

W. H. B. BAPTIST HISTORY



MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

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BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

SOUTH ALABAMA:

HELD WITH THE

NEWHOPE CHURCH,

IN

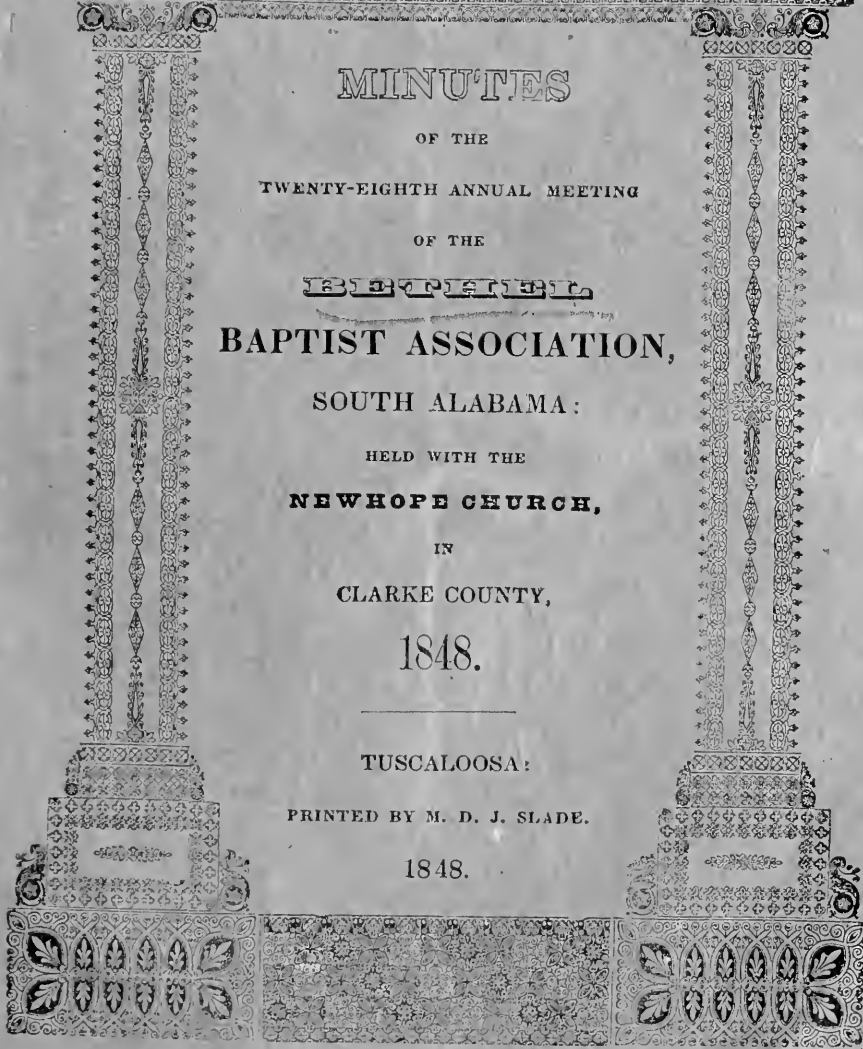
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BETHEL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, SOUTH ALABAMA.

The twenty-eighth Anniversary of this body was held at Newhope Church, Clarke Co. Ala., September 30th, 1848. The Anniversary Sermon was delivered at 11 o'clock, A. M., by A. A. CONNELLA, from II Sam. xxii, 31.

After a short recess, the delegates repaired to the Methodist meeting-house, and were called to order by the Moderator of the last meeting, who led in devotional exercises.

The former Clerk being absent, bro. W. Hill, sr. acted as Clerk, *pro tem*.

The communications from the Churches were presented, and read by brethren, Sale, Marshall and E. G. Talbert.

