those who chanced to fall in with them.

The well-to-do man cannot tell today but that his children may need a home tomorrow.

This large family are supported entirely by the voluntary offerings of their friends. We learn that this year the contributions have not been sufficient to support them, and, that on this account, a current debt of several hundred dollars was accrued. It takes about ten dollars a day to support them besides what they get in goods. This institution and its work heartily commends itself to all people who believe in helping those who really need help.

It is clear from this that it is as worthy an object as we can bestow our gifts upon,

It is clear also that it is a work strictly in keeping with the practice of the early Christians, as we learn that providing for the indigent widows and orphans and the poor was one of the first duties performed by the church in the Apostolic age.

Again this is an enterprise fostered by our church that even an anti-Missionary can contribute to without compunction. Everything contributed is applied immediately here in our own state, and for a purpose that all Christians should be willing to support. Let our churches consider well this matter, and come up another year with a liberal support to our Orphan's Home.

J W WHORTON, Chairman.

The committee on finances submitted the following:

REPORT ON FINANCE—RECEIPTS.

By Cash and Vouchers received for Foreign Misssons.....	\$ 42 07
“ “ “ “ “ “ State “ .....	27 40
“ “ received for Home Missions.....	26 74
“ “ received for Institute Board.....	2 12
“ Vouchers received for Orphan's Home.....	13 51
“ Cash (applied to State M. Fund) rec'd public collections....	9 62
“ “ received for minutes.....	20 02
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Total .....	\$141 48

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid to J. W. Whorton for all the Boards . . . . .	\$121 46
“ “ “ “ “ Minutes . . . . .	20 02
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	\$141 48

J. H. WOOD, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

On motion the money raised by public collection was applied to State Missions.

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We find in the report of the 22 churches of this Association only four Sunday Schools are reported.

Under the Mosaic dispensation the scriptures were read and taught every Sabbath in the synagogues. The Savior organized his church with pastors, evangelists, and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, that we might come into the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man with the measure of the statute of the fullness of Christ. That we henceforth be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine by the cunning craft of men, whereby they lay in wait to deceive. "But speaking the truth in love may grow up into Him all things which is the head, even Christ."

We would emphasize the teacher as a distinct officer in the church. While the pastor is a teacher, the teacher is not a pastor, but is given to help the ministry.

We would urge every church to sustain a Sunday School the year round.

There are only 14 per cent. of the people of Alabama in Sunday School. There are 200,000 children that do not attend Sunday School.

We commend a series of books for every Sunday School, as one of the best means to build up an abiding interest.

THOS. BLAIR, Chairman.

The report was spoken to by Blair, Brannon and Mize, and adopted.

## THE NEXT SESSION OF THIS ASSOCIATION

Was appointed to meet with Providence church, five miles southeast of Centre, on Tuesday before the Third Sunday in October, 1901.

On motion it was agreed that this Association employ, through the State Board, for work in its bounds, a missionary to be paid \$50 00 to be used by the missionary employed, in paying for his tuition in whatever school he may attend.

Appointed following standing committees to report next session:

On Foreign Missions—W W Singleton, J K Abernathy, T D Smith.

On Home Missions—A Pope, W H Stephens, J W Higgins.  
 On State Missions—Thos Blair, J M Richardson, J B Green.  
 On Sunday Schools— J H Wood, Vernon Hardin, B F Robertson.  
 On Temperance—W W Grogan, L W Watts, John Snead.  
 On Education—L B Cornelius, J H Scroggins, R S Thornton.  
 On Orphans Home—R T Ewing, M K Beck, L A Steel.  
 On Institute Work—J W Whorton, W H Moon, Marion Carroll.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to which every church in the Association shall report their monthly contributions for the various purposes to which our denominations contribute.

Whereas; We the Messengers to the Cherokee County Association are in sympathy with the work at Alabama City, therefore

Resolved, That we will see to it that our churches take up a special collection at our next meeting for the new church building at Alabama City.

Resolved, That we as churches comprising the Cherokee County Baptist Association try to raise one cent a week per member for church purposes.

Resolved, That our sincere thanks are hereby given to the church and community at Tate's Chapel, for this hospitality extended the Association.