The following were found to be the delegates, statistics, post-offices, &c. of the churches :

	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	POST-OFFICES.
FIRST DISTRICT.	Pigeon Creek,	WM HILL, sr, Wm. Hill, jr, Jas. Cleveland,*	Suggsville, Clarke county.
	Bassett's Creek	A. H. Dubose, Jas. Walker, E. B. Gwynn, ..	Jackson,..... do.....do.
	Paran,	Z. S. Parker, A. J. Stringer, J. A. Loyd,.....	Jackson,..... do.....do.
	Ebenezer,	I. Roberts, J. Waldrum, J. A. Matthews,.....	Grove Hill, ...do.....do.
	Ulconush,	L. Wright, T. B. Pace, Reuben Cox,*.....	Coffeerville,.... do.....do.
	Horeb,	H. CREIGHTON, Jno. Daniel, Jas. Clarke, ..	Grove Hill,.... do.....do.
	Salem,.....	Wm Larrimore, A. J. Benson,* E. Larrimore,	Grove Hill,.... do.....do.
SECOND DISTRICT.	Nanafaliah, ...	J. Rogers, R. D. Marshall, W. T. Freeman,...	Nanafaliah, Marengo co.
	Union,.....	Wm Nichols, R. H. Tucker, J. L. Emfinger, ..	Sweet-water, ...do.....do.
	Elim,.....	A. Hudson, A. Pope, Jno. S. Trawick,.....	Choctaw corner,Clarke do.
	Newhope,	H. Trawick, B. C. Foster, L. Holt,.....	Choctaw corner,....do...co.
	Shiloh,.....	WM DOSSEY,* R. Sample, Jas. Green,.....	Shilo,....Marengo county.
	Friendship,....	T. TUCKER, L. L. DEWITT, E. Loftin,.....	Woodardsville, do.....do.
	Pisgah,	A. SALE, M. Wright, J. M. Hall, ..	Pine Hill, Wilcox county.
Enon,	N. THOMAS, W. Evans, M. Morgan, ..	Pine Hill,.... do.....do.	
THIRD DIS.	Linden,.....	No delegates.....	Linden, Marengo county.
	Tompkinsville,	J. G. WILLIAMS, J. B. Woodall,* J. Cabiness,	Tompkinsville,Choctaw "
	Mt. Pleasant,	W. W. WALKER, M. Westbrook, C. Williams,	Jefferson, ... Marengo co.
	Spring Hill,....	A. A. CONNELLA, S. Norwood, N. Lipscomb, ..	Spring Hill..... do.....do.
	Providence,....	S. Madison, R. Yarbrough, W. Madkins,.....	Spring Hill,.... do.....do.
FOURTH DISTRICT	Uniontown, ...	L. L. FOX,* J. Woodfin, sr,* D. Woodfin,.....	Uniontown, Perry county.
	Concord,	J. REEVES, A. Holmes,* E. G. Talbert,.....	Liberty Hill, Dallas co.
	Hebron,.....	C. W. Lee,* Jeremiah Dunaway, ..	Uniontown,....Perry co.
	Bethel,	J. TALBERT, J. Jackson, J. Anderson, ..	McKinley,.... Marengo co.
	Poplar Spring,	R. HICKSON, J. Mixon,* W. H. Read,*.....	Prairie Bluff, Wilcox co.
	Boiling Spring,	F. C. LOWERY,* H. Fluker, jr., W. Gibson, ...	McKinley, . Marengo co.
	Farewell,	G. E. Jones, R. Everett, A. S. Chivers,.....	Prairie Bluff, Wilcox co.

* Absent.

Ordained Ministers in SMALL CAPS.

Licentiates in *italics*.

Table of Statistics for the year 1848.

CHURCHES.	Lost since last Ass'n.	Gain since last Assoc.	Sub. of M. M.	Assoc. fund	For foreign Missions,	For Home Missions,	Contributions for Minutes.	Total No.	Blacks,	Whites,	Dead,	Excluded,	Dis. by Let.	Restored,	Rec. by Let.	Baptized,
Pigeon Creek,...	5	8	23	3	...	...	\$2 50	80	16	28	3	12	7	...	...	14
Bassett's Creek...	8	3	3	3	...	...	1 50	44	33	92	3	2	5	...	...	15
Param,	90	1	4	4	...	...	1 50	23	1	...	...	1	4	...	...	11
Ebenezer,	90	1	4	4	...	...	4 00	136	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	85
Uiconush,	90	1	4	4	...	...	1 50	42	...	...	...	1	7	...	...	1
Horeb,	90	1	4	4	...	...	1 50	41	...	...	...	1	9	...	...	36
Salem,	23	8	3	3	...	...	1 50	176	52	124	2	4	3	...	...	4
Nanafaliah,	23	8	3	3	...	...	4 00	88	2	45	3	2	4	...	...	10
Union,	8	5	3	3	...	...	4 00	47	110	...	...	2	2	...	...	10
Elin,	8	5	3	3	...	...	2 50	96	15	81	3	8	3	...	...	7
Newhope,	5	4	3	3	...	...	4 00	130	23	107	2	4	4	...	...	6
Shiloh,	44	20	3	3	...	...	4 00	55	12	43	4	3	16	...	...	2
Friendship,	44	20	3	3	...	...	2 00	50	4	14	...	1	2	...	...	5
Pisgah,	20	50	1	1	...	...	2 00	92	78	4	...	2	6	...	...	10
Ehnon,	50	6	4	4	...	...	...	37	4	33	...	4	2	...	...	10
Linden, *	6	17	4	4	...	...	2 00	103	20	103	3	2	14	...	...	1
Tompkinsville,	6	17	4	4	...	...	3 50	123	183	58	3	2	10	...	...	3
Mount Pleasant,	6	17	4	4	...	...	2 00	43	7	36	4	2	6	...	...	1
Spring Hill,	2	6	3	3	...	...	2 00	85	54	31	...	2	10	...	...	13
Providence,	2	6	3	3	...	...	3 00	111	60	62	...	1	5	...	...	15
Uniontown,	4	13	4	4	...	...	3 00	122	91	90	...	1	5	...	...	15
Concord,	8	13	4	4	...	...	1 00	111	28	20	...	5	3	...	...	7
Hebron,	8	13	4	4	...	...	3 00	127	99	99	...	5	3	...	...	7
Bethel,	6	7	3	3	...	...	1 45	27	1	26	...	5	3	...	...	7
Poplar Spring,	6	7	3	3	...	...	1 50	37	28	26	...	5	3	...	...	1
Boiling Spring,	6	7	3	3	...	...	1 50	27	1	26	...	5	3	...	...	1
Farewell,	5	7	3	3	...	...	3 00	35	2	33	1	...	3	...	...	3

* Number taken from last year's Minutes.

234 118 17 187 40 37 1011 595 2173 \$64 95 \$108 65 7 75 \$1 215 181

Address of the Ministers belonging to the Association.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

WM. HILL, SR.	<i>Suggsville, Clarke County, Ala.</i>
WM. RUSSELL,	<i>Coffeeville,</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
HIRAM CREIGHTON,	<i>Grove Hill,</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
S. WRIGHT,	" " " " " " " " " " " "
WM. IVANS,	<i>Nanafaliah, Marengo</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
B. W. HERRIN,	" " " " " " " " " " " "
JNO. G. WILLIAMS,	" " " " " " " " " " " "
WM. DOSSEY,	<i>Laurel Hill,</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
T. TUCKER,	<i>Woodardsville,</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
L. L. DEWITT,	" " " " " " " " " " " "
A. SALE,	<i>Pine Hill,</i> <i>Wilcox</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
NATHAN THOMAS,	" " " " " " " " " " " "
W. W. WALKER,	<i>Jefferson,</i> <i>Marengo</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
EVAN ROBERTS,	" " " " " " " " " " " "
EDW'D BAPTIST,	<i>Dayton,</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
A. A. CONNELLA,	<i>Spring Hill,</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
L. L. FOX,	<i>Uniontown,</i> <i>Perry</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
JER'H REEVES,	<i>Liberty Hill,</i> <i>Dallas</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
JNO. TALBERT,	<i>McKinley,</i> <i>Marengo</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
F. C. LOWERY,	" " " " " " " " " " " "
R. HICKSON,	<i>Prairie Bluff, Wilcox</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "

LICENTIATES.