THOS. BLAIR.

After singing a hymn and taking the parting hand the Association adjourned to next time and place of meeting, thus closing a very pleasant and hospitable session.

J W WHORTON,  
Clerk.

H W ROBERTS,  
Moderator.

### ORDAINED MINISTERS.

M D Keener, Centre, Ala.  
 Thomas Blair, " "  
 W W Grogan, " "  
 W V Monroe, " "  
 W W Singleton, " "  
 L R Wood, Exie " "  
 A Pope, Rock Run, " "  
 J C Holden, Reeves, " "  
 I N Hale, Sand Rock, " "  
 T R Hanson, Haynie, Ga.

J T Bartlett, Sand Rock, Alabama.  
 W H Moon, Coloma, "  
 J R Trotter, Rock Run, "  
 W H Stephens, Rock Run, "  
 J M Smith, Bomar, "  
 N G Goswick, Tecumseh, "  
 H W Roberts, Maple Grove, "  
 J T White, Spring Garden, "  
 O A Alden, Borden Springs, "  
 J J Barroner, Piedmont, "

## CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Association must be composed of members chosen from the different churches in our Union, and duly sent to represent them in the Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose, who, on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

2. In the letters from the churches in our Union shall be expressed their numbers in fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, restored and dead since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall be known by the name of the Cherokee County Baptist Association, and shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor shall they have any clerical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe upon any of the internal rights of any church or churches of the Union.

4. The Association, when convened shall be governed by a proper rule of decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this Union, who shall petition by letter and delegates, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, shall be received by this Association, and manifested by the Moderator, giving the right hand of fellowship to the delegates.

7. Every church in the Union shall be entitled to three representatives in the Association.

8. No query shall come into the Association without first being debated in the churches from whence it came, when, if it still remains a difficulty with the church, it shall be received by the Association; such queries except which concern our Union.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except be it withdrawn by the member who gave it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of her proceedings, being furnished with money by the churches for that purpose.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read (and corrected if need be) and signed by the Moderator and clerk before the Association rises.

12. Amendments to this form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the Union when they deem it necessary.

13. The Association shall have power—1. To provide for the general Union of the churches. 2. To preserve inviolate a chain of communication among the churches. 3. To give the churches advice in different cases. 4. To enquire why any church fails to represent



herself at any time in the Association. 5. To appoint any member or members, by and with his or her consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary. 6. To Withdraw from any church in this Union which shall violate the rules of this Association or deviate from the orthodox principles of government. 7. To adjourn themselves to such further time and place as they may think most convenient for the churches.

### ABSTRACT OF PRINCIPLES.

1. We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and these three are one.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and are, therefore, 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 through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.

4. We believe the doctrine of original sin.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature by his own ability.

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

7. We believe the saints will persevere in grace and never finally fall away.

8. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects, and that baptism is immersion.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment.

10. We believe the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and the joys of the righteous eternal.

11. We believe that no person has a right to the administration of the ordinances but those who are regularly baptised, called and come under the imposition of hands by a presbytery.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptised members have a right to commune at the Lord's table.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall be opened by prayer.
2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrages of the members present.
3. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order and shall have the right to call to order at any time.
4. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day, but at no other time.
5. But one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet, and, on obtaining leave, proceed to speak, not exceeding fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.
6. The Moderator when addressed for leave to speak, shall signify the same by naming him or otherwise.
7. No member shall be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject in hand, or use words of personal reflection; and every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by him who made it.
8. Every case taken up by the Association shall be first decided on or withdrawn before others are offered.
9. When any thing is taken up by the Association, after allowing time for debate, the Moderator shall take the question by yeas and nays.
10. The Moderator shall pronounce the decision of the body immediately after it is decided.
11. No person shall depart the service of the Association without leave.
12. The appellation of brother shall be used in our addresses one to another.
13. The names of the members shall be used as often as the Association may direct.
14. No member shall be allowed to indulge in any practice that has a tendency to interrupt in time of a public speech.
15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege of speech as any other member, provided he appoints some other to his seat while he is speaking; but shall not vote unless the Association be equally divided.
16. Any member breaking this decorum shall be reprov'd at the discretion of the Association, but only on the day on which the breach is made.
17. All cases coming before the Association shall be decided by a majority of the members present, except the reception of churches into our Union, which shall be unanimous.