F. F. HARRIS,	<i>Coffeeville, Clarke County, Ala.</i>
S. LOFTIN,	<i>Choctaw-Corner</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
W. S. PARTIN,	" " " " " " " " " " " "
SAM'L NORWOOD,	<i>Spring Hill, Marengo</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "
JNO. ASKEW;	<i>South Canebrake, Perry</i> " " " " " " " " " " " "

After the reading of the letters, the delegates proceeded to ballot for officers for the present year, which resulted in the election of bro. JOHN TALBERT, Moderator, and A. A. CONNELLA, Clerk.

An invitation was extended to ministering brethren present, to take seats with us, and aid us in deliberation.

An opportunity being afforded, as usual, for the admission of churches into our body, Enon church, in Wilcox county, made application for membership, and was unanimously received. *See preceding Tables, and Digest on pages 10, 11 and 12.*

Appointed Committees, as follows:

ON PREACHING.—Brethren Pace, Sample, Madison, Jackson, together with the Pastor and Deacons of Newhope church.

ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.—Wm. Hill, sr., Sale, and Hickson.

ON MISSIONS.—Reeves, J. G. Williams, and Jones.

ON DOCUMENTS AND REQUESTS.—E. Loftin, Marshall, and C. Williams.

TO MAKE A DIGEST OF THE LETTERS.—Creighton, Wm. Hill, jr., and Marshall.

ON FINANCE.—Waldrum, Clarke, and D. Woodfin.

ON NOMINATIONS.—Creighton, Reeves, Walker, C. Williams, and E. Loftin.

The committee on preaching reported the order of services for the Lord's-day, and then

The Association adjourned till Monday morning. Prayer by bro. Breaker, editor of the Alabama Baptist.

LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER 1, 1848.

At 10 o'clock, bro. Breaker delivered a discourse from *Gen. xxxii, 26*. He was followed by bro. J. G. Williams, the alternate of bro. Fox, (absent,) who preached the annual Missionary sermon, from *1 John. iii, 2*. After a recess, brother J. J. Sessions, of the Bethlehem Association, preached from *Mat. vii, 21-23*; and the services of the day were concluded by bro. W. W. Walker. The congregations very large, and manifested a good degree of feeling, as well as serious attention.

MONDAY MORNING, Oct. 2, 1848.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Bro. E. Roberts addressed the Throne of Grace.

Communications from corresponding bodies being called for, the messengers of the Liberty Association, brethren H. P. Brunson, M. B. Jordan, and H. Rice, presented a letter and package of minutes. The letter was read, and the delegates were welcomed.

The roll was then called, and the Constitution and By-laws read.

Whereupon messengers were appointed to corresponding Associations, as follows :

To the Alabama—Bro. A. Holmes. E. G. Talbert, to prepare a letter.

To the Bethlehem—Brethren J. Reeves, E. G. Talbert, William Hill, jr., and G. E. Jones. J. Reeves to write.

To the Liberty—R. Hickson, E. W. Madkins, John Talbert, R. D. Marshall, and D. Bird. The Moderator to write.

To the Cahawba—J. Reeves, J. Dunaway, E. G. Talbert, D. Woodfin, and A. A. Connella. Wm. Hill, sr., to write.

To the Choctaw—E. Roberts, C. Williams, S. Norwood, J. Talbert, J. G. Williams, J. L. Emfinger. J. G. Williams to write.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Convention : J. Talbert, A. A. Connella, C. Williams, E. G. Talbert, E. Roberts, J. G. Williams, L. Wright, E. W. Madkins, Edward Baptist, and D. Woodfin ; and in case of failure, W. W. Walker, J. B. Williams, A. Holmes, John Askew, and T. Ringgold. Clerk to write.

A collection was taken up for the Convention, amounting to \$12 05.

The committee on Missions made the following Report, which was adopted :

Your Committee on Missions

Believe the fields to be "white already unto harvest." The providence of God has removed from the foreign field of our operations, many obstacles, and thereby most clearly intimated to all who love the Lord, and feel for lost souls, that they should unite, with warm hearts, liberal feelings, and open hands, to sow among the heathen the Word of eternal life. Especially do we feel the importance of this labor, when we remember that millions of them are perishing for the lack of knowledge. We recommend China and Africa to the consideration of all who are, or who wish to be, "laborers together with God," in the glorious work of converting sinners.

We are pleased to learn from your Board, that the affairs of our own loved field are in so prosperous a condition. By the increase of

the funds in the treasury, we are cheered with the hope of being able, with a little more effort, to employ two Missionaries the coming year. Should the liberality of the churches justify it, we recommend this course to your body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. REEVES, Chairman.

The report of the committee on Documents and Requests was presented and adopted :

The Committee Report,

That they have received no Documents containing matters of interest. And the only request found in the Letters from the Churches, is from the Ulconush church, in relation to the ordination of Dr. F. F. Harris, late a minister of the Lutheran church. In reference to this request, your committee respectfully recommend, that said church invite a Presbytery to ordain him at home. In making this suggestion, the committee entertain the kindest regards for Ulconush church, but they believe it would be a service interesting and gratifying to both the candidate and congregation to have the ordination at home.

The committee take the liberty respectfully to recommend to the churches, hereafter to abridge the lengthy prelude to their letters.

ENNIS LOFTIN, Chairman.

The Digest of the Letters was presented, but was recommitted for amendment.

Heard and adopted the following

Report on the state of Religion.

Your committee beg leave to report, that within the bounds of our Association, it appears, in many parts, it appears to be a cold and almost lifeless time, the members of the churches being very lukewarm. But we have reason to rejoice, that generally, peace and harmony prevail. Several churches are enjoying refreshing seasons from the presence of the Lord, by which they are built up and strengthened, and many precious souls awakened and brought to the knowledge of the truth. There has been a considerable ingathering, and the prospects seem flattering. We hope the good work of the Lord will continue to spread its influence over our whole country, until all shall know the Lord, "whom to know is life eternal."

WM. HILL, Sr., Chairman.

The Missionary Board made their

Annual Report.

DEAR BRETHREN—Your Board of Missions, at the conclusion of bro. Wright's term of service, engaged bro. Jer'h Reeves as Missionary, who has been continued to the present time. His reports during the early part of his service, contain little of a cheering nature in point of success. We have not been together to receive his last report, but

from reliable testimony we learn, that his labors for the last few months, have been attended with the Divine favor in more than a common degree. We therefore request, that that part of his report not formally made to the Board, shall be made by him to the Association, which, as coming warm from the heart, and being more particular and full than it would be our duty to communicate for your adoption, may give more general information, and make a better impression than it could do in a condensed form.

Suffer us to suggest—might it not be for the good of the cause, as it would consist with the republican form of our church government, at your present meeting, to appoint an entirely new Board, whose local action shall be in some other section of the Association?

Hoping that this suggestion will meet your approbation, we take occasion to express to you, dear brethren, our acknowledgments for confiding to our management so long the important enterprize of Domestic Missions under your supervision. But now, believing as we do, that the greater good of the Missionary cause might be better promoted by such a change as above suggested, we should most willingly resign its management to other hands.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. DOSSEY,
JNO. G. WILLIAMS,
T. TUCKER,
J. B. WILLIAMS,
R. SAMPLE.

In accordance with the suggestion of the Board, the Missionary was called upon to make the report referred to, which he did as follows :

BELoved BRETHREN—It becomes my duty, as your Missionary, again to report to you the manner of my engagements, and the results. I have been constantly in the field of my labors, since my last report. The most of the time has been spent in protracted meetings. In going from one to another, and while at them, I have found it convenient to visit a good many families, and introduce the subject of religion. The instruction thus administered will, I hope, be blessed to the good of souls. I have done but little this quarter in tract distribution—the supply not being regular. A greater interest in religion is manifested since my last than previously. All the meetings I have attended have been interesting; the Gospel has been listened to with solemn, fixed, and prayerful attention, and the Lord has abundantly blessed His Word, so that many sinners have been convicted, and converted to God. His name be praised for all His kindness shown! At the protracted meetings I have attended, 107 persons have joined the churches, of whom only four have been baptized by me, as the pastors of the respective churches were present. I have assisted in

the ordination of two Deacons, have been out in the field of my labors 63 days, 9 of which I was confined at the doctor's, unable to labor—I have delivered 32 sermons and 50 exhortations—visited 80 families, and travelled 603 miles.