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NOTE.—These minutes have been delayed by an accident while in the hands of the binder, which made it necessary for the whole edition to be set up and reprinted.

# Statistics of Cherokee County Baptist Association, 1900.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P. O.	Inc. by			Dec. by			SUNDAY SCHOOL.			For Missions and Reports revival	For other purposes.	For Minutes.
					Baptism	Voucher	Letter	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Deasure	Death	Present Membership.			
Bethel.....	Cherokee.	H W Roberts.	J H Seroggin.	Forney, Ala.	129	1	2	6	2	2	122	2	2	12	95	1.35
Chalcedonia.....	.....	J M Smith.....	L W Watts.....	Bid, Ala.....	90	9	5	1	5	2	100	7	100	1	1	1.25
Centre.....	.....	J A Glenn.....	J W Whorton.....	Centre, Ala.....	29	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	29	6	50	1	1	3.88
Friendship, 2d Dis.....	.....	T R Hanson.....	J W Abernathy.....	Whorton, Ala.....	121	1	3	12	2	4	107	.....	.....	3	3	6.00
Friendship, 3d Dis.....	.....	J T Bartlett.....	S H M Sims.....	Sand Rock, Ala.....	50	.....	.....	.....	11	37	.....	.....	.....	4	4	1.09
Liberty.....	.....	Geo D Harris.....	J E Roberts.....	Pleasant Gap, Ala.....	128	12	.....	.....	1	1	131	5	50	1	1	31.37
Melrose.....	.....	P Wagnon.....	W M Savage.....	Piano, Ala.....	49	5	3	1	24	32	.....	.....	.....	3	3	3.00
Mt Zion.....	.....	W W Grogan.....	T F Lewallen.....	Coloma, Ala.....	62	12	1	2	2	2	69	.....	.....	3	3	3.00
Mt Willard.....	.....	not repres't'd	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35	.....	.....	3	3	4.10
Nazareth.....	.....	T R Hanson.....	G W Lindsey.....	Forney, Ala.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	1	1	1.75
New Bethel.....	.....	T R Hanson.....	J J Lambert.....	Noah, Ala.....	84	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	66	.....	.....	1	1	1.00
Pisgah.....	.....	W J Nash.....	J B Collins.....	Alsup, Ala.....	79	3	1	15	16	5	52	.....	.....	2	2	2.75
Pleasant Valley.....	.....	W W Single't'n.....	T D Smith.....	Centre, Ala.....	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65	6	54	1	1	1.00
Pilgrim's Rest.....	.....	T R Hanson.....	A D Wilson.....	Forney, Ala.....	13	1	0	.....	.....	.....	33	.....	.....	1	1	1.30
Philadelphia.....	.....	not repres't'd	.....	.....	100	1	1	1	11	7	1	89	.....	1	1	2.00
Providence.....	.....	P Wagnon.....	A E Jordan.....	Komas, Ala.....	38	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	62	.....	.....	1	1	4.60
Pine Grove.....	.....	P Wagnon.....	H N Green.....	Centre, Ala.....	35	3	5	2	1	51	.....	.....	.....	2	2	2.25
Rock Run.....	.....	A W Roberts.....	W T Tull.....	Rock Run, Ala.....	48	5	3	6	3	3	87	.....	.....	2	2	5.00
Sandy Creek.....	.....	H W Roberts.....	W H Wood.....	Forney, Ala.....	48	5	3	2	.....	.....	54	.....	.....	2	2	7.63
Salem.....	.....	A Alden.....	P H Garmon.....	Bluffton, Ala.....	45	1	2	2	.....	.....	46	.....	.....	2	2	1.60
Shady Grove.....	.....	H W Roberts.....	R J Stans.....	Maple Grove, Ala.....	51	2	4	5	1	51	.....	.....	.....	3	3	1.50
Tate's Chapel.....	.....	H W Roberts.....	R T Ewing.....	Centre, Ala.....	38	3	5	4	1	2	40	.....	.....	4	4	7.60
Unity.....	.....	not repres't'd	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