Respectfully submitted,

J. REEVES.

Both of these reports were adopted, and ordered to be placed on the Minutes.

Heard and adopted

The Treasurer's Report.

J. B. WILLIAMS IN ACCOUNT WITH BETHEL ASSOCIATION.

1847		HOME MISSION FUND.		1847				
	DR.				CR.			
Oct. 4—	For balance in hand as reported at last Association, - -	\$168	87	Nov.—	By cash paid S. Wright, missionary, - -	\$40	00	
" "	Am't rec'd of Financial Com. at Ulconush, - -	106	60	1848	May—	By cash paid J. Reeves, missionary, - -	100	00
" "	Am't col. Lord's day at Ulconush, - -	35	00	Aug.—	By cash paid J. Reeves, missionary, - -	90	27	
Nov. 8—	Am't rec'd of District meeting at Bassett's creek, per J. Rogers, - -	22	40				<u>230</u>	<u>27</u>
1848								
Jan. 29—	Am't rec'd of Dis. meeting, at Shiloh, - -	28	37					
April 30—	Am't rec'd at meeting of Board at Nanafalia, - -	8	50					
May 30—	Am't rec'd of District meeting at Mt. Pleasant, per J. Reeves, - -	32	60					
Aug. 11—	Rec'd of J. Vincent, I, M. Herrin, I, - -	2	00					
" "	Rec'd of Friendship ch. per W. Jones, - -	9	80					
" "	Rec'd of District meeting at Boiling Spring, per J. Reeves, - -	78	30					
	Total received, - -	\$492	44					
	Total paid out, - -	230	27					
Now in hand of H. Mission fund,		\$262	17					

FOREIGN MISSION FUND.

1847		FOREIGN MISSION FUND.		1847			
	DR.				CR.		
Oct. 4—	For balance in hand as last reported, - -	\$1	38	Oct. 6—	By am't sent to A. A. Connella, per S. Norwood, for Convention, - -	\$17	33
" "	For am't rec'd of Financial committee at last Association, - -	7	10				
" "	For am't collected in Association, - -	8	85				
	Am't received, - -	\$17	33				
	Am't paid out, - -	17	33				

CONTINGENT FUND.

1847	DR.	1847	CR.
Oct. 4—	For am't rec'd of Financial committee last Association for minutes,	\$66	70
Nov. 8—	For am't rec'd of District meeting at Bassett's creek church, by J. Rogers, Association fund,	-	1 00
	Total received,	-	\$67 70
	Total paid out,	-	66 70
	Now in hand of Association fund,	\$1	00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. WILLIAMS, Treasurer.

Adjourned for one hour. Prayer by bro. Creighton.

TWO O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met. Prayer by bro. Walker.

Bro. Wright made some statements about recording the Minutes in a book. He was requested to continue his labors.

A contribution amounting to \$6 30 was made by those present, to reimburse bro. Wright for money paid out for Minutes, which, together with \$2 of the Association fund, (making \$8 30,) the Treasurer was ordered to pay to bro. Wright.

Proceeded to the appointment of the District Meetings for the ensuing year. The first will be held at Pigeon Creek, the present month; the Second at Pisgah, in April, 1849; the Third at Spring Hill, in July, 1849; the Fourth, at Bethel, in September, 1849.

The Financial Committee reported that they have received,

From the Churches, for Minutes	.....	\$ 64	95
“ “ “ “ Home Missions	.....	108	65
“ “ “ “ Foreign Missions	.....	7	75
“ “ “ “ Association Fund	.....	1	00
The collection on Lord's day	.....	38	45
“ contribution for the Convention	.....	12	05
“ “ to reimburse bro. Wright	.....	6	30
Making in all	.....	\$239	15

JAMES WAULDRUM, Chairman.

Received and adopted the

Report of the Committee on Nominations.

We recommend the re-appointment of brethren *Wm. Dossey, J. G. Williams, T. Tucker, J. B. Williams* and *R. Sample*, as members of the Missionary Board, and of *J. B. Williams* as Treasurer. We furthermore nominate, to preach the introductory sermon next year, bro. *E. Roberts*, and *S. Norwood*, alternate; to preach the missionary sermon, bro. *J. Reeves*, and *A. A. Connella*, alternate.

H. CREIGHTON, Chairman.

Bro. *J. G. Williams* was requested to take charge of the funds now in the hands of the Financial Committee, and pay them over to the Treasurer.

Heard and adopted the Report of the committee appointed to prepare a

DIGEST OF THE LETTERS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

PIGEON CREEK CHURCH.

This church has enjoyed peace. No special changes. Requests the District meeting in October. Received 14 by baptism. **H. Creighton**, pastor.

BASSETT'S CREEK,

Has had a revival. Adopted the recommendation of the last Association about members drinking at public places. Received by baptism 15. **H. Creighton**, pastor.

PARAN,

Has nothing of interest to communicate. Enjoys harmony, but is in a cold state. Baptized 1. No pastor.

EBENEZER,

Reports nothing of interest, but is in peace, and asks the prayers of the Association. Baptized 1. **Wm. Russell**, pastor.

ULCONUSH,

Has experienced a happy revival, under the labors of her pastor and our missionary. Received by baptism 85, among whom was **Dr. F. F. Harris**, a Lutheran minister. Has a flourishing Sabbath School. **J. G. Williams**, pastor.

HOREB,

Has nothing special to communicate. Is in a wintry state, though enjoying peace. Baptized 1. H. Creighton, pastor.

SALEM,

Is in a cold state, and regrets that there exist some difficulties among them. H. Creighton, pastor.

SECOND DISTRICT.**NANAFALIAH CHURCH,**

Enjoyed a revival last fall. Keeps up a Sabbath School and prayer meetings. Baptized 36. B. W. Herrin, pastor, who is paid by voluntary subscriptions.

UNION

Has had some additions ; is in peace ; baptized 4. T. Tucker, pastor.

ELIM

Complains of coldness and contentions. Asks the prayers of the Association for the restoration of brotherly love. L. L. Dewitt, pastor.

NEW HOPE,

Speaks of having passed through a wintry season, but has now some indications of the Lord's presence among them ; has a Sabbath School and Library of 124 volumes. Baptized 10. L. L. Dewitt, pastor.

SHILOH

Is "in tolérable peace," but is in a cold, declining state ; has no stated ministry, but enjoys the occasional labors of brethren Dossey and Tucker. Baptized 1.

FRIENDSHIP,

Appears to have enjoyed the presence of the Lord at a meeting in July. Has dismissed a large number to form a new church. Baptized 6. L. L. Dewitt, pastor.

PISGAH,

Is in peace, and speaks of her loss in the death of one of her members. Has a Sabbath School and a large Library. Is not forgetful of her pastor's temporal necessities. Dismissed a large number to form a new church. A. Sale, pastor.

ENON

Is a new church, formed chiefly of members dismissed from Friendship and Pisgah churches. Has a Sabbath School. Baptized 5. A. Sale, pastor.

THIRD DISTRICT.**TOMPKINSVILLE CHURCH**

Enjoys peace, and rejoices in the evidences of the Lord's love. Baptized 10. J. G. Williams, pastor.

MOUNT PLEASANT

Speaks of coldness. Has received a number from the Anti-mission church. Baptized 5. W. W. Walker, pastor.

SPRING HILL

Has been without a pastor a large part of the year, but has recently secured the services of bro. M. B. Clement for the remainder of the current year. Has meeting specially for the blacks once a month. Baptized 3.

PROVIDENCE

Reports coldness, but is at peace. Prays for better times. W. W. Walker, pastor.

LINDEN.

There was no communication received from this church.

FOURTH DISTRICT.**UNIONTOWN CHURCH**

Has nothing of special interest to communicate. Seems to deplore the want of love to God. Brotherly love prevails. Baptized 13. L. L. Fox, pastor.

CONCORD

Regrets that she has not more cheering accounts to give of the state of religion in her midst. Baptized 15. J. Reeves, pastor; besides whose labors they have the services of bro. John Askew once a month.

HEBRON

Reports but little about her affairs. John Talbert, pastor.

BETHEL

Speaks of the loss of some of her members. Reports little of interest. Baptized 7. F. C. Lowery, pastor.

POPLAR SPRING

Complains of her cold and barren state. Has no pastor, but is supplied with some preaching by brethren Parks and Hickson.

BOILING SPRING

Speaks of her coldness and inactivity. Desires our prayers. Baptized 1. F. C. Lowery, pastor.

FAREWELL

Regrets her languid condition for some time past, but rejoices at

recent evidences of an increasing attention to the subject of salvation, as evinced at a Presbyterian meeting in the neighborhood. Baptized 3. John Talbert, pastor.

Respectfully submitted.

H. CREIGHTON, Chairman.

The letters to corresponding Associations were read, approved and signed.

Bro. Caleb Williams offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we, again, call the attention of the brethren and friends within the bounds of this Association, to the claims of the *Alabama Baptist*, published in Marion, Ala., weekly, for three dollars a year, and that we recommend it to their enlarged and continued patronage.

After some appropriate remarks on the importance of sustaining our State paper, made by bro. C. Williams, this resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution, offered by bro. E. G. Talbert, was adopted :

Resolved, That the clerks of the Churches be requested in preparing, hereafter, the letters to the Association, to have a copy of the minutes before them, and to make out the table of statistics in regular order, to wit:—1. No. Baptized—2. No. received by Letter—3. No. Restored—4. No. Dismissed by Letter—5. No. Excluded—6. No. Deceased—7. Total White Members—8. Total Colored Members—9. Whole No. of Members—10. Nett Gain or Loss—11. Who is Pastor—12. Post Office—13. Ordained Ministers belonging to the Church—14. Licentiates in the Church—15. The Delegates to the Association—16. Contributions—17. Sabbath of Meetings.

Resolved, On motion, that brothers L. B. Lane, Caleb Williams, and Wm. Hill, sr. be a committee, to inquire into the condition and titles of a certain lot in Mobile, left to this body in trust for the Baptist Church in that city, by brother ———; and that they recommend to this body at its next meeting, what can be done with said lot, to further the purposes for which it was given to us in trust.

Passed a *unanimous* vote of thanks to the Methodist Church for the use of their house, and to the neighbors for their hospitality.

Ordered, That the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of as many copies of the Minutes as the funds in hands will justify—after receiving thirty dollars for his services, to pay postage, &c.

No further business being presented, adjourned to meet on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1849, at *Providence Church*, six miles from Linden, Marengo county. Bro. T. Tucker prayed.

JOHN TALBERT, *Moderator*.

A. A. CONNELLA, *Clerk*.

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NOTICE.

The next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention will be held at Nashville, Tennessee, on the first Wednesday in May, 1849. Rev. William B. Johnson, D. D., of South Carolina, has been appointed to preach the Triennial Sermon—Rev. B. Manly, D. D., of Alabama, alternate. As the Association took no action in regard to sending Delegates to this meeting, will not the individual Churches and the District Meetings, as well as our Missionary Board, secure a representation in this great Southern body. Funds for Foreign Missions, and Foreign Bible cause, may be remitted to *Rev. James B. Taylor, Richmond, Va.*, Cor. Sec. For. Mission Board. Funds for Domestic Missions and the Domestic Bible cause may be sent to *Rev. Russell Holman, Marion, Ala.*, Cor. Sec. Dom. Mission Board. The undersigned will give any further information desired, and will (*Deo volente*) take to Nashville any funds or communications, entrusted to his care for the Convention.

A. A. CONNELLA,
Spring Hill, Ala.

